



St Alphege Church
Sunday 16th November
Second Sunday before Advent

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.

Morning Readings for 8.00am: Hosea 6.1-6, Luke 21.5-19

10.30am: Malachi 4.1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction - OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd

Canon Andrew Hutchinson

Reader(s): (OT) Elaine Diskin (NT) Lynn Smart

Music led by Senior Boys, Ladies, and Back Row

Gloria: Music for the Parish Communion – Martin How

Setting: Communion Service in C - Ireland

Anthem: Locus Iste - Bruckner

Voluntary: Alla Marcia - Ireland

Psalm

98

Hymns:

93

205 (v1,3,5)

463

683

5.00pm Choral Evensong with Prayers for Healing and Anointing

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Hosea 6.1-6, Revelation 21.1-7

Reader: Pam Price

Music led by Senior Girls

Aston Responses

Canticles: Magnificat in G - Sumsion; Nunc Dimittis - Taizé

Anthem: Day by Day – Martin How

Voluntary: Ciacona in E minor – Buxtehude

Psalm

97

Hymns:

239

243

252

St Alphege Church is open 10.00am to 3.00pm on
Weekdays & 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays

THIS WEEK

Mon 17 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 18 7.30pm Bellringers Practice

Weds 19 9.15pm Open the Book
1.10pm Lunchtime Recital – Chi Hang Chang, piano

Thurs 20 9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Said Eucharist with Bishop Walter Toro

BIBLE READING: Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

BIBLE READING: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Members of Solihull Council
Tuesday	Homeless people as winter approaches
Wednesday	Vocations to the Religious Life
Thursday	Solihull Branch of the Mother's Union
Friday	Suzette, our Pioneer Minister

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, Pearl Hampson, Deborah Walker, David Porter, Cynthia Dodson, John Smith, and Janet Layton.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Philip Tew, Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, Gary Sheppard, Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Hazel Hewlet, Hilary Thurlow, and Suzette Maguire.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Bill Perry

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King

Morning readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6, Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
10.00am The Junction with St Helen's Sunday Club - St Helen's Church
10.30am Sung Eucharist - President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst
5.00pm Evensong - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Evening Readings: 1 Samuel 8.4-20, John 18.33-37

NOTICES (send any notices to pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk by 10am on Wednesdays)

Appointment of Interim Assistant Organist – We are delighted to announce that Harry Brown has been appointed to this role, and we look forward to continuing to enjoy his wonderful playing.

Remembering Srebrenica Exhibition: Until this Tuesday 18th November - featuring pictures 30 years on by renowned photojournalist Alix Fazzino with accompanying guide to help us reflect on the genocide that took place in Bosnia Herzegovina 30 years ago.

Visit of Bishop Walter Toro Thursday 20th November. We look forward to welcoming the Anglican Bishop of Bolivia to our midweek Eucharist. Bishop Walter will speak at the service and looks forward to meeting with us afterwards – with refreshments provided by Mothers' Union.

Souls of our Shoes Exhibition - Mothers' Union - 16th November to 23rd November - display in church to raise awareness of the 16 Days of Activism against Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals – 19th November - Chi Hang Chang, piano. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

The Guardians invitational Christmas lunch will be held on 27 November 2025 at the Drum and Monkey starting 12.30. If you would like to attend, please email j.hetherington@btinternet.com by 14 November confirming your menu choice - please select one of the following Blackstone Barbecue Chicken; Vegetable Grill or Salmon & Mature Cheddar Fish Cake. The cost will be £20 and please bring your cheque or cash along with you on 27 November 2025. If you have any dietary requirements, please inform Judith.

The Parish Christmas card - Is now available from the Bookstall in church, from the Parish Office or by contacting Fran Halstead (07710 329030, fran.halstead@gmail.com) The packs are £5 for 10 cards. Payment by cash or by cheque payable to St Alphege Church Bookstall or by Bank Transfer (Sort Code 30-97-78, Account number 00211890 Ref CCARD) or by card on the contactless Giving Station by the North Door.

Knowle Parish Church are hiring a Facilities Manager. For further information please visit www.kpc.org.uk.

Cancer Research UK – on 6th December our choirs are performing to raise much needed funds for cancer research. This will take place in church starting at 7.00pm. Please support this wonderful cause by joining us – there will be carols for you to sing too! A glass of wine and a mince pie is included! All profits will go to CANCER RESEARCH UK.

Tickets: Adults £12.50. Children £5.00. Under 5's are free. Apply to John Emmett – jxemmett@gmail.com / 07812 566495.

Donations: To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963. To make a one-off payment please use one of the two methods below:-

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