



St Alphege Church
Sunday 30th November
The First Sunday of Advent

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-end, Matthew 24:36-44

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction - OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Simon Marshall and Preacher: The Ven.

Paul Taylor

Reader(s): (OT) Pam Price (NT) Pat Marshall

Music led by Junior Choristers, Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Setting: Communion Service in Bb - Stanford

Anthem: The Truth from Above - arr. Vaughan Williams

Voluntary: Fantasy on Veni Emmanuel - Leighton

Psalm

122

Hymns:

51

247

401

399

5.00pm Advent Carols

Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: See order of service

Readers from across the Parish

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Anthems: Matin Responsory – Palestrina

Creator of the Stars of Night

Adam Lay Ybounden – Ord

O Radiant Dawn – James MacMillan

Light of the Morning Star – Walliser, arr. C M Thomas

And the Glory of the Lord – Handel

Magnificat 'Collegium Regale' – Howells

Voluntary: Festival Toccata – Percy Fletcher

Hymns

See order of service

THIS WEEK

Mon 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	St Alphege School Christingle rehearsal
Tues 2	10.45am	Prayer Group – Room 5 (OBH)
	2.00pm	St Alphege School Christingle rehearsal
	7.30pm	Bellringers Practice
Weds 3	9.15am	Open The Book
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Juniper Folk Duo
Thurs 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist - Prayers for Healing and Anointing
Fri 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Christingle Service – St Alphege School
	1.00pm	Wedding: Mallory Percival and Sarah Dear
Sat 6	7.00pm	Cancer Research UK 'Carols for Life' Concert

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 2.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples. they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

BIBLE READING: Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Members of religious communities
Tuesday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Wednesday	Outreach events of the churches in our town
Thursday	Staff, patients and volunteers of the Marie Curie hospice
Friday	The three churches of our parish

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, Pearl Hampson, Deborah Walker, Andy Hodgkinson, 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

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 7th December –The Second Sunday of Advent

Morning readings: Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am The Junction - OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

5.00pm Evensong – Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: 1 Kings 18.17-39, John 1.19-28

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

Journey to the Stable – This last week we have welcomed 350 year 2 pupils into church to hear the Christmas story. A big thank you to all involved.

Advent & Christmas Services and Events

Two types of printed flyers will be available in all three churches, you will also find full details on our website,

- Condensed Flyer – highlighting the most popular services and events.
- Full Flyer – listing everything happening throughout Advent and Christmas.

Please pick one up and share with friends and family!

Churches Together Blessing of the Crib - Please join us **today** at 3.00pm in Mell Square, Solihull for Blessing of the Crib and Carols. The service will last half an hour.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals – 3rd December – Juniper Folk Duo. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

MU Advent Lunch -Thurs 4th December OBH. Cost £10 to include lunch, mulled wine, mince pies and music! If you would like to attend, and have not already done so, please contact Elaine on 0121 705 3265 by 2nd December.

Cancer Research UK 'Carols for Life' – on 6th December 7pm - our choirs are performing to raise much needed funds for cancer research. Tickets: Adults £12.50. Children £5.00. Under 5's are free. Apply to John Emmett – jxemmett@gmail.com or 07812 566495.



FoSAM AGM 7th Dec 6.15pm – all are warmly invited to the Friends of St Alphege Music Annual General Meeting to be held in church after Choral Evensong on Sunday 7th December at 6.15pm. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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.

#Nomore1in3 You may have seen the Mothers' Union's recent 'Souls of our Shoes' exhibition as part of their Rise-Up campaign. This was displayed ahead of the UN Global 16 days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence which started on 25th November. Look out for orange ribbons and displays to support the campaign. To find out more enter rise-up campaign in your search engine.

Advent appeals: This week's retiring collection is on behalf of SCAH, the local charity combatting homelessness. Please give generously. You can donate by using the contactless Giving Station by the North Door, in cash as you leave church, or by online banking, or via the QR code below. Next week the collection is for the Bolivia Christmas Appeal, supporting clergy and congregations at a time of severe economic crisis.

Online Banking

Bank: Lloyds

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