



St Alphege Church
Sunday 12 July 2026
The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Readings at 8am and 9.30am: Isaiah 55.10-13, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sue Chandler and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Music led by Junior Choristers, Rising Stars and Worship Band

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord -Paul Inwood (Gathering Mass)

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God – Bobby Fisher

Anthem: Abba, Father, let me be – Dave Bilbrough

Hymns:

97

Screens

64 (omit v3)

575

Screens

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am Civic Service – Mayoral Service

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Music led by Senior Choristers, Back Row and Solihull School

Chamber Choir

Anthem: I was glad – Parry - Beati quorum via - Stanford

Hymns:

Please see

orders of

service

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.18-end, Luke 9.41-20.8

Reader: Nick Cahm

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies And Back Row

Ayleward Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C - Kelly

Anthem: O God, thou art my God - Purcell

Voluntary: Postlude in F – West

Psalm:

60

Hymns:

334

362

376

THIS WEEK

Mon 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	School Rehearsal
Tues 14	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	11.15am	School Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal for Timothy Trace & Sophie Thompson
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 15	9.15am	Journey Eucharist – Blessing for St Alphege School Yr2 Pupils
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – TBC
	7.00pm	St Alphege Junior School Yr 6 Leavers Eucharist
Thurs 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist - MU
	12.00pm	Guided Church Tour for Bromsgrove Retired Group
Fri 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 18	1.00pm	Wedding of Timothy Trace & Sophie Thomson
	3.30pm	Wedding of Mark Grant & Clair Andrews

Readings for 8am and 9.30am

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

BIBLE READING: Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those waiting for results of medical tests
Tuesday	Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson
Wednesday	Our Archbishops, Sarah & Stephen
Thursday	The people of St Alphege Church
Friday	The staff and pupils of the schools in our parish

THOSE IN NEED

Pearl Hampson, Duncan & Ruth, John Smith, Preshita Smiley, Kay Woodward, Jerrin Michell, Nigel Vian, Alan Hobbs, Philip Tew, Ella, Mary Andrew, Leslie Dixon, Dorothy Newbery, Ron Herd, Suzette Maguire, Stephen Foster, Jain Mathew, Malcolm Owens, Rosemary Owens, Angela Maas, Gerald Blackburn, Abhinav Abrol, Jenny, Keith Suthern, Beryl Boulter, Haroon Razaqat, Louis Jolly, Jonathan Chandler, and Anne Lawrence.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Brian Bucknall, Shirley Whitney, Sheila Pittaway and Annie Thorp-Moore.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Adel Azer, Anthony Herbert Dann, Eileen Groutage, Alexander Moir, Irene Patey, and Barrie Prince.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 19th July– The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Wisdom of Solomon. 12.13,16-19, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1 in Church Eucharist – President Revd Nick Parker Part 2 in OBH: Revd Nick Parker / Ben Yates
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist – President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: 1 King 2.10-12, Acts 4.1-22

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

Today Road Closure for Civic Service - On Sunday 12 July, New Road will be closed for the Civic Service. This will not affect Church Hill Road or access to the Oliver Bird Hall car park. Although the road closure signs state that the closure will remain in place until 1.30pm, I have been informed by the Council that the road will be reopened at 12.30pm.

Parish Puppets – Today's 9.30am service features the Parish Puppets. The team are always glad to welcome new recruits of any age – no experience necessary. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Today Civic Service - We look forward to welcoming our new mayor, Cllr Sardul Marwa MBE JP, councillors, and civic officers to this special 11am service. The service is not eucharistic, but we warmly encourage our regular congregation to come. The service will include uplifting hymns, beautiful choir anthems, and elements of the mayor's Sikh tradition including a Dhol drummer who will lead the procession from the SMBC Civic Suite.

Prayer and Anointing for Healing - We aim to offer this ministry each week at the conclusion of the 11am service from St. Antony's Chapel. You may wish to share details of your concern with the priest but there is no obligation to do so. You are also welcome to ask for prayer on behalf of others.

Exploring faith - We are presently running the Alpha course and in September will run the 321 course. All are welcome to attend, and some may additionally wish to consider baptism and/or confirmation. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Esther as confirming bishop with the service on Sunday 18th October at 5pm. Please contact the parish office if you would like details about either course.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recital – 15th July. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Away Day for All the Parish Family - Saturday 12th September - at Newlands Bishop Farm (Catherine de Barnes). Booking is now open via the website (if you can please) or parish office. The price - £15 per head; £30 for a family - represents excellent value for a day with wonderful food, plentiful activities for every age and stage, all in a beautiful setting.

Photography and Video recording - Whilst visitors are very welcome to take photos and video of the church, we respectfully ask that photos and video are not taken within services without permission, and that any images which include people have their permission. Thank you.



Donations: To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963.

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