



St Alphege Church
Sunday 19th July 2026
The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

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

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

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am Choral Eucharist



President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Suzette Maguire

Readers(s): (OT) John Emmett (NT) Nick Cahm

Intercessor: Elisabeth Wilkin

Music led by all choirs

Gloria: Music for the Parish Communion – Martin How

Setting: Communion Service in C - Ireland

Anthem: The Lord Bless you and Keep you – John Rutter

Voluntary: Postlude in G minor – Wadely

Psalm:

89.1-10,
16-17

Hymns:

555

67

779

680

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Readings: 1 Kings 2.10-12, Acts 4.1-22

Reader: Ann Taylor

Music led by Back Row

Condon Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in G – Sumsion

Anthem: Thy mercy, Jehovah – Marcello

Voluntary: Variation 4 (from Organ Sonata No. 6) – Mendelssohn

Psalm:

67

Hymns:

374

244

440

THIS WEEK

Mon 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 21	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	10.00am	Funeral for Sheila Pittaway
Weds 22	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Athena Trio
Thurs 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Wisdom of Solomon. 12.13,16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

BIBLE READING: Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those preparing for baptism
Tuesday	Those caring for family members who are ill
Wednesday	Paul Evans, St. Alphege Verger
Thursday	The people of St. Helen's Church
Friday	Ben Yates, Director of Ministry for Children, Youth and Families

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 Rafaqat, Louis Jolly, Jonathan Chandler, and Anne Lawrence.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Brian Bucknall, Shirley Whitney, Sheila Pittaway, Annie Thorp-Moore, Arthur Edwards, and Stephen Fisher.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Alice Caldicott, Alma Reah, Ian Stanley Temple Senior, and Betty Wright.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 26th July– The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12, Romans 8.26-end, Matthews 13.31-33, 44-52

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1 in Church Eucharist – President Simon Marshall Part 2 in OBH: Revd Simon Marshall/Ben Yates
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Anne Haselhurst
	5.00pm	Taizé – Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Evening Readings: Acts 12.1-17

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

Today there will be drinks and nibbles after the 11am service. You are very welcome to join us at the back of church.

Solihull Pride - Saturday 8th August. Solihull Pride is returning for 2026, bringing another vibrant celebration of inclusivity, diversity and community spirit to Solihull town centre. If anyone would like to be part of a Christians at Pride group in the parade, please send your name to Caz Hague - caz.hague@bouncie.co.uk. Registration will be around 11am, the parade will start around midday and last an hour maximum. We are also looking to open the church between 10.00am and 2.00pm. If you would like to volunteer as a welcomer or can offer help with refreshments, please speak to Liz or Becky (our wardens).

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 - 22nd July, Athena Trio. 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.



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