



St Alphege Church
Sunday 26th July 2026
The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1 in Church Eucharist – President: Revd Simon Marshall

Part 2 in OBH: Revd Simon Marshall/Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in Church

11.00am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst

Readers(s): (OT) Sally Herd (NT) Martin Ayers

Intercessor: John Emmett

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: Pomp and Circumstance March No 4 - Elgar

Psalm:

119:129-

136

Hymns:

19

202(t.11)

429

205

5.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer

Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Reading: John 6.1-21

Hymns:

779

761

772

759

766

THIS WEEK

Mon 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 28	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
Weds 29	11.15am	Funeral for Stephen Fisher
	1.10pm	No Lunchtime Recital – Resume in September
Thurs 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

BIBLE READING: Romans 8.26-end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments; that through your most
mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Musicians, singers and choirs of our parish
Tuesday	Chris Thomas, St Alphege Director of Music
Wednesday	The staff of funeral directors in our town
Thursday	The people of St. Michael's Church
Friday	Those in prison and their 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, Beryl Boulter, Haroon Rafaqat, Louis Jolly,
Jonathan Chandler, and Anne Lawrence.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Brian Bucknall, Shirley Whitney, Annie Thorp-Moore, Arthur Edwards, Stephen Fisher, Keith Suthern,
James Trotter, and Pamela Jones.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Ivy Fowler, Aileen Moss, Kurt Schoch, and Stephen Woollas.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 2nd August– The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Isaiah 55.1-5, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am Journey Service

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11.00am Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

5.00pm Evening Prayer – Officiant: Mike Smith and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Acts 13.1-13

SHORTER COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

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).

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 recitals – Recitals will resume in September.

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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