



St Alphege Church
Sunday 23rd August 2026
The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Isaiah 51.1-6, Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

8.00am Said Eucharist

President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1 in Church Eucharist – Revd Sue Chandler

Part 2 in Church: Revd Sue Chandler/Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments IN CHURCH

11.00am Church Family Eucharist



President: Revd Sue Chandler and Preacher: Suzette Maguire

Readers(s): (OT) Sheena Linstead (NT) Sally Herd

Intercessor: Deirdre Moll

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary: Prelude in G BWV541 - J S Bach

Hymns:

240

536(omit v4&5)

61

605

288(omit v3)

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant: Mike Smith and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-9, 2 Corinthians 6.1-10

Reader: Pam Price

Voluntary: Prelude in B minor BWV544 - J S Bach

Psalm

95

Hymns:

436

467 (omit v3&4)

476

THIS WEEK

Mon 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 25	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 26	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recitals will resume in September
Thurs 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 28	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

BIBLE READING: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ^{so} we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we
to pray and to give more than either we desire
or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience
is afraid and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask but through the merits
and mediation of 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	That we may point others to Christ
Tuesday	Those who work in the Touchwood Centre
Wednesday	Doctors' surgeries in our town
Thursday	Those exploring religious vocations
Friday	The staff of Queen's Theological Foundation in Birmingham

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, Anne Lawrence, and Pauline Davitt.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Arthur Edwards, Keith Suthern, Andrew Donald, Valerie Hewett, Pamela Jones, Mary Copsey,
Neville Ogden, Maureen Taylor, and Marion Gunn.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

David Lawrence, and James Mawson.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 30th August – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21, Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21-end

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	9.30am	Journey Service
		Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Simon Marshall
		Part 2 in Church: Revd Simon Marshall
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President and Preacher: The Ven. Paul Taylor
	5.00pm	Taizé Evening Prayer – Officiant: Revd Sue Chandler

Evening Readings: 2 Kings 6.24-25: 7.3-end, Acts 18.1-16

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

Pray for Lists will be refreshed at the beginning of September. If you would like names to remain on the list, please contact the parish office. If you wish to add a name, please complete a Prayer Request Form (available in church) or contact the parish office. It is essential that you have the permission of the person whose name you are adding. Please also let us know when a name can be removed; otherwise, it will remain on the list until the next refresh in February.

Harvest Festival: We celebrate Harvest on **Sunday 13th September**. Details will be circulated in a forthcoming flyer of suitable produce donations, which will go to **Helping Hands**. There will also be a collection for **WaterAid** at the end of services, or donations can be made via the QR code. If you can help with decorating the church or would like to donate garden produce or foliage for the decorations, please pop in on Friday 11th September at 1pm.



Guardians Autumn Coffee Morning. Wednesday 2nd September. 10am to 12noon. Baddersley Clinton Cafe 'Snug'. Cost £10 per person. No NT entry charge. Reply to 'philcgodfrey@btinternet.com' by end of Sunday 30th August.

We will be hosting the Robert B Smith Trophy on Saturday 26 September, welcoming around 80 visiting bell ringers for a full day of a ringing competition. The church will be bustling, with teams ringing from late morning into the afternoon, we'll be raising funds for churchyard improvements and our bell fund.

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.

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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