



St Alphege Church
Sunday 13th September
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Deuteronomy.28.1-14, 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Susan Chandler and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Music led by Junior Choristers, Worship Band and St Alphege CE

Junior School SongSquad

Anthems: Sing a new Song to the Lord – E Jones

One and a million – Emily Barden

Hymns:

705

186

screens

662

screens

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments IN CHURCH

11.00am Sung Eucharist



President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readers(s): (OT) Anne Rock (NT) Carol Southworth

Intercessor: Ron Wheeler

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen

Setting: Communion Service in Bb – Stanford

Anthem: The Heavens are Telling - Haydn

Voluntary: Moderato from Symphony No.7 - Widor

Psalm:

19

Hymns:

121

169

435

705

5.00pm Evensong (First Evensong of Holy Cross Day)

Officiant and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Readings: Isaiah 52.13-53.end, Ephesians 2.11-end

Reader: Pam Price

Music led by Back Row

Stark Responses

Canticles: Short Service – Tallis

Anthem: Hear the Voice and Prayer - Tallis

Voluntary: Festival March on "St George" – Fletcher

Psalm:

66

Hymns:

95

243

76

THIS WEEK

Mon 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 15	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 16	9.30am	Open the book
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Jill Crossland, piano.
Thurs 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	11.30am	Interment of Ashes for Evelyn Berry
Fri 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 28.1-14

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL: Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	For confidence to proclaim Christ crucified
Tuesday	For the Church in North Africa and the Middle East
Wednesday	For the Church in Scotland
Thursday	For those who exercise a prophetic ministry
Friday	For Nick and all the clergy serving in the parish

THOSE IN NEED

Pearl Hampson, Duncan & Ruth, Kay Woodward, Nigel Vian, Philip Tew, Leslie Dixon,
Dorothy Newbery, Suzette Maguire, Stephen Foster, Malcolm Owens, Rosemary Owens,
Gerald Blackburn, Louis Jolly, Jonathan Chandler, Anne Lawrence, Pauline Davitt, Alan Hobbs,
Ronald Herd, Beryl Boulter, June Cobbett, and John Smith.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Copsey, Maureen Taylor, Michael Harman Goodwin, and Marion Gunn.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Vernon Cecil Davis, Harry Pilkington, and Noreen Porter.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11, Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-6

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

Suzette Maguire

9.30am Journey Service – President: Revd Simon Marshall

11.00am Choral Eucharist – President: Revd Simon Marshall and Preacher:
Suzette Maguire

5.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer– Officiant: Ben Yates

Evening Readings: Isaiah 33.13-17, Matthew 6.19-end

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

Counting our Blessings - A huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Parish Away Day on Saturday and to all who have contributed to our harvest festival. You are a blessing!

Today we celebrate Harvest Festival: Suitable produce donations, 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.



Julian Meetings, a contemplative prayer group on September 15th at 2:30 pm will take place in the chapel at St. Helen's Church and thereafter on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Revd. Anne Haselhurst.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recital – 16th September - Jill Crossland, piano. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

St Alphege is open for National Heritage Open Day on Saturday 19th September 10am – 4pm. Volunteers are needed to make the event as welcoming as possible. If you are available, please contact Carol Southworth on 0121 705 4958 or via email at parishnews@solihullparish.org.uk.

We will be hosting the Robert B Smith Bellringing 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.

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.

To make a one-off payment please use one of the methods below: -

To donate to St Alphege, use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door or scan this QR code.



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