



St Alphege Church
Sunday 27th September
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Isaiah 61.1-7 Galatians 2.1-10, and Matthew 11.16-19 and 25

8.00am Said Eucharist

President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Nev Willerton -
Compassion UK

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist - President: Revd Simon Marshall
Part 2 in Church: Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments IN CHURCH

11.00am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Nev Willerton -
Compassion UK

Readers(s): (OT) David Sturdee (NT) Julia Hanson

Intercessor: Peter Haselhurst

Music led Junior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen

Setting: Waltham Abbey Mass – C M Thomas

Anthem: Holy is the True Light - Harris

Voluntary: Little' Fugue in G Minor BWV 578 – J S Bach

Psalm:
134

Hymns:
36
281
150
518

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant: Michael Smith and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Readings: Daniel 10.4-end, Revelation ch5

Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row

Smith Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B minor – Noble

Anthem: O God, thou art my God – Purcell

Voluntary: Psalm Prelude: Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord
heareth him – Howells

Psalm:
138

Hymns:
74
477
253

THIS WEEK

Mon 28	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 29	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 30	8.30am	Open the Book – Show and Tell
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Keith Bray and Zinnia Smart (viola and violin)
Thurs 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist- with Prayers for Healing and Anointing
Fri 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 3	12.30pm	Interment of Ashes for David Patterson

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 61.1-7

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.

Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

BIBLE READING: Galatians 2.1-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain.

But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me.

On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised

(for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11.16-19 and 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants. At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	For readers and all licensed lay ministers.
Tuesday	For St Michael's Church and all other churches so dedicated.
Wednesday	For translators of scripture.
Thursday	The work of Solihull Churches' Action on Homelessness.
Friday	The staff of Solihull Hospital

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, John Smith, Ella, David Roots, Dorothy Barnsley, and
Sue Lee.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Copsey, Maureen Taylor, Michael Harman Goodwin, Marion Gunn, Joyce Bumstead,
Irene Bristow and Merrill Golby.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Ann Casey, Mabel Griffiths, Frank Leach, Muriel Leach, Eileen Rivers, and Pamela Wright.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 4th October – Francis of Assisi

Morning readings: Song of Solomon 8.6-7, Galatians 6.14-end, Luke 12.22-34

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
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5.00pm Evensong – Officiant: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Proverbs 2.1-11, 1 John 2.1-17

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

Compassion Sunday - Today we welcome Nev Willerton as our visiting preacher to talk about the vital work of Compassion UK and invite us to consider sponsoring a child. He will be available to answer any questions before and after the service.

NEW SENIOR ORGAN SCHOLAR - Today we welcome our new Senior Organ Scholar Aaran Fleet. He will be playing at today's 11am and 5pm services at St.Alphege.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recital – 30th September - Keith Bray and Zinnia Smart (viola and violin)
Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm.
All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Funeral of Margaret Salter – Wife of Chris Salter, who was the Curate from 1984-1988. Her funeral will take place on 1st October at 12 noon at The Parish Church, Bishops Cleeve, Gloucestershire. Chris invites anyone who wants to get in touch to do so via the Parish Office.

Guardians of St Alphege Church AGM - Members are invited to our AGM on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in the Oliver Bird Hall. We will be reviewing the year and planning for 2027. An open forum refreshments provided. Apologies to: secretary@guardiansofstalphegechurchsolihull.co.uk.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch – Friday 2nd October at 12noon. Enquiries to Carol Caldicott on 0121- 705-3168.

Parish Prayer Parcels - We are looking for 25 volunteers to be video recorded for 4-5 minutes each to share their favourite prayer and a short reflection as part of our Advent social media strategy. If you would be interested, please contact Ben at b.yates@solihullparish.org.uk for further details.

Volunteer Thanksgiving - Save the Date

We are looking to hold a thanksgiving service for volunteers across the parish on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 4pm. Please save the date. More information to follow.

Baptism and Confirmation - We look forward to welcoming Bishop Esther as confirming bishop for our Confirmation service on Sunday 18th October at 5pm. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be baptised and/or confirmed.

Could you help with Collective Worship - We're looking for volunteers to help support our infant school children during Collective Worship in church on Wednesday mornings in term time. If you could help occasionally or regularly, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Ben Yates.

Heritage Open Day - Very many thank to all the volunteers who worked hard to make the Heritage Open Day at St. Alphege last Saturday so successful. We welcomed many people for tours, just to talk, to pray and to have refreshments. We were delighted that one family, as a result of talking to us, came to join us at the Journey Service on Sunday morning.

Donations: To make a regular donation please contact 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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