



St Alphege Church
Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Revelation 7.9-end, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker

Part 2: Revd Nick Parker/ Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments

11.00am Choral Eucharist



President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readers(s): (OT) Pat Marshall (NT) Paul Evans

Intercessor: Peter Rock

Music led by Senior Chorister, Ladies and Back Row

Setting: Communion Service in F – Sumsion

Anthem: O Quam Gloriosum - Victoria

Voluntary: Fugue in D Major (BMV 580) – J S Bach

Psalm:

34.1-10

Hymns:

197 (omit*)

231

374

381

5.00pm Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration

Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Reflection: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33, John 6.37-40

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Anthems: 'Agnus Dei' and 'In Paradisum' from Requiem – Fauré

The Lord is my Shepherd – John Rutter

Voluntary: Solemn Melody – Walford-Davies

Hymns:

300

129

410

THIS WEEK

Mon 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 3	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 4	9.30am	Open The Book – Blessed All Saints
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital - Darren Hogg, organ
Thurs 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist – With Prayers for Healing and Anointing
Fri 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

BIBLE READING: 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our own family and friends who have died
Tuesday	The Diocese of Exeter
Wednesday	Schools and Colleges in Solihull
Thursday	The Government of the United Kingdom
Friday	Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury

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,
Sue Lee, and Charlotte Frankel,

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

John Fowles, Pat Harper, and Warren Henefer.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Norman Jewers, William Tew, Joan Watts.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Morning readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.30am	All Age Holy Communion – President: Revd Susan Chandler and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial
	11.00am	Civic Service of Remembrance - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Bishop Esther
	5.00pm	Evensong - Officiant: Michael Smith and Preacher Revd Susan Chandler

Evening Readings: Judges 1.2-22, John 15.9-17

SHORTER COLLECT

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Thanks to all who helped with the churchyard tidy and those who supported & helped at the Beer Festival.

Thurs 5th November MU 1.30pm OBH - Christmas Island Experiences. A talk by Derek Woolf a former Air Force Officer. All welcome, lifts may be available contact Elaine on 0121 705 3265.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch – Friday 6th November at 12noon. Enquiries to Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168.

Tower works and the impact to our bells

We are so very pleased to let you know that work is already underway on the tower to stop water damage to the structure and to our bells. However, for a time during the work we will have to stop ringing. So, you won't hear the bells from Sunday 15th November, but we hope to be ringing again by Sunday 6th December.

The People's Emergency Briefing Film St Alphege Church - 16th November 2026 - 7.15pm or Tuesday 17th November 2026 – 10.15am. Led by Chris Packham, the film (suitable for 16+) brings together leading UK experts to discuss how changes in climate are affecting our food security, health, economics, national security etc. It will be followed by a discussion about what this means for our community and what we can do locally. Each event should last under 2 hours and refreshments will be served. Booking not required.

Parish Prayer Morning – Saturday 21st November 10am-1pm. Please save the date and plan to be part of 'Prayer Paths' – an invitation to prayer across the parish asking God to bless and guide our missional vision and strategy. More detail to follow.

Volunteer Thanksgiving - Save the Date We are looking to hold a thanksgiving service for volunteers across the parish on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 5pm. Please save the date. More information to follow.

Saturday 5th December - Concert by St Alphege Choirs to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Full details will follow shortly.

The Parish Christmas card is now available from the Bookstall in church, from the Parish Office or by contacting Fran Halstead (07710 329030, fran.halstead@gmail.com) The packs are £5 for 10 cards. Payment by cash or by cheque payable to St Alphege Church Bookstall or by Bank Transfer (Sort Code 30-97-78, Account number 00211890 Ref CCARD) or by card on the contactless Giving Station by the North Door. The picture this year is a scene of St Alphege Church in the snow from a watercolour by Alan Fairbairn.

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: -

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