



St Alphege Church
Sunday 25th October
Bible Sunday (The Last Sunday After Trinity)

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12, Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Sue Chandler

Part 2: Revd Simon Marshall / Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments

11.00am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Simon Marshall and

Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst

Readers(s): (OT) Nick Cahm (NT) Sally Herd

Intercessor: Deirdre Moll

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: Postlude on a Theme of Gibbons (Song 22) -

Stanford

Psalm:

90

Hymns:

376

483

288 (omit v3)

12

673

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer with instrumental Accompaniment

Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11, Luke 4.14-30

Hymns:

408

759

766

779

5.00pm Healing Service at St Helen's

THIS WEEK

Mon 26	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 27	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 28	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital - TBC
Thurs 29	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	FoSAM Beer Festival Weekend - OBH
Sat 31 st	12.00pm	FoSAM Beer Festival Weekend - OBH

BIBLE READING: Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

BIBLE READING: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The People of St. Michael's Church
Tuesday	The Staff and children of St Alphege Pre-School
Wednesday	Clergy, staff and congregations of the Cathedral
Thursday	Our part in God's mission to Solihull
Friday	Staff and residents of local care homes

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

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Nicola Blakeman, Ian Herd, and Pat Shackleton.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

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

Services:	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
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist– President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	5.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: Isaiah 65.17-end, Hebrew 11.32-12.2

SHORTER COLLECT

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Friends of St Alphege Music (FoSAM) – Beer Festival – Our annual Beer Festival takes place on **Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October** and is FoSAM's biggest fundraising event of the year. We are looking for **sponsors and volunteers** to help make this year's festival a success. If you know of any individuals or businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the event, or if you can spare some time to help on Friday evening or during the day on Saturday, we would love to hear from you. For further information or to offer your support, please contact James Mawson at James.mawson7@icloud.com.

Churchyard tidy up – 31st October at 10:00am, all help welcome.

Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration - Sunday 1st November at 5.00pm

If you are attending this service and would like the names of family members or loved ones to be remembered, please add them to the sign-up sheet this weekend. This will be the final opportunity to do so.

The People's Emergency Briefing - Monday 16th November 2026 - 7.15pm or Tuesday 17th November 2026 - 10.15am at St Alphege Church. A film which features footage from The National Emergency Briefing, which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. Two screenings are being shown to allow either daytime or evening attendance. Each event should last under 2 hours and refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

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.

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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