



St Alphege Church
Sunday 4th October
Francis of Assisi

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Rev Simon Marshall

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Simon Marshall

Part 2 in Church: Revd Simon Marshall and Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments IN CHURCH

11.00am Sung Eucharist



President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst

Readers(s): (OT) Frances Rumball (NT) John Emmett

Intercessor: Pam Price

Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row

Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen

Setting: Communion Service in C – Ireland

Anthem: I will sing with the Spirit – John Rutter

Voluntary: Nun Danket alle Gott – Karg-Elert

Psalm:

8

Hymns:

6 (omit 2&3)

81

435

screens

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

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

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Music led by Junior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Rose Responses

Canticles: Short Service - Gibbons

Anthem: Almighty and Everlasting God - Gibbons

Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in C minor – C P E Bach

Psalm:

136

Hymns:

234

250

500

THIS WEEK

Mon 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 6	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 7	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Lachrimae Consort – celebrating the music of John Dowland
Thurs 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 9	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 10	2.00pm	Chorister Experience

BIBLE READING: Song of Solomon 8.6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

BIBLE READING: Galatians 6.14-end

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 12.22-34

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. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



COLLECT

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Francis
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The St. Alphege Prayer Group
Tuesday	Those who study and translate the Bible
Wednesday	Those who work in the shops and restaurants of our town
Thursday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Friday	Our Bishops Michael & Esther

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, Irene Bristow and
Merrill Golby.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Christopher Robin Collenette, Carl Hampson, Ruth Humphrey, and Michael Simcock.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 11th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning readings: Isaiah 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.30am	All Age Holy Communion – President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Sue Chandler and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst

Evening Readings: Proverbs 3.1-18, 1 John 3.1-15

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

Today we are celebrating Chaplaincy Sunday - giving us an opportunity to recognise and give thanks for the important work of our chaplains and the support they provide within our community. During the service, we will be showing a short video highlighting some of the work they do, and the difference chaplaincy can make in people's lives. If you would like to find out more about the work of the Chaplaincy, how you can support it, or how to get involved, please contact Anne Rock at earock41@gmail.com.

Wellbeing Wednesday - A big thank you to all who came along and supported the MacMillan Coffee morning at the Greville Arms. You helped raised a massive £259.25. Well done!

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.

Pet Service - Sunday 11th October - 9.30am

Come along and join us for our pet service at St Alphege and feel free to bring your pets with you. All are welcome. Please let us know if you will bring a pet/s by completing a booking form at the back of church or by scanning the QR code on the service poster.



A Quizzical evening - an evening of music and quizzing. Saturday 17th October. St Helen's Church Hall. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Desserts provided. Adults £5 Children £2. See Pam Price for details. Tickets available online at <https://tinyurl.com/quizzicaleve>

Baptism and Confirmation - We look forward to welcoming Bishop Esther as confirming bishop for our Confirmation service on Sunday 18th October at 5pm.

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.

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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