SOLIHULL PARISH

St Alphege Church
Sunday 15th November
The Second Sunday before Advent
(Safeguarding Sunday)

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

8.00am **Said Eucharist**
President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire

9.30am **Journey Service**
Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker
Part 2: Revd Simon Marshall/Ben Yates

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in Church

11.00am **Choral Eucharist** **Psalm:**
LIVE STREAM
President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Suzette Maguire 90.1-8
Readers(s): (OT) Rachael Linstead (NT) Ron Wheeler **Hymns:**
Intercessor: Pam Price 476
Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row 449
Setting: Missa Octava - Hassler 70
Anthem: Os Justi - Bruckner 377
Voluntary: Fugue in C – Bach (BWV 545)

5.00pm **Taizé Evening Prayer** **Hymns:**
Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall See Service
Readings: 1 Kings 1.15-40, Revelation 1.4-18 Sheet

THIS WEEK

Mon 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	7.15pm	Screening of People's Emergency Briefing Film
Tues 17	10.15am	Screening of People's Emergency Briefing Film
	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
Weds 18	9.30am	Open The Book – The Wealth of the Kingdom
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Musicians from Solihull School
Thurs 19	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 21	10:00am	Parish Prayer Paths

BIBLE READING: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

BIBLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

COLLECT
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The Peace of The World
Tuesday	Michael, Bishop of Birmingham
Wednesday	Those who support food banks
Thursday	Our Neighbours
Friday	The King and the Royal Family

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, Charlotte Frankel, and Anne Walker.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Pat Harper, Leslie Thick, William Grace, and Fred Casey.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH
Frederick Fowler, Alexander Herd, Peter Herd, Gordon Ross, and Frank Wright.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 22nd November – Christ The King
Morning readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Susan Chandlar Part 2: Suzette Maguire/Ben Yates
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President and Preacher: The Ven. Paul Taylor
	5.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers

Evening Readings: 1 Corinthians 12.4-12, John 13.3-17

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

Today: We have drinks and nibbles at the west end of church after the 11am service.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday – which is now a national movement that invites churches across the UK to stand together and show that the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults is not an optional extra to faith, but central to our life and witness as followers of Christ.

Souls of our Shoes Exhibition - Mothers' Union - 15th November to 22nd November. A powerful display in church to raise awareness of the 16 Days of Activism against Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence.

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.

Julian Meeting at St. Helen's Church at 2:30 pm - Tuesday 17 November - Half an hour of silent prayer followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Paths – this coming Saturday 21st November 10am-1pm. An invitation to join together in prayer across the parish, seeking God's wisdom and guiding as we seek the renewal of our parish. A flyer with full details is available at the north door. Please join us if you can.

St Helen's Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 28th November,** between 11 AM – 2 PM. We are supporting two local charities: AFIA and Troop Aid. We invite donations towards stalls and prizes. Please contact either Julie or Mark Norman on sthelenschristmasfayre@gmail.com or call 07974 587508. Above all we would ask for prayer for the fayre's contribution as a parish activity.

Saturday 5th December - "CAROLS FOR LIFE" Our Choirs are generously performing a concert of Christmas music at St Alphege church at 7.00pm to raise funds for CANCER RESEARCH UK. Tickets available from John Emmett (jxemmett@gmail.com) [or by using the attached QR code]. £15.00 for adults, £6.00 for children (under 5's free). Glass of wine and a mince pie provided! Please support them.

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, cheque (payable to St Alphege Church Bookstall), Bank Transfer (Sort Code 30-97-78, Account number 00211890 Ref CCARD) or via 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.

Safeguarding Training In Person. There will be another training session on Friday 8th January 2027 in the OBH at 2.00pm. Please let Pam Price know if you will be attending. 0121 704 3104 or songmeister20@gmail.com .

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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