SOLIHULL PARISH

St Alphege Church
Sunday 22nd November
Christ The King

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

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

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in Church

11.00am **Sung Eucharist** **Psalm:**
LIVE STREAM
President and Preacher: The Ven. Paul Taylor 95.1-7
Readers(s): (OT) Sally Herd (NT) Sheena Linstead **Hymns:**
Intercessor: Elisabeth Wilkin 15(omit v5)
Music led by Junior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row 175
Gloria: Mass for the Parish Communion – Martin How 671
Setting: Mass for the Quiet Hour – Oldroyd 92
Anthem: King of Glory – Bach, arr. Harris
Voluntary: Alla Marcia – Ireland

1.00pm **Baptism**

5.00pm **Service of Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers** **Hymns:**
Readings: 1 Corinthians 12.4-12, John 13.3-17 81
Welcomer: Ann Taylor 324
Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row 493(omit v2&3, t.528)
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G – Stanford

THIS WEEK

Mon 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Journey to the Stable
	12.00pm	Interment of Ashes of Pauline Holloway
Tues 24	9.30am	Journey to the Stable
	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
Weds 25	8.30am	Open The Book – The Servant King
	9.30am	Journey to the Stable
Thurs 26	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Journey to the Stable
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Journey to the Stable
	1.00pm	Interment of Ashes of Ann Bernard

BIBLE READING: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Parishes currently in vacancy
Tuesday	Phelim, Archdeacon of Aston
Wednesday	Our Youth and Children's Ministry
Thursday	The Mayor and Councillors of Solihull Borough
Friday	Our Local Members of Parliament

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, Fred Casey, Margaret Holland, Pauline Stangward, and Dr Albert Pratt.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Sydney Flood, Joan Freeth, John Haselhurst, Arthur Middleton, Rachel Scarff, Joe Sterling, and Dennis Tate.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 29th November – The First Sunday of Advent

Morning readings: Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Simon Marshall Part 2: Susan Chandlar/Ben Yates
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Susan Chandlar and Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst
	5.00pm	Advent Carol Services – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

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

Today - St. Alphege Church has a collection for CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Please give generously.

Flyers for Advent and Christmas services and events – A flyer with comprehensive details for all services and events is being given out to all who attend Sunday services. We also have an invitational flyer which we will distribute at every opportunity in church and is also for us to pass on to family, friends and neighbours. Please help us spread the invitation far and wide. Our website and social media pages also have full details.

Advent Carol Service next Sunday 29th November at 5pm - A candlelit service with readings, poems, and beautiful choral music. Please spread the invitation and come yourself as we begin Advent together.

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.

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.

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.

Winter Wassail 30th January 2027 6.00pm St Helen's- Entrance £5.00 by ticket or pay at the door. An evening of home-grown entertainment with words, musical items, community singing etc!
If you would like to contribute an "act" please contact Roger Chamberlain with details to help putting together the programme - revrog@hotmail.co.uk

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 .

The Council - apologises that the barrier was down last Sunday so we could not access their car park. This was a mistake and hopefully it will now be rectified!

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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