SOLIHULL PARISH

St Alphege Church
Sunday 29th November
The First Sunday of Advent

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege

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

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

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in Church

11.00am **Sung Eucharist**

LIVE STREAM

President: Revd Susan Chandlar and Preacher: Revd Anne Haselhurst
Readers(s): (OT) Susan Gomm (NT) Martin Ayers
Intercessor: Ron Wheeler
Music led by Back Row
Setting: Mass for Three Voices - Bryd
Anthem: Zion hears the Watchmen's Voices -J S Bach
Voluntary: Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel – Rowley

Psalm:
24
Hymns:
247
401
210
399 (omit v2)

5.00pm **Advent Carol Service**
Officiant: Revd Nick parker
Welcomers: Anne Taylor & Susan Gomm
Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies, and Back Row
Carols: See Orders of Service
Matin Responsory – Palestrina
Adam Lay Ybounden – Ord
E'en so Lord Jesus – Manz
Hail Gladdening Light – Wood
Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars – Dove
Magnificat from Gloucester Service – Howells
Hymn to the Virgin – Britten
Voluntary: Allegro Risoluto from Sonata in G – Elgar

THIS WEEK

Mon 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Funeral of William Grace
Tues 1	11.00am	Funeral of Pauline Strangward
Weds 2	8.30am	Open The Book – Living in the light
	12.30pm	Lunchtime Recital – Alex Woodrow, organ
Thurs 3	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing
Fri 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Alphege Infant School Christingle Service
Sat 5	7.00pm	Cancer Research Concert

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 13.24-end

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'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 these things taking place, 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.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

COLLECT
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT
Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The Church and people of Scotland
Tuesday	Members of religious communities
Wednesday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Thursday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Friday	Staff, patients and volunteers of the Marie Curie hospice

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

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH
Lawrie Andrew, Alan Clarke, Gillian Faithfull, Colin Humphrey, Stan Hurley, June Loads, and Hazel Mary Smith.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 6th Dec – The Second Sunday of Advent
Morning readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1: Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker Part 2: Revd Nick Parker/Ben Yates
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher Stephen Linstead

Evening readings: 1 Kings 22.1-28, Romans 15.4-13

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

Churches Together Blessing of the Crib - Please join us **today** at 3.00pm in Mell Square, Solihull for Blessing of the Crib and Carols. The service will last half an hour.

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

Journey to the Stable – This last week we have welcomed 620 year 2 pupils into church to hear the Christmas story. A big thank you to all involved.

Flyers for Advent and Christmas services and events - We have a flyer with comprehensive details for all services and events this 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.

Saturday 5th December - "CAROLS FOR LIFE" Our Choirs are 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 this good cause and our choir.

Volunteers are invited to help prepare the Christmas flowers for church on Saturday 19th December at 9.30am. Any donations of greenery or flowers that have already been prepared, help tidying, would be gratefully received. A collection bucket is also at the entrance to church for donations. Contact Nichol Hodkinson 07890701101.

Saint Alphege Singers: An invitation to help lead worship when we have no choir. Rehearsals are on the day, directly before the service concerned. The first occasion is Epiphany Sunday 3rd January, rehearsal at 10am for the 11am service. There is no requirement to read music and no audition. Please contact Chris Thomas if you are interested (please add contact details).

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.

Advent appeals: This week's retiring collection is on behalf of Malawi and Bolivia, the long-standing partner churches of the Diocese of Birmingham. Please give generously. You can donate by using the contactless Giving Station by the North Door, in cash as you leave church, or by online banking, or via the QR code below.

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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