SOLIHULL PARISH

St Alphege Church
Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege.

Morning readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

8.00am **Said Eucharist**
President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am **All Age Holy Communion** **Hymns:**
LIVE STREAM
President: Revd Susan Chandler and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker — Screens
Music led by Junior Choristers, Minims and Worship Band — 637
Anthem: Listen Lord – Bernadette Farrell — 34
329
353

10.15-11.00am – Refreshments in OBH

10:50am **Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial**

11.00am **Civic Service of Remembrance** **Psalm:**
President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Bishop Esther — 147
Music led by Senior Choristers, Back Row and Solihull School Chamber Choir — See order of service
Introit: Holy is the True Light - Harris
Anthem: Justorum Animae -Standford
Voluntary: Elegy -Thalben-Ball

5.00pm **Choral Evensong** **Psalm:**
LIVE STREAM
Officiant: Michael Smith and Preacher: Revd Susan Chandler — 82
Readings: Judges 1.2-22, John 15.9-17
Reader: Ann Taylor **Hymns:**
Music led by Back Row — 137
Condon Responses — 216
Canticles: Evening Service in E - Wood — 408
Anthems: I will lift up mine eyes - Walker
Voluntary: Prelude in C minor BWV546 - J.S.Bach

THIS WEEK

Mon 9	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 10	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Weds 11	9.30am	Open The Book - Remembrance Service
	11.00am	Armistice Day Service
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Thomas Baumber, Baritone
Thurs 12	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	11.00am	Multi-Faith Walk (see notices)
Fri 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

BIBLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.1-13
'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

COLLECT
Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	An increase in vocations to the Religious Life.
Tuesday	The Roman Catholic Church.
Wednesday	Those who died in battle.
Thursday	The Community at Catherine de Barnes.
Friday	Those discerning a calling to Ordained Ministry.

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
Pat Harper, Leslie Thick.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH
Mabel Campkin, Peter Cooper, Margaret Harris, Lawrence Albert Patey, Pat Sharrock, and Leslie Starbuck.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 15th November – The Second Sunday before Advent
Morning readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist – President; Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	9.30am	Journey Service Part 1: Eucharist – Revd Nick Parker Part 2: Revd Simon Marshall/ Ben Yates
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist - President: Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	5.00pm	Taizé – Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall

Evening Readings: 1 Kings 1.15-40, Revelation 1.4-18

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

Inter-Faith Walk of Friendship - Thursday 12th November. The walk will start at 11.00am from the Masjid on Warwick Road, through Brueton and Malvern Parks to St Alphege, then onto St Augustine's, and ending at the Council House for refreshments. All are welcome.

Interfaith Concert at Shirley Methodist Church (B90 3AL) – Saturday 15th November 6.30pm for 7pm. A celebration of interfaith relations through a variety performance from different traditions. We are represented by Thomas, Emma, and Chris. All are welcome, and please support them.

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.

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. Flyer with more details at the north door.

Volunteer Thanksgiving - We are holding a thanksgiving service for volunteers across the parish on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 5pm, with meal to follow in Room 6 OBH. All volunteers are warmly welcome, enquiries, to Ben Yates - b.yates@solihullparish.org.uk

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.

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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