



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**12th May 2019**  
**Easter 4**

**A WARM WELCOME** to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.  
Do join us for tea, coffee or squash at 10.15am.

**TODAY Retiring collection for the Citizen Advice Bureau**

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd John Bradford

**9.15am All Age Worship - Admission of First Communicants**

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

Offertory Junction families

**Hymns**  
**421**  
**637**  
**334**  
**692**

**10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington

1st Reader Michele Herbert      2nd Reader Frances Rumball

Music led by the Girls' and Men's Choir

Setting Communion Service «Collegium Regale» - Howells

Anthem Sing Joyfully - Byrd

Voluntary Psalm Prelude Set 1, No 2 - Howells

**Hymns**  
**114**  
**Ps 23**  
**Leaflet**  
**457**  
**115**

**1.00pm Baptism**

Revd Jane baptises Isabella Gibbins, Lara Isla, Elliot Harrison, Clara & Alexander Cupitt.

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher Nick Partridge

NT Reader Philip Tew

OT - Isaiah 63. 7-14      NT - Luke 24. 36-49

Music led by the Boys' and Men's Choir

Responses Reading

Canticles Evening Service in E minor - D Purcell

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord Alway - Purcell

Voluntary Andante (Trio Sonata IV) BWV 528 - J S Bach

**Hymns**  
**103**  
**Ps 113**  
**& 114**  
**102**  
**113**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 13 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel

Tues 14 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in upper Chapel

Wed 15 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Davina Brownrigg (Mezzo Soprano)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thur 16 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

2.00pm Funeral of Millicent Winch

Sat 18 1.00 pm Wedding of Luke Buckley and Anneka Latoya Gayle

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 11. 1-18, Revelation 21. 1-6, John 13. 31-35

8am President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington, 9.15am President Revd Jane Kenchington, Preacher Revd Sam Gibson, 11am Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 6.30pm Choral Evensong Stephen Linstead.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

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| Monday    | Those waiting for the results of medical tests |
| Tuesday   | The Parish Growing Leaders course              |
| Wednesday | Those studying for exams                       |
| Thursday  | Our Borough Council                            |
| Friday    | Those preparing for Confirmation               |
| Saturday  | The St Alphege bell ringers                    |

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED**

Louise Butt, Margaret Evans, Olivia Spurrier, George Hutchinson, Trevor Jones, Caroline Herd, Michael Gates, Mavis Randall, Mandy, Gill Jones, Sarah, Diana Mitchell, Gloria, Evan Harris, Barbara Abbott, Pauline Newey, Richard Harmon, Martin, Maureen Tallis, Rashi Somal.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Anne Roberts, Stephen Foster, Debbie White, Henry Balthazor, Stephen John, Jonathan Mark, Jenny Williams, Jean Williams.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Eric Sheehy, Margaret Hodgetts, Richard Routledge, Millicent Winch, Margaret Tennet.

## **Those Preparing for Marriage -3rd Reading of Banns**

Matthew August Albrecht & Dawn Louise Gillard, Nicholas Dudley Spencer & Laura Ashleigh Rose, Daniel Leon Betts & Porscha Jaye McKeown.

## **BIBLE READING Acts 9. 36-end**

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other

clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## **BIBLE READING** Revelation 7. 9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## **GOSPEL John 10. 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

## **NOTICES**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12 - 18** Can YOU help with street collections for Christian Aid week? Even sparing an hour to collect pre-delivered envelopes would help. Contact John Busst for details. Phone or text : 07899758545 or email : [johnbusst@sky.com](mailto:johnbusst@sky.com)

**Volunteer Drivers** required Tuesdays for St Alphege luncheon club. Local pick-ups dropping off at the OBH for 12.30pm then collect at 2pm to take back home. Please contact Debbie at [d.woodward@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:d.woodward@solihullparish.org.uk) or 07805 480074.

**SCAH Shoppers.** We would be grateful to meet anyone in the congregation who would like to help shop for items to give to people in housing need. The shoppers would need to use their own money for the shop but will be repaid almost immediately but our wonderful treasurer. Please do let either Louise Cox email [louise.cox@100gmail.com](mailto:louise.cox@100gmail.com) or me Rosemary Owens on [rno@btinternet.com](mailto:rno@btinternet.com) .know if you are interested.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

**Tue 14th, 10.30am, Wives' Fellowship, Walk at Heronfield, Knowle.** Meet at Wilson's pub, Knowle for coffee before walk and 12.30pm return back for lunch. Visitors welcome, details from Carol Caldicott - 0121 705 3168.

**Wed 15th, 1.10pm, Lunchtime Recital** -Davina Brownrigg (mezzo-soprano). Refreshments from 12.30pm, performance at 1.10pm. Free admission, all welcome.

**Fri 17th, 7.30pm, concert** – joint concert with our church choirs and St Alphege School SongSquad which will include a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. All welcome. Tickets £10 adults, children free. Email [isabelbaumber@btinternet.com](mailto:isabelbaumber@btinternet.com) or text 07730 981038.

**Wed 22nd, 1.10pm, Lunchtime Recital** - Josh Stephens (Organ, Sheffield Cathedral). Refreshments from 12.30pm, performance at 1.10pm. Free admission, all welcome.

**Wed 22nd, 7.30pm, St. Alphege Church, Deanery Confirmation Service.** Please pray for all 27 confirmation candidates.

**Sun 26th, 2 -5.30pm, 37 Ladbrook Road, B91 3RN, Open Garden for M.S. Society.** Entry £2, Tea & Cake £1.50, Raffle £1. Welcome to our cottage garden which is full of surprises. Jane Elmer

## NOTICES

**Today - Retiring Collection for the Citizens Advice Bureau 'Support our Service' appeal.** The Service provides advice and practical help to over 6000 clients annually but is threatened with closure. If you are a UK tax payer please use our Gift Aid envelopes.

**St Alphege Gin & Jazz Festival – Saturday 1st June** – following the tremendous success of last year's event, we are delighted to announce this year's date for your diaries. If anyone is available to help during the day, please contact Isabel (details above).

**In the Footsteps of the First British Christians:** 7th-12th July a pilgrimage/ancient history tour led by Nick Partridge. Call Nick 07970 207377 or for more details see <https://www.othonaessex.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=1596>

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD** - a group for parents and carers based on an approach developed in Solihull to help understand your child's behaviour. We will explore issues like having fun together, communication, development needs, parenting styles, behaviour difficulties, sleep. The group will be in Room 1 of the OBH and will run for six weeks starting on Thursday 6th June 2019 and finishing on Thursday 11th July 2019. Each session will start at 7:30pm and aim to finish at 9:30pm. The group is completely free of charge and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in joining the group contact Linda Hicks [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk) by Friday 17th May.

**Please note** the sad death of Ron Gibbs one time Reader at St Francis Church, Elmdon Heath. His Funeral will take place at Robin Hood Crematorium on Tuesday May 28th at 1pm Fr. Andrew Bullock officiating.

**APS Support UK** - Thank you to all members of the Church, who have given freely to the various activities held over the last 2 years, as the total monies donated to the Research Fund has exceeded £100,000. Fantastic boost to the Charity. I have now travelled 23,500 miles across the British Isles and spoken at 81 Rotary Clubs + others. A BIG Thank you, Phil Godfrey.

### **Growing Disciples, Building Community and Transforming Lives**

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