



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**19th May 2019**  
**Easter 5**

**CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY** There will be retiring collections for Christian Aid today

**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.

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington

**9.15am The Junction** in the Oliver Bird Hall

Gems (to 4yrs with parents), Pebbles (4-7) & Rock Solid (7-11)

**9.15am Parish Eucharist**

President Revd Jane Kenchington Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

Reader Ron Wheeler

Prayers Pam Price

Offertory The Prayer Group

Music led by St Alphege Singers

Anthem Thanksgiving - Dyson

Voluntary Un poc' allegro (Trio Sonata IV) BWV 528 - J S Bach

**Hymns**

**493**

**34**

**429**

**435**

**754**

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

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

1st Reader Philip Tew

2nd Reader Rachael Linstead

Music led by the Boys' and Men's Choir

Setting Missa Brevis «Capella Regalis» - Caesar

Anthem If Ye Love Me - Tallis

Voluntary Menuetto-Improptu - John Ireland

**Hymns**

**106**

**Ps 148**

**v 1-6**

**408**

**101**

**375**

**1.00pm Baptism**

Revd Revd Dr Sam Gibson baptises Scarlett Saunders

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant Stephen Linstead

Preacher Linda Hicks

NT Reader Ann Taylor

OT - Daniel 6. 1-23

NT - Mark 15. 46-16.8

Music led by the Girls' and Men's Choir

Responses Walsh

Canticles Evening Service in F «Collegium Regale» - Wood

Anthem Jubilate Deo - Howells Voluntary Fanfare - Whitlock

**Hymns**

**107**

**Ps 98**

**118**

**Leaflet**

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 20 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel

Tues 21 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in New Door

Wed 22 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

1.10pm Luncthime Recital - Josh Stephens (Organ, Sheffield Cathedral)

7.30pm Parish Confirmation Service

Thur 23 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

2.00pm Funeral of Richard Routledge

Sat 25 12.30pm Wedding of Anthony James Carrington and Laura Amy Himmons

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 16. 9-15, Revelation 21. 10, 22. 22.5, John 14. 23-29.

8am President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson, 9.15am President & Preacher Revd Helen Greenham, 11am Revd Helen Greenham, 6.30pm Choral Evensong Linda Hick.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Members of Religious communities
Tuesday	The people of St Helen's Church
Wednesday	The staff and pupils of the schools in our parish
Thursday	Those exploring religious vocations
Friday	Our church musicians
Saturday	Bible Translators

## **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, Sarah, Joulios.

## **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**

Richard Routledge, Peter Andrews.

## **BIBLE READING Acts 11. 1-18**

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## **BIBLE READING Revelation 21. 1-6**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

## **GOSPEL John 13. 31-35**

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

**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 28 confirmation candidates.

**Wed 29th, 1.10pm, Lunchtime Recital** - Anna Downes (Violin). Refreshments from 12.30pm, performance at 1.10pm. Free admission, all welcome.

### June

**Sat 1st, 12 noon – 10.30pm, OBH. St Alphege Gin & Jazz Festival.** Range of gins, gin cocktails, food and live jazz music. Alternative drinks are available. Entry £5 for adults including souvenir glass. Please come along to support this event.

**Sat 8th 10am - 1pm,** Second churchyard tidy up session - can you spare an hour please? Details: Michael Rumball 0121 711 1726

## NOTICES

**Retiring collection** on the 26th May will be for the summer bed flowers. Polyanthus will be removed from the winter beds and if anyone would like to take them for a donation. Anne Kemp

**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>

**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.

**Sparkhill Foodbank** badly needs a double buggy, suitcase on wheels, babygros for 0-3 month baby boys, 3yr old girl's clothing, small boxes of fruit juice and milk, tins of fruit, rice pudding, small sugar. Thanks for recent gifts. Angela C

**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.

**Solihull Hospital** monthly church service. **Sunday 2nd June** Could you help in taking patients to the service? No experience necessary as you would be paired with an experienced volunteer. We meet at 10.00hrs. Details 711 1726 or e-mail [mrumball@btinternet.com](mailto:mrumball@btinternet.com)

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

**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.cox100@gmail.com](mailto:louise.cox100@gmail.com) or me Rosemary Owens on [rno@btinternet.com](mailto:rno@btinternet.com) .know if you are interested.

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

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