



**St. Alphege Church  
This Week's News  
22th March 2020  
Mothering Sunday**

Although all the services have been cancelled,  
St Alphege Church will be open for private prayers.  
(Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3pm. Saturday & Sunday 9.30am - 1pm)



On our Parish website:

10am, service of Morning  
prayer

6.30pm Previously recorded  
Choral evensong

**Please inform the Parish Office if you contract Coronavirus.**

## **COLLECT**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14, Romans 8. 6-11, John 11. 1-45

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Those who have lost children
Tuesday	Chaplains in the Armed Forces
Wednesday	Obedience to live in the way God calls us to live
Thursday	St Alphege Pre-School
Friday	St Alphege Primary School
Saturday	Drug addicts

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

Rashi Somal, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Joy, Ruth, Margaret & Colin James, Valerie Powell, Irene Williams, Ann Roberts, Derek Owen, Priscilla White, Lucy, Michele, Alan, Megha, George, David Boyes, Evelyn Berry, Barbara Semple

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Richard Harmon, Diana Mitchell, Henry Balthazor, Louise Butt, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, Debbie White, Helen Greenham, George Hutchinson, Barbara Abbott, Sheila Pittaway

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Doris Bedford, Martin Pashley

## **BIBLE READING Exodus 2. 1-10**

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## **BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## **GOSPEL Luke 2. 41-51**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

## NOTICES

Please visit website: [www.cofebirmingham.com](http://www.cofebirmingham.com)  
or [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) for updated information and services.

**Martin Tunnicliffe.** Readers of Parish News will be familiar with the articles which Martin has contributed to the 'Faith Matters' section over many years - in fact, for over 20 years! These pieces are widely appreciated and we are fortunate that Martin has now published a collected edition with selections covering the whole period. His book, entitled 'The Rough with the Smooth', has been on sale from St Alphege Bookstall and will be again as soon as circumstances permit. Meanwhile it is available from the Parish Office or direct from Martin at 202 Ralph Road, B90 3LE (745-6522). Martin has generously offered, once initial publishing costs have been met, to devote profits from further sales to Youth work within the parish.

**Guardians** coffee morning and the spring lunch is unfortunately postponed

**Asylum Seeker Requests** - For the month of MARCH we are collecting TOILETRIES and TOWELS. Thank you so much for your support it is very much appreciated. God bless.

**800 Years Cook Book.** Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes for the new Cook Book. It will be on sale when the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. We will be sure to inform you when it is available to buy. All proceeds to charity.

**Sparkhill Food Bank:** desperately needed:- Tinned fruit, 1L Juice Long life, Tinned chopped tomatoes, Rice Pudding.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** The electoral roll will shortly undergo its annual revision. You do not need to apply if you are already on the Roll. Any enquiries to the Electoral Roll Officer, Paul Medicott: email: [paul.medlicott@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:paul.medlicott@networkrail.co.uk) or via the Parish Office 705 5350. The deadline for any applications is 26 March. Forms are available from the Parish Office or at the North Door.

**Thank you!** Due to an overwhelming response all toilets in the OBH and one in church have now been twinned. Money donated will bring life-saving toilet twinning Sanitation projects (through Tearfund) to some of the poorest places in the world. Certificates to display will follow shortly.