



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
17th May 2020
6th in Eastertide**

Please visit our Parish website for services
and other information



We are continuing our efforts to provide spiritual and pastoral care at this time of great challenge. If you need help or support you can leave a message on 0121 661 6343 and one of our team will contact you.

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The Sunday Service goes live just before from 10am and Evensong from 6.30pm simultaneously on the Solihull Parish YouTube channel and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/solihullparish>

Orders of Service can be downloaded in advance from our website. All services are also uploaded to the website for you to watch at a convenient time: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>

Midday prayer, Monday-Saturday
at: <https://www.facebook.com/solihullparish/>

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 1. 6-14, 1 Peter 4. 12-14 & 5, 6-11, John 17. 1-11.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)

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, Lee-Anne Wilson, Jane Kenchington, Linda Hicks, Shirley Vincent, Anna Mary Thomas

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Michael)

Carol & Stuart; Paul Binfield; Eileen Dowe; Irene Tunnicliffe; Carol Booth; Julie; Donna; Geoffrey Pearson; Pat Bass; Amber, Linda & Howard Huckfield; Anthony Vanes; Helen; Carolyn; Stephanie; Angeline; Robin Soper.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED (3 Churches together)

Patricia Golding, Joyce Hunter, Sybil Atkins, Sandra Kay, Charles Averill, Margaret Sheperd, Neal Lucas, Thelma Challans; Eileen Carpenter, Mavis Fell, Barbara Middleton, Jessie Perry, Arthur Ogden, Mavis Hawkins, George Goring.

BIBLE READINGS Acts 17. 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Peter 3. 13 - end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL John 14. 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury launched a new Daily Hope phone line on Sunday 26.4.20. It is free to call, available 24 hours a day and perfect for those who don't have internet access. There are daily prayers, reflections, hymns and a weekly worship service available. The number to dial is 0800 804 8044

Solihull Churches Together Christian Aid Group have raised £1750, 43% of their £4000 target. Thank-you so much to everyone who has already donated during Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2020. If you haven't and would like to, there is still time!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Solihull-Churches-Christian-Aid-Group>