



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
24th May 2020
7th 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 2. 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20. 19-23

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, Raymond Broughton.

BIBLE READINGS OLD TESTAMENT Acts 1. 6 -14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Peter 4. 12 - 14 & 5. 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your

anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever.

GOSPEL John 17. 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

"Thy Kingdom Come" This year we will once again respond to our Archbishop's call to prayer from 21-31 May, the period between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme is 'Prayer and Care'. We are called to pray for others to know the love of Christ and also to practically demonstrate love and care through our actions. Fantastic online resources: Thy Kingdom Come 2020: <http://Thykingdomcome.global>. Common Worship Daily Prayer: <http://daily.commonworship.com>. 24/7 Prayer Tools: <http://prayercourse.org>