



**St. Alphege Church  
This Week's News  
18th April 2021  
3rd in Eastertide**

**President & Preacher: Ven Paul Taylor**

**BIBLE READINGS Acts 3. 12-19**

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**NEW TESTAMENT 1 John 3. 1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## **GOSPEL Luke 24.36-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

### **COLLECT**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	The community and congregation of St Alphege
Tuesday	Joe Cooper, St Alphege Director of Music and the St Alphege Choirs
Wednesday	Our Archbishops Justin and Stephen
Thursday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Friday	Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth
Saturday	The work of evangelists

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Romans 12. 14-21, Hebrews 5. 1-4, Matthew 24. 9-14

President: Revd Andrew Hutchinson & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

### **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Alphege)**

Rashi Somal, Margaret Evans, Joy, Ruth, Margaret & Colin James, Valerie Powell, Irene Williams, Derek Owen, Lucy, Michele, Alan, Megha, David Boyes, Lee-Anne Wilson, Anna Mary Thomas, Helen L, Anne Wheatley, Lucy Adeyemo, Dan Doyle, Dorothy Barnsley, Seth Laird, Anne Lawrence, Kerrie.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, George Hutchinson, Sheila Pittaway, Helen Greenham, Jane Kenchington, Anne Roberts, Katie, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Ethan Winwood, Peter Gregory, Richard Cann, Liz Gregory.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED (St Michael's and St Helen's)**

Carol & Stuart; Paul Binfield; Irene Tunnicliffe; Julie; Donna; Geoffrey Pearson; Pat Bass; Anthony Vanes; Jane; Helen; Carolyn; Nigel; Angeline; Mary, Eileen Gilbert and Keith Potter

**PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** David Wright, Stan Boulter, James Watton, Lynne Whiteoak, Rita Bowman, Joyce Naylor, Betty Roberts.

## **NOTICES**

Our churches are now open for Sunday services. When you book it will be necessary to provide your name, number of people attending from your household, your email address (if you have one) and a contact telephone number. The wearing of a mask in places of worship is still mandatory and we ask all who attend a service to bring one with them. We will continue to share services online for those unable to attend in person. For all the latest information go to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/>

### **St Alphege Church**

A eucharist service will take place at 10.30am. To book a place either email [office@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk) or call (0121) 705 5350.

### **St Helen's Church**

There will be two eucharist services at 9.30am and 11am. To book a place either go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/sthelenseucharist> or call Beryl Moppett on (0121) 705 0337.

**Prayer and Fellowship** - To join in with the new Zoom event on a Saturday morning at 11.30am contact Stephen Linstead at: [sglrml@btinternet.com](mailto:sglrml@btinternet.com)

**Women's theology** - If any women are interested in joining our group then please contact Avril, Nicola or Lizzie at [womenstheology@gmail.com](mailto:womenstheology@gmail.com).

**Quick social media access** - You will notice that on the homepage of the website, underneath the 'Welcome' heading, a new link: [Linktr.ee/solihullparish](http://Linktr.ee/solihullparish). This will take you to a customised page where everything you need is in one place, links to the parish YouTube channel, Facebook, Instagram, The Junction and Friends of St Alphege Music.

**CIVIC SERVICE** In Celebration of the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich, a Civic Service will take place in St Alphege Church on Friday 16 April 2021 at 7.30pm.

This will be conducted within strict Covid-19 guidelines and attended by The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Stuart Davis accompanied by The Councillors and Officers of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. No other congregation will be present.

The service will be livestreamed on the Parish YouTube channel. For all our social media links go to: <http://Linktr.ee/solihullparish>

**Parish Giving** - Would you like to make a financial donation to support the work of Solihull Parish? Giving couldn't be easier and every donation, no matter how small, helps to make a real difference. A huge thank-you to all who have donated so far and those who are members of our Parish Giving Scheme. To donate head to: <https://www.solihullparish.org.uk/giving/>

### **Community Champions News 15.04.21 Figures**

Cases in Solihull are down to 26.8 per 100,000, with figures falling in line with the national situation. The 60+ age group is 8.7 per 100,000.

The NHS picture is getting better; there are 40-50 cases in local hospitals.

This is the result of the lockdown and the vaccination rollout. As lockdown is eased, the people who haven't been vaccinated are still very vulnerable and are a risk. It is expected that the number of cases will rise as we are able to go out more but Public Health England (PHE) is trying to find a safe balancing point between the two. They are waiting to see the impact of this week's easing before any decision about 17<sup>th</sup> May is made.

### **Testing**

1.4% of PCR tests are positive; this was 17% in January.

From 9<sup>th</sup> April, it is recommended that everyone over the age of 18 does a lateral flow test twice a week, and will be able to access free COVID tests via a number of different routes. This demonstrates the importance of a continued testing regime, even amongst those who have had the vaccine. Locally, tests are available from: our local community testing sites, the COVID-19 Community Testing Mobile Unit, the Community Collect service as well as a home delivery service. There are separate testing arrangements for businesses and workplaces, schools, colleges and for teaching and non-teaching staff of primary and secondary schools, colleges, and nurseries. For the latest testing information signpost people to the Council testing webpage:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19/covid-testing>

If the LFT is positive, you need to get this confirmed by a PCR test, available at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. Details on the above link.

### **Vaccinations**

The rollout is progressing well. In Solihull, 115,000 people have had their first dose and 26,000 have had both. Invitations are now going out to the 45-50 age group.

New vaccines are coming online and public confidence is high: 92% confidence across all age and ethnic groups.

There have been some cancellations and delays with second doses at Monkspath this week, mainly with people who were given the date of their second dose when they received their first. This is because the supply of the Pfizer vaccine has been 'lumpy'. PHE is going to follow up these problems.

There has been understandable anxiety about effects of the AZ vaccine. A few people have had reactions but no more than have them from other vaccines. Also some of these reactions, such as heart attacks and strokes, are unfortunately coincidental and not related to the vaccine. The benefits still far outweigh the risks.

There is a Yellow Card Scheme to report any adverse reactions to the vaccine; it can be found at:

<https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

### **Step 2**

Now that more businesses are open, the CSW COVID Business Pledge has been launched to reassure staff and customers that businesses and venues are operating in a COVID secure manner, and following best practice. More details at:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19/CSW-Business-Pledge>

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Parish of SOLIHULL

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in ON ZOOM address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83449744219?pwd=aVVKMEVqZmw4TWVNBs9rMzJ2VTNkQT09>

on the 18TH day of MAY 2021.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –

1To the Deanery Synod \_\_\_\_\_ not an election year \_\_\_\_\_ representatives.

To the Parochial Church Council \_\_\_\_\_ 25 \_\_\_\_\_ representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR 2 a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: The Revd Simon Marshall Team Vicar

Minister of the parish

### Notes

- 1 Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
- 2 A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
  - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
  - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);

(c) he or she is at least 16; and

(d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.

3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

43 A scheme is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both may apply on the appropriate form to the Minister of the parish (or other person signing below) for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the annual parochial church meeting.

#### Notes

1 To be included in a year in which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.

2 To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.

3 This paragraph should be deleted if no scheme for postal voting is in operation in the parish.

4 Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).