



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
15th May 2022
5th in Eastertide

A WARM WELCOME to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher The Venerable Paul Taylor

9.15am Junction in the OBH

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President The Venerable Paul Taylor

Preacher Ruth Marshall

Reader Pam Price

Music led by the Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting - Communion Service 'Collegium Regale' – Howells

Anthem - I love all beautiful things – Judith Weir

Voluntary - Trionfo della vita - Franz Wagner

1.00pm Baptism with The Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm Choral Evensong

President & Preacher Stephen Linstead

OT - Daniel 6. 1-5,23 NT - Mark 15. 46, 16. 8

Reader Geoff Naylor

Music led by the Senior Girl's Choir

Prises & Responses - Archer

Canticles - Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor – Dyson

Anthem - My eyes for beauty pine - Howells

Voluntary - Carillon-Sortie - Mullet

Hymns

392

402

73

493

Hymns

Ps 98

103

115

243

THIS WEEK

Mon 15 10 - 12 noon Private Prayers

Tues 17 10 am St Alphege Prayer Group
7.30 pm Bell Ringing practice

Wed 18 1.10 pm Lunchtime Recitals - Jeanie Zuo, violin

Thurs 19 10.30 am Eucharist in Church

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.'

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.

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 WEEK

Readings: Acts 16. 9-15, Revelation 21. 10, 22. 22.5, John 5. 1-9

Services:- 8.00am President & Preacher: The Revd Mike Bartlett, 9.15am Junction in OBH, 10.30am - President: The Venerable Paul Taylor & Preacher: Suzette Maguire, 5.00pm - President & Preacher: Linda Hicks.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The people and leaders of the Junction
Tuesday	Those preparing for Confirmation
Wednesday	The St Alphege bell ringers
Thursday	Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
Friday	Stephen, Archbishop of York
Saturday	The people of St Helen's Church

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Lucy Adeyemo, Kerrie, Pat Dudley, Wendy Meikle, Ron, Peggy Monkhouse, Tina, Chris Weale, Iona, Laurence Norton, Ann Brooks, Michael Palmer, Judy Potter.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John, Helen Greenham, Anne Roberts, Katie, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Mandy Watts, Rashi Somal, Tess Salmon.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Sheila Watkins, Peter Gregory

NOTICES

The wearing of face masks is now a personal choice. Hand sanitiser will remain freely available.

Parish News - Do you buy a copy of Parish News? It is now in full colour and has news about the Parish and articles of general interest. It also carries advertisements, in black and white or colour, in size from an eighth of a page to a full page, at very modest rates and this is an excellent way of getting your message to a wide audience. The profit made from advertising is ploughed back into communication projects in the Parish, recently AV equipment for St. Alphege and St. Helen's. The magazine is an important way of letting the borough know where there is a Christian community that is welcoming and lively, so do buy a copy and recommend it to your friends and neighbours. We can arrange for home delivery if you take out a subscription for £10 a year. If you have a communication project for the church which needs funding do ask us for help. If you are interested in advertising please contact our Advertising Manager on timdrakeford@btinternet.com. Carol Southworth, Editor, parishnews@solihullparish.org.uk.

The Big Plastic Count 16-22 May 2022 - This year, the government is starting to decide on legal targets for reducing plastic waste. The new evidence we gather will be crucial to convince the government to set a target to reduce single-use plastic by 50% by 2025 (by transitioning to reusable packaging which caters to everyone's needs) – and ban dumping UK plastic waste on other countries. The Social Justice and Environment Committee of the PCC are encouraging everyone to consider getting involved. In a change to last week's entry, please click on the following link if you would like to get involved: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/media/The-Big-Plastic-Count-Tally-Sheet-Digital.pdf?msclid=18fb16bbcf7a11eca671b66c1e356d6c>

Work on St Alphege Church - Phase 1 will be scaffolding around the North Porch and Belltower until June; the iron gates will be temporarily removed for repair work. Phase 2 will be around the choir vestry until August, and finally Phase 3: the East Window until November. Entry to the church will still be through the North Door. We are extremely grateful to the Guardians for agreeing to fund most of this work. Donations towards the repairs to the iron gates would be most appreciated.

St Alphege Flower Festival 2nd - 5th June. We need lots of help to welcome visitors at the door and to act as stewards. Could you spare an hour during any of the four days? Sign up sheets are available at the back of church. Thank you in anticipation. Pam Price.

Living in Love & Faith - A parish wide 5-week course will begin on Wednesday 8th June and then weekly until Wednesday 6th July. Taking place at St Helen's Church it will begin at 7.30pm and refreshments will be provided. More details can be found on homepage of the parish website at www.solihullparish.org.uk and at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/about-living-love-and-faith>

Parish Welcome Our Monday afternoon hospitality sessions in the OBH for asylum seekers living locally are about to restart following a pause for Ramadan. We will now be focussing on helping with their English language skills alongside providing refreshments and activities to do. It would be great if more people were able to help - the only essential skill is friendliness! Please contact Deirdre Moll for more details d.moll@usa.net 07751572046

Lunchtime Recitals - on Wednesdays at 1.10pm. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Could we ask you to continue to wear a mask inside church. Tea/coffee and cake are available before the recital. Admission is free of charge and a retiring collection is held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music.

Wed 18th May - Jeanie Zuo, violin, 25th May – Darren Hogg, organ.

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May. If you are in Church on Sundays', May 15th. and May 22nd. We are making a Bucket Collection. You can also donate by e-envelope if you wish. To donate enter the following address into your browser, click on the link and make your donation. The address is: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-alphege>. In common with all Charities, Christian Aid has suffered immensely because of COVID and we are asking for your generous support to help those in need. THANK YOU John Busst, Tel : 07899758545, Email : johnbusst@sky.com

Saturday 21st May 2022 9am-10.30am. Christian Men Together. Next Breakfast with Rev David Mayhew (Hope for the Hopeless). A great breakfast for £5, with good company. Greville Arms, Cornyx Lane, Solihull, B91 2RB. Do come and bring friends To book and for more information contact Andrew Williams - arwilliams399@gmail.com

Sunday 29th May, 5pm, Organ Vespers - featuring our organ scholars Ewan Murray and Josh Cahm (recital of seasonal music - Complaine - cheese and wine reception) – this will take the place of Evensong on that day. A retiring collection will support the Organ Fund to allow essential repairs.

Thursday 2nd June, 2pm - 5pm, M.U. OBH, Queen's Jubilee Party. Traditional Cream Tea with Strawberries, Games and Craft for children, Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Second-hand Books, Bric-a-Brac, Live music, Other drinks available. Adult & Children £5 (incl Cream Tea and Crafts). Admission without Cream Tea £2.

Helping Hands Food Bank at Renewal. The food bank is desperately short of donations A shopping list can be found at <https://renewalcc.com/app/uploads/2020/03/Helping-Hands-Shopping-List-Online.pdf>. Anything on there would be most gratefully received There is a green box at the back of church, or there are orange wheelie bins outside Renewal for donations. Donation Box in the foyer of the Oliver Bird Hall too.