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St Alphege

8.00 a.m. Said Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist except:
Second Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday (St. Helen's 60th Anniversary)
9.15 a.m. All Age Eucharist
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist
5.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
Thursday 16th June Corpus Christi 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist

The Junction

9.15 a.m. In person in the OBH on 5th and 19th June
By Zoom on 26th June

St Helen

10 a.m. Eucharist
12th June 60th Anniversary Eucharist with Bishop David and St. Michael's
Third Sunday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

St Michael at Sharmans Cross School

10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Wednesdays in St. Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday

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The Revd. Simon Marshall
The Revd. Sue Chandler

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One of us is on duty each day.

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Editorial

The 21st chapter of John's gospel opens with an event which is both a miracle story and also a resurrection appearance of Jesus. Early one morning, Jesus goes to the shore of the Sea of Galilee where he finds seven of his disciples out fishing on the lake. They have just finished a night's work, but have caught nothing. But they still have enough strength to follow Jesus' instructions to let down their nets into a particular part of the lake and, after doing so, they haul in a bumper catch of fish.

The focus of this story is the disciple Peter, but it is the enigmatic 'disciple whom Jesus loved' who is the first to point out that the figure standing on the shore is none other than Jesus. Once the bulging net has been dragged ashore, the disciples find Jesus waiting for them by a charcoal fire on which fish is already cooking, with bread alongside. He invites the disciples to come and have breakfast.

So what is going on here? The beginning of the story makes clear that some of the disciples - seven in number, including Peter - have returned to their old trade ("I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." - John 21.3), and there seems to be no indication of how the events of the last three years have affected them. Even though we know that they have all recently encountered the Risen Jesus, and received a new mission from him (see John 20.19-29), all of that seems to have faded from the disciples' memories.

There is still a little more to understand: once their meal is finished, Jesus finally speaks directly to Peter, asking him three questions as a counter to the three times Peter denied knowing Jesus. His first question to Peter is: 'Do you love me more than these?' This might mean one of a number of things: it might mean 'Am I more important to you than the material goods of the fisherman's trade?'. Or, perhaps, the meaning is, 'Do you love me more than you love the other disciples?' Or even, 'Do you love me more than the other disciples love me?'

Each interpretation has its own implications and possibilities, but we can see that Jesus doesn't pretend that Peter's denials didn't happen and didn't hurt. But neither does Jesus preach, condemn, accuse, or retaliate. He feeds.

He feeds Peter's body and then he feeds Peter's soul. He surrounds the self-loathing disciple with tenderness and safety, inviting him to revisit his failings for the sake of healing, restoration, and commissioning: "Do you love me?... Do you love me?... Do you love me?... Feed my sheep."

I wonder what our failures would feel like if we offered each other the safety Jesus offered to Peter: the safety to return to the heart of our wrongdoing and despair; the safety to use new words to speak about our failure; the safety to experience unconditional love?

What would our witness look like if the Church embodied Jesus' way of reconciliation? What would the world be like if Christians were known as the people to run to in times of failure or shame? Could we, like Jesus, become a place of sanctuary for the despairing?

To end, I offer the following prayer, which may help us to contemplate this opportunity:

May I become at all times, both now and forever,
A protector for those without protection;
A guide for those who have lost their way;
A ship for those with oceans to cross;
A bridge for those with rivers to cross;
A sanctuary for those in danger;
A lamp for those without light;
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter;
And a servant to all in need.
Amen.

Fr. Simon

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An Important Announcement

The post of Priest-in Charge (Rector Designate) of Solihull Parish was advertised in the Birmingham Diocese on Monday 16th May and will be advertised nationally from 1st June. Interviews will take place in mid-July.

Fr. Simon

Pam Price
Andrew Williams
Parish Wardens

Royal Ringing

The Ringers are gearing up ready to get involved in the Flower Festival with our theme of Royal Ringing. So we look forward to seeing you all over the Platinum Jubilee weekend festivities. We're hoping we can talk to parishioners and visitors alike and introduce them to our love of ringing. The band are as enthusiastic as ever, but we really are short on numbers, particularly at holiday times, so we'd love to encourage a few more people to come and see what it's all about. Tempted? Do get in touch, don't wait for the Flower Festival, just give us a shout. You can find more details on the church website. www.solihullparish.org.uk/st-alphege-bellringers/ We're now looking to have those that teach bell handling accredited by the Association of Ringing Teachers and follow their training programme which will only add to the many, many years of teaching experience that we have between us. If we don't see you before, do come along and meet us over the Bank Holiday weekend and learn a little about the ringing we have done for royal events.

You may have been hearing the bells ringing more often on recent Wednesday evenings? We've been hosting some additional practices to increase our expertise, ringing on higher numbers, ringing 10 and 12 bells at one time. The practices include members of the St. Martin's Guild of Bellringers, the Birmingham Diocese's Guild. The St. Martin's Guild has a world-wide reputation for ringing on higher numbers, having won the National 12 Bell Striking Competition on many occasions, so we're in good hands when they come along and help us out.

Our bells themselves have an excellent reputation for their quality. As ringing has opened up again following the pandemic, we have started to welcome visiting bands. On Saturday 5th March we hosted ringers from Bath who rang 5042 changes of Cambridge Surprise (3½ hours of non-stop ringing) and on 2nd May we welcomed ringers from the Guildford area who wanted to experience ringing on our wonderful bells. On 18th June another group of ringers from Bath will be here and on 29th August the President of the Central Council of Church Bellringers is arranging for a band to join him here too.

Whilst we have some very well-known and very experienced ringers coming to Solihull, our local band are an informal and friendly bunch. So why not come and see us and learn more about our beautiful bells and understand why we've all fallen in love with the tower and bells of Solihull.

Bells at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull

Sunday, 1st May 2022 in 43 minutes

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Keith D Whitehead
- 2 Linda M Whitehead
- 3 Sand J Cooper
- 4 Margaret Burling
- 5 Michael G Dodson
- 6 Malcolm J Paulson (C)

Rung for Evensong for the Feast of St. Alphege on 19th April and to congratulate the ringer of the 4 on her recent 70th birthday.



Roundabout

Dan runs Marathon for Marie Curie Hospice in memory of his mother

The Hudson family are long-standing members of St. Michael's, and so it was with sadness that we learned of Gill Hudson's death recently after a number of years battling with cancer. She is greatly missed by her family and the St. Michael's family too. We all have very fond memories of her.

Gill's son, Dan, was a member of St. Michael's in his younger years and is a former pupil of Tudor Grange School. He is now a Freelance Broadcaster and Producer who works for the B.B.C. and other radio stations and podcasts. He is also a Marathon Man and had run the London and Paris marathons in 2012 and 2013; he then started running again during lockdown. He recently ran the Shakespeare Stratford-Upon-Avon Marathon to raise money for the Marie Curie Hospice in memory of his mother who spent her final days in the Solihull hospice. Despite not having run a marathon recently he achieved his personal best time. So far he has raised £6000 which is a great memorial to Gill.



You can add to his total on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dan-hudson5>.

Andrew Williams

Second Churchyard Tidy-up Morning Saturday 11th June 2022

Can you spare some time between 1000 – 1300hrs to come and join us to help on this occasion? There will be tasks to suit all ages and abilities with families especially welcome with the chance to meet and talk with other church members. If you have gloves, please bring them but some are available.

The normal high-quality refreshments will be provided halfway through and yes, by popular demand, the freshly cooked raspberry jam doughnuts will be there.

Is anybody available to help with setting up beforehand at 0900hrs please?

Further details and offers of help 711 1726 or e-mail mrumball@btinternet.com

Michael Rumball

Thank you from Fr. Andrew

Thank you all! I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you all for supporting me on Easter Day at my final service. How wonderful to see a packed church with so much joy, love and laughter as we greeted our Risen Lord. Furthermore, I am so grateful for your very generous gift (from parishioners and Walsingham pilgrims) which I shall use to purchase a sofa. I am so very grateful for your kindness and support at my leaving and over many years of friendship and happiness. There's always a "welcome in the hillsides" for you all in Cardiff. Please keep in touch. I will continue to pray for you all. St. Alphege Church and the Parish will always remain my spiritual home.

**With much love.
Fr. Andrew**

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Roundabout

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Carol Southworth
Editor

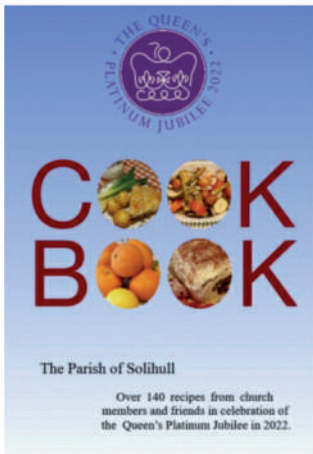
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Jubilee Cook Book

This new edition of the Cook Book with recipes from around the parish is **now ON SALE**

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St Alphege Church, Solihull, B91 3RQ

Thursday 2nd June 10.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 3rd June 10.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday 4th June 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 5th June 11.30am - 12.30pm, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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Let us Pray

Calendar and Prayer Intentions for June 2022

1	Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165	Our Parish Living in Love & Faith course	The Hermitage
2	Feria	Those who are ill	The Square
3	The Martyrs of Uganda	Those who suffer for their faith in Christ	Thornby Avenue
4	Petroc, Abbot of Padstow	Staff and patients of the Marie Curie hospice	Thorngrove Avenue
5	Day of Pentecost	The life and witness of churches in Solihull	Thornhill Road
6	Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood	Local doctors' surgeries	Tibberton Close
7	Feria	Online delivery workers	Timmins Close
8	Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath & Wells, 1711	Writers and poets	Touchwood Hall Close
9	Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597	The recently bereaved	Union Road
10	Feria	Medical and support staff of Solihull Hospital	Upwey Avenue
11	Barnabas the Apostle	Suzette Maguire, our Pioneer Minister	Vulcan Road
12	Trinity Sunday	Celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of St Helen's Church	Wadleys Road
13	Feria	Those awaiting the results of medical tests	Walton Croft
14	Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691	Hymn writers	Warmley Close
15	Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer	Spiritual directors and counsellors	Warwick Grange
16	Corpus Christi	That we may grow in our love for God	Warwick Road
17	Samuel & Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 & 1936	The work of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness	Waverley Grove
18	Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896	Those who work to translate the gospel	Welcombe Grove
19	1st Sunday after Trinity	Andrew and Pam, our Parish Wardens	Wellington Grove
20	Feria	Understanding between all faiths	Westwood Grove
21	Feria	The UK Government	Wharf Lane
22	Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.250	The staff and pupils of the St Alphege schools	Wherretts Well Lane
23	Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678	Birmingham Diocesan staff	White Falcon Court
24	The Birth of John the Baptist	That we may point others to Christ	White House Close
25	Feria	The people and leaders of Ukraine & Russia	White House Green
26	2nd Sunday after Trinity	2nd Sunday after Trinity	White House Way
27	Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria	Staff and residents of local care homes	Whitefields Crescent
28	Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher, c.200	The staff of Queen's Theological Foundation in Birmingham	Whitefields Gate
29	Peter and Paul, Apostles	The Readers of our Parish	Whitefields Road
30	Feria	Local Mental Health support services	Widney Manor Road

The Church prays for the community daily: please include these topics in your personal daily prayers.

From the St. Alphege Register

Baptisms

1 st May	Theo Alexander Ackers Sebastian Robert & Theodore David Prescott
8 th May	Ethan William Hibberd, Freddie Yarker Hill
15 th May	Samuel George Ballard-Prest, Jude John Moss
22 nd May	Emily Rose Basnett
29 th May	Isla Elizabeth & Erin May Batigan
5 th June	Ava Rose May
12 th June	Joseph Richard Bell
19 th June	Harper Rose Hughes
26 th June	Xavier Beresford Woollery

Weddings

7 th May	Daniel Derek O'Neill and Claire Victoria Lawson
14 th May	Roy Edwin Winterbottom and Sophie Dawn Shuttlesworth Christopher Mark Simpkin and Chantelle Mitzi Ann Fitter Simon John Munson and Lori Mich��le Herbert

Funerals

25 th April	Melvyn Danes
13 th May	Sheila Jean Watkins

Memorial Services

None

Interments

20 th April	Michael Smith
6 th May	Richard Hedgecox
16 th May	Andrew Arrowsmith
17 th May	Daphne Phyllis Davis
27 th May	John Anthony Hilliar
6 th June	Alan Arnison

Names taken from the Chantry Book for Remembrance in June

Colin Price	Henry Raymond Hall	Muriel Greasley
Ross Harper	Jordan Page	June Hale
Mary Josephine Marston	John Sawle	Albert Thomas Clark
Doris Starbuck	Harry Pinfold	
Michael Hartley	George Sabbagh	

Worship Notes June 2022

The month of June is full of feast days and celebrations!

Sunday 5th June - The Day of Pentecost, the day which Christians celebrate as the 'birthday' of the Church!

Friday 11th June - Barnabas the Apostle

Though not named among the twelve apostles in the gospels, Barnabas emerges in the book of Acts as one of the most significant of their number. He is described as a Levite from Cyprus so, like his friend Paul, was from the Greek world rather than that of Palestine, and he introduced Paul to the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem. He was sent to Antioch apparently to guide the Christians there in their relations with non-Jewish converts, promoting the concept of all being one in Christ.

Sunday 12th June - Trinity Sunday

This is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. Today we remember and honour the eternal God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and challenging! - Christian teachings. The Trinity is described as a "mystery", a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith.

Thursday 16th June - Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen for the date of the Corpus Christi feast because it is the same day of the week that Christ instituted the Eucharist (which we celebrate on Maundy Thursday). Observance of this feast dates from the 13th Century.

Many might remember that the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer asks the confirmand, 'Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?' The confirmand answers, 'For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.' This, and many other wonderful aspects of the Eucharist, is celebrated today.

Tuesday 22nd June - St Alban

Alban was a soldier in the Roman city of Verulamium (now St. Albans) who gave shelter to a Christian priest fleeing from persecution, hiding him in his house for several days. Greatly influenced by his devotion to prayer, Alban received instruction from the priest and was converted. When the priest's hiding-place was discovered, Alban dressed himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested in his place. Tortured by the Roman authorities, Alban refused to renounce his faith. He was beheaded on this day, probably in the year 250, and so became the first British martyr.

Thursday 24th June - The Birth of John the Baptist

The story of the birth of John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, is told in chapter 1 of Luke's gospel. However, John's story begins even before his birth. His leaping in his mother's womb is seen as a great 'alleluia' in anticipation of the birth of his Redeemer. Each of the four gospel writers relate the good news of Jesus Christ as beginning with John as Christ's forerunner.

June 2022 Services

Sunday 5th June – Pentecost

St. Alphege	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Alphege	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
St. Alphege	5.00 p.m.	Evensong
St. Helen	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Michael	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist

Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday (St Helen's 60th Anniversary)

St. Alphege	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Alphege	9.15 a.m.	All Age Eucharist
St. Alphege	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
St. Alphege	5.00 p.m.	Evensong
St. Helen & St. Michael	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist with Bishop David

Thursday 16th June – Corpus Christi

St. Alphege	7.30 p.m.	Sung Eucharist
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Sunday 19th June – Trinity 1

St. Alphege	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Alphege	10.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
St. Alphege	5.00 p.m.	Evensong
St. Helen	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
St. Michael	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist

Sunday 26th June – Trinity 2

St Alphege	8.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Alphege	9.15 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Alphege	11.00 a.m.	Civic Service
St. Alphege	5.00 p.m.	Evensong
St. Helen's	10.00 a.m.	Eucharist
St. Michael's	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist



**Live and streamed services are being held at
St. Alphege's, St. Michael's and St. Helen's churches.**

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and on the Parish Website.**

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The Guardians of St Alphege Parish Church

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning in April. It was a most enjoyable occasion and we made £144.

The next event will be an Afternoon Tea. It will be held on Sunday 3rd July and be held in Sheila Payne's garden (so pray for some good weather). The cost will be £10 and we will be selling tickets nearer the time. We have decided to sell tickets this time so that we have a better idea of numbers than we did for the Coffee Morning. So, when the time comes, I hope many of you will buy a ticket in good time.

We are hoping to hold a Wine & Cheese event in the Autumn. If anyone has any ideas for different types of events, please let us know.

If you saw the pewslip for 1st May you will have realised that the work on the church was due to start in early May. I hope that by the time you are reading this, the first phase will be well under way. The cost for these various works has increased and the Guardians' contribution will now be in the region of £160,000.

We are still hoping for someone to come forward to oversee our website. So, **please**, if any member, or non-member, would like to take this on, please contact a Trustee or Committee member. Is it something a student in that field might be interested in? We should be most grateful.

The Trustees

Floodlighting

The Guardians Floodlighting Scheme is available for anyone who would wish to celebrate or mark an occasion, or to commemorate a date.

The cost is £8.00 for 2 hours; £14.00 for 4 hours. Please give 21 days notice.

Forms are available from the Guardians notice boards in St Alphege Church or in the Oliver BirdNames are displayed on monthly lists on these notice boards and also in the Parish magazine and acknowledged with a card sent to the donor.

For further information please contact the Scheme organiser:-

Sheila Payne, 0121 706 0520; or email: russellpayne110@aol.com

The Church was floodlit to remember the following:in 2022

2 nd May	In loving memory of Tony Davies.
4 th May	In loving memory of Norman and Freda Rolfe, married this day in 1935.
5 th May	In loving memory of Pat Shackleton on what would have been her 90 th birthday.
9 th May	In loving memory of Michael Shackleton.
24 th May	In loving memory of Bill Stirling on his birthday.
28 th May	In loving memory of Margaret Mawson.

Recitals

A huge thank you to all who support our regular Wednesday lunchtime recital series – we are grateful for your ongoing support.

We have had a wonderful programme so far this year, with a couple of particular highlights over recent weeks. Our Youth Choir, which is mainly made up of secondary school and university age choristers performed the recital in Holy Week. The programme included a medley from Les Misérables as well as seasonal music, and some solos. Many audience members commented afterwards how much they had enjoyed the recital – they loved the choice of repertoire and particularly appreciated the musicianship of the performance.

On 4th May, we hosted Tom Lilburn. Many Parish News readers will know Tom, but for anyone who doesn't know him, Tom was a chorister at St. Alphege throughout his childhood, then went on to be a Choral Scholar at St John's College, Cambridge, before moving on to sing as a Lay Clerk at St George's, Windsor. He is also currently studying the Masters in Performance course at the Royal College of Music. Tom was one of the four singers who sang at the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral this time last year.

Wednesday Lunchtime Music Recitals, 1.10pm to 2pm

Booking is no longer required and all are welcome. Admission is free of charge and a retiring collection is held in aid of The Friends of St. Alphege Music (registered charity 511237). Tea, coffee and cake are available from 12.30 p.m.

Isabel Baumber

1 st June	no recital
8 th June	Juan Antonio Rodriguez, bassoon
15 th June	Alex Woodrow, organ
22 nd June	Benjamin Carnell, cello
29 th June	The Ink Quartet, string quartet

Music Matters

Since the last Music Matters article, such a lot has happened. It's always a busy time of year in the church, and this year has been no exception.

Messiah

Three of our Sixth Formers were invited by Alex Woodrow, our former Organist, to take on the soprano and tenor solos in a *Come and Sing Messiah* Alex was leading with the Shifnal Chorale. They sang brilliantly and were a credit to St Alphege. During the day, they met Roy, who had been a chorister at St Alphege in 1949.



Holy Week and Easter



It was a pleasure to work with the choirs in the run up to Holy Week and Easter. It was a very busy time with nine events in five days, starting with the *Chorister Recital* and finishing with *Easter Day Evensong*. We received lots of positive feedback from members of the congregation and are glad that we were able to enhance the worship at this important time of year. Look out for links to recordings of choir items from these services and events on the Parish Website and on Facebook.

Minims

We restarted Minims after the Easter holiday, with young children from St. Alphege, Kineton Green, Eversfield and Streetsbrook schools registered to attend. New starters are welcome at any time – just get in touch with Chris on c.thomas@solihullparish.org.uk to register. The sessions run on Thursdays from 5.10 to 5.40pm and parents are asked to accompany their child(ren).

Jubilee concert

We are hard at work preparing the music for our *Platinum Jubilee Concert*. We are thrilled to be receiving grant funding from the Solihull Celebrating Communities Fund and one key aspect of our project is that we would like to give the





opportunity to attend a concert to people who may not normally have access to this type of experience, or to those who are currently facing a difficult time. We will also be delighted to have our loyal supporters from across the Parish in the audience. The concert will showcase music used at coronations, including specific music performed in Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, and the newly composed Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anthem, *'In our service'* by Thomas Hewitt-Jones.

The concert will take place on Saturday 11th June at 7pm in St Alphege Church. Tickets, which are free, can be reserved at www.trybooking.co.uk/BPWZ.

Take care everyone – and thank you for all your ongoing support.

Isabel Baumber

St Alphege Pre-school

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Excitement is growing here at St. Helen's, as we continue to plan for the celebrations for our 60th Anniversary.

Plans have now been firmed up, and there is to be a Bring and Share Supper on the evening of Saturday 11th June beginning at 6.30 p.m. On that evening we will be welcoming friends old and new, including two of our previous vicars. The Parish Puppets are joining us, there is to be a quiz and lots of music from the 60s. Tickets are available from Phil Godfrey on 07770 406870.

On Sunday 12th June at 10.30 a.m. Bishop David will be leading a service of celebration to mark the occasion, and it would be good to see friends from all the churches in our Parish.

Easter was a joyful occasion at St. Helen's. On Easter Day we were delighted to welcome over 70 people as we celebrated the Resurrection, and all that it means for us.

We would ask for your prayers as we continue to plan for and look forward to what we hope will be a wonderful weekend in June.



Rev'd. Sue

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St Michael's Distant Voices CD

The Distant Voices band of St. Michael's Church comprises many talented musicians, singers, technicians, enthusiastic supporters and artists who got together to make music over lockdown. It all started with a comment by Mike Abrams in April 2020 who asked if it was possible for people to record musical parts at home – on their phones or computers – and somehow combine them together. Fortunately, the technology to do this is accessible nowadays and within a short time we were very encouraged to have produced our first couple of hymns. It really sounded as though everyone was playing together in the same room, although we never actually met in person.

To help us organise all this, we arranged a weekly 'Zoom' session – a way of seeing and speaking to each other on our computers. We talked about planning the music, of course, but spent a great deal of the time talking about everything else under the sun – knitting and baking were two regular topics, and of course checking that each of us was managing in lockdown.

Bruce Hart organised the group and provided the much-needed technical expertise, and amazing support was provided by Fr. Simon Marshall who seems to know about copyright, YouTube and much more! And credit to the musicians themselves who worked so hard in recording their parts – it takes a lot of skill and focus to record a part with no mistakes from start to finish.

At some point, after the band had recorded over 50 hymns and other songs, someone suggested that we published a CD (although it's hard to know where the idea of the CD actually came from). The music was already available on YouTube where it had an active global following and regular plays every month. However, it was thought that a CD would make the music accessible to a wider audience, especially those who were less adept in using computers. The band members told Bruce which songs were their favourites and there were also some votes from family members. In the end it was a really difficult job to decide which songs to include. We were fortunate that Anne-Marie England even had a stockpile of blank CDs that we could use, whereas most of us in the pandemic years stockpiled loo rolls.

Emily Robinson provided the artwork because the rainbow was such a pandemic symbol and of course much of the music reminds us of God's promise of faithfulness and peace to humankind.

The CD has over half an hour of music and costs just £4 and is available from St. Michael's Church. All proceeds go towards St. Michael's Church.

Distant Voices is:

- *Anne-Marie England (vocals)*
- *Bruce Hart (keyboards, vocals, sound engineering)*
- *David Scheiby (vocals)*
- *Eric Vanes (harmonica)*
- *Louise Robertson (vocals, cello)*
- *Mike Abrams (guitars, mandolin)*

- Sarah Marshall (vocals, flute)
- Simon Marshall (vocals, bass guitar, percussion)
- Wendy Westley (vocals)
- Louise's family also made some guest appearances – her father, David Ryder, sang in 'Gaelic Blessing' and her daughter Emily also sang.

List of hymns:

1. *I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)*
2. *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
3. *Holy Spirit, We Welcome You*
4. *4A Gaelic Blessing*
5. *Jesus Remember Me*
6. *6Longing for Light*
7. *Lord the Light of your Love (Shine Jesus Shine)*
8. *Peace Child*
9. *9Lord, Hear my Prayer*
10. *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
11. *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*
12. *1My Song is Love Unknown*

Wendy Westley/Bruce Hart

Further News

We have now resumed our Wednesday 10 a.m. Eucharist in St. Michael's Chapel followed by refreshments. We are joining with our friends at St. Helen's as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary. The music group is providing the music at the 60's evening on the 11th June and on the 12th June our congregation will join the morning Eucharist with the Bishop of Birmingham.

We are delighted that the Revd. Nigel Jones will be presiding and preaching at our 10.30 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday 3rd July.

If you are a reader of this magazine and don't attend any church, you might like to consider St. Michael's. We are a welcoming congregation with our Sunday worship rooted in the Anglican tradition. We are an uncomplicated church with our main focus on the Sunday Eucharist. We meet at Sharmans Cross School in Sharmans Cross Road at 10 a.m. You will be warmly welcomed, and you can stay after the service and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. There is a card stall should you wish to make a small purchase.

Paul Smith

'Group' or 'Community'?

On the face of it, the answer to the above question may appear to be an easy one: surely you just take each situation and apply 'group' or 'community' to them, such as a family group, or a group of friends, as opposed to the community that we live in, or a religious community of nuns or monks. In practice, however, I have found that the answer to this question is not so simple, and I am still unpacking it about my work. Let me explain further:

Picture a table – for accuracy in fact it's two tables pushed together – and around this table are no less than 15 people. Five at one end of the table are playing a game. Others are chatting, drinking, laughing; some are on slightly higher chairs, some are on garden chairs. There's reminiscing, stories about dogs getting loose, lots more laughter, Easter eggs, and the planning of future events. At times there are also slight irritations and misunderstandings, but they're fleeting and, when most have left - one after sharing their burdens with a listening ear - three stay on for lunch, all the while caring for the one among them who needs some extra help that day. During all of this, on the wall behind the table, there is a notice, declaring that this is a place to "meet, relax and refuel." This was 'Wellbeing Wednesday' in Holy Week. Our busiest day to date.

That day I saw a 'shift' in the group. I saw connecting, fellowship, hospitality, sharing and caring at its best. This led me to say that it may not be church – but it is growing community. But what do I mean by that? Let's look at some definitions that might help:

Group – a definition

According to the Cambridge Dictionary a group is "a number of people or things that are put together or considered as a unit". For example, *I'm meeting a group of friends for dinner tonight* or, in our case, *"I'm meeting a group of folks at Wellbeing Wednesday this morning."* So, Wellbeing Wednesday began as a group. That seems obvious. But what makes a community?

Community – a definition

Once again, we turn to the Cambridge Dictionary for our definition, this time of community: "The people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group, or nationality."

Now, I don't know about you but, in my mind, there is a big difference between a group and a community. However, as you can see, when we look at straight definitions of both, there isn't much of a difference. So, just *what* did I observe that Holy Week at Wellbeing Wednesday? What was the *shift* that made me think community rather than group?

Not surprisingly, to answer that question we must turn to the Bible. The Bible has quite a bit to say about community and fellowship. It is, after all, one of the key components to making the church a unified body of believers rather than just a bunch of people meeting together. I was drawn to this one verse from Ecclesiastes 4:9:10:

Pioneer Diary

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up (NIV).

As human beings made in the image of God, we were created to need companionship and we do better when we have someone to love, serve with, have fun with, and live life with. That is what I saw – or sensed – that Wednesday in Holy Week: the depths of relationships that are forming within the group. A blossoming community. Please remember us in your prayers. Thank you.

Are you a part of a group or a community? How do you measure the difference?

Postscript to May's Pioneer Diary:

We have had two of our weekend Wellbeing Walks since I wrote about them in May's magazine. On 3rd April there were seven of us out walking around Brueton Park (with 3 apologies); and on 1st May there were six of us out walking along the canal to Catherine de Barnes in the rain (with 8 apologies). Our next walk will be on Saturday 4th June, and we plan on calling into the St. Alphege Flower Festival somewhere along our route. More details will be available nearer the time.

P.S. If you are wondering why I count apologies, it's because it shows a commitment to the group, even if they can't make it on that date. Maybe that can be seen as a commitment to community? Do chat with me about it next time you see me.

Keep safe and thanks for listening!

Suzette

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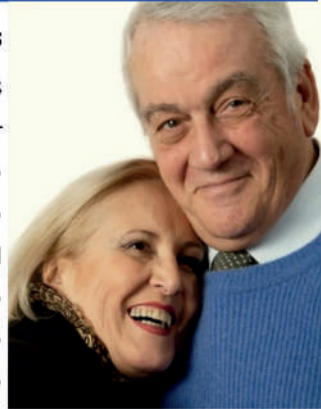
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On **12th June** everyone will meet in the church building at 9.15am for a service for all ages with the worship band.

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St Michael

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First Communion 2022



May was a special month for 6 children in the Parish.

On Sunday 8th May:

Grace, Meghan, Alfred, Kian, Charlie and Alivia were joined by friends and family when they received their First Communion at St Alphege.

All of the children have been invited to join a Junior Growth Group to enable them to understand more about their faith and give them a good foundation in their relationship with God. The group involves a mix of games, watching film clips, looking at the bible, eating biscuits and praying. Please do **pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith.**



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Youth Stuff

During the month of June youth will continue to meet on a Wednesday evening in the Youth Room for a Bible based activity. Dates as follows:

June 8 th	Year 9+	7.30 – 8.45pm
June 15 th	Year 6 – 8	7.00 – 8.00pm
June 22 nd	Year 9+	7.30 – 8.45pm
June 29 th	Year 6 – 8	7.00 – 8.00pm

One Saturday during June we will have Film Club. Date and time TBC. We watch a film in the Youth Room and talk about it afterwards. Bring your own snacks.



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What is Living in Love & Faith?

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This 5 week course with video presentations is planned to take place at St Helen's Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. starting on the 8th June and running until 6th July.

If you are interested in joining the group and would like further information please contact the Revd. Simon Marshall (0121 704 4730 simon@solihullparish.org.uk) or Chris Carrington (0121 705 0902 chrisandjennycarrington@gmail.com)

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Easter at St. Alphege

Easter was celebrated traditionally for the first time since 2019. There was the Palm Sunday Procession and the Maundy Thursday Eucharist; the Ecumenical Walk of Witness through the town centre took place on Good Friday, followed by the Good Friday Liturgy in church. The New Fire was lit on Easter Eve and Easter Day was appropriately celebrated. And then Choir enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt!





Platinum Jubilee Concert

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Carol Southworth



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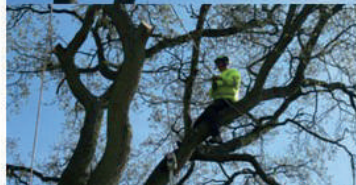
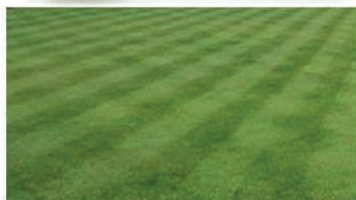
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The month of May will have seen the Action Morning in Barston when we will have set some priorities for our Transforming Church Action Plan (T.C.A.P.) and we will report back on these priorities which, we pray, will help us move forward with our mission, and seeking to encourage more people to faith and into our fellowships and congregations.

The process of recruiting a Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) has been a bit delayed but we are in touch with Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson and we trust that by the time you read this the advertisement will have been placed; interviews will take place in June or early July.

We are continuing to review work with young people and will shortly be moving forward on an appointment here too. We are also very aware that work need to be done to provide something for our young adults.

We were much blessed by the Easter services and activities which helped us all to give thanks for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These included *The Easter Story* presentations, *Stations of the Cross*, the well-attended *Walk of Witness*, *Tenebrae Service*, Easter Day *Dawn Service* in Oak Cottage Garden, and a large attendance for the Easter Day Eucharist at St. Alphege when we said goodbye to Father Andrew.

We had our Annual Parish Meetings at the end of April when reports were presented on many aspects of Parish life in the past year. If you were not able to be there and would like to see the reports, they are available on ChurchBuilder or there may be a few copies from the Parish Office.

The repairs to St. Alphege Church are now well underway in stages – it is expected that they will be completed by the Autumn. We do apologise for the inconvenience caused but these repairs are essential. We do thank Phil Godfrey for overseeing this so well and to the Guardians for so generously paying for the vast majority of this work.

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will soon be upon us with a Flower Festival in St. Alphege for the whole Parish, a Platinum Jubilee Tea from the Mothers' Union, and the Grand Concert from the Choir.

June also sees the St. Helen's 60th Anniversary Celebrations start with a Social on 11th June and the visit of Bishop David to the special Service on 12th June. Congratulations!

Let us continue to pray for the appointments of the right persons for our Priest in Charge and Youth Worker, and to pray for the Parish as a whole.

Pam Price

Andrew Williams

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Chris Thomas on his visit to the Taizé community in Burgundy, France

In our June Eucharists at St. Alphege, we will be introducing some Taizé chants as the communion hymn.

In a visit to the Taizé Community earlier in my career, I was very fortunate to meet Brother Xavier, a Belgian who had been there for three years as a 'singing' brother. I was armed with a few questions—and here is an extract, with the answers paraphrased from his broken English.

Chris: There is something special here, when two thousand young people are gathered in a mood of silent expectancy, to the clear, clean tones of a Baroque organ playing some Pachelbel, Bach or Buxtehude fugue, followed by a full three minutes' silence; then a brother chants an Alleluia, to which everyone responds in rich harmony, without announcement or visible leader.

Brother Xavier: We learn to sing in harmony and to 'carry our part' at the daily practice, to which everyone is invited. About once a week we use other instruments in the chants, if the players are good enough. Otherwise, it's all unaccompanied.

Chris: Why do you sing the chants so many times?

Brother Xavier: Because some of the time you can sing, and sometimes you can pray without singing. We always write it down and rehearse it together.

Chris: The style of your music doesn't feature any of the elements common with today's youth music; no percussion instruments, blues harmony or persistent beat, no great complexity of rhythm or simultaneity.

Brother Xavier: In another community those things might be appropriate. But ours is a community of peace and reconciliation, and our musical style fits this. Also we do not have sentimental music. We try to use only music that has objectivity, so that you can set any prayer to it. Baroque harmony and Bach chorales seem good for this.

Chris: Surely young people become bored with this!

Brother Xavier: No, we don't find this. But we must admit that we get bored! Visitors come for one day, one week, a fortnight, and they attend three services a day and sing one hundred of our songs. But there are not many more than these hundred so we who are here all year sing the same songs a lot!

Chris: Has the style of your music changed over the years?

Brother Xavier: Our style has been the same for a long time. But in a few years, who knows it might change. But that doesn't matter—we don't plan ahead. The Lord teaches us to live in the present, and not worry what style to use tomorrow.

To hear some Taizé chants, follow these links:

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I have the good fortune to be living in a freehold property. However, I have always had a nagging question for which, so far, I have not found the answer. I know that, in law, I own the house and garden: but how much of the ground underneath do I own? In other words, How far down do I own? Five feet, ten feet? Or perhaps as far as the centre of the planet?

Well: as it happens, there is a clear Biblical answer. I am not actually the owner of anything! Neither above ground, nor below it. Psalm 24 tells me that. It begins emphatically: "The earth is Lord's, and all that is in it." That's not just poetry: it is fact. The Lord God created all that there is, and God is the owner of all creation, including our planet.

This fact is declared unequivocally in the Torah, the divine law books of the Old Testament. "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine (says the Lord) . . . you are but temporary dwellers and tenants." This timeless truth is backed up by the story of Ahab and Naboth's vineyard which you can read in 1 Kings chapter 21. It is referred to again in Ezekiel 46.18 and echoed in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 10.26.

It is perhaps obvious that this spiritual truth has tremendous environmental implications about which we are all now more aware. It is, to say the least, encouraging that we are at last beginning to respond positively to the tragedy of having mis-managed the planet, especially during the past two centuries, almost to the point of extinction. It is indeed a "do or die" scenario. We are stewards of what God has creatively provided for us, whether globally, or in terms of our so-called private possessions.

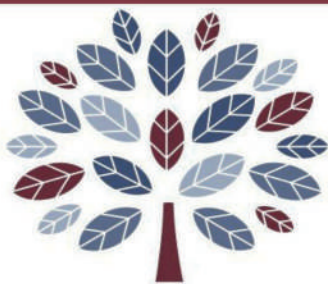
Equitable Justice

Stewardship is one of two great themes which run together through the Bible. The other one is equitable sharing, or *distributive justice*. This theme is particularly highlighted in the prophetic writings. The prophets repeatedly rebuke society for ignoring the needs of the destitute, of refugees, of widows and orphans, and of those unable for whatever reason to fend for themselves. I won't give Bible references for this: all you need to do is to open your Bible and look at a few pages in any of the books of the prophets.

We do need to realise, however, that the modern world has not yet seriously addressed this problem, even after 2000 years of Christianity. The tentative attempts of socialism in Western society during the past two hundred years have made a faltering start, but we know that there still remains a scandalous, and indeed growing, gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots', both locally and globally. Mending the environment will be to no avail, merely a meaningless exercise, if we do not urgently find ways of re-adjusting the world's economics in favour of those suffering deprivation. Charity is admirable, but, in this respect, it is of very limited use without matching political will.

These are indeed big questions, and we cannot side-step them. But I would still like to know, sooner or later, how much ground I am supposed to "own" beneath my feet! Any answers?

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Women's Theology Group



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Our most recent session explored the topic of **Living in the age of 'Post-Truth' as a Christian and how we respond to it as Christians**. "Post-Truth" was Word of the Year in 2016.

The discussion touched on aspects such as social media, populism in politics, data harvesting, and celebrity culture. A Post-Truth situation could be defined as on in which people are less influenced by factual information than by their emotions or by beliefs they already hold. We looked at how this situation could have developed, especially at the growth of social media where publishing people's views is unregulated and there has been a rise in conspiracy theories. Many see the economic problems following the 2008 financial crash which led to over twelve years of austerity and record amounts of income inequality as an important cause. Some people have a God-shaped void in their lives that gets filled with consumerism, celebrity 'demi-gods', far-left/far-right politics and conspiracy theories. It seems that Post-Truth is not only a modern phenomenon; lies and alternate truths have been pedalled throughout history. However, the way it is manifesting in our society is far more extensive than in previous times. Fake news/propaganda used to exist via print mediums, tv/cinema broadcasts or hearsay. George Orwell writes about Post-Truth in his dystopian novel '1984', but in many ways Post-Truth is now centre stage. However, more importantly than all this, the Bible constantly argues for the importance of truth.

Finally, the group looked at how Christians can navigate a Post-Truth world. We must check what we are told or read, use rationality rather than emotion, call out untruths, expect integrity from politicians, be honest with ourselves and be kind and listen to others, but remember to question things. Most importantly we must ask God for help and pray for world leaders. The Bible mentions truth many times. Gospel teaching can be summed up in John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in Spirit and in truth."

Please join us for our next session on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm.

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