



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
8th May 2022
4th in Eastertide

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher The Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am All Age Worship (Junior Choristers and Worship Band)

President & Preacher The Revd Sue Chandler

Hymns

240

261

80

165

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher The Revd Sue Chandler

Reader Ann Taylor

Music led by the Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting - Communion Service in E - Darke

Anthem - The Lord is my Shepherd – Howard Goodall

Voluntary - Prelude in G major BWV541 – J S Bach

Hymns

113

374

282

463 (t.2)

1.00pm Baptism with The Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm Choral Evensong

President & Preacher Linda Hicks

OT - Isaiah 63. 7 - 14 NT - Luke 24. 36 - 49

Reader Pam Price

Music led by the Ladies and Men's Choir

Preces & Responses - Sanders

Canticles - Evening Service in Bb – Stanford

Anthem - A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

Voluntary - Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend – J S Bach

Hymns

Ps 113

377

239

121

THIS WEEK

Mon 9 10 - 12 noon Private Prayers

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

Wed 11 1.10 pm Lunchtime Recitals - Nova Wind Quintet

Thurs 12 10.30 am Eucharist in Church

Sat 14 12 noon Wedding of Roy Edwin Winterbottom & Sophie Dawn Shuttleworth
1.30 pm Wedding of Christopher Mark Simpkin & Chantelle Mitzi Ann Fitter

BIBLE READING Acts 9. 36-end

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

BIBLE READING Revelation 7. 9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

GOSPEL John 10. 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEXT WEEK

Readings: Acts 11. 1-18, Revelation 21. 1-6, John 13. 31-35

Services:- 8.00am President & Preacher: The Venerable Paul Taylor, 9.15am Junction in OBH, 10.30am - President: The Venerable Paul Taylor & Preacher: Ruth Marshall, 5.00pm - President & Preacher: Stephen Linstead.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our Parish Church Council
Tuesday	Those preparing to be admitted to First Communion
Wednesday	Those who work at the Core in Solihull
Thursday	Those who plan and prepare our worship
Friday	Our part in God's mission to Solihull
Saturday	Suzette, our Pioneer Minister

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

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE - 3rd Reading of Banns

Simon John Munson and Lori Michèle Herbert, Thomas Jay Sansom and Charlotte Amy Thorne, Henry Charles Brown and Zoë Olivia Eales.

NOTICES

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

Jubilee Cook Book - Copies of the book are now on sale in church, after the 10:30am service, and in the Parish Office. The cost is £10 and proceeds will be donated to Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness. You can also obtain copies from Susan Leach (esleach@blueyonder.co.uk or 0121 270 6132).

Peter Gregory - Members of the congregation will be sad to learn of the death of Peter Gregory, for many years Director of Music at this church. Details of Peter's funeral will be announced as soon as possible.

Plastic - We will all be aware of the problems caused by too much plastic. The Social Justice and Environment Committee of the PCC encourages everyone to visit <https://greenwire.greenpeace.org.uk>, and to access: The-Big-Plastic-Count-Tally-Sheet-Digital.pdf. The count starts on 16th May.

Work on St Alphege Church - On Tuesday 3rd May, major repairs are being started on the windows and stonework of St Alphege Church which will involve the erection of scaffolding. The scaffolding will be arriving next Tuesday, so there will be no parking available in the driveway to St Alphege Close and the Old Rectory. Please be very careful as you walk around the 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.

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 11th May – Nova Wind Quintet, 18th May - Jeanie Zuo, violin.

Saturday 14th May - 10am-2pm. Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Solihull Methodist Church, Blossomfield Rd, Solihull B91 1LG. Plants, toys, jigsaws, bookstall, jams & preserves coffees + teas + cakes, car wash. Everyone welcome.

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May. If you are in Church on Sundays', May 15th. and May 22nd. We are making a Bucket Collection. If you are not in Church we are giving you the opportunity to 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 - Compline - 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.