



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
28 January 2024

The Presentation of Christ/ Candlemas

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, and Luke 2.22-40

9.15am The Junction on ZOOM

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Roy Murray
& Preacher: Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40
Reader(s): (OT) Mike Rumball, (NT) Pat Marshall

Music led by Senior Girls', Ladies' and Men's Choirs

Setting: Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode – Wood
Anthem: When to the Temple Mary went - Eccard
Voluntary: Fanfare Shine, Jesus, Shine - Tambling

Psalm 24

Hymns:

373

428 (omit v3)

139

369

1.00pm Baptisms in church

5.00pm Epiphanytide Sung Vespers

(Concert, Compline and Refreshments)

Officiant: Stephen Linstead

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies' and Men's Choirs

There shall a star – Mendelssohn

Bethlehem Down – Warlock

The Three Kings – Cornelius, arr. Atkins

No small wonder – Paul Edwards

Sing Lullaby – Howells

Nunc Dimittis from Evening Service 'Collegium Regale' – Howells

When to the Temple Mary went – Eccard

Hail Gladdening Light – Wood

Voluntary: Cortège et Litanie – Dupré

Psalm 72

Hymn:

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THIS WEEK

Mon 29	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10am till 12noon	Church open for private prayer
Tues 30	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group/OBH
	12.00noon	Funeral: Lucy Adeyemo
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Wed 31	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital: Jane Eminson and Peter Morris (flute and organ)
Thurs 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Said Eucharist
Fri 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	Funeral: Margaret Roberts

BIBLE READING Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

BIBLE READING Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we,
who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Cairagh, Iona, and Janet.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Wendy Meikle, Chris Weale, Laurence Norton, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams,
Anne Roberts, Evelyn Berry, Anne Kemp, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola
Beale, Andy Cotterill, Peter, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Ellen, and
Aaliyah Adeyemo.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Lucy Adeyemo, Margaret Roberts, Gloria Binstead, John Feldman, Norma Selwyn, Linda Elgie,
and Cynthia Webber.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Chris Thomas, St Alphege Director of Music & the St Alphege Choirs
Tuesday	Our King, Charles III
Wednesday	Those who work to translate the Scriptures
Thursday	Michael & Anne, our Bishops
Friday	Those caring for young children

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 4 February - Second Sunday Before Lent

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31, Colossians 1.15-20, and John 1.1-14

Services: **8.00am** Eucharist: President: Revd Nick Parker
& Preacher: Suzette Maguire

9.15am The Junction in OBH

10.30am Eucharist: President: Revd Nick Parker
& Preacher: Suzette Maguire

5.00pm: Evensong: President: Revd Simon Marshall
& Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Genesis 2.4b-end, Luke 8.22-35

NOTICES

Wednesday lunchtime recitals: 31 January will be Jane Eminson and Peter Morris (flute and organ) Performance at 1.10pm. Refreshments from 12.30pm, all welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Epiphanytide Sung Vespers - this evening at 5.00pm details are on the front page. The choral recital will be followed by a short service of Compline (Night Prayer) with a cheese and wine reception. A retiring collection will be held for The Friends of St Alphege Music.

Thursday 1 February, Mothers' Union at 1.30pm in the OBH: a talk by Revd. Rachel Hill-Brown, Solihull School Chaplain. Lifts to venue available, call Elaine 705 3265.

Wives Fellowship Lunch Club, Friday 2 February at 12noon. If you wish to attend contact Carol Caldicott on 705 3168

First Communion preparation: Children who are in school year 3 and above are invited to prepare to receive Holy Communion. There will be a Welcome service on Sunday 11 February followed by six preparation sessions held in the OBH between 2.30-3.30pm on Sunday afternoons: 25 February, 3 and 17 March, 14, 21 and 26 April. First Communion Sunday will be 12 May and there will be a rehearsal on 5 May. For further information or to register contact Linda Hicks via email l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk Closing date for registration is Monday 5 February.

Drinks and nibbles following 11am Service on Sunday 11 February: Donations towards The Guardians of St. Alphege.

Solihull Parish Youth, Fridays from 5pm – 6.20pm at the Oliver Bird Hall.

Sessions for those in Yr.6 upwards, includes pizza, activities, and games, and led by our experienced Youth Team. Do please tell others who may be interested. There is no charge, please email l.smart@solihullparish.org.uk to request a registration link.

Looking forward to Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday 14 February with Eucharistic services including Imposition of Ashes at 7.30am (St. Michael's Chapel), 10.30am (St. Helen's), 7.30pm (St. Alphege). Full details of Lent study groups and materials are in the next issue of Parish News and will be shared via the Pewslip from next week.

The Alpha Course - coming soon. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome, whatever your background or beliefs, you're invited. It is ideal for those who have no faith or are new to faith, anyone who would like to refresh their faith and those who would like to think about being baptised and/or confirmed. To sign up or find out more email: alpha@solihullparish.org.uk or ring the Parish Office on 0121 705 5350.

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