



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
11 February 2024
Sunday Next Before Lent

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12, and Mark 9.2-9

9.15am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Linda Hicks
Music led by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices
and Worship Band

Anthem: Longing for Light - Bernadette Farrell

Hymns:
280
416
Screens
692

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher: The Ven. Paul Taylor
Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9
Reader(s): (OT) David Sturdee (NT) Carol Southworth

Music led by Senior Choristers, and Men's Choir

Setting: Communion Service if F - Sumsion

Anthem: O nata lux - Tallis

Voluntary: Allergo Vivace from Sonata No 3- Mendelssohn

Psalm 50.1-6
Hymns:
234
343 (omit v5)
410 (omit v2&4)
495

5.00pm Evensong

President: Stephen Linstead & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
Readings: 1 Kings 19.1-16, and 2 Peter 1.16-end
Reader(s): Geoff Naylor

Music led by Men's Choir

Rutter Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in the Dorian Mode - Tallis

Anthem: To thee O Lord, my God - Marcello

Voluntary: Praeludium in C BuxWV 137 - Buxtehude

Psalm 2
Hymn:
234 (t.2)
244
410 (omit v2&4)

THIS WEEK

Mon 12	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10am till 12noon	Church open for private prayer
	12.15pm	Funeral at St Alphege
Tues 13	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group/OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Wed 14	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital: David Rice (organ)
	7.30pm	Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (See further information on Notices)
Thurs 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Said Eucharist
Fri 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Cairagh, Iona, Janet, Angela Maas, Ruth & Rae and Roger Lods.

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

John Feldman, Norma Selwyn, Keith Woodward, Suzie Martin, and Jenny Rider.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who work at the Core in Solihull
Tuesday	The Readers of our Parish
Wednesday	Our observation of Lent across the parish
Thursday	Our Pioneer Minister, Suzette Maguire
Friday	Staff and residents of local care homes

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 18 February - First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Services: **8.00am** Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am The Junction in Oliver Bird Hall

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Canon Revd Andrew Hutchinson

& Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm: Evensong: President: Revd Nick Parker

& Preacher: Stephen Linstead

NOTICES

Following today's All Age service, refreshments will be served in the OBH from approximately 10.10am. Open to everybody including those going to the 11.00am service. There is no charge but donations to the Children's Ministry are very welcome.

Drinks and nibbles following 11am Service today at the back of church: Donations towards The Guardians of St. Alphege.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals: 14 February will be David Rice (Organ). Performance at 1.10pm with refreshments from 12.30pm. All welcome – admission free, with retiring collection.

Parish Ash Wednesday Services on 14 February:

We begin Lent together with services including Imposition of Ashes as follows:

7.30am & 10.00am (St. Michael's Chapel)

10.30am (St. Helen's)

7.30pm (St. Alphege)

Lent Focus: To help us to make the most of this season there are copies of the CofE booklet 'Watch and Pray' with daily reflections and suggested activities. Please collect yours from the Parish Office priced £2.50. We also have the Archbishop's Lent Book 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone, upon which the booklet is based, available soon at the Parish Office priced £10.00.

Lent Groups: The St. Alphege Lent Group will be held in the OBH Room 6 on Fridays at 10am beginning 23 February. This will use the resource LifeBalance and participants are encouraged to sign up at the Parish Office. Please see the Parish News or church website for full details of the other Lent groups meeting across the parish. You are welcome to attend any

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.

Churches Together Lent Breakfasts at Solihull Methodist Church (leaflet available)

Running over two Saturdays at 8.30am, firstly on 17 February with Felix Kupay from Entraide and then on 24 February with John Bradley from Solihull Welcome and Borough of Sanctuary.

The Alpha Course - coming soon. A series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. To sign up or find out more email: alpha@solihullparish.org.uk or ring the Parish Office on 0121 705 5350.

Job Vacancy at the Parish of Shirley: They are looking to appoint an energetic and enthusiastic Parish Administration Manager to be a key person in our team. The role is part time, 15 hours per week spread over 5 mornings. Full details of the role and how to apply can be found on this link <http://tinyurl.com/B90ParishAdmin> (Closing date is 4 March 2024)

Donating to St Alphege Church.

To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963. To make a one-off payment please use one of the two methods below: -

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Bank: Lloyds
Sort code: 30-97-78
Account: 00206323
A/c name: PCC Solihull
Reference: St Alphege



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