



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 17 March
Passion Sunday
(The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34, and John 12.20-33

9.15am The Junction at the Oliver Bird Hall

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.5-10, and John 12.20-33
Reader(s): (OT) Deirdre Moll (NT) Elaine Diskin

Music led by Juniors Choristers', Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs

Setting: Communion Service in F - Sumsion

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face - Farrant

Voluntary: Master Tallis's Testament - Howells

Psalm

51.1-13

Hymns:

373

648

190

389(omit*)

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Stephen Linstead
Readings: Exodus 7.8-24, and Romans 5.12- end
Reader(s): Pam Price

Music led by Senior Girls' Choir

Aston Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor – Dyson

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood

Voluntary: Fugue in B minor on a theme of Corelli BWV579 – J S Bach

Psalm

34.1-11

Hymns:

376

86 (omit*)

95

THIS WEEK

Mon 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am till 12noon	Church Open for private prayer
Tues 19	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Weds 20	1.10pm till 2.10pm	Lunchtime Music Recital: Violet Vocals (Zara Donaldson)
Thurs 21	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Lent Group in OBH, Room 6.
	12.15pm	Funeral: Christina Weale

**Watch
+ Pray**

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

BIBLE READING Hebrews 5.5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Cairagh, Janet, Angela Maas, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlett, Revd Sue Chandler, Carol Southworth.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Christina (Chris) Weale, and John Stevenson

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	All who teach the Christian faith
Tuesday	Adopting families and foster families
Wednesday	Retreat centres and monastic communities
Thursday	Unity in our Anglican Communion
Friday	Those facing redundancy and the unemployed

NEXT WEEK: Palm Sunday 24 March

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11, and Mark 15.1-39

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

9.15am The Junction via ZOOM

10:00am: Liturgy of Palms Procession (High St. outside Clarks / Metro Bank)

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Nick Parker, and Passion Gospel

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7, and Mark 12.1-12

NOTICES

Wednesday lunchtime recital on Wed 20 March with Violet Vocals (Zara Donaldson).
Refreshments from 12.30pm, performance from 1.10pm. Free admission, retiring collection.

Palm cross making on Friday 22 March from 2.15pm in the OBH. All welcome, as the more people, the quicker the task. If possible bring your own scissors. Instructions given as is tea/coffee and posh biscuits. Please could representative(s) from each church arrange collection of their allocation. Contact Pat Marshall 705 8761 for more info.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Friday 29 March starting from St Augustine's Church at 11am, via Mell Square to St Alphege, where refreshments will be available in the OBH. All welcome.

Holy Week & Easter flyer now available with information of services across the Parish. Pick up a copy in church, or via the link on the Parish website.

NOTICES *(send any notices to pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk by 10am on Wednesdays)*

Guardians Coffee & Hot Cross Buns: taking place on Thursday 21 March, 10.30am - 12 midday at 9 Ulleries Road, Olton, B92 8DS. The cost is £5 per head plus a raffle. Please let Margaret Oswald know if you plan to attend, so she knows how many to cater for margaretoswald43@gmail.com

Souls of Our Shoes: an exhibition by Mothers' Union on 12-22 March at St Martins in the Bullring showcasing shoes that speak on behalf of victims of domestic abuse and violence. The physical shoes in the exhibition are accompanied by comments from those that have walked away from abuse, and those who journey with them. The exhibition is free to all, see St Martins' website for details <https://www.bullring.org/>

Churchyard tidy up: Sat 23 March, 10.00am - 1.00pm A morning to collect up winter tree debris and Christmas grave goods to allow for a subsequent grass cut. Tasks and refreshments suitable for all ages especially families. For further details contact Mike Rumball on 0121 711 1726.

St Alphege Choir Holiday Club: Mon 25 March: a free one-day holiday club with singing, music and fun activities for children in school year 3 and above – please email isabel@solihullparish.org.uk for booking link or further information.

Electoral Roll Revision: The Electoral Roll is undergoing its annual revision. The deadline for receipt of any new enrolments or amendments (St Alphege Section) is close of play on Thursday 28 March 2024. All queries should be directed to the Electoral Roll Officer via the Parish Office. Electoral Roll application forms are available at the north door. You do not have to apply for enrolment if you are already on the Roll. St Michael's and St Helen's queries should be addressed to the District Electoral Roll Officers.

Stewards/Welcomers required: Are you someone who regularly attends one of our services with a heart for sharing God's welcome, with the confidence to offer practical guidance when helpful? If you'd consider volunteering or would like more information please contact our wardens Sheila 07507683639 sheilasayers@hotmail.co.uk or Susan 0121 705 0015 gomm550@btinternet.com

Alpha Course starts on Wed 10 April. For more information and to apply email alpha@solihullparish.org.uk or call Parish Office to book a place.

St Alphege AGM: Tuesday 16 April 2023, 7.30pm in Main Hall OBH. This is an important event in the life of our church when District Church Council (DCC) officers are elected. If you are interested in joining the DCC and would like more details or a nomination form contact Sheila Sayers on 07507683639 or sheilasayers@hotmail.co.uk. Forms will be available near the North door or from the Parish office. The following vacancies need to be filled: DCC membership, Deputy Warden, Representation on the Deanery Synod and Representation on the Parish Church Council (PCC). Details of these posts are available in the pewslip flyer.

Donations today towards Easter Flowers at St Alphege Church.

To make a donation please use one of the two methods below: -

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Sort code: 30-97-78
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A/c name: PCC Solihull
Reference: EasterFlowers



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