



**St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 31 March
Easter Sunday**

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Canon Revd Andrew Hutchinson
Readings: Acts 10.34-43, and Mark 16.1-8

9.15am All Age Holy Communion:

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Music led by Junior Choristers, Young Voices & Worship Band

Anthem: Easter Jubilation by Helen & Mark Johnson

Hymns:

339

310

374

Screens

660

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Suzette Maguire
Readings: Luke 24: 13-35, Acts 10.34-43, and Mark 16.1-8
Reader(s): (OT) Mike Rumball (NT)

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

Setting: Mass in G – Schubert

Anthem: Hallelujah – Handel

Voluntary: Finale from Symphony No.1 – Vierne

Psalm

118: 1-2, 14-24

Hymns:

110

105

120

No Evensong today



THIS WEEK - please note there is no Morning Prayer this week

Mon 1		Church not open as a Bank Holiday
	2.00pm till 6.30pm	Bellringing: Solihull Borough Anniversary
Tues 2	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 3		No Lunchtime recital today (returns April 10)
Thurs 4	10.30am	Eucharist
Fri 5		No services in church

BIBLE READING Luke 24: 13-35 (11am Service only)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

BIBLE READING Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Ciaragh, Janet, Angela Maas, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlett, Revd Sue Chandler, Carol Southworth, and Jennifer Spencer.

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

John Stevenson, Keith Baldwin, and Terence Eccles.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Just Explore course
Tuesday	The sick and suffering
Wednesday	Our Parish youth work
Thursday	Local workers and employers
Friday	Prisoners and prison staff

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 7 April

Readings: Acts 4.32-35, 1 John 1.1-2.2 and John 20.19-end

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

9.15am The Junction in OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 9.1-12, Galatians 4.1-5

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

Thank you: A big thank you from Fr. Nick, Susan, and Sheila, to all who have contributed in services and behind the scenes during Holy Week.

Thursday 4 April Mothers' Union 1.30pm in the OBH. Antiphospholipid Syndrome - a talk by Phil Godfrey. Lifts available, contact Elaine 0121 705 3265.

Wives Fellowship Lunch Club: Friday 5 April: 12noon. Please contact Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168 for further details.

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.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals return after the school Easter holidays on Wed 10 April with a programme of piano duets performed by Elizabeth Khoo and Chi-Hang Chang

Job opportunity – An exciting opportunity to join the Solihull Parish Childrens' ministry team from September on a term time only part time basis. Email Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk or check the Parish website www.solihullparish.org.uk for more information.

Parish Treasurer. We are looking for a volunteer to take on the Position of Parish Treasurer. This is an important and interesting position. Details are on the Parish Website (there is a link from the home page) or ask at the Parish Office.

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

Shine Youth fundraiser Afternoon Tea: Sunday 21 April: SHINE YOUTH is a Solihull charity that provides listening, 1:1 mentoring and group support to 11 - 18 year olds experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties like anxiety and bereavement. They are holding a fundraising Sunday Tea with delicious homemade cakes on Sunday 21 April from 2-5pm at the Wren Hall, School Lane, Wroxall CV35 7NE. Plenty of free parking available. Contact Liz on liz@shineyouth.org.uk for more details.

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).

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