



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**Sunday 14 April**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**and Stewardship Sunday**

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

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
Readings: Acts 3.12-19 and Luke 24.36b-48

**9.15am All Age Holy Communion**

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

Anthems: Lead me Lord – Wesley  
All heaven declares – Tricia & Noel Edwards

**Hymns:**

Screens  
9  
282  
284

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President: The Ven Paul Taylor & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
Readings: Acts 3.12-19, 1 John 3.1-7, and Luke 24.36b-48  
Reader(s): (OT) Paul Evans (NT) Susan Gomm

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting: Communion Service in F - Sumsion  
Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide arr. Wood  
Voluntary: Paraphrase on a chorus in Judas Maccabeus - Guilmant

**Psalm 4**

**Hymns:**

124  
470 (omit v4&5)  
115  
486

**5.00pm Evensong**

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Stephen Linstead  
Readings: Deuteronomy 7.7-13, and Revelation 2.1-11  
Reader(s): Geoff Naylor

Music led by Men's Choir

Stark Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G - Sumsion  
Anthem: Thy mercy, Jehovah - Marcello  
Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on a melody by Vulpius – Willan

Psalm 142

**Hymns:**

112  
243 (omit v4&5)  
359 (t.3:22)

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for visiting and private prayer
Tues 16	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 17	1.10pm - 2.00pm	Lunchtime recital: Ewan Murray & Michelle Amezcua (French horn & organ)
Thurs 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Eucharist
Fri 19	9.00am	Morning Prayer (shorter today due to school service)
	9.15am	Federation Service - Feast of St Alphege

**BIBLE READING** Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**BIBLE READING** 1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**GOSPEL** Luke 24.36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED**

Hazel Hewlett, 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, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Janet, Angela Maas,  
Ruth & Rae, and Roger Loads.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Terence Eccles.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	Medical staff and chaplains
Tuesday	Our Parish children's work
Wednesday	The mission of Solihull Parish
Thursday	Church volunteers
Friday	The Diocese of Canterbury

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 21 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **Good Shepherd Sunday & Feast of St Alphege**

**Readings:** Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 3.16-end and John 10.11-18

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

**9.15am** The Junction in the OBH

**10.30am** Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Nick Parker  
& Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**5.00pm Evensong:** Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

**Readings:** Exodus 16.4-15 and John 6.30-40

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

**Sunday 14 April:** Refreshments are available after both services this morning: after 9.15am drinks are served over in the OBH, whilst after our 11am service, drinks and nibbles will be available at the back of the church afterwards. All welcome.

**Wednesday lunchtime recitals return:** Wed 17 April performance by Ewan Murray and Michelle Amezcua (French horn and organ). Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

**Lost property:** A member of the congregation left their wooden walking stick behind after the 11.00 am service in St. Alphege on Easter Sunday. Please collect from the Parish Office.

**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](mailto: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).

**Annual Parish Meetings:** Monday April 22 2024, 7.30 pm, St. Helen's Church. **Please note change of usual venue.** The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect Parish Church Wardens is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which elects PCC members and hears reports on the life of the Parish over the past year. Please try to attend this important event. Nomination forms for PCC candidates are available near the North Door of St. Alphege Church.

**International Organ Day – Saturday 20 April 2pm to 5pm** - we are collaborating with Solihull School to celebrate International Organ Day. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Further information including the programme for the day can be found at [www.solihullparish.org.uk/st-alphege-organ/](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk/st-alphege-organ/). Please book in via the QR code for this free event for all ages and abilities (including beginners).



**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.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Michael will be confirming candidates for confirmation on Sunday 23 June at 5.00pm. Adults and young people from Year 6 who would like to consider confirmation are invited to speak to a member of clergy and/or contact the Parish Office. Arrangements for confirmation preparation will be made in liaison with prospective candidates.

**Crafty people – we need you!** We are planning to host a parish poppy installation at St. Alphege Church in Solihull for Remembrance Sunday 2024, and we need as many poppies as possible! (Knitted or crocheted.) Drop off points to be confirmed - but we need as many poppies as possible knitted before the end of September. (Patterns available if you need one, contact Suzette: [s.maguire@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:s.maguire@solihullparish.org.uk)) Thank you to all who are already on the case! Please pass the word on!

**Stewardship:** Please see the special leaflet created for this Stewardship Sunday containing full details of our financial need and how we may respond. 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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Reference: St Alphege



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