



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**Sunday 12 May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall  
 Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end, John 17.6-19

**9.15am All Age Holy Communion**

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Music led

by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices & Worship Band

Anthem: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful – Taize

**Hymns:**

201  
711  
40  
644  
455  
406

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: The Ven Paul Taylor  
 Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end,  
 1 Corinthians 12.4-7, 12-18, 24b-end, John 17.6-19  
 Reader(s): (OT) Anne Taylor (NT) Pam Price

**Psalm 1**

**Hymns:**

395  
388 (t.1)  
74

Music led by Senior Choristers, Men's Choir & Solihull School Chamber Choir

Setting: Communion Service 'Collegium Regale' – Howells

Anthem: Come down O love divine - Harris

Voluntary: Hymne au Soleil – Vierne

**5.00pm Evensong**

Officiant: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker  
 Readings: Isaiah ch 61, and Luke 4.14-21  
 Reader(s): Anne Taylor

**Psalm 147.1-12**

**Hymns**

349  
388 (t.1)  
352

Music led by Men's Choir

Condon Responses

Canticles: Short Evening Service in the Dorian Mode - Tallis

Anthem: To thee O Lord my God - Gibbons

Voluntary: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn – J S Bach

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for visiting and private prayer
Tues 14	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 15	1.10pm	Lunchtime recital: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department
Thurs 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Eucharist
Fri 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer

**BIBLE READING** Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**BIBLE READING** 1 Corinthians 12.4-7, 12-18, 24b-end

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**GOSPEL** John 17.6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Today is Bell Sunday:** The bell ringers will be joining us at today's 11:00am Choral Eucharist. The day is designed to raise visibility and awareness of bell ringing, to strengthen relationships between ringers and the wider church community, and to highlight the importance of the sound of bells to the wider community - often serving as a helpful bridge between that community and the church. The ringers will also visit The Junction next Sunday 19 May, taking with them some of their handbells.

## THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Our local GP surgeries
Tuesday	Those preparing for marriage
Wednesday	Those studying the Alpha Course
Thursday	Those working for social justice
Friday	Musicians in the Parish

## PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Hazel Hewlett, Jennifer Spencer, John Goodman.

## CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, 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

Alasdair Geddes, Anne Roberts, Anne Boulter, and Gillian Sunderland.

## NEXT WEEK: Sunday 19 May: Day of Pentecost

**Readings:** Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.22-27 and John 15.26-27: 16.4b- 15

**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:** Ezekiel 36.22-28 and Acts 2.22-38

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

**Sunday 12 May:** 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:** 15 May: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department. 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.

**Growing Gifts:** CofE Birmingham has launched a new training programme towards authorising people as lay worship leaders and lay preachers. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the ministry team for an exploratory conversation and more information. Participants will need PCC approval and It is expected they would have relevant experience and a sense of call.

**Sat 1 June 12 noon to 10.30pm – Gin and Jazz Festival** – in the Oliver Bird Hall. Please make a note of the date in your diaries; further information will follow.

**Confirmation Classes** (towards our service on 23 June with Bishop Michael). Preparation classes begin on Sunday 19 May, 3pm-4.30pm, and run for 6 weeks (excluding 23/6), finishing 30 June. Confirmation is open to adults and young people from Year 6 upwards and candidates do not need to be already baptised. Please book places via a member of clergy and/or contact the Parish Office. Candidates who are Alpha participants are asked join with weeks five (16/6) and six (30/6).

**Church Lighting Works (Phase 1 of Project Turnaround) beginning Monday 3 June.** The church will remain open as usual for worship on Sundays, Thursdays at 10.30am, and for Morning Prayer (9am Monday, Thursday, Friday), as well as weddings & baptisms. Otherwise, the church will be closed so that the works can be carried out safely. We expect completion in early September.

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

**St Helen's Rainbows group currently has a few vacancies;** for girls between 4 and 7 years old. Meeting on a Tuesday evening, at St Helen's Church Room, St Helen's Road, 6 – 7 pm, term time only. Rainbows is the first stage in the Girl Guiding movement. There is a programme of activities, sometimes leading to earning badges; but the emphasis is on having fun, making friends, building confidence and learning in a safe environment. For more information, please contact Unit Leader, Yvonne on 07964 872 931.



### Christian Aid Week 12 - 18 May

Today marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week, please give generously via the QR code or using the bank details listed below.

There will also be envelopes at the back of church for cash or cheque donations. To know more about the work of Christian Aid, please visit their website [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

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