



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 19 May
Pentecost Sunday

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 2.1-21, and John 15.26-27,16.4b-15

9.15am The Junction in the OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.22-27
and John 15.26-27, 16.4b- 15
Reader(s): (OT) Anne Rock (NT) Deirdre Moll

Psalm
104.26-36, 37b

Hymns:
144
524
60

6 (omit v2,3)

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

Setting: Communion Service in *Bb* – Stanford
Anthem: Listen Sweet Dove – Grayston Ives
Voluntary: Choral Varié sur Veni Creator - Duruflé

1.00pm Baptisms

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Readings: Ezekiel 36.22-28 and Acts 2.22-38
Reader(s): Geoff Naylor

Psalm 139

Hymns
137
342
247

Music led by Senior Girls' Choir

Halls/Aston Responses

Canticles: Berkshire Service – Malcolm Archer
Anthem: Litany of the Holy Spirit – Hurford
Voluntary: Toccata in D minor op.59 – Max Reger

THIS WEEK

Mon 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am - 12noon	Church open for visiting and private prayer
Tues 21	9.15am	St Alphege Jnr School Pentecost Eucharist
	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 22	1.10pm	Lunchtime recital: Stuart Ironside (guitar)
Thurs 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Eucharist
Fri 24	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

BIBLE READING Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL John 15.26-27, 16.4b- 15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



CONGRATULATIONS to Gregory and Jessica who were married
here at St Alphege church yesterday, Saturday 18 May.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Stephen, Archbishop of York
Tuesday	Curators of damaged church buildings
Wednesday	Students preparing for exams
Thursday	Well-being Wednesday group
Friday	Solihull Methodist church

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 26 May: Trinity Sunday

Readings:	Isaiah 6.1-8, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17
Services:	8.00am Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.15am The Junction - via ZOOM
	10.30am Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	5.00pm Evensong: Officiant & Preacher: Stephen Linstead
Readings:	Ezekiel 1.4-10, 22-28a, Revelation 4

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

Confirmation Classes (towards our service on 23 June with Bishop Michael). Preparation classes begin today Sunday 19 May 3pm-4.30pm in the OBH, running for five weeks (excluding 2 and 23 June) finishing on 30 June. Candidates who are Alpha participants are asked join with weeks four (16/6) and five (30/6).

Wednesday lunchtime recitals: 22 May: Stuart Ironside (guitar). 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.

Sat 1 June: 12 noon to 10.30pm: Gin and Jazz Festival in the Oliver Bird Hall. A wonderful community event with great live music and fantastic gins, entry £5 for adults to include souvenir glass. Advance booking and group discounts available: see QR code for booking link. Offers of help would also be appreciated too, please email isabel@solihullparish.org.uk



Thursday 30 May Corpus Christi (Day of thanksgiving for intuition of Holy Communion): there will two Eucharist services held at St Alphege Church; one in the morning at 10.30am, and another in the evening at 7.30pm for this important feast day. All are welcome.

Sun 2 June 4pm – Our choirs will be singing Choral Evensong at Coventry Cathedral. It would be wonderful to see familiar faces in the congregation.

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.

Please contact the Parish Office if you need

Mothers' Union: Thurs 6 June from 1.30pm in the OBH. Strawberry Tea and Time to Chat. Lifts available, please contact Elaine on 705 3265 for more details

Have you seen the St Alphege Micro Victory Garden Project at the OBH? Following funds granted from the Big Lottery, there is a raised bed area growing fruit and veg for children and young people in the community. Look out for details soon on community planting days for children and young people and gardening talk evenings for people of all ages to come together to learn more about horticulture. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Preschool Chair, Ben on Chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk

Sat 22 June 7pm: Magnificat: Celebrating the centenaries of Stanford and Bruckner. This is the St Alphege Church Choirs summer concert. Please put the date in your diaries, ticket information will follow.



Christian Aid Week: Today marks the end of Christian Aid Week, please give generously via the QR code or using the bank details listed below. There will also be buckets passed around, as well as envelopes at the back of church for cash or cheque donations.

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