



St. Alphege Church
This Week's News
Sunday 5 May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 10.44-end, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

9.15am The Junction in the OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Reading(s): Acts 10.44-end, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17
Reader(s): (OT) Sheena Linstead (NT) Andy Halstead

Psalm 98

Hymns:

623

644

34

431

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

Anthem: Ave Verum – Elgar

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

Voluntary: Allegro Marziale – Bridge

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray
Reading(s): Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6-7, Revelation 3.14-end
Reader(s): Ann Taylor

Psalm 45

Hymns:

366

492

250

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

Sanders Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A - Sumsion

Anthem: Locus Iste – Bruckner

Voluntary: Toccata - Dubois

THIS WEEK

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| Mon 6 | | Bank Holiday (Church closed) |
| Tues 7 | 10.00am 7.30pm | St Alphege Prayer Group in OBH Bellringers practice |
| Weds 8 | 1.10pm - 2.00pm | Lunchtime recital: Tony Bridgewater (piano). |
| Thurs 9 | 9.00am 10.30am 7.30pm | Morning Prayer Eucharist Ascension Day Eucharist |
| Fri 10 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |

BIBLE READING Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

BIBLE READING 1 John 5.1-6

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?'

GOSPEL John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; 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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Hazel Hewlett, and Jennifer Spencer.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday Farmers and Food Producers
Tuesday Those exploring ordination
Wednesday Volunteers in our Parish
Thursday Those preparing for Baptism or Confirmation
Friday The St Alphege Schools

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 12 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Bell Sunday)

Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end, 1 Corinthians 12.4-7, 12-18, 24b-end, John 17.6-19

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

9.15am All Age Holy Communion: President: Revd Nick Parker
& Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

11.00am Choral Eucharist: President: Revd Nick Parker
& Preacher: The Ven Paul Taylor

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Roy Murray
& Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Isaiah ch 61, and Luke 4.14-21

Bell Sunday (next Sunday): Look out for the bell ringers who will be joining the 11:00am Choral Eucharist service next Sunday 12 May. 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 the following Sunday and will take with them some of their handbells.

Wednesday lunchtime recital: 8 May - Tony Bridgewater (piano). Recitals start at 1.10pm with refreshments from 12.30pm. Entry is free, with retiring collection.

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

Basic Awareness Safeguarding course this coming week: on Weds 8 May 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Oliver Bird Hall. All employees and volunteers are asked to do this course. If you are a volunteer and have not done this training, plan to be a volunteer, need to refresh your training or are just interested in the course please contact Viv Dobson, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: email vhdobson@gmail.com or 07960 783636

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.

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 to join with weeks 5 (16/6) and 6 (30/6).

Christian Aid Week is coming: There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 11 May from 10.00am onwards at Solihull Methodist Church. Lunches will be served together with the usual stalls including cakes, jam, books and an excellent plant stall. Everyone is welcome to support this event. We will also have collection buckets for Christian Aid in church at services on both Sunday 12 and 19 May. More details in next week's pewslip.

SMBC Community Development in OBH: Kerrie will be in the OBH foyer between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Tuesday 7 May (and every first Tuesday of the month). If you have any council-related queries they will be happy to help you out.

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)

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.

Donations: 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 following two methods:

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