



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 12th January 2025
The Baptism of Christ

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Music led by Junior Choristers and Worship Band

Anthem: I will take two - Bond

Hymns:

112

408

495

21

11am Choral Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readers: (O/T) Martin Ayres, (NT) Mandy Banks

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting: Missa Dixit Maria - Hassler

Anthem: A Babe is Born - Mathias

Voluntary: Toccata in D Minor op.59 - Max Reger

Psalm

29

Hymns:

352

486

12

495

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11, Romans 6.1-11

Reader: Pam Price

Music led by Men's Choir

Harris Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in D - Howells

Anthem: I will lift up mine eyes - Walker

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude "In dir ist Freude" BWV615 - J.S. Bach

Psalm:

46

Hymns:

55

56

244

**St Alphege Church is open from 10.00am to 3.00pm on
Weekdays & 10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays**

THIS WEEK

Mon 13 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 14 10.00am St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH)

Weds 15 10:30am Memorial Service for Mike Parsons

12.30pm Lunchtime Recital: Andrey Fjeldstad & Amy Hunt - saxophone duo

Thurs 16 9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Said Eucharist

Fri 17 9.00am Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you,
O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

BIBLE READING Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday The Quaker Meeting in Solihull
Tuesday The three churches of our parish
Wednesday The staff of the shops, cafes, bars and restaurants in our town
Thursday The staff of funeral directors in our town
Friday Spiritual directors and counsellors

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Michael Weale, Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Hilary Thurlow, and David Porter.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, Anne Kemp, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Ellen, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, and Hazel Hewlett.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jillian Hecht, Angela Hillman, Mike Parsons, Rachael Myall, Anthony Ford, Kenneth Foxley, and Sheila Harper.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 19th January: The second Sunday of Epiphany

Services: 8.00am - Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
9.15am - The Junction- OBH
10:30 - Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
Morning Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11
5.00pm - No Evensong.
Evening Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-20, Ephesians 4.1-16

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

Refreshments will be served today after the 11am service at the back of church. Donations are welcome.

Church Opening. St Alphege Church is open to the public every weekday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. We are still looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two every so often to act as welcomers. Can you help us out? Please contact Pam Price colandpam@ic24.net.

Project Turnaround: The plans are on display at the back of church and can be downloaded from the parish website. Everyone is encouraged to give feedback. What do you like, and is there anything you are less keen on? Please email turnaround@solihullparish.org.uk

Wednesday lunchtime recital - Andrey Fjeldstad & Amy Hunt - saxophone duo. 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.

Community Networking Event - 15th January - 11am - 1pm , Solihull Central Masjid - 1021 Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 3HG. Join us to find out what support is available for health and wellbeing in Solihull.

Mothers' Union AGM - Thursday 16th January at 11.30am, in St Alphege Church, following 10.30am service.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), 18th-25th January: This year marks 1700 years since the ecumenical Council of Nicaea (from which the Nicene Creed derives). We are encouraged to pray for unity in our mission and witness that the world may come to know the full extent of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Churches Together in Central Solihull United Service, Sunday 19th January 5pm at

St. Helen's Church: In this WPCU we come together as Christians in Solihull in worship and prayer. Our guest preacher is Revd Steve Faber, Moderator of the West Midlands Synod, United Reformed Church. All are warmly invited.

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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