



**St. Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 9th March**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**  
**(Jesus among the crowds)**

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

Morning Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

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| <b>8.00am</b>  | <b>Said Eucharist</b><br>President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker   |   |
| <b>9.15am</b>  | <b>All Age Holy Communion</b><br>Music led by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices and Worship Band<br>Anthem: Listen Lord – Bernadette Farrell   | <b>Hymns:</b><br>173<br>196<br>763<br>screens                       |
| <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Choral Eucharist</b><br>President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker<br>Reader(s): (OT) Sally Herd (NT) David Sturdee<br>Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row<br>Setting: Mass for Four Voices – Byrd<br>Anthem: Like as the Hart - Howells<br>Voluntary: Fantasia in G minor BWV 542 – J S Bach                                 | <b>Psalm:</b><br>91<br><b>Hymns:</b><br>67<br>383(t.2)<br>74<br>495 |
| <b>5.00pm</b>  | <b>Choral Evensong</b><br>Officiant: Mike Smith & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall<br>Readings: Jonah ch3, Luke 18.9-14<br>Reader: Geoff Naylor<br>Music led by Back Row<br>Harris Responses<br>Canticles: Short Service in the Dorian Mode - Tallis<br>Anthem: O Lord I lift my heart - Gibbons<br>Voluntary: First movement from Sonata No.1– Guilmant | <b>Psalm:</b><br>119.73-88<br><b>Hymns:</b><br>64<br>137<br>391     |

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

**THIS WEEK**

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| Mon 10   | 09.00am                      | Morning Prayer  |
| Tues 11  | 10.00am<br>7.30pm            | St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH)<br>Bellringers practice  |
| Weds 12  | 9.15am<br>1.10pm<br>7.30pm   | Open the Book<br>Lunchtime recital - Pupils from Solihull School - Chamber music<br>Bell ringing teaching |
| Thurs 13 | 9.00am<br>10.30am<br>12.00pm | Morning Prayer<br>Said Eucharist - with Prayers for Healing<br>Funeral for Mary Prees                     |
| Fri 14   | 9.00am                       | Morning Prayer  |

**BIBLE READING:** Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**BIBLE READING:** Romans 10.8b-13

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**GOSPEL:** Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

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| Monday    | Dr.Neil Shastri-Hurst: M.P. for Solihull West    |
| Tuesday   | The Ministry of all Bishops, Priests and Deacons |
| Wednesday | Those who are discerning their calling           |
| Thursday  | The Ministry of all Authorised Lay Ministers     |
| Friday    | Those training for ministry                      |

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

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy and Dean.

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlet, Michael Weale, and Hilary Thurlow.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Richard Austen, Paul Mills, Anne Kemp, Barbara Eccles, Mary Prees, and Senna Tagbot.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 16th March - The Second Sunday of Lent (Jesus in prayer)**

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| <b>Services:</b> | 8.00am  | Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker                             |
|                  | 9.15am  | The Junction - OBH   |
|                  | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher:<br>Revd Anne Haselhurst |

Morning Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3.17- 4.1, Luke 11.1-10

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Evening Readings: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17, Luke 14.27-33

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

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**Safeguarding Review - week beginning 24th March** Ven. Phelim O'Hare (Archdeacon of Aston) and Rev. Tony Rindl (Area Dean) are coming to actively listen to any who were affected by the safeguarding events and situation surrounding the removal of Helen Greenham from public office in March 2023. Please contact the parish office if you would like such a confidential conversation.

**Lent Reflection Groups and Book.** We very much hope you will wish to take part in one of our Lent groups. Full details are in purple leaflet which includes contact details for each group leader. We are following material from the book 'Lent and Easter for Everyone' by Tom Wright, a wonderfully accessible read, which is available for £8 from the St. Alphege Bookstall and Parish Office.

**Car Parking Scheme - Starting Soon** - Oliver Bird Hall and St. Alphege Church. Significant changes will be made to the car parking facilities which will be managed in future by UKPS car parking company. The current Car Parking Permit scheme will continue and permits must be displayed clearly on the front windscreen. The system will not operate on Sunday mornings. For occasional visitors to OBH and church for events and services at other times, a keypad system will be in operation so it is essential registration numbers are added upon arrival at the venue.

**New Electoral Roll** - A new electoral roll is being created. To be on the new roll (whether you were on the old one or not) you need to fill in a form and return it by 21 March. All those on the old roll will receive a letter and form individually. Additionally, forms are available at the north door or from the Parish Office. Please consider enrolling if you are not already on the roll. Contact for enquiries: Stephen Linstead, Electoral Roll Officer: E. sglrml@btinternet.com, T. 0121 705 1376 M. 07746 796 989.

**Refreshments after 9.15** OBH & the 11am Eucharist in church please stay if you can.

**Wednesday lunchtime recital** - 12th March - Pupils from Solihull School performing chamber music. 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.

**Woofs '25 Sunday 16th March**-11am at Brueton Park. This fundraising doggy day out includes wolf run, bark walk, agility zone and dog village. All dogs and their people are welcome with monies supporting the vital work of St. Basils (working with young people age 16-25 who are homeless, vulnerable or at risk).

**Sat 29 March 7pm:** you are invited to St Michael's Chapel to celebrate the launch of Wendy Westley's newly published book of poetry and short stories 'Sun Hats & Staying Home.' Fr Simon will be hosting the evening and Wendy and Simon will be reading poetry and discussing Wendy's book. Space is limited so please request a free ticket by 19th March from David Westley at [dwestley75@gmail.com](mailto:dwestley75@gmail.com).

### **St Alphege DCC AGM Wednesday 9 April 2025 7.30pm Oliver Bird Hall**

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, fuller details of which are in the Parish Magazine. Various elections will take place as follows. There are vacancies for the post of Deputy Warden (3 years), 6 ordinary members of the DCC (1 for 2 years and 5 for 3 years) and for 2 members of the Deanery Synod each to serve 1 year. There will also be nominations from the DCC to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To be eligible for election you must have been on the St Alphege section of the electoral for at least 6 months at the time of the AGM. Nomination papers for all these posts are by the North Door. Completed forms should be returned either to Sheila Sayers or to the Parish Office.

**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 two methods below:-

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