



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 11th May
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Morning Readings: Acts 9.36-end, Revelation 7.9-end, John 10.22-30

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.15am

All Age Holy Communion with admission of First Communicants

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler



Music led by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices and Worship Band

Anthem: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Hymns:

201

637

636

21

11:00am

Choral Eucharist

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reader(s): (OT) Ann Taylor (NT) David Sturdee

Psalm

23

Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row

Setting: Missa Dixit Maria - Hassler

Anthem: The Lord is my Shepherd - Howard Goodall

Voluntary: Allabreve in D - Bach

Hymns:

550

282

634

661

5.00pm

Choral Evensong Lower Voices

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Readings: Isaiah 63.7-14, Luke 24.36-49

Reader: Sherwood Burge

Psalms:

113

114

Music led by Lower Voices

Condon Responses

Canticles: Short Service in the Dorian Mode - Tallis

Anthem: Gloria Tibi Domini - Byrd

Voluntary: Paeon - Moore

Hymns:

103

345

250

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 12	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 13	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the church and OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 14	9.15am 1.10pm	St Alphege School Service Lunchtime Recital - Elizabeth Koo and Arron Low (voice/piano)
Thurs 15	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist
Fri 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Acts 9.26-end

When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill him. When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

BIBLE READING: Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

GOSPEL: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who plan and prepare our worship
Tuesday	Those waiting for the results of medical tests
Wednesday	Suzette, our Pioneer Minister
Thursday	Those studying for exams
Friday	Our borough Council

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, David, Suzette, Gary Sheppard, Andy Hodgkinson, David Patterson, and Gerald Blackburn.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Micheal Weale, Jean Parfitt, Alan Chandler, Audrey Ranger and Diana Barnes.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 18th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter (Bell Sunday)

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
9.15am The Junction - OBH
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Bell Sunday) - President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Morning Readings: Acts 11.1-18, 1 Corinthians 12.4-13, John 13.31-35

5.00pm Evensong - Officiant: Revd Sue Chandler & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Evening Readings: Daniel 6.6-23, Mark 15.46-68

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

Refreshments - We invite people to stay on after our 11am service for drinks and nibbles.

Director of Children's and Families Ministry: After many years of fruitful ministry, Linda Hicks will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We will share details about our plans for properly saying goodbye and thank you in due course. Please be assured of our determination for a smooth transition so that we can build upon the legacy of wonderful work that Linda has directed and personally undertaken. Please pray that God will direct and bless this process.

Bell Sunday - On 18th May we celebrate Bell Sunday. 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. We will also be welcoming our bell ringers guests and Solihull School Chamber Choir.

Celebration for Revd Roy Murray's 20 years service - following the 10.30am Eucharist on Thursday 22nd May, for which Father Roy is presiding, refreshments will be available in church.

Why Philippians? Why Bolivia? - Bishop Maurice will be visiting St Alphege on Sunday 25th May, 10.30am to promote the CofEB links with Anglican Diocese of Bolivia. Ahead of his visit you may find it useful to visit the associated pages on C of E Birmingham website (<https://churchofenglandbirmingham.com/everyday-faith/world-mission/bolivia/>)

Funeral for the late Michael Weale will take place at St Alphege Church on 27th May at

OBH carpark: The new car park system is in full operation. The Oliver Bird Hall operate a permit system for those who regularly attend services in church and or events in the Oliver Bird Hall. If you or any of your family/guests have such a valid permit their vehicle registration number will be listed with UKPS so no further action needs to be taken. For those that do not have a valid permit can we ask that vehicle registration numbers are keyed in on one of the keypads located in church by the Bookstall or the main corridor of the Oliver Bird Hall. This will ensure that their vehicle is listed with UKPS for the duration only of the event they are attending. A failure to comply will result in a parking fine from UKPS of £100. Appeals should be directed to UKPS.

Sponsored Cycle Ride - In his role as Captain of Redditch Golf Club, the Venerable Paul Taylor is being sponsored to cycle to all 32 Worcestershire golf clubs in support of their annual charity. This year they are supporting Molly Olly's Wishes, a children's cancer charity based in Warwick which helps families across the country. If you would like to sponsor Fr Paul, please fill in the sponsor form at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.



Christian Aid: Sunday Collections May 11th and 18th - Christian Aid works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. Every pound donated and every fundraising event held helps them to eradicate poverty. Bucket collections and envelopes will be available if you wish to make a donation. You could also make a donation online: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/parish-solihull> or click on the QR code.

To donate to St Alphege use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door or scan this QR code



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