



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 4th May
Patronal Festival

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

Morning Readings: Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 3.16-end, John 10.11-18

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am The Junction - OBH

10:30am Sung Eucharist - St Alphege Patronal Festival



President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Reader(s): (OT) Elaine Diskin (NT) Deirdre Moll

Psalm
84

Music led by all Choirs

Gloria: Coventry Gloria - Peter Jones

Setting: Coronation Mass – Mozart

Anthem: Give us the Wings of Faith – Bullock

Voluntary: Orb and Sceptre – Walton

Hymns:
87

Screens

36

518

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7, 2 Timothy 2.3-13

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Psalm
150

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Men

Rose Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in D – Dyson

Anthem: Te Deum from 'Collegium Regale' – Howells

Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in G – Parry

Hymns:
124
484
205

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 5	10.00	Church open to visitors
Tues 6	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the church and OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 7	9.15am 1.10pm 7.30pm	Open the Book -St Alphege Infants Service Lunchtime Recital - Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department Bellringers practice
Thurs 8	9.00am 10.30am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist 80th Anniversary Quarter Peal celebrating VE Day Bell handling
Fri 9	9.00am	Morning Prayer

We Celebrate Alphege Today

Alphege (Elphege, Aelfheah) was born about 953. He was first a monk, then a hermit, before being appointed Abbot of Bath. In 984 he became Bishop of Winchester. In September 1011, just a few years after becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, the Danes overran much of southern England, capturing Canterbury and holding Alphege along with other prominent persons for ransom. Alphege, knowing the poverty of his people, refused to let anyone pay this. This infuriated the Danes who at the end of a drunken feast threw various objects at him (large bones from the feast, for example) and finally an axeman delivered the death-blow. By his death Alphege became a national hero. When the Dane Cnut (Canute) became King of England in 1016, he adopted a policy of conciliation, and in 1023 he brought the body of Alphege from London to Canterbury, where he was long remembered as a martyr, one who died exercising the Christian virtue of justice. In art, he is shown with an axe, the instrument of his death, or as a shepherd defending his flock from wolves.

BIBLE READING: Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

BIBLE READING: 1 John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL: John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

COLLECT

Merciful God,
who raised up your servant Alphege
to be a pastor of your people
and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts
and share his peace in lives offered to your service;
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.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr Alphege:
by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who lead our Parish study and fellowship group
Tuesday	Those who are looking for work
Wednesday	Those who work in the Touchwood Centre
Thursday	Writers and poets
Friday	The staff of Solihull Railway Station

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.

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

Elaine Parry, Peter Sheppard, Dorothy Sawle, Micheal Weale, Jean Parfitt, Alan Chandler, and Audrey Ranger.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 11th May - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
	9.15am	All Age Holy Communion and First Communion
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist - President: Revd Anne Haselhurst & Preacher Revd Simon Marshall

Morning Readings: Act 9.36-end, Revelation 7.9-end, John 10.22.30

5.00pm Evensong - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Linda Hicks

Evening Readings: Isaiah 63.7– 14, Luke 24.36-49

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

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.

VE Day Coffee Mornings - Monday 5th May and Thursday 8th May 10am to 12 noon at Greville Arms, Solihull, B91 2RB. In support of The Royal British Legion. Do come along on both days and support this worthy cause.

VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations - 8th May, 7.30pm. There will be a service at Elmdon church from 7:30pm – 8:15pm, after which refreshments will be served to guests. Please note that parking will not be available in the Church car park, so visitors are encouraged to walk or use public transport.

St Alphege bell ringers will also be marking this special occasion by ringing a quarter peal starting at 6.30pm.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning - Saturday 10th May 10am-2pm, at Solihull Methodist Church Hall

Christian Aid: Sunday Collections May 11th and 18th funding CA's vital work in international development, education, advocacy, and disaster relief – supporting the most vulnerable in a world of growing inequality and fragility. This year's campaign focusses on equipping farmers in Guatemala and Malawi with the tools and training they need to thrive against the backdrop of climate change. Please give as generously as you can.

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

First Communion - We will be admitting Ethan, Ivy, Nathaniel, and Victor to their first Communion next Sunday at our 9.15am All Age service. We look forward to celebrating this important step on their faith journey and to welcoming their families and supporters.

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.

Stewardship Final Update and Thank You: A very big thank you to all who replied to our recent stewardship appeal – to those who have increased their giving – and to those who have newly joined our planned giving. This is vital to sustaining the life of our church. People are of course warmly welcome to join our planned giving at any time and Frank Upton, our Stewardship Secretary, is glad to answer any enquiries (0121 705 2963) or email admin@solihullparish.org.uk. To make a one-off gift please use one of the two methods below:-

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