



**St Alphege Church
24th December
Christmas Eve**

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

**3.00pm
And
4.15pm**

Christmas Eve – Crib Services

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

11.30pm

Midnight Mass - (with Carols From 11.10pm)

Psalm

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President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12), John 1.1-14

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row
Coventry Gloria – Peter Jones

Setting: Spatzenmesse – Mozart

Anthem: Quem Pastores – Trad. German, arr. John Rutter

Voluntary: Praeludium in D major - Buxtehude

Hymns:
See screens

**Christmas Day Morning: Thursday 25th December
– Services across the Parish**

St Alphege Church

8.00am Said Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

10.30am Sung Eucharist - President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

St Helen's

10.00am Holy Communion - President and Preacher: Roger Chamberlain

St Michael's

10.30am Eucharist - President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

GOSPEL: John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:
keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man,
Jesus Christ our Lord

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, Pearl Hampson, Deborah Walker, David Porter, Cynthia Dodson, John Smith, Lola Hammond and Leslie Dixon.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Philip Tew, Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, Gary Sheppard, 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, Hazel Hewlet, Hilary Thurlow, and Suzette Maguire.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Sunday 28th December - Holy Innocents

Morning readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17, 1 Corinthians 1.26-29, Matthew 2.13-18

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

10.30am Sung Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

5.00pm Evening Prayer - Officiant: Revd Roy Murray

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

A note from Fr. Nick: A very big THANK YOU to the many people who worked hard to make this season of Advent and Christmas so special – particularly to those working behind the scenes. It is wonderful to welcome so many people of all ages into the light and love of Christ's presence, and I pray that we may be similarly blessed as we too welcome our coming Saviour.

Church Opening – Christmas Arrangements

The church will be closed after the service on Christmas morning and will reopen on Monday 5th January (usual timings: 10am–3pm). Thank you to everyone who has given their time to host visitors this year and wishing you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

New Year Parish Eucharist, 1 January 2026, 10.30am, St Alphege Church, followed by refreshments. An opportunity to dedicate ourselves to God once more at the start of the new calendar year and to enjoy fellowship with members of all our congregations.

New Services for a New Year

As we look forward to Sunday 4th January, please don't forget we have different service times and options. The new Journey Service begins at 9.30am in church and is suitable for all who are young at heart. After sharing together in a simple Eucharist with story, prayer, and song, we will journey to Oliver Bird Hall to continue our themed learning and activities by age group. Our Epiphany launch service will be on the Journey theme as we think about the journey taken by the Magi.

With the new Service structure beginning in January, this is a good opportunity to refresh our rotas of sides people, readers, intercessors and servers. If you would like to join any of these groups, please let Pam Price or Sheila Sayers know.

Alone at Christmas – Do you know of anyone (including yourself) who is likely to be alone at Christmas and who would welcome some hospitality? Would you be able to offer such hospitality? If so, please contact Stephen Linstead: sglrml@btinternet.com or 0121 705 1376.

Parish Office opening hours over Christmas and New Year:

- 24th Dec open, 25th - 28 Dec closed, 29th Dec open, 30 Dec - 1st Jan closed.

The office team wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Solihull Vision Team of Cancer Research UK are grateful to those who supported our Choirs concert on 6th December raising the magnificent sum of £2200.00 to further the work of CR-UK in its research into the causes of cancer and in seeking effective treatments and a cure for this disease. A great result – THANK YOU.

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:-

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



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