



St Alphege Church Christmas Day and Sunday 28th December

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

Christmas Day Morning

Morning Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.45am Bells ringing for Christmas Day

10:30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Coventry Gloria – Peter Jones

Setting: Spatzenmesse – Mozart

Anthem: Angels' Carol – John Rutter

Voluntary: Sortie in E flat - Lefébure-Wély

Psalm:

96

Hymns:

468 (v1,2,6,7)

35

53

364

28th December – Holy Innocents

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

10:30am Parish Eucharist

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Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo BWV729 –

J S Bach

Hymns:

687

573(omit v3 & v4)

318 (omit v3)

25

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Voluntary: Prelude in C major BWV547 – J S Bach

Psalm:

128

Hymns:

21

33 (v1,4,5,7))

28(omit v3)

Please note that Morning Prayer will resume on 5th January.

Mon 29

Tues 30

7.30pm

Bellringer's Practice

Wed 31

Thur 1

10.30am

Parish Eucharist

Fri 2

CHRISTMAS DAY

GOSPEL – Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

28TH DECEMBER

GOSPEL – Matthew 2.13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

28th December - THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The community and congregations of St Alphege
Tuesday	King Charles and Queen Camilla
Wednesday	Our Pioneer Minister Suzette Maguire
Thursday	The well-being of our town in 2026
Friday	Michael & Esther, our Bishops

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

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 4th January

Morning readings: Isaiah 6-1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President & Preacher:

9.30am Journey Service – President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

11.00am Parish Eucharist – President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

5.00pm Epiphany Service at St Michael's

Evening Readings: Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

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

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.

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.

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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