



St Alphege Church
Sunday 18th January 2026
Epiphany Season

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am Journey Service

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10:15am-11.00am Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am Choral Eucharist



President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reader(s): (OT) Andy Halstead (NT) Elisabeth Wilkin

Intercessor: Peter Rock

Music led by: Senior Choristers and Back Row

Setting: Missa Dixit Maria - Hassler

Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God - Handel

Voluntary: Declamation on Dix – G Phillips

Psalm:

40.1-12

Hymns:

271

343

294 (omit v4)

338 (omit v2&3)

6.30pm Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

– Churches together in central Solihull, held at Solihull Methodist Church

THIS WEEK

Mon 19	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 20	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 21	9.30am	Open The Book
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Zara Donaldson, Soprano
Thurs 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—

he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The work of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Tuesday	Members of religious communities
Wednesday	Those who suffer for their faith in Christ
Thursday	Diocesan staff and members of Bishops' Council
Friday	Growth of relationships between faiths in our town

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

David Patterson, Gill Taylor, Gerald Blackburn, Pearl Hampson, Deborah Walker, 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

Cynthia Dodson, David Morgan, Robert Collier, Pamela Creed, and Lynne Champion.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 25th January – Epiphany 3 Conversion of Paul

Morning readings: Acts: 9.1-22, Galatians 1.11-16a, Matthews 19.27-end

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President: Simon Marshall and Preacher: Suzette Maguire
9.30am Journey Service - President: Revd Simon Marshall
Suzette Maguire and Ben Yates (OBH)
11.00am Sung Eucharist – President: The Ven. Paul Taylor and Preacher: Suzette Maguire (OBH)
5.00pm Evensong – Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: Isaiah 56.1-8, Colossians 1.24-2.7

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

New Services for a New Year

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.

Unity Service Today 6.30pm at Solihull Methodist Church organised by Churches Together in Central Solihull in celebration of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are invited.

Choral Evensong Solihull School Chapel. Today our choir is joining the Solihull School Chamber Choir for their 6.30pm service at the school chapel. All are welcome.

Prayer Event 21st January – Open to all, a week of prayer for Christian Unity from 10am-2pm from John Palmer Hall, Union Road, B91 3DH. Come and pray for our churches and community

Lunchtime Recital – 21st January, Zara Donaldson, Soprano – Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Prayer and Anointing for Healing

We aim to offer this ministry each week at the conclusion of the 11am service from St. Thomas' Chapel (the side chapel nearest to the north porch entrance). You may wish to share details of your concern with the priest but there is no obligation to do so. You are also welcome to ask for prayer on behalf of others.

Assistant Verger – We are looking to create this new voluntary position to assist Paul our verger and provide additional cover outside his regular hours or when absent. Please enquire at the parish office for details.

OBH committee - The OBH is the centre of a range of activities for various groups in our community. The OBH Committee are looking for additional volunteers to join our committee. The work is not onerous, but it is rewarding being part of a team which supports so many valuable groups. Please email obhcarpark@solihullparish.org.uk or speak to Deirdre Moll or Meryl Homer for more information.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club - Friday 23rd January 12.00 noon, enquiries to Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168.



Behold the Lamb of God

Donations: To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963.

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