



St Alphege Church
Sunday 4th January 2026
The Epiphany

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

8.00am Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am Journey Service

10:15am- Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am

11.00am Sung Eucharist



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Reader(s): (OT) Ann Taylor (NT) Carol Southworth

Intercessor: Pam Price

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Gloria from Coventry Mass – Peter Jones

Setting: Communion Service in F – Sumsion

Anthem: Bethlehem Down – Warlock

Voluntary: Overture, La Rejouissance and Minuet from

Music For the Royal Fireworks – Handel, arr. Robert Gower

Psalm:

72

Hymns:

537

244(omit v2)

640

42

5.00pm Epiphany Service – St Michael's Chapel

Officiant and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 6	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 7	9.30pm	St Alphege School Federation Service
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Josh Cahm, organ
Thurs 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	MU Meeting in Church
Fri 9	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; or from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

COLLECT

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Staff and patients of the Marie Curie Hospice
Tuesday	Our Parish Wardens, Pam & Andrew
Wednesday	Writers and poets
Thursday	Those caring for a family member who is ill
Friday	The UK Government

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 11th January - Baptism of Christ

Morning readings: Isaiah 42.1-9, Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-17

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.30am	All Age Holy Communion - President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	5.00pm	Evensong – Officiant and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Joshua 3.1-8 and 14-end, Hebrews 1.1-12

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

New Services for a New Year

As we look forward to today, 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.

Wednesday lunchtime recitals – 7th January, Josh Cahm, organ – Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Thursday 8th Jan 1.30pm MU meeting in Church. A Day in the Life of the Mayor, Cllr Annette Mackenzie. Lifts may be available, contact Elaine on 0121 705 3265.

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:-

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