



**St Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**Morning Readings:** Genesis 12-1-4a, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**9.30am Journey Service – Born Again**

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Nick Parker

Part 2 in OBH: Revd Nick Parker and Ben Yates

**10:15am-11.00am - Refreshments in the OBH**

**11.00am Sung Eucharist**



President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Julia Hanson (NT) Ron Wheeler

Intercessor: John Emmett

Music led by: Junior, Senior Boys, Ladies and Back Row

Ukrainian Kyrie

Setting: Communion Service in *Bb* -Stanford

Anthem: God so Loved the World – Stainer

Voluntary: Meditation on Herzlich tut mich verlangen –

David Bednall

**Psalms:**

121

**Hymns:**

744

324

64 (omit v4)

608 (omit v5)

**5.00pm Evensong:**

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Luke 14.27-43

Reader: Pam Price

Music led by: Senior Girls and Back Row

Rose Responses

Canticles: Fauxbourdons Service – Andreas

Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God – Handel

Voluntary: Pièce Héroïque - Franck

**Psalms:**

135

**Hymns:**

357

376

433 (omit\*)

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 3	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 4	9.30am	Open The Book
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Harry Brown and Felicity Lennard, organ and recorder
Thurs 5	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Fri 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sat 7	12.00pm	Interment of Ashes

**BIBLE READING:** Genesis 12-1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran

**BIBLE READING:** Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**GOSPEL:** John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your  
truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	The Diocese of Lichfield
Tuesday	HM the King and all the Royal Family
Wednesday	Sarah and Stephen, our Archbishops
Thursday	Our Parish Wardens and PCC members
Friday	Those training for ministry

## **THOSE IN NEED**

Pearl Hampson, Duncan & Ruth, John Smith, Preshita Smiley, Kay Woodward, Jerrin Michell, Nigel Vian, Alan Hobbs, Roy, Jean, Claire, James, Ellen, Philip Tew, Ella, Mary Andrew, Leslie Dixon, Dorothy Newbery, Malcolm, Ron Herd, Wendy Meikle, Danny Ellender, Suzette Maguire, Stephen Foster and Malcolm and Rosemary Owens.

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Matthew Murray, John Kemp, Barbara Sears, Peter Bottomley, Shirley Stanford, David Caldicott, Barbara Williams, and Reginald Askey.

## **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

Alma Jordan, Gordon Mitchell, Lilian Swann, Edith Lloyd, Fraser Mitchell, Jack Grocock

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 8th March – The Third Sunday of Lent**

Morning readings: Exodus 17.1-7, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire

9.30am Journey Service Part 1 in Church: Eucharist - Revd Simon Marshall  
Part 2 in OBH: Living Water - Revd Simon Marshall  
and Ben Yates

11.00am Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher:  
Suzette Maguire

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Mike Smith and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Evening readings: Joshua 1.1-9, Ephesians 6.10-20

## **SHORTER COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**NOTICES** (send any notices to [pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:pewslip@solihullparish.org.uk) by 10am on Wednesdays)

**Pray for lists** - We have refreshed the lists of 'those recently in need' and 'continue to pray for' and combined these into one. If you wish to add names, please complete a prayer request form (in church) or contact the parish office. It is vital you have the permission of the person whose name you are adding. Please tell us when names can be removed, otherwise they will remain until the next refresh in September.

**Lent Study Groups and Resources** - Please see our Lent leaflet for full details of our groups across the parish offering a rich variety of days, times, and focus. The Lent book 'Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer' offering daily reflections is available from the parish office, priced £3.

**321 Course: Starting today on Sundays 6pm-7.30pm for 4 weeks in OBH Rm 5**

We are running the 321 Course for those exploring faith or new to faith, offering a new perspective on exploring life according to Jesus. This is great opportunity to invite friends and family. For more details and booking please contact the parish office.

**Parish Weekend** - Spaces are filling up quickly for the parish away weekend at Launde Abbey (5-7<sup>th</sup> June). Please see leaflet in church for full details and book soon to avoid disappointment.

**Thurs 5th March MU 1.30pm OBH.** A talk by Sally Cox - My Adventures in India. All welcome. Lifts may be available, contact Elaine on 0121 705 3265.

**Lunchtime Recital** – March 4<sup>th</sup> – Harry Brown and Felicity Lennard, organ and recorder. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

**Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 noon, enquiries to Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168.

**Sat 14th March 10am, Mothering Sunday Posy Making.** Can you help to make posies in St Alphege church? No experience required. Please bring scissors/secateurs. Decorative heather and greenery gratefully received by all (can be left in black bags in church). Just turn up or contact Elaine - 705 3265 [elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainediskin@hotmail.co.uk)

**Mothering Sunday Retiring Collection.** Mothers' Union will be collecting for one of their main projects AFIA - Away From It All Holidays. All donations will support and enable families facing adversity enjoy a short break or day trip offering much needed respite.

**Churchyard Tidy Up** – March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10am in the Churchyard. All help appreciated.

**Community Interest:**

**Independent Advisory Group (IAG)** - Solihull Police are seeking expressions of interest from community members interested in joining IAGs which serve to improve the quality of policing services to all communities by advising on what should be the local priorities. You are welcome to take one of the leaflets by the door which explains more fully and includes contact details.

**Eco-Lent 2026 – Knowle Parish Church**, please visit:

[www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/402947/Latest\\_News\\_and.aspx](http://www.kpc.org.uk/Groups/402947/Latest_News_and.aspx) for more information.



**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.

