



St Alphege Church
Sunday 22nd February 2026
The First Sunday of Lent

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 2.15-17:3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

8.00am **Said Eucharist**
President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am **Journey Service** – Thinking Day (Parade)
Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Nick Parker
Part 2 in OBH: Revd Nick Parker

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

11.00am **Sung Eucharist**
President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Reader(s): (OT) Pat Marshall (NT) Paul Evans
Intercessor: Peter Haselhurst

Psalm:
103

Hymns:
173
550
333
56
205(omit*)

1.00pm **Baptism** – Officiant: Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm **Taizé Evening Prayer**
Officiant: Revd Nick Parker
Reading - Luke 15.1-10

Hymns:
759
779
791

THIS WEEK

Mon 23 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tues 24 10.00am St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
7.30pm Bellringers practice

Weds 25 9.30am Federation of St Alphege Schools Ash Wednesday Service
1.10pm Lunchtime Recital – Ivan Hovorun, piano

Thurs 26 9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Said Eucharist

Fri 27 9.00am Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Genesis 2.15-17:3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

BIBLE READING: Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

NOTICES (send any notices to 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.

Churches Together Lent Breakfasts – From 8.30am-9.50am at Solihull Methodist Church on Saturdays starting 28th February. For full details please see the leaflet in church.

321 Course: Sundays 6pm-7.30pm for 4 weeks from 1st March 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 (5-7th June). Please see leaflet in church for full details and book soon to avoid disappointment.

Lunchtime Recital – 25th February – Ivan Hovorun, piano. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club - Friday 6th 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

Churchyard Tidy Up – March 14th 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.



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.

