



St Alphege Church
Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14-27 end

8.00am

Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am

Journey Service – Hosanna

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist - Revd Nick Parker

Part 2 in OBH: Ben Yates

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

10.45am

Palm Sunday Procession – Solihull High Street led by Revd Sue Chandler

11.00am

Sung Eucharist (Parade Service) with Passion Gospel

President: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Carol Southworth (NT) Nick Cahm

Intercessor: Elisabeth Wilkin

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

Ukrainian Kyrie

Setting: Communion Service in F – Darke

Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David – Weelkes

Voluntary: Fantasia in G minor – J S Bach

5.00pm

Vespers

Officiant: Stephen Linstead

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7, Matthew 21.33-end

Reader: Jane Emmett

Music led by: Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row

Vespers: Choral Recital – Compline – Reception

Music: Choruses from Messiah Part II - Handel

Organ: O Mensch beweine dein' Sünde gross – J S Bach

Psalm

31

Hymns:

13

screens

175

567

Psalm:

80

Hymn:

241

THIS WEEK

Mon 30

9.00am

Morning Prayer

2.00pm

Wedding Rehearsal

8.00pm

Taizé Night Prayer – led by Revd Nick Parker

Tues 31

10.00am

St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)

8.00pm

Stations of the Cross – led by Stephen Linstead

Weds 1

1.10pm

No Lunchtime Recital Today

8.00pm

Sung Eucharist – led by Father Andrew

Maundy Thursday

9.00am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Said Eucharist – Prayers for Anointing & Healing

8.00pm

Choral Eucharist followed by The Watch

Good Friday

9.30am

All Age Service & Activities

11.00am

Town Centre Walk of Witness

2.00pm

Devotions at the Foot of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8.00pm

Easter Vigil

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

BIBLE READING: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26.14-end of 27

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

SHORTER COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who suffer in body
Tuesday	Those who suffer in mind
Wednesday	That we may faithfully observe the Triduum this year
Thursday	All Bishops, Priests and Deacons
Friday	The Walk of Witness through Solihull Town Centre

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, Ron Herd, Wendy Meikle, Danny Ellender, Suzette Maguire, Stephen Foster, Jain Mathew, Malcolm Owens, Rosemary Owens, Angela Maas, and Gerald Blackburn.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Matthew Murray, Barbara Sears, Reginald Askey, Heather Arnold, Fr. Ian Michael, and David Patterson.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Julie Birse, Edna Hampson, Alan Norman, Elizabeth Swann, and John Wallis.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

Morning readings: Acts of Apostles 10:34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, Matthew 28.1-10

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am All Age Holy Communion - President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher:
Revd Simon Marshall

11.00am Choral Eucharist - President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

8.00pm Compline - Officiant: Revd Roy Murray

Evening readings: Psalm 118.14-24; John 6.39

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

There is a collection in St Alphege Church today for EASTER FLOWERS. Please give generously.

Funeral for Barbara Sears – Will take place at St Helen's Church on March 30th at 10am followed by RHC.

MU Lent Lunch and Meditation – Thursday 2nd April at 1pm OBH. Cost £10 to include Lunch, meditation and raffle ticket or £3 for meditation only. Please let Elaine know on 0121 705 3265 if you are coming for lunch unless you have already done so.

Lunchtime Recital – We now have a two week break for Easter and resume on 15th April.

DCC AGM – 14th April, 7:30pm at Oliver Bird Hall.

Easter flowers are being prepared in church on Saturday the 4th of April from 10am. All volunteers to help with decorating the church welcome, also any donations, pre-arranged flowers, or greenery greatly received. Any enquiries please contact Nichol Hodkinson 07890701101.

Parish Away Weekend – At Launde Abbey (5-7th June). Please book soon to avoid disappointment. There is a leaflet with outline details in church and an introductory video and program on our website.

Parish Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday, 6.00pm at St Helen's Church. Booking essential. Please sign up with your name, contact details, and dietary needs. Forms available at the back of church.

Walk of Witness Good Friday, 3rd April –. Please join us as we come together as the churches of central Solihull to witness to the love of God and wish our town a very Happy Easter. We gather outside St. Augustine's Church, Herbert Road, walking from there along Station Road and the High Street to Mell Square for a short service. Following the service all are warmly invited for Coffee and Hot Cross Buns in the Oliver Bird Hall (approx. 12.15pm). Please pick up a flyer in church.

Electoral Roll – The Electoral Roll is undergoing its annual revision. Applications for enrolment, amendments and queries, please contact Stephen Linstead, Electoral Roll Officer, no later than March 25th, 2026: E. sglrm1@btinternet.com, T. 0121 705 1376 M. 07746 796 989. St Helen's and St Michael's inquiries should be addressed to District Electoral Roll Officers.

Our **Annual Parish Church Meeting** will take place at **7.30pm on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at The Oliver Bird Hall**. Anyone registered on the Parish Electoral Roll is welcome to attend the meeting. As well as reporting on all aspects of Parish life from the past year, voting will take place to elect or ratify parish wardens, officers, members of the Deanery Synod and lay representatives (direct and from district churches) to the Parochial Church Council. If you are interested in becoming involved with the PCC, please contact Julia Hanson via pccsecretary@solihullparish.org.uk for further details. Nomination forms are also available from the church notice board or parish office. Any forms should be submitted to Julia ahead of the meeting. Thank you.

Changes to Holy Week & Easter services as published in the March issue of the Parish Magazine: Our Good Friday Service All Age Service, and activities are at 9.30am. Our Taizé service will take place on Monday 30th March at 8.00pm and our Sung Eucharist at St Alphege is on Wednesday 1st April at 8.00pm.

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 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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