



**St Alphege Church**  
**Sunday 12th April 2026**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**Morning Readings:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32, Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-end

**8.00am** **Said Eucharist**

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

**9.30am** **Journey Service** – Tell the Good News

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Sue Chandler

Part 2 in OBH: Revd Sue Chandler and Ben Yates

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

**11.00am** **Sung Eucharist**

President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Reader(s): (OT) Elisabeth Wilkin (NT) Frances Rumball

Intercessor: Pam Price

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary: Fanfare - Mathias

**Psalm:**  
98

**Hymn:**  
653(t1)

583

431

310

240

**5.00pm** **St Helen's Church – Healing Service**

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Officiant: Sue Shewring

**THIS WEEK**

Mon 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 14	10.00am 10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH) Funeral for Reginald Askey
Weds 15	9.30pm 1.10pm	Open the book Lunchtime Recital - Christopher Churcher, baritone
Thurs 16	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist
Friday 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 18	10.00am- 4.00pm	Guardians History Festival

**BIBLE READING:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

**BIBLE READING:** 1 Peter 1.3-9

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**GOSPEL:** John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **8am COLLECT**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **11am SHORTER COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

Monday	For all schools in our parish
Tuesday	Michael, Bishop of Birmingham
Wednesday	Those carrying heavy burdens in life
Thursday	The Mothers' Union
Friday	The Prime Minister and Government of this Country

### **THOSE IN NEED**

Pearl Hampson, Duncan & Ruth, John Smith, Preshita Smiley, Kay Woodward, Jerrin Michell, Nigel Vian, Alan Hobbs, 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, Gerald Blackburn, Abhinav Abrol, Jenny and Beryl Boulter.

### **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Reginald Askey, Fr. Ian Michael, and David Patterson.

### **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

Leslie Brotherton, Terence Butt, Mabel Florence, Neville Freeth, John Harrison, Bob Maw, Margaret Stenhouse, Mark Warrior, and Alasdair Geddes.

### **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 19th April –Patronal Festival of St Alphege**

Morning readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Suzette Maguire  
9.30am Journey Service  
Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Nick Parker  
Part 2 in OBH: Revd Nick Parker & Alison Pratt  
11.00am Choral Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Suzette Maguire  
5.00pm Festal Evensong - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker  
Evening Readings: Haggai 1.13-2.9, 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

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

**Healing Service Today** - We have a parish Eucharist with prayers for healing and anointing at 5pm. This is taking place at St Helen's Chapel (there will be no evening service at St. Alphege).

**Bell Ringing Today**- Although there is no Evensong at St Alphege, we will be ringing from 5 pm to about 6 pm.

**Lunchtime Recital** – April 15<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Churcher, baritone. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

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

**St Alphege History Fair**, Saturday 18th April, 10am to 4pm. The fair will cover the history of the church, its people and Solihull. Talks at 10.15am and 1.15pm. Tours of church, tower and windows follow. Exhibitions, maps, bookstall and refreshments included. All welcome. Tickets £10 from Parish Office or Guardians Trustees (07719 582768).

**Choir Evensong at Coventry Cathedral** - Our church choirs will be singing Evensong at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 18th April. We have a few spaces on the coach if anyone would like to come with us. We will leave at approx. 1pm and return by 6pm. Cost: £5 for FOSAM members, £10 for non-members. Please let Pam Price know if you would like to come: songmeister20@gmail.com or 07913260868.

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Patterson** will be held at St. Alphege on Monday 20 April at 2pm.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

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