



St Alphege Church

Sunday 19th April 2026

Patronal Festival for Saint Alphege

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

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

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 & Ben Yates

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

11.00am

Choral Eucharist

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher:
Suzette Maguire

Reader(s): (OT) John Emmett (NT) Julia Hanson

Intercessor: Deirdre Moll

Music led by all choirs

Setting: Communion Service in F – Darke

Anthem: Give us the Wings of Faith – Bullock

Voluntary: Exultemus – Whitlock

Psalm:

116

Hymns:

206

screens

336(omit v4)

427



5.00pm

Festal Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Haggai 1.13-2.9, 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies & Back Row

Rose Responses

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb – Stanford (t.167, omit v3)

Anthem: For lo, I raise up – Stanford

Voluntary: Postlude in D minor – Stanford

Psalm:

48

Hymns:

124

431

205

THIS WEEK

Mon 20

9.00am

Morning Prayer

2.00pm

Thanksgiving Service for David Patterson

Tues 21

10.00am

St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)

Weds 22

9.15pm

Federation Service – St George's Day

1.10pm

Lunchtime Recital – performer TBC

Thurs 23

9.00am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Said Eucharist

Friday 24

9.00am

Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Acts 2.14a, 36-41

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.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 1.17-23

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by
his risen life and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth; 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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

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| Monday | Our Church Guides |
| Tuesday | Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury |
| Wednesday | Phelim, Archdeacon of Aston |
| Thursday | Those standing for Election to Councils next month |
| Friday | Theological Colleges |

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

David Patterson.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Wilfred Gregory, Vivien Soden, and David William Wyldes.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 26th April – St George's Day

Morning readings: Acts 2.42-end, 2 Timothy 2.3-13, John 10.1-10

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am Journey Service

Part 1 in Church: Eucharist - Revd Simon Marshall

Part 2 in OBH: Revd Simon Marshall & Ben Yates

11.00am Sung Eucharist – Parade Service for St George - President and Preacher:
Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm Evensong - Officiant: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Ezra 3.1-13, Ephesians 2.11-end

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

Festival Music - Today our choirs are singing anthems and settings which add poignancy to St. Alphege's martyrdom and his contribution to our nation's faith. Our anthem at the 11am service emphasises the importance of Christ's victory: 'We ask them whence their victory came: They, with one united breath, Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, Their triumph to his death.' Our anthem at 5pm Choral Evensong at 5pm speaks of the result of the life and witness of such saints: 'For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.'

Today: drinks and nibbles will be served after the 11 am service at the back of the church.

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

Parish Away Weekend – 5th to 7th June at Launde Abbey

We are now down to the last ten places. There is a leaflet with outline details in church with fuller details, including an introductory video and program, on our website.

Stewardship

35 people have responded to our recent stewardship appeal. This represents 1/4 of existing regular givers and 1/6 of regular worshippers. Our sincere thanks to those who have responded. We warmly encourage those who have not yet done so, to please respond realistically and positively. There are packs with appeal information available at the north door.

Open the Book – 'We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our *Open the Book* team! Help bring Bible stories to life for primary school children through fun, engaging drama and interactive storytelling.

To find out more or get involved, email: childrensministry@solihullparish.org.uk

Wednesday Lunchtime Recital – April 22nd –performer TBC. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Our Annual Parish Church Meeting 7.30pm this Tuesday 21st April at Oliver Bird Hall.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend. The meeting reports on all aspects of parish life and ratifies the election of our parish wardens and officers. We will also be electing members of the Deanery Synod and lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council.

Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club – Friday 1st May at 12.00noon. Enquires to Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168.

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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