



St Alphege Church
Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Day

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

Morning Readings: Acts of Apostles 10:34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18

8.00am

Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.30am

All Age Holy Communion

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Music led by: Junior Choristers and Rising Stars

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord by Paul Inwood

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God by Bobby Fisher

Anthem: Easter Jubilation by Helen and Mark Johnson

Hymns:

339

374

Screens

406

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

11.00am

Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Deirdre Moll (NT) Elaine Diskin

Intercessor: David Sturdee

Music led by: Senior Choristers, Ladies & Back Row

Introit: This Joyful Eastertide – arr. Wood

Setting: Spatzenmesse – Mozart

Anthem: Hallelujah - Handel

Voluntary: Final from Symphony No 5 – Widor

Compline

Officiant: Revd Roy Murray

Readings: Psalm 118.14-24; John 6.39

Reader: Pam Price

Psalm:

118. 1-2, 14-24

Hymn:

110

105

(t.2,omit v4&5)

104 (omit v2)

120



8.00pm



THIS WEEK

Mon 6

Tues 7

10.00am

1.00pm

7.30pm

St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)

Wedding of Hodkinson & Howe

Bell Ringers practice

Weds 8

1.10pm

No Lunchtime Recital Today

Thurs 9

9.00am

10.30am

1.00pm

Morning Prayer

Said Eucharist

Bell ringers' workshop

Friday 10

9.00am

12.00pm

Morning Prayer

Interment of Ashes

BIBLE READING: Acts of Apostles 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

BIBLE READING: Colossians 3.1-4

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

SHORTER COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	For those who must work on this Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Spiritual Directors
Wednesday	Those who are homeless
Thursday	Their Majesties, the King and Queen
Friday	The Deanery of Yardley and Solihull

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, and Gerald Blackburn.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Eileen Edwards, Eric Greasley, and John Keyte.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter

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

Services: 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

11.00am Sung Eucharist - President: Revd Roy Murray and
Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

5.00pm St Helen's Church - Healing Service - President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and
Officiant: Revd Sue Shewring

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

Easter Appreciation - A heart-felt thank you to everyone who has generously given of their time and talents to make Holy Week and Easter so special. We wish you all a very Happy Easter and, for those who need it, the chance for rest and renewal.

Father Roy and Jean thank everyone for the many cards and messages they have received following the death of their Son Matthew.

Healing Service Next Sunday - 12th April 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).

Lunchtime Recital – Recitals resume after Easter.

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.

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 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.

Donations: To make a regular donation please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Frank Upton on 0121 705 2963.



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