



St Alphege Church
Sunday 10th May 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Morning Readings: Acts 17.22-31, 1 Peter 3.13-end, John 14.15-21

8.00am

Said Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

9.30am



All Age Holy Communion – First Communion Admission

President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Music led by Junior Choristers, Rising Stars and Worship Band

Anthem: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful – Jacques Berthner

Hymns:

screens

289

282

screens

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

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and

Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Pat Marshall (NT) Paul Evans

Intercessor: John Emmett

Music led by Senior Boys, Ladies and Back Row

Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen

Setting: Communion Service in F - Sumsion

Anthem: If ye love me - Tallis

Voluntary: Alla Marcia - Ireland

Psalm

66.7-end

Hymns:

77

324

69

238

5.00pm

Evensong

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Readings: Zechariah 8.1-13, Revelation 21.22-22.5

Reader: Geoff Naylor

Music led by Senior Girls

Aston Responses

Canticles: Berkshire Service – Malcolm Archer

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J S Bach

Voluntary: Fantasia in C - Byrd

Psalm

87

Hymns

381

393

244

THIS WEEK

Mon 11

9.00am

Morning Prayer

Tues 12

10.00am

St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)

7.30pm

Bellringers practice

Weds 13

9.15am

Open The Book

1.10pm

Lunchtime Recital – Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Harp Department

Thurs 14

9.00am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Said Eucharist for Ascension Day

7.30pm

Ascension Day Sung Eucharist with Choir

Friday 15

9.00am

Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 3.13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL: John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your
Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who work at the Core in Solihull
Tuesday	Those who plan and prepare for worship
Wednesday	Those waiting for the results of medical tests
Thursday	Our part in God's mission to Solihull
Friday	Suzette, our Pioneer Minister

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, 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

Beryl D'Alton.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

David Geoffrey Cox, Barbara Ferguson, and Christine Jukes.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 17th May –The Seventh Sunday of Easter & Bell Sunday

Morning readings: Acts 1.6-14, 1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11, John 17.1-11

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 Simon Marshall and Ben Yates
11.00am	Choral Eucharist – President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
5.00pm	Taizé Evening Prayer - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-5, Ephesians 1.15-end

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

Refreshments - If you have attended the 9.30am service, or are arriving before the 11.00am service, we warmly invite you to join us for refreshments in the OBH. Offering refreshments plays a really important role in our church life. It provides a welcoming space, helping to build friendships and strengthen our sense of community. For some, this time of fellowship is just as meaningful as the service itself, and it can be especially welcoming for newcomers. If you're able to help occasionally or join a rota, we would be very grateful. Please contact Pam Price at songmeister20@gmail.com.

Ascension Day Service – Please join us on this important feast day. Our anthem at 7.30pm is 'Lift up your heads (Psalm 24)' by Mathias.

One Big Walk – for Mental Health on Tuesday 12th May during Mental Health Awareness week. All are invited to join Solihull's Men Walking and Talking and Women's Striding groups. The Walk starts at 7:00pm (meet 6.45pm) at the main gates of Malvern & Brueton Park on New Road.

Lunchtime Recital – May 13th – Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Harp Department. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Today Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May - It is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households - to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world. We will be holding a Bucket Collection in Church Today or you can make a donation using the QR code. Please give generously - Thank you.



Safeguarding Training In-Person - There will be a Basic Safeguarding Training course at St Helen's on Friday 22nd May at 2.30pm. Anyone wishing to do their training in-person rather than online is welcome to join us. Please register in advance with Pam Price 07913 260868 or songmeister20@gmail.com

Parish Away Weekend – At Launde Abbey (5-7th June). We still have a few places left for a very enjoyable and worthwhile time away. We have found we can also offer a few places for day visitors on the Saturday - please contact Andrew Williams - arwilliams399@gmail.com - if you would like to consider coming. There is a leaflet in church and an introductory video and program on our website.

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

Parish Welcome is a group that meets on a Monday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.30pm in the OBH to help those newly arrived in the country with their English. We have lots of people coming to learn but are short of helpers. Please just come or speak to Deirdre Moll (07751572046) if you would like to know more.

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

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