



St Alphege Church
Sunday 17th May 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
& Bell Sunday

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

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

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

10.15am-11.00am - Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am Choral Eucharist



Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Roy Murray and Preacher:
 Revd Simon Marshall
 Reader(s): (OT) Linda Whitehead (NT) Richard Harris
 Intercessor: Peter Haselhurst
 Music led by Senior Choristers and Back Row
 Setting: Spatzenmesse - Mozart
 Anthem: Lift up your Heads – Handel
 Voluntary: Fantasia in C - Byrd

Psalm

68.1-10

Hymns:

screens

271

302

134

Prayers and anointing for healing are routinely offered from St. Antony's Chapel following the 11am.

5.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer

Officiant: Revd Nick Parker
 Readings: Psalm 93, Ephesians 1.15-end

Hymns

785

778

786

759

THIS WEEK

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| Mon 18 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Tues 19 | 10.00am | St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH) |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringers practice |
| Weds 20 | 9.15am | Open The Book |
| | 1.10pm | Lunchtime Recital – Spanish Lute Songs and Solos – Jonathan Spencer (countertenor) & Mike Ashley (lute) |
| Thurs 21 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30am | Said Eucharist |
| Friday 22 | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |

BIBLE READING: Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday Chris Thomas, St Alphege Director of Music
Tuesday Our Archdeacon, Phelim
Wednesday Members of Religious communities
Thursday The people of St Helen's Church
Friday The staff and pupils of the schools in our parish

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, 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, and Penny Klein.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Leslie Hodges, Peter John Mitchell, and Peter Walford.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 24th May – Day of Pentecost

Morning readings: Acts 2.1-21, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

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

9.30am All Age Holy Communion – Parade Service

President: Revd Simon Marshall and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

11.00am Sung Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

5.00pm Healing Service at St Helen's Church - Officiant: Revd Anne Haselhurst and
Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: Joel 2.21-end, Acts 2.14-21

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

Today: We will be providing drinks and nibbles after the 11am service at the back of church. Please do join us.

Thank you – the bucket collection for Christian Aid totalled £368.75. We are also grateful for the additional donations made online and via the QR code. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will make a real difference to the work of Christian Aid.

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.

Diary Dates – for anyone who had noted the date from the Parish News, unfortunately the Gin and Jazz Festival won't be going ahead this year. However, please look out for further details of our Summer Messiah Concert (Saturday 20 June) and the Beer Festival (Friday 30 – Saturday 31 October). Thank you for your support.

Lunchtime Recital – May 20th – Spanish Lute Songs and Solos – Jonathan Spencer (countertenor) & Mike Ashley (lute). Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

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 couple of places left for a very enjoyable and worthwhile time away. We can also offer a few places for day visitors on the Saturday at £60 to include morning coffee and cakes, lunch, and afternoon tea and cakes. £80 to include the evening meal also. Please contact Andrew Williams - arwilliams399@gmail.com - if you would like to consider coming.

Alpha Course - we are running the successful Alpha course this year on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm at St Michael's Oak Cottage Chapel starting on 9th June for 5 weeks - further sessions from September. More details on the website, on leaflets in the churches and from arwilliams399@gmail.com

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.

To make a one-off payment please use one of the methods below:-

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