



St Alphege Church
Sunday 24th May 2026
Day of Pentecost

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

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

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

Music led by the Worship Band

Sanctus: Gathering Mass - Paul Inwood

Agnus Dei: Bobby Fisher

Hymns:

screens

595

644

60

557

screens

10.15am-11.00am - Refreshments in the OBH

11.00am

Sung Eucharist

President and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Reader(s): (OT) Ron Wheeler (NT) Sheena Linstead

Intercessor: Pam Price

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist – Chris Bell

Voluntary: 'Hymne au Soleil' - Vierne

Psalm:

104.26-

36,37b

Hymns:

102

105

60

644



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

5.00pm

Healing Eucharist at St Helen's Church

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Readings: Hosea 6.1-6, Revelation 22.1-5,17,20, John 20.19-23

THIS WEEK

Mon 25

9.00am

Morning Prayer

Tues 26

10.00am

St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)

7.30pm

Bellringers practice

Weds 27

1.10pm

Lunchtime Recital – Aaron Low and Elizabeth Khoo
 (tenor and piano)

Thurs 28

9.00am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Said Eucharist

Friday 29

9.00am

Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 20.19-23

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.'

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SHORTER COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The people of St Michael's Church
Tuesday	Archbishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury
Wednesday	Those who are in hospital
Thursday	Staff and patients of the Marie Curie hospice
Friday	Those studying for exams

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

Penny Klein, and Tamarah Gad.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

David Chambers, Douglas Hale, Margaret Mawson, and John Mark Taylor.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

Morning readings: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end, 2 Corinthians 13.11-end, Matthew 28.16-end

Services: 8.00am	Said Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
9.30am	Journey Service Part 1 in Church: Eucharist – Revd Simon Marshall Part 2 in OBH: Revd Simon Marshall and Ben Yates
11.00am	Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
5.00pm	Vespers - Officiant: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8, John 16.5-15

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.

Today our 5pm Service is at St. Helen's (a Healing Eucharist). We will still be ringing bells at St. Alphege from 5pm-6pm and hope these are a blessing to all who hear them.

Lunchtime Recital – May 27th TBC - Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

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.

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.

Summer Concert – Handel's Messiah – Saturday 20 June, 7pm

Our choirs will be joined by a fantastic line-up of soloists, including Elizabeth Cragg (soprano) and Tom Lilburn (countertenor), and accompanied by a chamber orchestra for a concert performance of this well-loved oratorio. Tickets are £12 for adults, £5 for under 18s, and are available via the QR code or from the Parish Office.



Vespers – Saturday 31 May, 5pm

As usual on a fifth Sunday, instead of the 5pm Evensong, we will be presenting Vespers which takes the format of Recital - Compline - Reception. The recital will be Ascension- and Pentecost-themed, featuring organ works by Bach, Buxtehude, Sumsion and Messiaen. All are warmly welcome - please stay to the cheese and wine reception for fellowship afterwards. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of St. Alphege Music.

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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