



St Alphege Church
Sunday 3rd May 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Morning Readings: Acts 7.55-end, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

8.00am **Said Eucharist**
President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

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 **Sung Eucharist**
Sung Eucharist – President and Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Reader(s): (OT) Mike Rumball (NT) Pam Price
Intercessor: Elisabeth Wilkin
Music led by: Junior, Senior Boys, ladies and Back Row
Gloria: Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen
Setting: Communion Service in Bb – Stanford
Anthem: O Taste and See – Vaughan Williams
Voluntary: Kyrie Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671 – J S Bach

Psalm:
31.1-5, 15-16
Hymns:
19
33
282
683

5.00pm **Evensong**
Officiant: Officiant: Revd Simon Marshall and Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler
Readings: Zechariah 4.1-10, Revelation 21.1-14
Reader: Nick Cahm
Music led by: Junior Choristers Senior Boys and Back Row
Sanders Responses
Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C – Stanford
Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley
Voluntary: Andante from Trio 3 – J S Bach

Psalm:
147.1-12
Hymns:
144
113
252

THIS WEEK

Mon 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 5	10.00am	St Alphege Prayer Group (OBH)
	10.15am	Funeral for Wendy Meikle
	7.30pm	Bellringers practice
Weds 6	9.15pm	Open The Book
	1.10pm	Lunchtime Recital – Josh Cahm, organ
	3.30pm	1 st Communion Rehearsal
Thurs 7	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Friday 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 2.2-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL: John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The people of St Alphege Church
Tuesday	Those who lead our parish study and fellowship groups
Wednesday	Those who are looking for work
Thursday	Those who work in the Touchwood Centre
Friday	Writers and poets

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

Wendy Meikle, Michael Butler, and Beryl D'Alton.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Paul Bloodworth, Marie Davey, Reginald Hobbs, and Michael Shackleton.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 10th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

9.30am All Age Holy Communion – President: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher:
Revd Sue Chandler

11.00am Sung Eucharist – President: Revd Anne Haselhurst and Preacher: Revd Nick
Parker

5.00pm Evensong - Officiant: Revd Nick Parker and Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Zechariah 8.1-13, Revelation 21.22-22.5

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

Refreshments - If you have attended the 9.30am Journey service, or arriving before the 11.00am Eucharist, 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.

Tuesday 5th May -10.15am. Funeral in church for the late Wendy Meikle, Reception afterwards at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Lunchtime Recital – May 6th – Josh Cahm, organ. Refreshments are available from 12.30pm with the performance at 1.10pm. All are welcome – admission free, retiring collection.

Thurs 7th May MU 1.30pm St Alphege Church. A talk about Mary Sumner and this year's celebrations of 150 years of MU. Please note that we will be meeting in Church and **not** OBH due to elections.

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 on Sunday, May 10th. To support Christian Aid. If you prefer to donate online just enter the following link into your browser and make your donation by clicking on the DONATE button. Please give generously - thank you. <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-alphege>

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Lunch – Please join us on Saturday 9th May, 10am-2pm at Solihull Methodist Community Hall. This includes a cake stall.

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.

Stewardship - 40 people have responded to our recent stewardship appeal. 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

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.

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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