



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 2nd February 2025
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

Morning Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40

8.00am Said Eucharist

President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Matt Vaughan

9.15am The Junction - OBH

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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Reader(s): (OT) David Sturdee (NT) Mike Rumball

Psalm:
24

Music led by Junior Choristers, Senior Boys' and Men's Choirs
Gloria: Music for the Parish Communion – Martin How
Setting: Communion Service in C – Ireland
Anthem: When to the temple Mary went – Eccard
Voluntary: Fiat Lux - Dubois

Hymns:
373
401
139
740

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
Readings: Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18.22
Reader: Sherwood Burge

Psalm:
48

Music led by Senior Girls', Ladies' and Men's Choirs
Rose Responses
Canticles: Gloucester Service – Howells
Anthem: The Lord Bless you and Keep you – John Rutter
Voluntary: Fanfare on Shine Jesus Shine – Tambling

Hymns:
440
250
431

**St Alphege Church is now open 10.00am to 3.00pm on Weekdays &
10.00am to 12.00pm on Saturdays**

THIS WEEK

Mon 3	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter via choir vestry please)
Tues 4	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 5	1.10pm	Lunchtime recital - Liam Condon, organ
Thurs 6	9.00am 10.30am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist Bellringing Workshop
Fri 7	9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer St Alphege Funeral - Jillian Hecht
Sat 8	10.00am	Bible study group - Upper Chapel

BIBLE READING : Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	That we may follow Mary's faith and obedience
Tuesday	Those preparing for licensed ministry
Wednesday	Local councillors and elected representatives
Thursday	Those suffering injustice and oppression
Friday	Those working in law enforcement and the justice system

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Michael Weale, Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Hilary Thurlow, David Porter, Nigel Vian and Dorothy Newbery.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Wendy Meikle, Henry Balthazor, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Evelyn Berry, Ron Herd, Dan and Ruth, Margaret Evans, Nicola Beale, Peter, Anne Kemp, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, and Hazel Hewlet.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Ken Hewitt, Raymond College, Sheila Harper and Elsie Blissett.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 9th February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker
	9.15am	All Age Holy Communion
	11.00am	Choral Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Morning Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

Evening Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 6.1-21, Colossians 3.1-22

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

Visiting Preacher—Today we welcome Matt Vaughan, Interserve Mission Partner, ministering in Bordesley Green.

Project Turnaround: The plans are on display at the back of church and can be downloaded from the parish website. Everyone is encouraged to give feedback. What do you like, and is there anything you are less keen on? Please email turnaround@solihullparish.org.uk

Church tidy-up - Please be advised that starting next week tree surgeons will be pruning most of the 53 trees in the churchyard and this will take 7-10days to complete. There will be no restriction of the right of way through the churchyard and to and from the OBH, but parents and children need to stay on the footpaths and be aware of any safety notices. Inevitably there will be some noise, but hopefully this will not be too intrusive.

Wednesday lunchtime recital - February 5th - Liam Condon, organ. Recitals start at 1.10pm with tea/coffee and cake available from 12.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection, held in aid of The Friends of St Alphege Music. All welcome.

MU Meeting - 6th February at 1.30pm in the OBH. A talk entitled 'Ministry, my Unexpected Journey?' by Anne Haselhurst. All welcome, lifts may be available contact Elaine on 705 3265.

Bible Study Group—Saturday 8th February 10.30am in St Alphege Chapel. All are very welcome.

Eco Church - 12th February at 10.00am OBH Room 5. Would you like to help us use the churchyard and the ground around the OBH in a more environmentally friendly way? This could include putting up bird boxes and hedgehog hotels, taking part in annual national surveys like the Big Garden Birdwatch, managing the mowing so as to improve our land for wildlife, having a compost heap and lots more. If you are interested please contact Deirdre Moll 07751572046 d.moll@usa.net

Eucharist with focus on Healing at St. Helen's on - Sunday 16th February at 6.30pm. The first of our new monthly services which include an invitation to receive prayer ministry with laying on of hands and/or anointing. This regular parish service will take place on third Sunday (same time and place).

Instructed Eucharist At our next two 9.15am All Age services (in February and March) we will be welcoming our Parish Puppets to help us explore the shape and content of our services of Holy Communion. This provides an excellent opportunity for all of us, old and new, to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the rich traditions we inherit.

Pancake Party – Saturday 1st March 2025 in the OBH from 5.00pm-7.00pm. A great family event for everyone. There will be a children's tombola, team races, home-made cakes for sale and a bar with soft drinks. Admission tickets can be purchased on the night. Family ticket £10 / Adults £5.

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 two methods below:-

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