



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 23rd February 2025
The Second Sunday before Lent

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

Morning Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end, Revelations Ch 4, Luke 8.22-25

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

10.00am The Junction Sunday Club - at St Helens

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Anne Haselhurst: & Preacher The Ven Paul Taylor

Reader(s): (OT) Susan Gomm (NT) Liz Wilkin

Music:

Setting: Mass of John the Baptist - Chris Bell

Voluntary: Toccata - Dubois

Psalm:

91

Hymns:

64

134

56

354

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Readings: Genesis 1.2-2.3, Matthew 6.25-end

Reader: Sherwood Burge

Music:

Voluntary: Toccata in D minor - J S Bach

Psalm:

18

Hymns:

205

70

372

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 24	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter via choir vestry please)
Tues 25	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 26	9.00am 1.10pm	Open the Book - School Service Lunchtime recital - Harry Brown (organ)
Thurs 27	9.00am 10.30am 12.00pm	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist Funeral for Raymond Colledge
Fri 28	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

BIBLE READING: Revelations Ch 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

GOSPEL: Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Members of the Parochial Church Council
Tuesday	Staff and residents of local care homes
Wednesday	All who volunteer with Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday	All poets and spiritual writers
Friday	SCAH and all working with homeless people in our borough

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, 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, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlet, Michael Weale and Hilary Thurlow.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Raymond Colledge, Sheila Harper, Ann Chandler, Richard Austen, Paul Mills, Anne Kemp and Barbara Eccles.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 2nd March (The Next before Lent) Stewardship Sunday

Services: 8.00am Said Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall
9.15am The Junction– OBH
10.30am Sung Eucharist: President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Morning Readings: Exodus 34.29-end, 2 Corinthians 3.1-12 - 4.2, Luke 13.1-9

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher: Revd Roy Murray

Evening Readings: Exodus 3.1-6, John 12.27- 36a

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

Lent Reflection Groups and Book. We very much hope you will wish to take part in one of our Lent groups. Full details are in purple leaflet which includes contact details for each group leader. We are following material from the book 'Lent and Easter for Everyone' by Tom Wright, a wonderfully accessible read, which is available for £8 from the St. Alphege Bookstall and Parish Office.

Worship Survey -



We are conducting a survey across the parish to gather feedback so that, via the variety of services and worship activities on offer, our worship may become as inclusive and accessible as possible, creating an environment where all people feel they can belong. The online survey is now live and may be accessed via our website or QR code. Paper questionnaires are available at the back of church. We very much desire everyone's feedback and welcome your help towards this before end of February.

Car Parking Scheme - Starting 1st March - Oliver Bird Hall and St. Alphege Church. Significant changes will be made to the car parking facilities which will be managed in future by UKPS car parking company. The current Car Parking Permit scheme will continue and permits must be displayed clearly on the front windscreen. The system will not operate on Sunday mornings before 12noon. For occasional visitors to events held at the Oliver Bird Hall, or when attending services or events at St. Alphege Church at other times, a keypad system will be in operation so it is essential registration numbers are added upon arrival at the venue.

New Electoral Roll - A new electoral roll is being created. To be on the new roll (whether you were on the old one or not) you need to fill in a form and return it by 21 March. All those on the old roll will receive a letter and form individually. Additionally, forms are available at the north door or from the Parish Office. Please consider enrolling if you are not already on the roll. Contact for enquiries: Stephen Linstead, Electoral Roll Officer: E.sglrml@btinternet.com, T. 0121 705 1376 M. 07746 796 989.

Wednesday lunchtime recital - 26th February - Harry Brown (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.

Instructed Eucharist Part 2. The parish puppets are returning to our 9.15am service on Sunday 9th March to help us explore the second part of the Communion service – the Liturgy of the Sacrament. Part 1 was very well received, and we hope you can join us for the next exciting instalment.

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.

World Day of Prayer 2025—Friday 7th March at Solihull URC 741 Warwick Road, Solihull. Drop in between 10am– 2pm for private payers with prayers led from the front at 12 noon.

St Alphege Wives' Fellowship Lunch Club - 7th March meeting at 12noon please contact Carol Caldicott on 0121 705 3168.

Anne Kemp passed away peacefully on 8th February 2025 with her family by her side. The funeral will be held in St Alphege on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 10:30am. Dress code: All things bright and beautiful.

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:-

To donate use the contactless Giving Station by the North Door or scan this QR code



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