



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 9th February 2025
The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

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

8.00am Said Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

9.15am All Age Holy Communion

Music led by Junior Choristers, Young Voices, and Worship Band

Anthem: Lead Me, Lord – Wesley; Thy Word Is a Lamp

Hymns:

493

529

324

406

11.00am Choral Eucharist

President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Reader(s): (OT) Carol Southworth (NT) David Sturdee

Psalm:

138

Music led by Senior Choristers and Men's Choir

Setting: Missa Papae Marcelli – Palestrina

Anthem: The Heavens Are Telling – Haydn

Voluntary: Plein Jeu – Du Mage

Hymns:

345

410

353

114

5.00pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher: Revd Simon Marshall

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

Reader: Ann Taylor

Psalm:

2

Music led by Men's Choir

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Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D – Howells

Anthem: To Thee, O Lord My God – Marcello

Voluntary: First Movement from Sonata No.1 - Guilman

Hymns:

234

295

466

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 10	09.00am	Morning Prayer (enter via choir vestry please)
Tues 11	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 12	9.00am 1.10pm	Open the Book - School Service Lunchtime recital - Tom Lilburn (countertenor)
Thurs 13	9.00am 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Bellringing Workshop
Fri 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL: Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

COLLECT

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	The Community of St John the Devine, Marston Green
Tuesday	Our district churchwardens: Keith, Sheila, and Chris
Wednesday	Those volunteering for Warm Welcome and Open Church
Thursday	All musicians and singers who support worship in our parish
Friday	All staff working in our St Alphege Schools

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, Anne Kemp, Elizabeth Kershaw, John Russell, Malcolm Owens, Aaliyah Adeyemo, Ruth & Rae, Roger Loads, Hazel Hewlet, Michael Weale, Hilary Thurlow and David Porter.

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Ken Hewitt, Raymond College, Sheila Harper, Elsie Blissett, Anne Chandler, Richard Austen, and Paul Mills.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 16th February: The Third Sunday before Lent

Services:	8.00am	Said Eucharist: President: Revd Simon Marshall & Preacher: Suzette Maguire
	9.15am	The Junction - OBH
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist: President: Revd Roy Murray & Preacher: Revd Sue Chandler

Morning Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Mike Smith & Preacher: Stephen Linstead

Evening Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 11.21-12.11, Galatians 4.8 -20

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

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. Paper questionnaires are available at the back of church. We very much desire everyone's feedback and welcome your help towards this.

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.

Churchyard - Work has started on lifting the crowns of our trees and will continue over the coming week. A big thank you to the unknown person(s) who two weeks ago raked up the tree debris in the west end of the churchyard. This provided a good start for the 15 workers who turned out last Saturday to continue the work. Thank you to everyone involved.

Refreshments after 9.15 OBH & the 11am Eucharist in church please stay if you can.

Wednesday lunchtime recital - 12th February - Tom Lilburn (countertenor) 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.

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 includes an invitation to receive prayer ministry with laying on of hands and anointing. This regular parish service will take place on third Sunday each month.

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 under-

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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