



St. Alphege Church
Sunday 30th March
Mothering Sunday
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Morning Readings: Exodus 2.1-10, 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, John 19.25b-27

8.00am	Said Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker	
9.15am	All Age Holy Communion President: Revd Nick Parker & Preacher Revd Sue Chandler Music led by Junior Choristers, St Alphege Young Voices and Worship Band Anthem: For the beauty of the earth—John Rutter Communion setting by Paul Inwood and Bobby Fisher	Hymns: 612 637 662 186 353
11.00am	Choral Eucharist: President: Revd Anne Haselhurst & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker Reader(s): (OT) David Sturdee (NT) John Emmett	Psalm: 127
	Music led by Senior Choristers, Ladies and Back Row Setting: Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode - Wood Anthem: For the beauty of the earth—John Rutter Voluntary: Wir glauben all an einen Gott ('Giant' Fugue) BWV680 - J S Bach	Hymns: 186 185 84 413
5.00pm	Vespers: Officiant: Revd Nick Parker Recital - Compline - Cheese and Wine Reception Recital: Rejoice in the Lamb - Benjamin Britten	Hymn: 241

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

THIS WEEK

Mon 31	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Tues 1	10.00am 7.30pm	St Alphege Prayer Group (in the OBH) Bellringers practice
Weds 2	9.15am 12.00pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Open the Book Lunchtime Recital - Nova Wind Quintet Rising Stars - Daniel Jazz Bell ringing teaching
Thurs 3	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer Said Eucharist with prayers in healing and anointing
Fri 4	9.00am	Morning Prayer



BIBLE READING: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

GOSPEL: John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR

Monday	Those who express their faith through art
Tuesday	Bishop Michael
Wednesday	St Michael's Church
Thursday	Our Rector and all the clergy
Friday	Bishop Esther

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED

Ella, Daisy, Mary, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter Sheppard, Kerrie, Nigel Vian, Dorothy Newbery, Emma, Amy, Dean, and David.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

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

PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Donna Paterson, Senna Tagboto, and Elaine Parry.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 6th April - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Morning Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21, Philippians 3.4b-14, Luke 13.31-35

5.00pm Evensong: Officiant: Mike Smith & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

Evening Readings: 2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16, Luke 22.1-13

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

Director of Children's and Families Ministry. After many years of fruitful ministry, Linda Hicks will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We will share details about our plans for properly saying goodbye and thank you in due course. Please be assured of our determination for a smooth transition so that we can build upon the legacy of wonderful work that Linda has directed and personally undertaken.

Stewardship Update: Following our recent appeal we have now received 26 responses with 20 people increasing their giving of whom two are new givers. A big thank you all who have responded and an encouragement to all of us to do so (whether or not we are able to increase). There are unaddressed stewardship packs at the back of church for those not currently part of planned giving, and please note, there is no minimum amount required for people to join this.

Vespers Recital Today at 5pm. You are all welcome to our service of Vespers (including Compline) this evening, preceded by a recital of choral music in which the choirs will sing Benjamin Britten's vibrant cantata 'Rejoice in the Lamb'. It will be followed by a 'cheese and wine' reception (including nibblets and juices). There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Friends of St. Alphege music.

Wednesday lunchtime recital - 2nd April - Nova Wind Quintet. 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.

Wives Fellowship Lunch Club– Friday 4th April, 12noon, please contact Carol Caldicott on 0121 7053168.

Join Together To Pray For Teenagers in Solihull - FRIDAY 4th APRIL - A night of Prayer and Worship for young people is being hosted by Gas Street Church at Solihull Cineworld, with Elle Limebear leading worship. Come and gather with others from all of the churches in Solihull to pray whilst this event is happening and Intercede for young people in Solihull to meet Jesus: 7.30-8.30pm at The Touchwood Hub, Meeting Room, accessed via the lift at the rear of Cocoa Coffee Co.

Light and Sound at St. Alphege Church - Tuesday 8th April 7.30 to 9.30pm. The Guardians of St Alphege will be showcasing what the newly installed lighting can offer. Following this our tower bellringing team will join us to present the background to bellringing at St Alphege and answer questions. Free admission. All welcome. Refreshments available.

St Alphege DCC AGM Wednesday - 9 April 2025 7.30pm Oliver Bird Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, fuller details of which are in the Parish Magazine. Various elections will take place as follows. There are vacancies for the post of Deputy Warden (3 years), 6 ordinary members of the DCC (1 for 2 years and 5 for 3 years) and for 2 members of the Deanery Synod each to serve 1 year. There will also be nominations from the DCC to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To be eligible for election you must have been on the St Alphege section of the electoral for at least 6 months at the time of the AGM. Nomination papers for all these posts are by the North Door. Completed forms should be returned either to Sheila Sayers (church warden) or to the Parish Office.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025 – Monday 28th April at Oliver Bird Hall. Anyone who is registered on the Parish Electoral Roll is welcome to attend. The meeting will report on the life of our parish over the past year and vote to elect lay representatives (direct and from district churches) and members of the Deanery Synod to the Parochial Church Council. If you would like to know more about the PCC or are interested in joining please contact Julia Hanson at pccsecretary@solihullparish.org.uk

Mothering Sunday Posies - A big thank you to the Mothers' Union who make and provide the posies each year.

Car Parking Scheme– Commencing 7th April

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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Reference	St Alphege

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