

**A festival for April
St. Alphege
April 19th**

Alphege became a monk at Deerhurst near Gloucester and withdrew in later life to be a hermit in Somerset. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dunstan, drew him back to be Abbot of Bath and, in 984, Bishop of Winchester. In 1005 he was made Archbishop of Canterbury, where his austere life and lavish almsgiving made him a revered and much-loved man. In the year 1011, the Danes overran south-east England, taking Alphege prisoner. They put the enormous ransom of £3000 on his head, but Alphege refused to pay it and forbade anyone from doing so, knowing that it would impoverish the ordinary people even more. He was brutally murdered by his captors at Greenwich on this day in the year 1012.

Merciful God,
who raised up your servant Alphege
to be a pastor of your people
and gave him grace to suffer
for justice and true religion:
grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom
may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts
and share his peace in lives offered to your service;
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.

**St. Augustine of Canterbury,
Highgate**



CHURCH NEWS

April 2018

The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,
Happy Easter!

During Lent we were asking each Sunday, 'What do you ask of me, Lord?' and looking at how different figures from the Bible answered that question. To give two examples, Fr. Nick Mercer reminded us of Isaiah's rapid positive response to the call of God though any particular call to an individual does not undermine the common call to follow Jesus. The Revd. Marjorie Brown spoke of the reluctance of Amos to do as God asked which was to challenge those in power about their oppression of the poor. God's call is not always welcome. However it may be experienced, I see each and every person as 'called.' It will take different forms, but we are called to follow one and the same Jesus. No one vocation is superior to another for no person is somehow more deserving of God's love than another. The common denominator is that we are all, each human being, in need of God's grace which we can never earn or deserve. It is a gift.

I wonder if our Lenten sermon series gave you pause for thought? Have you asked God what he asks of you? Why not do so? I spoke about St. Peter on Palm Sunday, and his fallibility was all too clear, but in this he was human, called as he was. That is the same for each of us.

With my best wishes and prayers,
Fr. Peter

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**Enquiries with regard to baptism, weddings
and banns of marriage should be made to
Fr. Peter**

Looking ahead

May

10 Ascension Day Mass at 10am

13 Sunday of the Ascension

20 Pentecost

27 Trinity Sunday

June

3 Corpus Christi

Parish Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10am

24 Ordination to the priesthood of Fr. Matthew Topham at 5pm at St. Mary, Tottenham

25 First Mass of Fr. Matthew Topham at 7.30pm at St. Mary, Tottenham

July

1 St. Augustine's Festival

The Vicar's Notices

Holy Week and Easter

Thank you to all who were in any way involved in any of the many services for this wonderful time. Good Friday was especially well attended.

Easter flowers

Thank you for donations. As you can see from photos on the website, on Facebook, and in the April email news from me, the money was well spent!

Annual Church Meeting Sunday April 29th

There are not many opportunities to report to the wider congregation on different aspects of church life. The Annual Church Meeting gives an annual occasion on which this can be done. The meeting this year will be after the Parish Mass on April 29th,

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

From the end of May, a new regulation comes into force tightening up existing data protection legislation. I am grateful to two church members who will be helping me later in the month to do an audit, and understand how this affects us a church.

Concerts

One of our regular organists, Philip Norman runs the organists online website. It's a great resource and is why we have never been without an organist for the past year though we have not got a permanent organist. Philip has invited us to host two concerts, and the first of these is on May 20th at 3pm. The next is on July 1st.

Calendar for April 2018

- 1 EASTER DAY
Parish Mass at 10am
- 4 Mass at 10am
- 7 Mass at 12 noon
- 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Parish Mass at 10am
- 9 Mass at 10am for the Feast of the
Annunciation of the Lord to the
Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 Mass at 10am
- 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Parish Mass at 10am
- 18 Mass at 12 noon
- 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Parish Mass at 10am
- 25 Mass at 10am
- 28 Mass at 12 noon
- 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Parish Mass at 10am followed by the
Annual Church Meeting

Bible readings for the Parish Mass

- 1 EASTER DAY
Acts 10.34-43
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
John 20.1-18
- 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4.32-35
1 John 1.1-2.1
John 20.19-32
- 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3.12-19
1 John 3.1-7
Luke 24.36b-48
- 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4.5-12
1 John 3.16-24
John 10.11-18
- 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 8.26-40
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8