

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON
Sunday 8th March 2026

Laetare Sunday – Mothering Sunday.

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday – Laetare means rejoice. We pay tribute to all mothers and to all women who share in the role of motherhood.



Entrance Hymn

677: Take my life, and let it be.

Offertory Hymn

730: This is my body.

Procession

143: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.

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Lent Course Zoom Link: Sundays at 6pm
ID: 876 7288 4031 Password: 986 561

THIS WEEK:

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel: 8am.

Monday 16th: Lent Feria.

Tuesday 17th: St Patrick – Patron of Ireland.

Wednesday 18th: St Cyril of Jerusalem.

Wednesday Mass: 7pm.

Thursday 19th: St Joseph, Feast, Mass 12 noon,
Followed by Chapter Meeting OLJCEHP of SSC.

Friday 20th: Weekday of Lent.

Friday Midday Mass: 12 noon in Lady Chapel.

Saturday 21st: Weekday of Lent.

Saturday 21st: Bishop of Fulham's Lay Congress at
St Alban's Holborn: 10am-3.30pm. Led by +Lindsay

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 22nd: 10am, Healing Mass with Fr Angus.

Sunday 22nd: 11.30am, Benediction

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday 31st: 11am Solemn Pontifical Chrism Mass at
St Andrew's Holborn.

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Over 16 and worship regularly at St Alphege? If yes, are you on our ELECTORAL ROLL? Please check at the back of church and complete a form if you are not.

CONFESSION: There will be a priest available to hear confessions every Friday evening from 6pm to 7pm in the Lady Chapel throughout Lent – No appointment necessary. Lent is the season of fasting, prayer & penitence. It is a time traditionally when people reconnect with God through this sacrament

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS: Alfred Chuck

CANDLE FOR OUR LADY: Daniel Rennis

SACRAMENT CANDLE: Pat Flood

ST ALPHEGE PRAYER GROUP aims to pray every day at 9.00am. We also offer prayers during the Sunday Service, just come to the side chapel during Communion. We are bound by rules of confidentiality. Please see Mary Findlow for more information.

THE WHATSAPP GROUP: If you'd like to join this group, speak to Fr Angus or send a text to Stephen Heath on 07752 685021.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group? Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Gillian; Margaret; Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Carl; Jean & Family; Astley; Mary; Stephen; Pearlina

Short term: JC; Gloria; Lauren; Judy; Patsy; Albert.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Frederick Dumbrill; Stanley Weston; Janet Patterson; Linda Brierley; Nellie Mend; Steve Watson.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Pat Flood; Teeshauna Duberry.

FINANCIAL POSITION: From 24th Jan to 25th Feb our income was £4,773.86 and our outgoings were £4,921.46 Please consider joining the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**, which will help St Alphege to meet its financial commitments. Scan the QR code to sign up!



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items – see list at back.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AS ALWAYS AFTER MASS!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 8:12

R: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

(a longer version may be read: John 9:1-41)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**