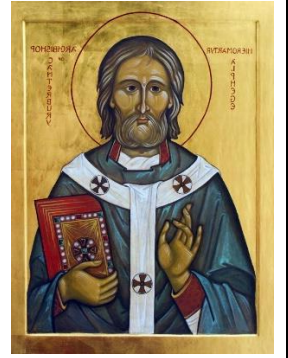


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**27th November 2022**

**Stay awake so that you may be ready**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 26th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 27th</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Parishioners
	18.00	
<b>Mon 28th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Tue 29th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	10.00	
	11.00	
<b>Wed 30th</b>	<b>St Andrew</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 1st</b>	<b>St Alexander Briant</b>	
	18.00	
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 4th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Parishioners
	18.00	



God the Father, *Cima da Conegliano (1510-1517)*

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Charles Wesley*

**Sunday Coffee**

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass  
Confessions..... Saturday 10.30 and at Call  
Choir Practice..... 19.00 Wednesdays in Church  
Psalter ..... Week 1  
Sunday Readings: ..... Year A  
Weekday Readings: ..... Year 1  
Baptisms & Marriages: ..... Contact the Parish Priest  
Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time  
Diocesan Prayer League..... St Joseph, Stonehouse  
..... Annunciation, Woodchester

**Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Advent**

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers



### Organ Recital for Advent

We are pleased to announce that Shean Bowers, the Director of Music at the Cardiff Oratory, will give an organ recital of Advent Music in our Church on Friday 9th December at 19.00 Tickets on the door (£7.50), with drinks in the hall afterwards.

**Advent is a time to wait,  
listen and ponder  
the awesome wonder of God**

### First Communion

We will be beginning classes for our candidates for First Communion in 2023 in the New Year. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Church. Candidates should be in Year 3 or above.

### CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas



In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in Church.

World Gifts such as 'super soup kitchens', 'trees for life', or 'water for a family' will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

### Advent Prayer to Jesus

You are our eternal salvation, the unending light of the world. Light everlasting, you are truly our redemption. Grieving that the human race was perishing through the tempter's power, without leaving the heights you came to the depths in your loving kindness. Readily taking our humanity by your gracious will, you saved all earthly creatures, long since lost, restoring joy to the world. Redeem our souls and bodies, O Christ, and so possess us as your shining dwellings. By your first coming, make us righteous; at your second coming, set us free: so that, when the world is filled with light and you judge all things, We may be clad in spotless robes and follow in Your steps, O King, into the heavenly hall.

*Unknown Author, 10th century*

### Legacies

Please think about the parish when drawing up your last will. Our beautiful Church was built through the generosity of parishioners often by means of legacies. Think of a legacy as a gift to the next generation of Catholics enabling them to maintain a truly worthy place of worship.

**If you want your dreams to come true,  
you mustn't oversleep**

### Forthcoming Dates

Advent Organ Recital ..... 7th December  
Beacons ..... 12th December  
Schools Carol Concert ..... 12th December  
Talk on the Gospel of Matthew ..... 16th December

## Series of Talks on the Gospel of St Matthew

**St Matthew's Passion Narrative... Monsignor Jeremy Rigden  
16th December**

all talks at 19.00 in St Alphege Parish Hall  
Refreshments from 18.30

### The Beacons

Thank you so much to those of you who supported our last community gathering. Amanda and Ruth's violin/piano concert was superb and the talk from Hilary (Genesis fundraiser) was excellent. We raised over £100. Please come and join us on the 12th December for our 'Christmas Beacons' where we will enjoy singing carols whilst enjoying mince pies, cakes and sherry. There is also going to be an optional table quiz. Looking forward to you joining us.

### Christmas Services 2022

Saturday 12th Dec. .... 17.30 St Gregory's Carol Service  
Saturday 24th Dec. .... Morning Mass 10.00  
18.30 (Peasedown)  
22.00 (Preceded by Carols at 21.30)  
Sunday 25th Dec. .... 09.00 (Peasedown) 11.00  
Monday 26th Dec. .... 10.00  
(NB No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

### Christmas Offerings

The Christmas Offertory Collection customarily goes to the priest and forms a considerable portion of his annual income. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

### St Thomas More

Dr Giles Mercer will be giving a talk entitled 'Why was St Thomas More Executed?' in the Parish Hall at 19.00 on Friday 27th January. Refreshments before and after. He recently gave this talk to Winchester Catholic History Society where it was very well received.



**God sends no churches from the skies,  
out of our hearts they must arise**

### St Alphege Icon

Our St Alphege Icon was on loan to the Bath Orthodox Church as part of their recent exhibition 'Salt of the Earth: British Saints and their Landscape.' It will be returned in the next few weeks after the artist has removed dirt and candle wax.

### SVP

Next Sunday 4th December the SVP are hosting Christmas coffee morning after the 11.00 Mass with festive food and a raffle. All are welcome and if you can help with the celebration or wish to bring food, please do let the SVP know.

### Weekly Collections

20th November Cash £345, Gift Aid £64, Clergy Training Fund £20