

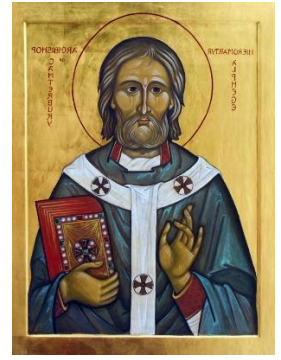


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July 2023

He brings out from his storeroom things both new and old

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 29th	SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus	
	10.00	
Sun 30th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
Mon 31st	St Ignatius Loyola	
	No Mass	
Tue 1st	St Alphonsus Ligouri	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 2nd	Feria	
	No Mass	
Thu 3rd	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 4th	St John Vianney	
	12.00	
Sat 5th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 6th	Feast of the Transfiguration	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	

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 Hall
 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 Patrick, Brockworth,
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
 Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers



The Treasure Hidden in a Field

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
 Skies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathway
 All our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 Sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labour,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy,
 Undying love.

Confirmation

The Deanery Confirmation Mass 2023 will take place on Friday 10th November, celebrated by Mgr Liam Slattery at St Mary's Church. The preparation course for young people in Year 9-13 (under 19) will begin in September at St Mary's, Julian Road Bath. Forms are available at the back of the Church or you can email them at bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

A narrow mind has a broad tongue

August

Please note that during August there will only be weekday masses on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Flower Arrangers

We are looking for a couple of people who are willing to join the flower arranging rota. If you are interested, please ring Diana on 07983 136369. It should be only once a month. Training can be given by the existing flower arrangers.

Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage

Each year the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton organises a walking pilgrimage to a place, shrine or area exploring a particular theme or aspect of faith and Christian heritage. This year they are walking from Bristol to Arundel and Sunday 13th August they will stay overnight here at St Alphege. We will, undoubtedly, make them very welcome.

Free Money for your Church!

Any member of the congregation who is a UK Taxpayer can Gift Aid their contribution and secure an additional 25% for the Church. This costs you nothing extra! The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order to pay directly into the St Alphege bank account. If you do not wish to set up a standing order, or commit to a regular weekly or monthly donation, then you can use the Gift Aid envelope system. Numbered Gift Aid envelopes can be put into the collection whenever you attend church, but do not have to contain the same amount, or be put in the collection, every week e.g. if you are away or on holiday etc. This gives you complete flexibility over the amount and timing of your donation. All donations are treated in strictest confidence. For the truly Ad Hoc donation there are envelopes at the back of the church which allow you to Gift Aid one off contributions. Please do use the Gift Aid system if you are eligible to do so – it really will bring in much needed income for the Church – for which we are very grateful. If you wish to pursue either of these options please contact Maureen Dyson, either via Father Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com.

A rich man is not one who has the most, but one who needs the least

Forthcoming Dates

Quiz	29th September
Diocesan Day	7th October
OT Talk Abraham	27th October
OT Talk Moses	17th November
OT Talk David	1st December
OT Talk Elijah	8th December

Autumn Talks

The two series of talks that we have held on Matthew in Autumn 2022 and on the Elizabethan Jesuits in Spring 2023 have both proved to be successful so we would like to continue with another four talks in the Autumn. This time the theme will be Important Figures from the Old Testament. A lot of Catholics don't know too much about the Old Testament so this will be an opportunity for us all to become a bit more familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. These are the dates, topics and speakers: 20th October, Abraham by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden; 17th November, Moses by Father Alex McAllister; 1st December, David by Anne Barrett and 8th December, Elijah by Dominic Bailey.

Choir

We could do with a few new members of the Choir to enhance the singing at Sunday Masses. If you would like to join then please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday nights in the Hall at 19.00.

Going to University this Autumn?

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the local parish.



The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

What soap is for the body, tears are for the soul

Jewish Proverb

Deanery Changes

Bishop Declan has decided to renew the existing deanery structure in the diocese. Up until now there have been thirteen deaneries, drawing priests and people together in communion, prayer and mission. From September there will be nine deaneries allowing parishes access to greater resources and to enable them to undertake a common mission for their area. From September the current Bath deanery and part of the current Trowbridge deanery will start to work together. More details will be made available as they emerge.

Heritage Open Days

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open all day on Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September. Dr Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the Church at 14.30 on those days. All welcome. The Eyre Chapel at Perrymead Cemetery is also open 9th & 10th September from 11.00 to 16.00.

Upcoming Special Collections

De La Salle Brothers Mission Appeal 13th August

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £312.05, Gift Aid Envelopes £42, Sister Pontiana £419.90, Beacons for Sister Pontiana £115

Readers

11.00: Anne V n/w Maureen, 18.00; Seena n/w Moira