

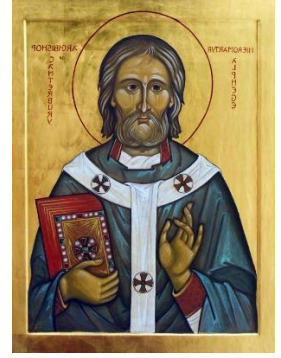


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th August 2023

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 26th	Feria	
		10.00
Sun 27th	Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9.00 Parishioners (Peasedown)
		11.00
		18.00
Mon 28th	St Augustine	
		No Mass
Tue 29th	Passion of St John the Baptist	
		10.00
		11.00 (Peasedown)
Wed 30th	Feria	
		No Mass
Thu 31st	Feria	
		No Mass
Fri 1st	Feria	
		12.00
Sat 2nd	Feria	
		10.00
Sun 3rd	Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		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 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..... Our Lady, Glastonbury;
 St Michael, Shepton Mallet; Queen of Apostles, Cheddar;
 SS Joseph & Teresa, Wells

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



Christ Handing the Keys to St. Peter, Pietro Perugino 1481-82

Who do you say I am?

In our Gospel today Jesus asks his disciples the question, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' This question is probably the most important question ever posed. Everything depends on the answer we give to this vital question.

Various answers were given according to what the disciples had heard the people say, but then Peter comes up with the right answer, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

The important thing for us is to echo the same words as Peter uttered on that great day. We need to make his statement of faith the basis of our own faith.

When we say the Creed at Mass each Sunday, we are reminding ourselves of the truths we professed at our Baptism and Confirmation. We are reiterating the fundamental beliefs of the Church of which this one simple phrase is the basis: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

Father Alex

Confirmation

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

**In my hands I hold today
In my dreams I hold tomorrow
In my faith I hold forever**

August

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

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 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.

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 Fr Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com.

**Love was without beginning,
is, and shall be without ending.**

Julian of Norwich

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



We will hold a Parish Quiz Evening on Friday 29th September at 19.00 in the Parish Hall. Teams are limited to five persons (two children count as one person) with twelve tables in total. Entry £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Winner's prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £25. Beer, wine and light refreshments available. Donations of raffle prizes most welcome. Please sign the list at the back of the Church to register your team. Come and test your wits and have a fun evening.

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.

James Reilly RIP

The funeral of James Reilly will be on Wednesday 6th September at 11:00 followed by burial at Haycombe.

**God limited man's intelligence,
but not his stupidity**

Konrad Adenauer

A Prayer from the Sarum Breviary

O God, who purifies the heart of man from sin, and makes it more white than snow, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; renew, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may show forth thy praise, and, strengthened by thy grace, may obtain rest in the eternal mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Home Missions 17th September

Sunday Collection

Last week loose: £224.32, Gift Aid Envelopes £57

Readers

11.00: Simon n/w Relston, 18.00;