

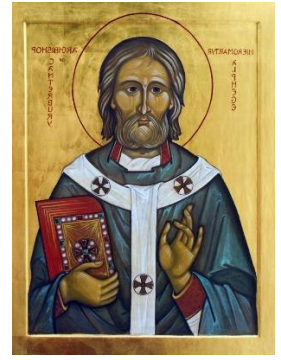


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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**Hall Bookings: Isabella Lo (Parish email above)**



**Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17th September 2023**

**To be forgiven, you must forgive**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 16th</b>	<b>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b>	
	10.00	
	13.00	Shona Mass -Josephine Zindi
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	David Lintern +
	18.00	
<b>Mon 18th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Tue 19th</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
<b>Wed 20th</b>	<b>St Andrew Kim and Companions</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 21st</b>	<b>St Matthew</b>	
	18.00	
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	<b>St Pius of Pietrecina</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 24th</b>	<b>Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Jane Floyd +



Parable of the Talents

**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..... Sacred Heart, Chew Magna  
 St Pius X, Witherwood

**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

**A Prayer**

Bring us, O Lord God,  
 at our last awakening  
 into the house and gate of Heaven,  
 to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,  
 where there shall be  
 no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;  
 no noise nor silence, but one equal music;  
 no fears or hopes, but one equal possession;  
 no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity,  
 in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,  
 world without end.

*John Donne (1572 - 1631)*



The next Parish Quiz Evening is on Friday 29th September at 19.00 in the Hall. Teams are limited to five persons (two children = one person) with twelve tables in total. Entry £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £25. Drinks and light refreshments available. Donations of raffle prizes most welcome. Sign the list at the back of the Church to register your team. Test your wits and have a fun evening.

**You'll never love life  
unless you love people**

**SPUC Meeting in Bath**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a Campaign Meeting to help stop abortion in the UK. The meeting is on Wednesday 27th September, at 19.00 in St John's Church Hall. The focus will be on current campaigns including the issue of abortion coercion. SPUC is hoping to start a local branch in Bath. Please come along to find out more. For information contact Katherine 01892 542616 or katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk

**Free Money for your Church!**

Anyone 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. You can also 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. 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. For information please contact Maureen Dyson, either via Father Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com.

**SVP**

The SVP will be speaking at masses next Sunday 24th September. New members would be most welcome.

**Funeral**

The funeral of Marilyn Rattray will take place on Tuesday 26th September at 13.15. May she rest in peace.

**We are only learning to know God when  
we realise that he cannot be known**

*St Thomas Aquinas*

**Forthcoming Dates**

Quiz ..... 29th September  
 Diocesan Day ..... 7th October  
 OT Talk Abraham ..... 27th October  
 OT Talk Moses ..... 17th November  
 Gregory Steward Concert ..... 21st November  
 OT Talk David ..... 1st December  
 OT Talk Elijah ..... 8th December

**Autumn Talks**

The previous series of talks that we have held on Matthew and on the Elizabethan Jesuits both proved popular so we would like to continue with another four talks in the Autumn. 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.

**New Gift Aid Envelopes.**

The new numbered gift aid envelopes, which come into use at the beginning of October, are available from the table at the back of the church. You should have the same number as last year. Any problem please see Maureen Dyson.

**Sister Pontiana**

Sister Pontiana wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to all those who gave so generously to her recent second collection. She is very grateful and will be using all the money she has been given in support of the projects which bring such hope to children and the poor and disadvantaged of her community. Her Sisters in Christ & herself will pray for you. God Bless you all.

**Message from the SVP**

Thank you to all those that came to the Paddington film night in January. The film night raised £137.90 for our twin in the Sudan but unfortunately due to the conflict in the Sudan we have been unable to send it directly to them. We can however still help by sending the funds to South Sudan to help the refugees from Sudan there that are in need. If you donated money during the film night and are not happy with the change in where the money is going, please can you contact Lizzie Creevy by the end of September. The SVP are grateful for your continued support in what we do.

**No one can be perfectly free till all are free;  
no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral;  
no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy**

*Herbert Spencer*

**Accommodation Required**

Two responsible Ukrainian ladies are looking to rent a two-bedroom flat. If you know of one, please inform Frances Rimmer on 07940 583 846.

**Heritage Open Days**

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open all day on Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September. Dr Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the Church at 14.30 on those days.

**Perrymead Masses**

Masses will be celebrated at Perrymead Cemetery on Tuesday 26 September at 15.00 and Saturday 4 November at 10.00.

**Upcoming Special Collections**

Home Missions 17th September, CAFOD 8th October, World Missions 22nd October

**Sunday Collection**

Last week loose: £237.86, Gift Aid Envelopes £42.50

**Readers**

11.00: Veritas n/w Karen, 18.00; Duncan n/w Dominic