

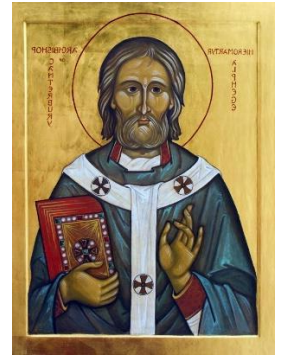


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 2023

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 14th	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 15th	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Sinead Sheridan +
Mon 16th	Feria	
	10.00	
Tue 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
Wed 18th	St Luke	
	No Mass	
Thu 19th	Feria	
	18.00	
Fri 20th	Feria	
	12.00	
Sat 21st	Feria	
	10.00	
Sun 22nd	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	Holy Souls

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
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Margaret Mary, Coleford,
 Our Lady of Victory, Cinderford;
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Autumn

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, the Reverent
 Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, the Spread of
 the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and
 their Families, All Victims of War, Young People



The Peasant Wedding, Pieter Breughel the Elder, 1567

The painting above is called *The Peasant Wedding*, and it shows a summer party set in a barn. We can see the bride sitting in front of a green hanging, wearing a crown, but she is sitting there passively, not participating in the eating or drinking taking place around her. She is almost statuesque, like a sculpture of Our Lady. The wooden tables and chairs are roughly fashioned and the food on offer appears to be bread, porridge and soup. Humble food is being served in a humble setting. Like all of Breughel's paintings, scholars identify symbolic references and clear moralistic undertones to them. Here it has been suggested that the painting serves as a warning against the deadly sin of gluttony, as almost every guest (except the bride), seem to be preoccupied with eating. Even one of the two musicians stares in the direction of the food servers, keen to eat.

Certainly no one appears to be interested in the spiritual nature of the occasion. The largest figure in the whole painting, is the servant in his light blue shirt and white apron who is the focal point. It isn't the bride or the officials, but the servant that is celebrated here by Breughel. The feast seems sumptuous but there is not much food on the plates and with the bride being reserved, the painting depicts humility versus the gluttony it is surrounded by.

God is inviting everyone to the wedding with great generosity. All we have to do is accept the invitation and take our place. It is an invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven which is sent out to everyone. But like with any invitation, we are free to accept it or not. We are free to say yes or no. But as generous and all-inviting as God's invitation is, it is not to be taken for granted. We should feel privileged that we are invited and love God all the more for it.

Cappella Nova
BATH
chamber choir

Conductor Tony Shield

Ave Maria

Music for the Virgin Mary

Saturday 4 Nov 2023
7.30 pm

St Alphege's Church
Oldfield Lane, Bath

Concert in aid of
Off the Record
and
St Alphege's
Church

Tickets £15
students £8
under-18s free
from
bit.ly/cn-ave-maria
and on the door

www.cappellanova.org.uk

There will be a Capella Nova Concert in the Church on Saturday 4th November 19.30 Tickets on the door £15, Students £8. Under 18s free.

**When the sea was calm all ships alike
showed mastership in floating**

Shakespeare

A Prayer

Lord, teach thy people to love thy house best of all dwellings, thy Scriptures best of all books, thy Sacraments best of all gifts, the Communion of Saints best of all company: and that we may as one family and in one place give thanks and adore thy glory, help us to keep always thy day, the first of days, holy unto thee, our Maker, our Resurrection, and our Life, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Eric Milner-White

**We are all in the gutter,
but some of us are looking at the stars**

Oscar Wilde

Forthcoming Dates

Diocesan Day 7th October
OT Talk Abraham 20th October
OT Talk Moses 17th November
Gregory Steward Concert 21st November
OT Talk David 1st December
OT Talk Elijah 8th December

BINGO

We will be holding a Bingo Night in the Parish Hall at 19.00 on Friday 27th October. Come and join us for a fun evening for all the family.

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. £5 donation is suggested.

missio

Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and we will take up a collection for Missio to support Catholic Missions in developing countries. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Beacons

Our next afternoon tea will be on Monday 16th October from 14.00 to 16.00 in the Parish Hall and our chosen charity this month is MIND.

**People who are brutally honest often
get more satisfaction out of the brutality
than out of the honesty**

Gregory Steward Concert



There will be a Concert in the Church at 19.30 on Tuesday 21st November by the local tenor Gregory Steward. He will be performing an 'Evening of Classical Music with Songs from the Shows.' including Les Misérables, South Pacific and Carousel. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

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 583846.

Upcoming Special Collections

World Missions 22nd October

Sunday Collection

Loose: £252.24, Gift Aid Envelopes £67 CAFOD £129.48

Readers

11.00: Nkechi n/w Bibian, 18.00; Dominic n/w Seena

Little Church

This week Janet n/w Bibian