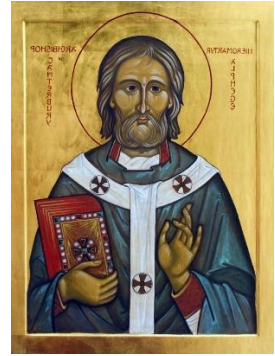


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Second Sunday of Easter

16th April 2023

My Lord and my God

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 15th	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	
	10.00	June-Anne Hare +
Sun 16th	Second Sunday of Easter (St Alphege)	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Pat Carter
	18.00	
Mon 17th	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	Laurie Griffiths
Tue 18th	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	Anne Creevy
	11.00	
Wed 19th	Weekday of Easter	
	No Mass	
Thu 20th	Weekday of Easter	
	18.00	
Fri 21st	Weekday of Easter	
	12.00	
Sat 22nd	Weekday of Easter	
	10.00	
Sun 23rd	Second Sunday of Easter	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Norah McHenry +
	18.00	



The Incredulity of Thomas (Ludovico Mazzolino, 1522)

St Alphege

Today we celebrate the feast of St Alphege as this Sunday is the nearest to his feast day of 19th April. He was born in Weston, Bath around the year 953 and became a monk first at Deerhurst near Tewksbury, then at Glastonbury and following that at Bath Abbey. He became Bishop of Winchester and then Archbishop of Canterbury.

The big threat in those days came from the Danes who were mostly located in the east of the country and when Alphege moved to Canterbury he was firmly in Danish territory. In 1011 they laid siege to Canterbury and captured Alphege intending to ransom him. Alphege instructed the Christians not to pay any ransom and he was killed during a drunken bacchanal. He was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to be martyred.

We admire him because of his scholarship, his organisational skills, his leadership of the Church and for his courage in defending the faith.
Father Alex

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 Proper
 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..... SS Peter & Paul, Bath

Cycle of Prayer: Easter

New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,
 The Right Use of the Media, The Church

Easter Organ Concert



We are holding an Organ recital on Friday 21st April at 19.00. The organist is Shean Bowers and music includes 'Occasional Oratorio' by Handel, 'Nun Danket Alle Gott' by Bach, 'O Fili et Filiae' by Dandrieu and 'An Easter Alleluia' by Slater and several other works. Tickets at the door £10 adults, £5 concessions. Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

**A man never stands as tall
as when he kneels to help a child**

Prayer of St Alcuin of York (730-804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind
and soul and strength we may seek thy face
and be brought by thine infinite mercy
to thy holy presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Little Church

Volunteers urgently needed to lead Little Church. Ideally the parents of the children who attend should lead the sessions. Please let Father Alex know if you can help. We have not held Little Church for the last few weeks due to lack of helpers. It would be good if they could restart soon. It only needs a short liturgy, the Gospel, a brief discussion and a few prayers with some time to draw a picture.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and is so named in order to highlight the Message of Divine Mercy as proclaimed by Sister Faustina Kowalska and promoted by Pope John Paul II. The faithful are encouraged to spend time to discover more about the mercy of God, to learn how to trust in Jesus, and to respond to the invitation to live lives which are as merciful to others as Christ is merciful to us.

Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for a few new Eucharistic Ministers who could bring communion to one of the housebound once a month. Please talk to Father Alex.

Many Thanks

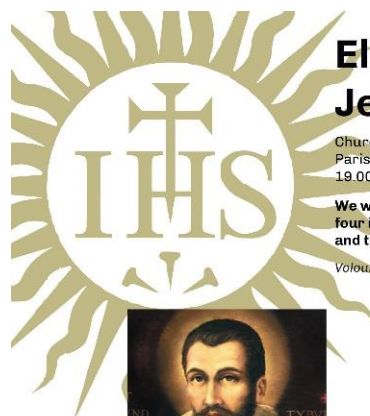
Many thanks for your Easter Offering to the clergy, it is much appreciated.
Father Alex

**May your choices reflect your hopes,
not your fears**

Nelson Mandela

Forthcoming Dates

Organ Concert.....	21st April
Elizabethan Jesuits Talk	28th April
Elizabethan Jesuits Talk	5th May
Coronation Garden Party	7th May
Elizabethan Jesuits Talk	19th May
Readers Course	3rd June
Corpus Christi Procession, Prior Park	11th June
International Evening	16th June



Elizabethan Jesuits

Church of Our Lady and St Alphege
Parish Hall
19.00

We will be having a series of talks on four important Elizabethan Jesuits and their exciting stories.

Voluntary donations



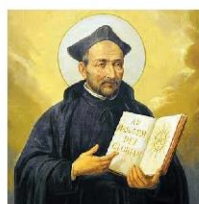
Edmund Campion

by Professor Gerard Kilroy
Tuesday 4th April



John Gerard

by Father Alex McAllister
Friday 28th April



Robert Southwell

by Duncan McGibbon
Friday 5th May



Nicholas Owen

by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden
Friday 19th May

Missio

Please return your Missio red boxes to the sacristy for counting and pick up any old ones from the back of the Church. Please make sure they are correctly labelled. In total £1,069 was raised in the last year plus those who have direct debits with Missio. An excellent result! If you would like a Missio box please ask.

**A life spent making mistakes
is not only more honourable,
but more useful
than a life spent doing nothing**

George Bernard Shaw

Easter Duties

You will be aware that Easter Duties are still an obligation for all Catholics. This means that we are required to go to Confession and to receive Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Beacons

The next meeting of the Beacons is 24th of April with fund raising for 'Ripple Effect', previously known as 'Send a Cow', see poster in the Church porch.

Readers Course

We have organised a course for readers from all the parishes in Bath here at St Alphege on Saturday 3rd June from 11.00 to 15.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

Upcoming Special Collections

23rd April Clifton Adoption Society, 7th May Clergy Training

Sunday Collection

Good Friday Holy Places £226.42

Readers

11.00: Bibian n/w Simon, 18.00; 18.00 Grainne n/w Duncan