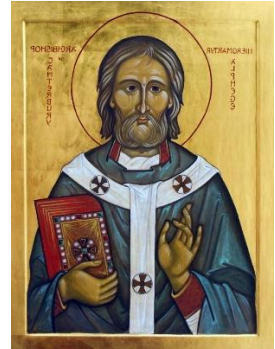


**Parish of
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together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Second Sunday of Lent

5th March 2023

This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 4th	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	
Sun 5th	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	Elizabeth Woods +
	17.30	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	
Mon 6th	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	
Tue 7th	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	
	11.00	
Wed 8th	Weekday of Lent	
	No Mass	
Thu 9th	Weekday of Lent	
	18.00	
Fri 10th	Weekday of Lent	
	12.00	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat 11th	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	
Sun 12th	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9.00	(Peasedown)
	11.00	
	17.30	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	



The Transfiguration, *Fra Angelico 1440-42*

The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is one of the few Gospel narratives that is repeated more than once throughout the liturgical year. It has its own feast day in August. Why then do we hear it during Lent?

One reason is that it points towards the whole aim of the penitential season of Lent: it gives us a glimpse of the Resurrection. Jesus permits the select group of disciples to see his future glory.

We are given this text about the Transfiguration to sustain us as we do penance and give us sight of the Easter victory that we are preparing to celebrate. The glory shows us that Jesus is God. The appearance of Moses and Elijah tells us that Christ himself is the fulfilment of the whole of Salvation History.

We should not lose sight of these facts. Whilst the solemnity of the season of Lent is important; it loses all its potency if we forget that it leads us to the glory and joy of Easter.

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 Week 1
 Sunday Readings: Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year B
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time
 Diocesan Prayer League..... Religious Communities

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Lent

Candidates for the Sacraments, Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Penitents and Wanderers



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Sundays at 17.30. People are free to say the Stations of the Cross individually or collectively at any time during Lent. Booklets are available at the back of the Church for your use.

Those who think it is permissible to tell white lies soon grow colour-blind



Easter Egg Hunt

Donations of Easter Eggs are required for the Easter Egg Hunt which will take place after the 11.00 mass on Easter Sunday. Please leave donations of Easter Eggs in the box at the door of the church. Many thanks.

Little Church

Volunteers are urgently needed to lead Little Church. Ideally the parents of the children who attend should help with leading the sessions. Please let Father Alex know if you can help.

Easter Organ Concert

We will be holding an Easter Organ Concert on Friday 21st April at 19.00. The organist will be Shean Bowers and music will include '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 £10 adults, £5 concessions. Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

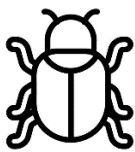
Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March 2023 at 14:00 in St Mary's Church Hall, Queen Square, Bath.

Readers Course

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

Beetle Drive



We will be holding a Beetle Drive on Friday 31st March at 19.00 in the Parish Hall. Come and join a fun evening suitable for all the family. Tickets £6 adults, £4 children. Pie and Mushy Pea Supper provided. Donations for the raffle appreciated. Please sign the sheet.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver... He also accepteth from a grouch!

Forthcoming Dates

Beetle Drive.....	31st March
Chrism Mass	5th April
Easter Sunday.....	9th April
Social Committee	14th April
Organ Concert.....	21st April
International Evening	28th April
Coronation Garden Party	7th May
International Evening	12th May
Corpus Christi Procession, Prior Park	11th June

Elizabethan Jesuits



We will be having another series of talks at St Alphege; this time on four important Elizabethan Jesuits and their very exciting stories. The talks will take place in the Parish Hall with refreshments at 19.00 on the following dates:

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. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Bishop will be presiding at several Services of Reconciliation across the Diocese during Lent. the nearest one to Bath will be at 19.00 on Thursday 16th March at St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome.

St Alphege Talk

On Monday 13th March 19.30 in St Mary's Bathwick Church Hall Dr Giles Mercer will give a talk on 'St Alphege (953-1012): Son of Bath, Prophet for our Time' to the History of Bath Research Group: all warmly welcome.

Chrism Mass

Coach picking up from North Parade at 9.15 on 5th April. Register at bath.stjohntheevangelist@cliftondiocese.com

A Prayer by Saint Ephraim of Syria

O Lord and Master of my life,
take from me the spirit of sloth, despair,
lust of power, and idle talk,
but grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility,
patience, and love to thy servant.
Yea, O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own transgressions
and not to judge my brother,
for blessed art thou, unto ages of ages. Amen

(4th century)

Some minds are like concrete: All mixed up and permanently set



Friday 3rd March was Family Fast Day and we will be taking up a second collection today Sunday 5th March to support their work in the developing countries. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. CAFOD is responding with the provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for those affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For details visit cafod.org.uk.

Upcoming Second Collections

Today 5th March CAFOD

Sunday Collection

26th February Loose £273.01, Gift Aid Envelopes £44.

Readers

11.00: Karen n/w Liz, 18.00; 18.00 Moira