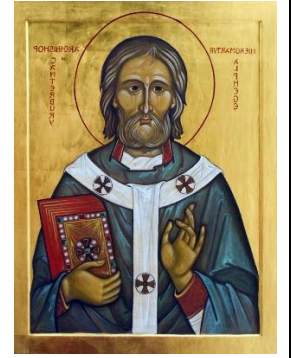


**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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Palm Sunday

2nd April 2023

Hosanna in the highest!

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 1st	Weekday of Lent	
	10.00	
Sun 2nd	Palm Sunday	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Eileen Godman (int)
	17.30	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	Janet Newman +
Mon 3rd	Monday of Holy Week	
	10.00	
Tue 4th	Tuesday of Holy Week	
	10.00	Holy Souls
	11.00	
Wed 5th	Wednesday of Holy Week	
	11.00	Chrism Mass at Cathedral
Thu 6th	Maundy Thursday	
	19.00	May Timothy (int)
Fri 7th	Good Friday	
	15.00	
Sat 8th	Holy Saturday	
	20.00	
Sun 9th	Easter Sunday	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



Palm Sunday

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and we recall Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with the common people out waving Palms and crying out 'Hosanna in the Highest.' To onlookers this would not have seemed a very auspicious occasion and yet we know that it marked the moment Saviour of the World took possession of his holy city. It was his solemn entry into Jerusalem immediately prior to the working out of the great events which brought about our salvation.

So despite the fact that it was a very low key incident, which was surely overlooked by the social and religious elite, it was actually an occasion of great significance. This reminds us that we too often overlook what could be highly significant events. We prefer to notice the grand occasions and would rather see the big picture, and we fail to take notice of what might appear to us to be rather insignificant events. And yet the lesson of today is that it is often the insignificant things which are the most important of all.

This is one of the lessons given to us by St Theresa of Lisieux. She told us to concentrate on getting the tiniest of things right because according to her they were the most important of all. According to St Theresa the passing of salt at the table could be a great act of charity because it would mean that we were totally focussed on the needs of others. So let us open our eyes to notice the significance of the insignificant and remember that it is the least important of our actions than can raise us up in the eyes of God.

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 4
 Sunday Readings: Year A
 Weekday Readings: Year 3
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Mothers Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 9.00-9:45 Term Time
 Diocesan Prayer League..... University Chaplaincies

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

Easter Ceremonies St Alphege

Maundy Thursday	19.00
Good Friday.....	15.00
Easter Vigil	20.00
Easter Sunday.....	11.00 & 18.00

Easter Ceremonies St Joseph, Peasedown

Maundy Thursday	19.00
Good Friday.....	15.00
Easter Sunday.....	9.00

**The roots of education are bitter,
but the fruit is sweet**

Aristotle



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 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.

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 £10 adults, £5 concessions. Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards.

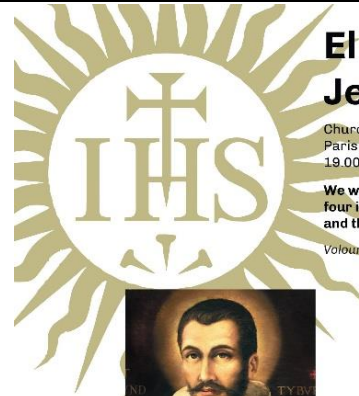
Hall Booking Secretary

St Alphege Church is looking for someone to manage the Parish Hall bookings, including liaising with hirers, overseeing the parish email and calendar, raising invoices, managing payments to and from the parish and general administration. The role will be 10 hours per week working from the parish with flexibility for some home working. Email bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com for a full Job Description and Application Form. Closing date: 10th April.

**Palm Sunday tells us that
it is the Cross that is the true tree of life**

Forthcoming Dates

Elizabethan Jesuits Talk	4th April
Chrism Mass	5th April
Easter Sunday.....	9th April
Social Committee	14th April
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	(Date change) 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

Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for a few new Eucharistic Ministers who could bring communion to the housebound once a month. Please talk to Father Alex. Enrolment for all Eucharistic Ministers will take place at the mass on Maundy Thursday.

Missio

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

**No pain, no palm;
no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown**

William Penn

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.

Tour Group

There will be a tour group visiting the 10.00 mass on Saturday 1st April as part of a visit to Bristol and Bath.

Upcoming Second Collections

Good Friday 7th April Holy Places, 23 April Adoption Society, 7th May Clergy Training Fund.

Sunday Collection

26th March Loose £316.27, Gift Aid Envelopes £67

Readers

11.00: Nkechi n/w Karen, 18.00; 18.00 Dominic & Grainne n/w Dominic