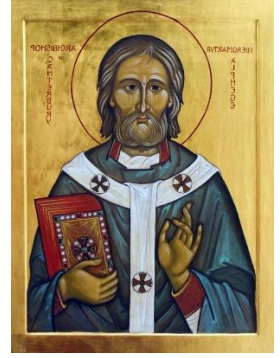


**Parish of  
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath  
together with  
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

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



**Pentecost Sunday**

**28th May 2023**

**Receive the Holy Spirit**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

<b>Sat 27th</b>	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	
<b>Mon 29th</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Tue 30th</b>	<b>Weekday of Easter</b>	
	10.00	
	11.00	(Peasedown)
<b>Wed 31st</b>	<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	No Mass	
<b>Thu 1st</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest</b>	
	18.00	
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
	12.00	
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	<b>St Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>	
	10.00	
<b>Sun 4th</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	
	18.00	



Pentecost, Jan Joest van Kalkar (1450-1519)

**The Holy Spirit**

It is a cliché in Catholic circles that the Holy Spirit is the neglected Person of the Blessed Trinity. While the Council of Nicaea promulgated formulas for the Father and the Son, it merely stated belief in the existence of the Holy Spirit. More details would be added at future Ecumenical Councils, as the Creed we recite on a Sunday demonstrates, but nevertheless the Spirit retains an element of mystery and ineffability. However, we realise that the Holy Spirit absolutely is essential to the Christian life which is grounded and built upon grace. We understand that the Holy Spirit is at the very centre of the Sacraments, the Magisterium and in the hearts of each individual Baptised person. Through the Spirit we are united to the Mystical Body of Christ and made sons and daughters of God the Father.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us a new Advocate who will counsel and advise us. The Holy Spirit will continue to make Jesus' teaching present in the world and in each individual heart until the end of time. Also, each of us has a conscience that is bound up with the Holy Spirit. How we engage with our Faith will inform our conscience but it is the same Spirit that guides all of us. It might be hard to capture the essence of the Spirit in a dogmatic formula but if we open our hearts and minds to it we can hear and know the Spirit. This will be beyond words but rooted in our very essence.

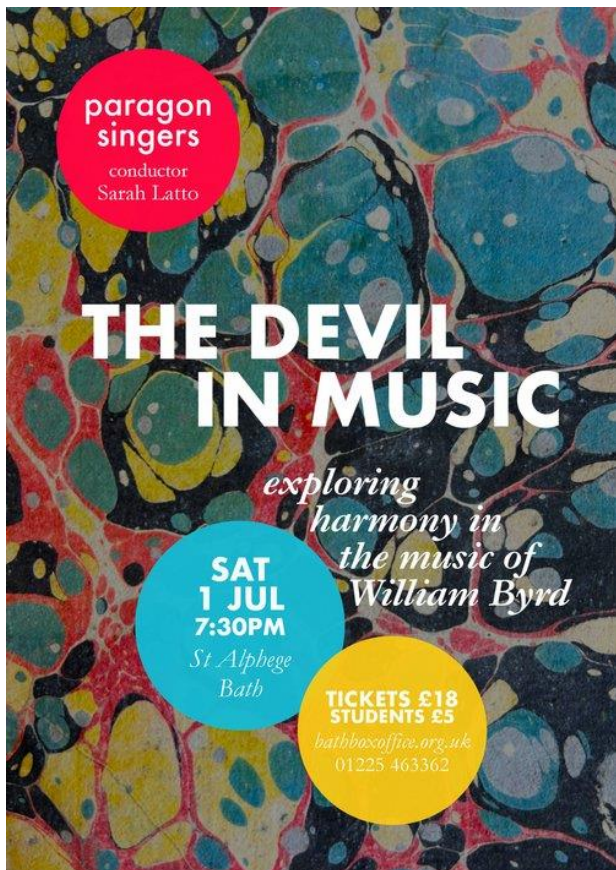
*Father Alex*

**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 of Season  
 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..... Holy Family, Patchway

**Cycle of Prayer: Easter**

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



**It's not what you look at that matters,  
it's what you see**

Henry David Thoreau



**International Evening**

We are holding an International Evening on Friday 16th June in the Parish Hall. We are looking for parishioners of various nationalities who are willing to cook a dish typical of their region to share with their fellow parishioners. If you wish to cook, please contact emilytlaker@gmail.com, annedangleterre@hotmail.com or debbie.watson4301@gmail.com. If you intend coming, please sign the list at the back of the Church so we can get an idea of numbers. Tickets on the day will be £5 for adults £3 for children. Raffle prizes are most welcome.

**National Gallery Exhibition**

There is a free exhibition on at the National Gallery from 6th May to 6th July on St Francis of Assisi which looks to be worth a visit. [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk)

**We learn from history  
that we do not learn from history**

Hegel

**Flower Arrangers**

We are looking for a couple of people who are willing to join the flower arranging rota. If you are interested, please ring Frances on 07940 583846. It should be only once a month. Training can be given by the existing flower arrangers.

**Forthcoming Dates**

Readers Course .....3rd June  
Corpus Christi Procession, Prior Park .....11th June  
International Evening .....16th June



**Corpus Christi**

There will be a Corpus Christi Procession for all the Bath parishes with Benediction over the City of Bath in Prior Park at 15.00 on Sunday 11th June. Please bring a picnic.

**Confirmation**

The Deanery Confirmation Mass 2023 will take place on Friday 10th November, celebrated by Mgr Liam Slattery at St Mary's Church, Bath. The preparation course for young people in Year 9-13 (under 19) will begin in September at St Mary's. Email [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com) with the name of the young person and contact details.

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage**

The Glastonbury Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 9th July. A procession through the town centre behind the statue of Our Lady begins at 14.15 and returns to the Abbey at 15.00. The Mass will be celebrated at 15.30.

**Choir**

We could do with a few new members of the Choir to enhance the singing at Sunday Masses. If you would like to join then please come along to rehearsals on Wednesday nights in the Hall at 19.00.

**Job Vacancy**

Life Project (Bath) have a vacancy for a Cooking and Nutrition Activity Leader to lead activities focused on food preparation and developing life skills with adults with learning disabilities. The vacancy is initially for 12 hours a week (Tues & Thurs). For details about the role please visit [www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk/get-involved/work-with-us](http://www.lifeprojectbath.org.uk/get-involved/work-with-us) to download the Job Description and Application Form. The deadline is midnight on Sunday 4th June. For more information or to arrange an informal discussion about this role please contact [ceo@lifeprojectbath.org.uk](mailto:ceo@lifeprojectbath.org.uk).

**Love can turn the simplest cottage  
into a golden palace**

German Proverb

**Beacons**

Our Coronation Beacons on Monday 15th May raised £105 for St John's 'Rosemary Community' and was a jolly good event thanks to delicious home-made cakes and lively songs by the Acoustic singalong band 'Now and Then'. Our next Beacons will be on the 19th June in aid of 'Move the Mind'.

**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. Start with tea and coffee at 10.30. Meet in the Hall.

**Upcoming Special Collections**

Priest's Retirement Fund 4th June

**Sunday Collection**

Last Week Plate £212.41, Gift Aid Envelopes £37

**Readers**

11.00: Liz n/w Anne V, 18.00; Duncan n/w Moira

**Children's Liturgy**

This week Janet n/w Helen