

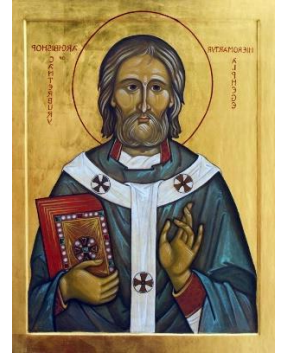
**Parish of
Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath
together with
St Joseph's, Peasedown St John**

**Parish Priest: To Be Appointed
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Hall Bookings: Isabella Lo (Parish email above)



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2024

We have found the Messiah

Mass Times at St Alphege

or St Joseph's, Peasedown if indicated

Sat 13th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 14th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00	Sean Quinn
	18.00	
Mon 15th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Tue 16th	Feria	
	10.00	Bozenna and family
	11.00	(Peasedown)
	13.00	Funeral Doris Hawley
Wed 17th	St Anthony, Abbot	
	No Mass	
Thu 18th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 19th	St Wulstan	
	12.00	Pat and Deborah Carter
Sat 20th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Sun 21st	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.00	Parishioners (Peasedown)
	11.00.	Thomas and Kathleen Quinn
	18.00	



Eli and Samuel, John Singleton Copley, 1780

Samuel

The story of the boy Samuel hearing God calling him that we are presented with as our First Reading today is one of the more wonderful stories we find in the Bible.

It did not take the old High Priest Eli very long to realise that the boy was being called directly by God. In adulthood following the disastrous defeat of the Israelites by the Philistines, Samuel rallied his humiliated people and won for himself recognition as a great judge and prophet.

Samuel is seen as the first of the major prophets and was to anoint as King both Saul and David.

As a prophet he travelled each year through the whole country rebuking the people and calling them to repentance. He is regarded as one of the wisest of the leaders of Israel. He is also viewed as one of those who foreshadowed Christ, giving the people an insight into what the coming Messiah would be like.

Father Alex McAllister

Information

Coffee is served in the Parish Hall after 11.00 Sunday mass
 Confessions..... 10.30 Sunday or on request
 Choir Practice..... 19.00 Wednesdays in Hall
 Psalter2
 Sunday Readings:..... Year B
 Weekday Readings: Year 2
 Baptisms & Marriages: Contact the Parish Priest
 Diocesan Prayer League..... St Dunston, Somerton,
 Holy Ghost, Yeovil

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Winter

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed

Monday 15th January
2pm – 4pm
St Alphege's Church Hall,
Oldfield Lane, BA2 3NR

In memory of Moira Horton

TEA AND COFFEE

LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

CAKE

RAFFLE

You are ALL warmly invited to our first Beacons of the year. Do come to the parish hall at 2pm on Monday 15th January for delicious home-made cakes and refreshments, pleasant company, light music and a raffle which will raise funds for the RUHX, a charity which was close to Moira's heart.

It is easy to find truth, though it is hard to face it, and harder still to follow it.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th January. Church Unity Week always concludes with the Feast of St Paul.

Talk on 'Benedictine Bath'

Talk on 'Benedictine Bath' by Giles Mercer, Parish Hall, St John's, Tuesday 16 January 2pm: all are warmly welcome.

Lord, take me from myself and give me to Yourself.

Saint Catherine of Siena

Father Tibor and Father Ian

We welcome Fr Tibor who will be looking after our Parish until a permanent Parish Priest has been appointed. Masses, as published in the Bulletin, will be shared between Fr Tibor and Fr Ian until further notice.

Father Alex

Anyone wishes to send cards to Fr Alex, please send the cards or hand them to the parish office at St Alphege.

Social Events

There will be no film night on Friday 19 Jan. At the moment we are hoping to continue with a social event on Friday evening 2 Feb but please do let the social committee know if you are able to help. There will be more information about February's social event in the next couple of weeks.

Forthcoming Dates

Social Event 2nd February



First Holy Communion

First Communion classes for children in Year 3 and above has commenced on 7th January. Sessions start at 10.00 and last an hour so that parents can go with the children to Sunday mass afterwards.

Please note that going to mass is an essential part of the package. The dates for the sessions are: January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, February 4th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, April 21st and 28th, May 12th (with an additional practice after Mass). Any changes to these dates will be notified. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on either 18th or 19th of May depending on numbers. Application forms are at the back of the Church. Please return as soon as possible with a copy of the Baptismal certificate and £10 for the book, etc.

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has asked us to keep 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. At St John's Church they will be holding a series of talks on prayer throughout next year. The talks will be held in St John's Church on Tuesdays at 19.00. The talks are as follows: 23rd January Lord Teach us to Pray, Fr Tom Dubois; 20th February The Prayer of Jesus, Fr Dermot Power; 30th April The Prayer of the Desert, Fr John Udris; 28th May The Prayer of St Benedict, Fr Mark Hargreaves OSB; 25th June The Prayer of St Dominic, Sr Hyacinthe OP; 23rd July Window on the Divine -Icons, Tamara Penwell; The Prayer of St Martin & St Clare, Fr Maximilian Martin OFM Conv; 29th October The Prayer of Carmel, Fr Michael McAndrew; 26th November The Prayer of St Ignatius Fr James Hanvey SJ.

**Sow a thought, reap an action;
 sow an action, reap a habit;
 sow a habit, reap a character;
 sow a character, reap a destiny**

Mass Intentions

At the moment there will only be weekday masses on Tuesday and Fridays at the normal times. All Mass Intentions that have already been booked for other weekdays will be progressively moved to a Tuesday or Friday over the coming weeks. This may take some time to satisfy the current bookings but we hope that you will bear with us in these exceptional circumstances. If you are NOT happy with this arrangement please let the parish office know.

Parish Flower Arrangers

St Alphege Parish flower arrangers are looking for a volunteer to join their team. No experience necessary and it will be once a month. If you can help please contact Diana Shinn on 07983136369

Upcoming Special Collections

11th February Aid to the Church in Need, 25th February CAFOD

Sunday Collection

Last week Plate £241.59, Gift Aid Envelopes £42

Readers

11.00: Veritas, 18.00: Grainne

Little Church

This week Janet