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|  | **Parish of  Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath together with St Joseph’s, Peasedown St John**  **Parish Priest: Father Alex McAllister SDS**  **The Presbytery, Oldfield Lane, Bath BA2 3NR 01225 424894 / 07788 415200**  **bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com www.saintalphege.org.uk**  **Hall Bookings: Isabella Lo (Parish email above)** | St. Alphege (Aelfheah) |

**Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2023**

**Get behind me Satan!**

**Mass Times at St Alphege**or St Joseph’s, Peasedown if indicated

**Sat 2nd Feria**

10.00

**Sun 3rd Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00 Parishioners (Peasedown)

11.00

18.00 Holy Souls

**Mon 4th St Cuthbert**

10.00

**Tue 5th Feria**

10.00

11.00 (Peasedown)

**Wed 6th Feria**

No Mass

**Thu 7th Feria**

18.00

**Fri 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12.00

**Sat 9th Feria**

10.00

**Sun 10th Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00 Parishioners (Peasedown)

11.00

18.00

**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 1

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 LeagueOur Lady, Glastonbury;   
St Michael, Shepton Mallet; Queen of Apostles, Cheddar; SS Joseph & Teresa, Wells

**Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time Summer**

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers



If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

**Jesus Christ, the Borrower**

The people of the world have known, and still know, their need of a Saviour. When he comes, he comes as one in need.

He is born in a borrowed stable, and learns the trade of a borrowed father. He eats and sleeps in borrowed homes, preaches from borrowed boats, enters a capital city on a borrowed donkey.

He shares his last supper in a borrowed room. Betrayed for borrowed money he is aided with his Cross by a borrowed shoulder. He borrows a home for his mother, and is buried in a borrowed tomb. Risen and alive in power, he is still a borrower: He wishes to borrow you and me.



We will hold a Parish Quiz Evening on Friday 29th September at 19.00 in the Parish Hall. Teams are limited to five persons (two children count as one person) with twelve tables in total. Entry £3 per adult and £1.50 per child. Winner’s prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £25. Beer, wine and light refreshments available. Donations of raffle prizes most welcome. Please sign the list at the back of the Church to register your team. Come and test your wits and have a fun evening.

The only mistake in life   
is the lesson not learned

Albert Einstein

**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, Julian Road, Bath. Please complete one of the forms at the back of the Church or email them at bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com with the name of the young person and contact details.

**Free Money for your Church!**

Any member of the congregation who is a UK Taxpayer can Gift Aid their contribution and secure an additional 25% for the Church. This costs you nothing extra! The easiest way to do this is by setting up a standing order to pay directly into the St Alphege bank account. If you do not wish to set up a standing order, or commit to a regular weekly or monthly donation, then you can use the Gift Aid envelope system. Numbered Gift Aid envelopes can be put into the collection whenever you attend church, but do not have to contain the same amount, or be put in the collection, every week e.g. if you are away or on holiday etc. This gives you complete flexibility over the amount and timing of your donation. All donations are treated in strictest confidence. For the truly Ad Hoc donation there are envelopes at the back of the church which allow you to Gift Aid one off contributions. Please do use the Gift Aid system if you are eligible to do so – it really will bring in much needed income for the Church – for which we are very grateful. If you wish to pursue either of these options please contact Maureen Dyson, either via Fr Alex or by email at GA.bath.stalphege@cliftondiocese.com.

Don’t judge each day   
by the harvest you reap   
but by the seeds that you plant

Robert Louis Stevenson

**Forthcoming Dates**

Quiz 29th September

Diocesan Day 7th October

OT Talk Abraham 27th October

OT Talk Moses 17th November

OT Talk David 1st December

OT Talk Elijah 8th December

**Autumn Talks**

The two series of talks that we have held on Matthew in Autumn 2022 and on the Elizabethan Jesuits in Spring 2023 have both proved to be successful so we would like to continue with another four talks in the Autumn. This time the theme will be Important Figures from the Old Testament. A lot of Catholics don’t know too much about the Old Testament so this will be an opportunity for us all to become a bit more familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures. These are the dates, topics and speakers: 20th October, Abraham by Monsignor Jeremy Rigden; 17th November, Moses by Father Alex McAllister; 1st December, David by Anne Barrett and 8th December, Elijah by Dominic Bailey

**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.

**Going to University this Autumn?**

Each University and Higher Education Institute in the country has a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in the local parish.

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| Image result for catholics at university | The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. |

If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. For addresses see www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

The Holy Scriptures were not given  
to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them   
upon our hearts

St John Chrysostom

**School Mass**

The School Mass for the beginning of the new school year will be at 10.00 on Thursday 14th September.

**Shona Mass**

There will be a Mass for the Congolese people in the Shona language at 13.00 on Saturday 16th September.

**Heritage Open Days**

The Church will be participating once again in the annual Heritage Open Days. The Church will be open all day on Saturday 9th, Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th September. Dr Giles Mercer will give a guided tour of the Church at 14.30 on those days. All welcome. The Eyre Chapel at Perrymead Cemetery is also open 9th & 10th September from 11.00 to 16.00.

**Upcoming Special Collections**

Home Missions 17th September

**Sunday Collection**

Last week loose: £350.67, Gift Aid Envelopes £40

**Readers**

11.00: Relston n/w Veritas, 18.00; Moira n/w Duncan