

Notices

St Nicholas Night
Tuesday 06 December
5.30 – 9.00 pm
in the High Street
followed by
Compline
9.00 pm in St Nicholas

Christingle
Sunday 11 December
4 pm at Arrow Church
*A short family friendly service
with songs & stories, fun for
children & a photo to take
home. Tea & Cake*

Christmas Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 13 December
2.30 – 4.00 pm
at Sambourne Church

Fund Raising Lunch
Thursday 15 December
12.00 & 1.15 pm
*Two sittings Church House
Booking essential
Tel: 01789 763 509
In aid of Alcester Refugee Fund*

Town Carol Service
Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols
Sunday 18 December
6.30 pm
at St Nicholas Church

Lunchtime carols and soup:
19-23 December from 12noon –
2pm soup lunches and carol
singing at the Baptist chapel. Last
year this event was well supported
from across the churches and it
would be great if we could work
together again. We need folk to
prepare soup, donations of mince
pies, helpers to set up, people to
serve and a team to clear
away. We also need volunteers to
help lead the carol singing. Any
volunteers to contact Rev. Martin
Mills [Baptist Church]
pastor.abc@gmail.com
[tel: 01789 766 843]

Friday 23 December
7.30 pm Carol Service
at Haselor

Christmas Eve
3 pm Children's Carol's
at Great Alne
3 pm Christmas Communion
at Arrow
5 pm Christingle
at Coughton
5 pm Crib Service
at Alcester

Next Sunday
Fairtrade Stall
Between 9 am and 11 am
Services
in Church House



Welcome to
the Alcester Minster
Group of Churches
Sunday 04 December 2016

Welcome

Advent 2 Purple

“This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

Matthew 3 v 3

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Alternative collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and
saviour
we may be ready to receive him,

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Next week's services and events.

Sunday 04 December

No evening service

Monday 05 December

Tuesday 06 December

Haselor School	9.00 am	Open the Book
St Nicholas Sch.	10.10 am	Open the Book
High Street	5.30 pm	St Nicholas Night
Alcester		7 pm Holy Communion IS CANCELLED
Alcester	9.00 pm	Compline

Wednesday 07 December

Coughton School	9.00 am	Open the Book
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	4.30 pm	St Benedict's Catholic High School Carols
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Benedict's Catholic High School Carols

Thursday 08 December

Gt Alne School	9.00 am	Open the Book
Alcester	7.30 pm	Bell-ringing practice

Friday 09 December

Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars – Christmas Story 2
Conway Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people

Saturday 10 December

Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Singers Christmas Concert
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Sunday 11 December

Alcester	9.00 am	Minster Communion
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*Refreshments will be serviced in Church House
between the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services*

Alcester	11.00 am	Minster Family Communion
Arrow	3.00 pm	Christingle
Alcester	3.00 pm	Baptism

All moneys collected at the Minster Services on the second Sunday each month will be given to Minster Funds including monies given in the special Minster gift aid envelopes which can be found in the pews on this Sunday.

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Matthew 3 v 1 – 12
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 – 12
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 - 20
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 – 12
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 - 18

Readings for Today (Year C):

Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10

Matthew 3 v 1 - 12



Prayer

The Ministry Leadership Team would like you to pray for the following topics:

1. Pray for the families of the victims of the plane crash in Columbia, South America.
2. Pray for all the school carols services taking place in our churches over the next 2 weeks. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas is at the heart of the services.

**The Minster has Home Groups which meet most days of the week.
If you are interested in joining one, please contact the Rector.**

*Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during the service.
Visitors are invited to Gift Aid their offerings in the envelopes provided.*

Please take this sheet home with you

Contact John Berry [0784 028 4294 or administrator@alcesterminster.org] by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.



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