

## Notices

**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

**9 Lessons and Carols**  
**6 pm 18 December**  
at Coughton

**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*

Church of St. Mary the Virgin Kinwarton  
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
6PM  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th 2016**  
All are very welcome at this service with traditional carols and readings  
Bring a torch with you if you wish.  
Parking at Glebe Farm.

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

**Carols Service**  
**Friday 23 December**  
**7.30 pm**  
at Haselor

**Christmas Eve - Day time services**  
  
3 pm Children's Carol's at Great Alne  
3 pm Christmas Communion at Weethley  
5 pm Christingle at Coughton  
5 pm Crib Service at Alcester  
  
**Christmas Eve – midnight services**  
  
11 pm Sung Eucharist at Alcester  
11.15 pm Midnight Communion at Great Alne



## **Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 11 December 2016**

### **Welcome**

**Advent 3 Purple**

*“Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”*

Matthew 11 v 11

#### **Collect**

O Lord, Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards  
of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your  
way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people  
in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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#### **Alternative collect**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to  
prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Next week's services and events.

### Sunday 11 December

Arrow 4.00 pm Christingle

### Monday 12 December

Great Alne 9.30 am Great Alne Primary School Carol Service  
 Alcester 2 pm Mothers' Union Deanery Carol Service  
 Alcester 6 pm Alcester Grammar School Carol Service

### Tuesday 13 December

Alcester 9.30 am St Nicholas Primary School Carol Concert  
 Sambourne 2.30 pm Christmas Afternoon Tea  
 Alcester 7.00 pm Holy Communion  
 Alcester 7.30 pm St Nicholas Adult Choir

### Wednesday 14 December

Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion  
 Alcester 7.00 pm Alcester Academy School Carol Concert

### Thursday 15 December

Church House 12 noon & 1.15 pm Fund Raising Lunch In aid of Alcester Refugee Fund  
 Alcester 7.30 pm Bell-ringing practice

### Friday 16 December

Alcester 10.00 am Little Stars – Christmas Fun  
 Haselor 1.30 pm Haselor School Carol Service  
 Conway Fields 7.00 pm Chocolate Run for young people

### Saturday 17 December

### Sunday 18 December Advent 4 Purple

Alcester 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
 Haselor 9.00 am Crib Service  
 Weethley 9.00 am Holy Eucharist & Carol Service  
 Great Alne 11.00 am Family Service  
 Alcester 11.00 am Sung Eucharist  
 Coughton 6.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols  
 Kinwarton 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight  
 Alcester 6.30 pm Town Carols



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 Find details and pictures of events at [www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster](http://www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster)  
 If you would like to submit event notices or photos to be published on the page then please email [alcesterminsterfb@outlook.com](mailto:alcesterminsterfb@outlook.com)

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Matthew 11 v 2 - 11
Monday	1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 – 11
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 -
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 2
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3
Saturday	Jude

### Readings for Today (Year C):

Isaiah 35 v 1 - 10  
 Matthew 11 v 2 - 11



### Prayer

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

1. Pray for the civilians in Aleppo, Syria. May there be a truce which will allow humanitarian aid to get through or for civilians to evacuate the city.
2. Pray for those in our own community who are fearful of getting into debt over the pressure of the Christmas season.

***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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)] by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.