

Notices

TONIGHT

6.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols at Coughton
6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at Kinwarton
6.30 pm Town Carols at Alcester

Carols Service
Friday 23 December
7.30 pm
at Haselor

Christmas Eve - Day time services

3 pm Children's Carols at Great Alne
3 pm Christmas Communion at Weethley
5 pm Christingle at Coughton
5 pm Crib Service at Alcester

Christmas Eve midnight services

11.00 pm
Sung Eucharist
at Alcester

11.15 pm
Midnight Communion
at Great Alne

Christmas Day

9.00 am Holy Communion at Alcester
9.00 am Holy Communion at Arrow
9.00 am Holy Communion at Haselor
9.00 am Holy Communion at Kinwarton
9.00 am Holy Communion at Sambourne
11.00 am Holy Communion at Alcester
11.00 am Family Service at Great Alne

New Year's Day *the only service is*

10.00 am
Minster Communion
at Alcester

Sabbatical Announcement

Adrian's time for a sabbatical has come and he has been granted a three-month break from ministry. He and Juliette will be absent from the Minster between May and July 2017 in addition to normal leave arrangements.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 18 December 2016

Welcome

Advent 4 Purple

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1 v 20b

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
Grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our Saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
where he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of
your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events.

Sunday 18 December

Coughton	6.00 pm	9 Lessons and Carols
Kinwarton	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Alcester	6.30 pm	Town Carol Service

Monday 19 December

Tuesday 20 December

Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Adult Choir

Wednesday 21 December

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
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Thursday 22 December

Alcester	7.30 pm	Bell-ringing practice
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Friday 23 December

Conway Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people
Haselor	7.30 pm	Carol Service

Saturday 24 December

Great Alne	3.00 pm	Children's Carols
Weethley	3.00 pm	Christmas Communion
Alcester	5.00 pm	Crib Service
Coughton	5.00 pm	Christingle
Alcester	11.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Great Alne	11.15 pm	Midnight Communion

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day *White/Gold*

Alcester	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Arrow	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Haselor	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Great Alne	11.00 am	Family Service



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Find details and pictures of events at 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

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Matthew 1 v 18 – 25
Monday	2 Peter 1 v 1 – 15
Tuesday	2 Peter 1 v 16 – 2 v 3
Wednesday	2 Peter 2 v 4 - 22
Thursday	2 Peter 3
Friday	2 John
Saturday	3 John

Readings for Today (Year C):

Isaiah 7 v 10 - 16
Matthew 1 v 18 - 25



Prayer

The Ministry Leadership Team

would like you to pray for

the following topics:

1. Pray for Christians around the world who live in fear especially those in Egypt and Syria.
2. Pray for people around the world and those in our community who live in poverty. The homeless and the poor of heart.

***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.