

## Notices

### TODAY!

**Coughton & Sambourne  
Carol Service 6.00 pm**  
at Coughton Church

**Carols by Candlelight  
6.00pm** at Kinwarton

**Town Carols  
6.30 pm** at Alcester

**Fund Raising Lunch  
Thursday 21 December  
12.00 & 1.15 pm**

*Two sittings*

**Church House, Alcester**

*Booking essential*

*Tel: 01789 763 509*

*In aid of Alcester Refugee Fund*

**Carol Service at 7.30 pm  
Friday, 22 December** at Haselor Church

Alcester Community Christmas Day Dinner at the Jubilee Centre  
this is for those who will be alone at Christmas.

For more information please ring  
07414 851644 or email [alcester-ccd@hotmail.com](mailto:alcester-ccd@hotmail.com).

Volunteers also needed.

### Daytime Christmas Eve Services

10 am	Minster Christmas Eve Communion	Alcester
3 pm	Children's Carols	Great Alne
3 pm	Christmas Communion	Weethley
5 pm	Christingle	Coughton
5 pm	Crib Service	Alcester

### New Bible Reading Group.

**Starting Wednesday 10th January  
at 7pm.**

*For anyone who wants to  
start/restart reading the Bible.*

Contact Beki Cook on 01789488341  
or Revd. Sue Henwood on 01789  
488344 for further details.

### St Nicholas Restoration

#### progress.

We apologise for excessive  
dust due to window work  
in south aisle. *Volunteers  
for extra cleaning would be  
welcome on next two  
Friday afternoons after  
4.30pm leading up to  
Christmas activities.*

*The clergy thank everyone for their Christmas greetings  
and commitment to the Minster Churches during 2017  
and wish you all a very happy Christmas  
and God's blessing in 2018.*



***Welcome to  
the Alcester Minster  
Group of Churches  
Sunday 17 December 2017***

## **Welcome**

**Advent 3 Green**

*“John was not the Light, but he came to tell people the truth  
about the Light.”*

John 1 v 8

### 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.

### 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.

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## Next week's services and events.

<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	Advent 3	<i>Purple</i>
Coughton	6.00 pm	Coughton & Sambourne Carol Service
Kinwarton	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Alcester	6.30 pm	Alcester Town Carols
<b>Monday 18 December</b>		
Great Alne	9.30 am	Great Alne Primary School Christmas Service
Kinwarton	2.00 pm	Alcester Deanery Mothers Union Carol Service
Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Victoria Silver Band Concert
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>		
Alcester	9.30 pm	St Nicholas Primary School Christmas Service
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>		
Coughton School	9.00 am	Assembly
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester		Alcester Academy Carol Service <i>Church booked from 11.00 am</i>
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>		
Church House	12 noon & 1.15 pm	Charity Lunch <i>in aid of Alcester Refugee Fund</i>
Alcester	7.30 pm	Bell-ringing practice
<b>Friday 22 December</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars. Christmas Fun.
Conway Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people
Haselor	7.30 pm	Carol Service
<b>Saturday 23 December</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Alcester Church Together Carol Singing on the Church Green
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>Advent 4/Christmas Eve</b>	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Minster Christmas Eve Communion
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

<b>25 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<i>White/Gold</i>
Alcester	9.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
Arrow	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Readings for the week:

Sunday	John 1 v 6 – 8 & 19 - 28
Monday	Matthew 16 v 13 -
Tuesday	Matthew 17 v 1 – 13
Wednesday	Matthew 17 v 14 – 21
Thursday	Matthew 17 v 22 – 27
Friday	Matthew 18 v 1 – 20
Saturday	Matthew 18 v 21 - 35

### Readings for Today (Year B):

Isaiah 61 V 1 – 4 & 8 - 11

John 1 v 6 – 8 & 19 - 28



### Prayer

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

1. Pray for the malnourished children in the Democratic Republic of Congo and for children within the UK who are suffering from hunger or poor diets due to poverty.
2. Pray for people within the Minster who are currently reliant on the Arden Food Bank.

***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.