

## Notices

### YoungMinster Project

Thank you to all who have made financial pledges to this project.

There is still time to return pledge forms prior to the financial update and dedication at the Minster Celebration on Sunday 31st December.

#### Men Only Prayer Group

The first Saturday of every month.  
**7.30 – 8.30 am**  
at Alcester Baptist Church  
**06 January 2018**  
All men welcome

#### Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union 'bring and share' lunch Wednesday 10 January 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

*At the home of Daphne Cook.*

**Keep Fit for over 65s**  
*starts again on*  
**Wednesday 10 January**  
**1.30 – 2.30 pm**  
at Sambourne Church

#### 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 including venue.

**Alcester Churches Together  
Planning Meeting  
Wednesday 10 January  
7.30 pm**  
in Church House

**Soup Lunch with  
Thought for the Day  
Tuesday 16 January  
12.30 – 1.30 pm**  
at Sambourne Church

**Knit and Natter**  
Restarts on  
**Thursday 18 January  
2.00 pm**  
in Church House

**Alcester Churches Together  
Unity Service  
Sunday 21 January  
at 6.00 pm**  
in Alcester Baptist Church

**Coffee Morning for  
St Nicholas Restoration Project  
Saturday 27 January  
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**  
in Church House



## **Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 31 December 2017**

### **Welcome**

#### **Christmas 1 White**

*"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, \*and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."*

Luke 2 v 17

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### **Alternative collect**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster](http://www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster)

## Next week's services and events.

**Sunday 31 December** Christmas 1 *White*  
*No Evening Service*

**Monday 01 January**  
*New Year's Day*

**Tuesday 02 January**  
Alcester 7.00 pm Holy Eucharist  
NO St Nicholas Adult Choir  
Church House 7.30 pm Alcester PCC meeting. Preceded at 6.45 pm by prayer in the Hay Loft

**Wednesday 03 January**  
Alcester 10.00 am Holy Eucharist  
Church House 7.30 pm Alcester Minster Churches Council meeting

**Thursday 04 January**  
Alcester 7.30 pm Bell-ringing practice

**Friday 05 January**  
Conway Fields 7.00 pm Chocolate Run for young people

**Saturday 06 January**  
Baptist Church 7.30 am Men Only Prayer Group

**Sunday 07 January** Epiphany *White*  
Alcester 9.00 am Holy Communion  
Arrow 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
Coughton 9:00 am Choral Holy Communion  
Haselor 9.00 am Family Service [*Plough Service*]  
Alcester 11.00 am Sung Eucharist  
Great Alne 11.00 am Family Communion



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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)

*The Minster wish you all best wishes for 2018*

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Luke 2 v 15 – 21
Monday	Romans 2 v 17 - 29
Tuesday	Colossians 2 v 8 - 23
Wednesday	Colossians 3 v 1 – 11
Thursday	Colossians 3 v 21 – 4 v 1
Friday	Colossians 4 v 2 - 18
Saturday	Matthew 20 v 1 - 16

### Readings for Today (Year B):

Isaiah 61 v 10 – 62 v 3  
Luke 2 v 15 - 21

### Prayer

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

1. At the start of a New Year pray that everyone may live day by day without fear and embrace their future
2. Pray for the Minster in 2018 especially for the *YoungMinster* project.

***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.