

Notices

SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

Advent Carols
TONIGHT - 2 December
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH – 6.00pm

Alcester Churches Together
Advent Service
THIS WEDNESDAY 5 December
St Nicholas Church – 7.30pm

St Nicholas Night Compline
THIS THURSDAY 6 December
St Nicholas Church – 9.00pm

Lunchtime Concert
St Nicholas Church
THIS THURSDAY 6 December
12.30pm – 2.00pm

*In aid of St Nicholas Church
Restoration Fund.
Cressida Dolphin (soprano)'s concert is
entitled 'A Prelude to Christmas'.
Do buy your tickets in advance
if at all possible.
More details on the website calendar*

Next Sunday
Fairtrade Stall
Between 9.00am and 11.00am Services
in Church House

Afternoon Tea
Sambourne Church
2.30pm Tuesday 11 December

Alcester and Arrow Mothers' Union
Our last meeting in 2018 will be held in
Church House on
Thursday 13 December at 12.30pm.
We will have a Bring and Share Lunch.
Sylvia Palmer will be giving a
demonstration on table decorations.
Everyone welcome.

Fundraising Lunch
Thursday 20 December
Church House
Don't forget to book (2 sittings)
In aid of St Basil's Charity
for the Homeless - 01789 763509

St Nicholas Bookstall

The Bookstall will close
THIS SATURDAY 8 December at 2pm
and will not reopen until Easter 2019.
*Many thanks to all who have supported
us in 2018 especially our loyal volunteers.*

Please contact Carol (766141)
if there is an item you wish to purchase
after 8 December
but in the meantime
the bookstall is open on Thursday, Friday
& Saturday from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

**These outline our Christmas services
and are ready for delivery – can you
help?**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Do check out the times when everything is happening and please note that
ACROSS THE MINSTER there will be just ONE MORNING SERVICE on
SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER and that will start at 10.00am.**
Other services later in the day and onwards towards Christmas.

Do you subscribe to
*the **MINSTER MATTERS** magazine and if not would you like to in 2019?*
Paper copies available or you can go paperless - the magazine will arrive by email
- the choice is yours. All enquiries to the administrator:
administrator@alcesterminster.org / 07840 284 294



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 02 December 2018

Advent Sunday *Purple*

*“At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud
with power and great glory.” Luke 21 v 27*

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to
us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of
sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to
meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 02 December	Advent Sunday	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	6.00 pm	Minster Advent Carols
Monday 03 December		
Tuesday 04 December		
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir
Wednesday 05 December		
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s
Alcester	7.30 pm	Advent Reflective Service organised by Alcester Churches Together
Thursday 06 December		
Alcester	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Concert in aid of St Nicholas Church Restoration Fund
Alcester	5.45 pm	St Nicholas Night including tower tours if pre-booked with M Newey
Alcester	7.30 pm	NO St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
Alcester	9.00 pm	Compline to end St Nicholas Night
Friday 07 December		
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people
Saturday 08 December		
Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Singers Christmas Concert
Sunday 09 December	Advent 2	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	9.00 am	Minster Communion
		<i>Refreshments will be served in Church House between the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services and Fairtrade Stall available</i>
Alcester	11.00 am	Minster Family Communion with optional prayer ministry after the service
Church House	3.00 pm	NO Baptism Preparation

All monies collected at the Minster Services on the second Sunday each month will be given to Minster Funds including monies given in the special green Minster gift aid envelopes that day



Did you know that you can now 'LIKE' Alcester Minster on facebook? 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 administrator@alcesterminster.org

Readings for the week

Today	Jeremiah 33 v 14-16, Luke 21 v 25-36
Monday	Revelation 19
Tuesday	Revelation 20
Wednesday	Revelation 21 v 1-8
Thursday	Revelation 21 v 9-21
Friday	Revelation 21 v 22 – 22 v 5
Saturday	Revelation 22 v 6-end



Prayer

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

1. Pray for all those who find this time of year difficult and are not looking forward to Christmas. May they find comfort and peace from God in unexpected ways.
2. As we reach Advent, please pray for all those in our churches and schools who are preparing to teach and share the wonderful story of Jesus's birth with children and their families.

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 Juliette Guthrie (07840 284 294 or administrator@alcesterminster.org) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.

Data Consent Forms

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN A FORM TO THE ADMINISTRATOR? IF NOT CAN WE ASK YOU TO DO THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

– many thanks

DON'T FORGET TO TICK THE MINSTER DIRECTORY BOX IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ONE TO BE ISSUED.