

Notices

TODAY Fairtrade Stall

Between 9.00am and 11.00am
Services
in Church House

Afternoon Tea Sambourne Church 2.30pm

THIS Tuesday 11 December

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 is now closed
until Easter 2019 but
please contact Carol (766141)
if there is an item you wish to
purchase*

Alcester and Arrow Mothers' Union

Our last meeting in 2018 will be
held in Church House

THIS 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.

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.

***Have you thought about who you might invite to one of the
services too – loads of opportunities where the true meaning of
Christmas is explained?***

*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 09 December 2018

Advent 2 Purple

**After the 11am service the prayer ministry team will be
available to pray with you in the Lady Chapel**

"And all people will see God's salvation" Luke 3 v 6

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 09 December	Advent 2	<i>Purple</i>
Church House 3.00 pm	NO Baptism Preparation	
Monday 10 December		
Hayloft, Church House 2.30 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	
Tuesday 11 December		
Sambourne 2.30 pm	Afternoon Tea/Thought for the Day	
Alcester 7.00 pm	Holy Communion	
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Wednesday 12 December		
Alcester 10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sambourne 1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s	
Alcester 5.00 pm	St Benedict's School Christmas Service	
Church House 7.30 pm	Arrow & Weethley PCC Meeting	
Thursday 13 December		
Church House 12.30 pm	Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union Meeting	
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing practice	
Friday 14 December		
Alcetsar 10.00 am	Little Stars	
Jubilee Fields 7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people	
Saturday 15 December		
Sunday 16 December	Advent 3	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester 9.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Coughton 9.00 am	NO Service (see evening)	
Haselor 9.00 am	Crib Service	
Weethley 9.00 am	Carols & Communion	
Great Alne 11.00 am	Family Service with Carols	
Alcester 11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	
Tudor Grange Primary Academy 6.00 pm	Haselor Christmas Gathering	
Coughton 6.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	

All monies collected at the Minster Services today are given to Minster Funds including monies given in the special green Minster gift aid envelopes



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Readings for the week

Today	Malachi 3 v 1-4, Luke 3 v 1-6
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 1-12
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 13-end
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 1-12
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 13-end



Prayer

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

1. Please pray for the Government as they debate and vote on Brexit plans.
2. As we prepare to advertise in the New Year for the Children and Families Worker please pray for God to be preparing a suitable candidate.

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.