

Notices

Fundraising Lunch THIS 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

SAFEGUARDING COURSES

The following Safeguarding Training Modules for the next term have now gone live on the Diocesan Website:

- C1: Safeguarding Foundation Module
- C2: Lay Leadership Safeguarding Module
- C3: Clergy & Reader Safeguarding Module
- S1: Safer Recruitment Module

The S3: Raising Awareness and Responding Well to Domestic Abuse and the C5: Refresher Modules will happen from the summer term.

www.dioceseofcoventry.org/safeguarding/safeguardingtraining

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

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?**

The clergy thank everyone for their
Christmas greetings and commitment to the Minster Churches
during 2018
and wish you all a very happy Christmas
and God's blessing in 2019.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 16 December 2018

Advent 3 Purple

*"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior
who saves." Zephaniah 3 v 17*

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

Sunday 16 December		Advent 3	<i>Purple</i>
Coughton	6.00 pm	Carol Service	
		<i>Please note parking is not available this evening in the Catholic Church car parking area. Disabled badge holders can park carefully in the layby opposite the Church, otherwise everybody please to use the National Trust car park.</i>	
Tudor Grange Primary Academy	6.00 pm	Haselor Christmas Gathering	
Monday 17 December			
Alcester	9.30 am	St Nicholas School Christmas Service	
Great Alne	9.30 am	Great Alne School Christmas Service	
Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Victoria Silver Band Concert	
Tuesday 18 December			
Alcester	11.00 am	Funeral	
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion	
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir	
Church House	7.45 pm	Ministry Leadership Team Meeting	
Wednesday 19 December			
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sambourne	1.30 pm	NO Keep Fit for over 65s	
Alcester	6.30 pm	Alcester Academy Christmas Event	
Church House	7.30 pm	Alcester PCC Meeting	
Thursday 20 December			
Church House	12.00 noon & 1.15pm	Fundraising Lunch (2 sittings)	
Church House	2.00 pm	NO Mothers' Union Knit & Natter	
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing practice	
Friday 21 December			
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars	
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	NO Chocolate Run for young people	
Haselor	7.00 pm	Carol Service	
Saturday 22 December			
Church Green, Alcester	10.00 am	Alcester Churches Together Carol Singing	
Alcester	12.00 noon	Wedding	
Sunday 23 December		Advent 4	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Minster Family Communion – one morning service across all the churches	
Arrow	3.00 pm	Christingle	
Alcester	3.00 pm	<i>NO Baptism</i>	
Kinwarton	6.00 pm	Carol Service	
Alcester	6.30 pm	Town Carol Service	



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	Zephaniah 3 v 14-end, Luke 3 v 7-18
Monday	1 Thessalonians 5 v 1-11
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5 v 12 end
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 1
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 2
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3
Saturday	Jude



Prayer

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

1. Pray for all those who have been bereaved this year as they face their first Christmas without their loved one. May God bring them comfort and peace.
2. Please pray for all the staff and pupils in our Minster schools as they prepare for term end and that they may be refreshed over the Christmas break.

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.