

Notices

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Do check out the times when everything is happening and 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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY – 30 DECEMBER
Minster Celebration Communion

Everyone coming together
St Nicholas, Alcester
Starting at 10.00am

Looking ahead to the New Year -
Monday 7 January
Church House Spring Clean
9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Can you spare ½ hr? Offers of help to Marion (01789 7637230)

WANTED to try/test:
5ft or 6ft long portable lightweight wheelchair ramp for St Nicholas Church SW door.
Offers to Richard Osborne (01789 763509)

SAFEGUARDING COURSES

Do you need to do a safeguarding course?
Details of courses running in 2019 available on the Diocese website
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*



Welcome to **the Alcester Minster** **Group of Churches** **Sunday 23 December 2018**

Advent 4 Purple

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1 v 45

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Alternative Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth
of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in
glory;
bring us through the birth
pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great
salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 23 December **Advent 4** *Purple*

Arrow	3.00 pm	Christingle
Alcester	3.00 pm	NO baptism
Kinwarton	6.00 pm	Carol Service
Alcester	6.30 pm	Town Carol Service

Monday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

Great Alne	3.00 pm	Children's Carols
Weethley	3.00 pm	Christmas Communion
Coughton	5.00 pm	Christingle
Alcester	5.00 pm	Crib Service
Alcester	11.00 pm	Sung Eucharist
Great Alne	11.15 pm	'Midnight' Holy Communion

Tuesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

Alcester	9.00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional Language - BCP)
Arrow	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	11.00 am	Family Eucharist
Alcester	7.00 pm	NO Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	NO St Nicholas Choir

Wednesday 26 December

Alcester	10.00 am	NO Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	NO Keep Fit for over 65s

Thursday 27 December

Alcester	7.30 pm	NO St Nicholas Bell-ringing practice
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Friday 28 December

Alcester	10.00 am	NO Little Stars
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	NO Chocolate Run for young people

Saturday 29 December

Sunday 30 December **Christmas 1** *White*

Alcester	10.00 am	Minster Celebration
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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	Micah 5 v 2-5a, Luke 1 v 39-45
Monday	Isaiah 52 v 7-10, John 1 v 1-14
Tuesday	Isaiah 9 v 2-7, Luke 2 v 1-14
Wednesday	Acts 6
Thursday	1 John 2 v 1-11
Friday	Matthew 18 v 1-10
Saturday	John 1 v 1-18



Prayer

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

1. Pray that we may all experience anew the awe and wonder of Christmas – the Word becomes flesh, God becomes man, heaven comes to earth. Emmanuel - God with us. Thank you Lord.
2. We pray for all our families across the Minster, that in celebration of the coming of Christ as a tiny babe, they will enjoy their time together with love and laughter.

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 IN THE NEW YEAR.