

## Notices

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

**TOMORROW**  
**- Monday 7 January**  
**Church House Spring Clean**  
**9.30 am – 12.00 pm**

Can you spare some time to help out? Even half an hour would be much appreciated. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Just turn up when you can.

**Coffee Morning in aid of**  
**St Nicholas Church**  
**Restoration Fund**  
**Saturday 26 January**  
10.00 am – 12.00 pm  
Church House

**St Nicholas PCC Treasurer**  
Thank you to Ron Cox for 15 years of sterling service as St Nicholas PCC Treasurer and also for his involvement in Minster finances. Brian Titterington has been appointed to take on this role.

*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 with the magazine arriving by email - the choice is yours. If you want to be sure of getting a copy each month then please place an order.*  
*All enquiries to the administrator: [administrator@alcesterminster.org](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org) / 07840 284 294*

**Alcester and Arrow**  
**Mothers' Union**  
**Thursday 10 January**  
**12.30 pm in Church House**

Bring and Share lunch.  
All are welcome.

**Next Sunday**  
**NO Fairtrade Stall**  
Lizzy Davey has finished running the stall now – Many thanks Lizzy for all you have done

### **SPECIAL SERVICES** **COMING UP**

**Alcester Male Voice Choir**  
**Thanksgiving Service for 45**  
**years since its foundation**  
**Sunday 20 January**  
**3.00 – 4.00 pm**  
**St Nicholas Church**  
Collection for St Nicholas Church Restoration Fund

**Unity Service**  
**Organised by Alcester**  
**Churches Together**  
**Sunday 20 January, 7.00 pm**  
**Alcester Methodist Church,**  
**Priory Road, Alcester,**  
**B49 5DX**

**Candlemas Compline**  
**Saturday 2 February, 7.30 pm**  
**St Mary the Virgin Church**  
**Kinwarton**

### **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](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/safeguarding/safeguardingtraining)



# **Welcome to** **the Alcester Minster** **Group of Churches** **Sunday 06 January 2019**

## **Epiphany**     *White*

*“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2 v 11*

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples  
of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to  
face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Alternative Collect**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our  
journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 06 January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<i>White</i>
<b>Monday 07 January</b>		
Church House	9.30 am	Spring Clean
Church House	7.30 pm	NO Prayer for Minster Outreach (postponed until 11 February – new meeting pattern)
<b>Tuesday 08 January</b>		
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir
Church House	7.45 pm	Minster Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday 09 January</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s
Baptist Church	7.30 pm	Alcester Churches Together (ACT) Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday 10 January</b>		
Gt Alne	12.00 pm	Funeral
Church House	12.30 pm	Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union Meeting
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
Dishley, Kinwarton,	7.30 pm	Gt Alne/Kinwarton Standing Committee Meeting
<b>Friday 11 January</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars
Arrow	1.00 pm	Funeral
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people
<b>Saturday 12 January</b>		
<b>Sunday 13 January</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<i>White</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</i>
Alcester	11.00 am	Minster Family Communion <i>with optional prayer ministry after the service</i>
Church House	3.00 pm	<i>Baptism Preparation</i>

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](http://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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Ephesians 3 v 1-12, Matthew 2 v 1-12
Monday	1 John 3
Tuesday	1 John 4 v 7-end
Wednesday	1 John 5 v 1-12
Thursday	1 John 5 v 13-end
Friday	2 John
Saturday	3 John



### Prayer

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

1. Pray that the light of God's love, wisdom and peace may shine on those in the dark places of the world, especially on those seeking reconciliation and understanding in place of division and conflict.
2. We pray for all those in the Minster and the Diocese Office who are planning and preparing to re-advertise for our Children and Families Worker.

***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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.

### Data Consent Forms / Minster Directory

***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 SHORTLY (deadline for Directory NEXT SUNDAY)***