

Notices

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LENT?

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Putting our faith into action through daily reflections and challenges

Pick up a leaflet from one of the churches or download a copy from Christian Aid

LENT GROUPS STARTING THIS WEEK

organised by Alcester Churches Together (ACT)

Tuesday 12 March (for 5 Tuesdays) – 2.00 – 3.30pm

Alcester Methodist Church (beginning with refreshments)

Wednesday 13 March (for 5 Wednesdays) – 7.30 – 9.00pm

Alcester Baptist Church (beginning with refreshments)

Entitled 'Everyone Welcome'

A complete course to transform our churches by improving our approach to newcomers. A course book will be available at a suggested donation of £4.

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE – ENTER HIS GATES

Sunday 17 March – 6.00 – 7.30pm

St Nicholas Church

An Evening of Worship & Teaching with Christian Composer and Teacher, Roger Jones (followed by refreshments)

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL

Every 6 years the Electoral Rolls across the whole of the Church of England are renewed. Joining an electoral roll says in effect 'I belong' to the parish church. Everyone who wants to be on an electoral roll will need to complete and return a form. Eligibility criteria on the application form. Only those on the Electoral Roll are able to attend and vote at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Check out the date of your APCM below and do send your apologies to the PCC Secretary if for any reason you are unable to attend.

Haselor – closed on 28.02.19 - APCM Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm
Coughton with Sambourne – closing TODAY - APCM Monday 1 April at 7.00pm
Kinwarton with Great Alne – closing TODAY - APCM Tuesday 2 April at 7.30pm
Arrow with Weethley – closing TODAY - APCM Sunday 7 April at 10.30am
Alcester – closing 13 March - APCM Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm

TARANTARA CONCERT

Saturday 23 March – 7.30pm in St Nicholas Church

(01789 762638 – Bill Baldwin - £12 to include interval drink)

**FOR ST NICHOLAS RESTORATION FUND AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
ARROW DEVELOPMENT FUND**

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH BOOKSTALL AGM

**Wednesday 27 March - 2pm
Church House**

*Everyone welcome and
anyone interested in joining the group of
volunteers please contact Carol on 766141*

ST NICHOLAS STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

New St Nicholas Church weekly envelopes have been distributed to existing users. If anyone would like to join the Stewardship Scheme, please contact a Churchwarden or Richard Osborne 763509



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 10 March 2019

Lent 1 Purple

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

*"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God,
in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91 v 2*

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without
sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the
powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the
desert:
help us to use these days to
grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your
saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 10 March		Lent 1	<i>Purple</i>
Church House	3.00 pm	NO Baptism Preparation	
Monday 11 March			
Alcester – Church Green	11.00 am	Commonwealth Day Flag Raising	
HAYLOFT @ Church House	7.30 pm	Home Group Leaders' Meeting	
Tuesday 12 March			
Coughton	9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton & Sambourne Parish	
Sambourne	12.30 pm	Soup Lunch with Thought for the Day	
Alcester Methodist Church	2.00 pm	Lent Group (1 st meeting) organised by ACT	
	2.00 pm	NO Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting	
Church House	2.30 pm	Minster Safeguarding Officers' Meeting	
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion	
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice	
Wednesday 13 March			
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s	
Alcester Baptist Church	7.30 pm	Lent Group (1 st meeting) organised by ACT	
Church House	7.30 pm	Alcester Minster Churches Council Meeting	
Thursday 14 March			
Church House	12.30 pm	Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union Meeting	
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice	
Friday 15 March			
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars	
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people	
Saturday 16 March			
Alcester	9.30 am – 3.00 pm	Preaching Course run by Coventry Diocese	
Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Victoria Silver Band Concert (in aid of Alcester in Bloom)	
Sunday 17 March		Lent 2	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Coughton	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Haselor	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Weethley	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Great Alne	11.00 am	Family Service	
Alcester	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	
Alcester	6.00 pm	Special Service focussing on worship with Roger Jones	

All cash & money given in the special green Minster gift aid envelopes today will be given to Minster Funds



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	Psalm 91 v 1-2, 9-end Luke 4 v 1-13
Monday	John 5 v 1-18
Tuesday	John 5 v 19-29
Wednesday	John 5 v 30-end
Thursday	John 6 v 1-15
Friday	John 6 v 16-27
Saturday	John 6 v 27-40



Prayer

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

1. Please pray for countries and communities around the world where there is injustice and oppression; that all those who seek justice and freedom will be allowed to live in safety.
2. Please continue to pray – the candidates for the post of Alcester Minster Administrator will be interviewed on Monday 18 March.
3. Please pray for all families across the Minster who may be struggling with relationship issues - that they will listen to one another and to God and be open to His help and comfort.

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.

*Do you subscribe to the **MINSTER MATTERS** magazine and if not would you like to in 2019? Paper/Email copies available – Enquiries to the administrator*

Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up