

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 CONTINUE – Last sessions this week

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL/APCM DATES

Applications for all our parishes have closed. Only those on the Electoral Roll are able to attend and vote at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). For those on the new Electoral Roll please 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.

Arrow with Weethley APCM – TODAY 10.30am, Arrow Church
Alcester APCM – THIS WEDNESDAY 10 April at 7.30pm, Church House
Already held – Haselor, Coughton with Sambourne & Kinwarton with Great Alne

(Anyone who wanted to join an Electoral Roll and missed the deadline please complete an application form AFTER the APCM and pass to your Electoral Roll Officer)

**LUNCH/THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
THIS TUESDAY, 9 April
12.30pm
Sambourne Church**

**Please note that there will be no
ACT Daffodil Cross service this
year on Easter Saturday – 20 April
in the end**

**All other services as per the
Easter poster**

PART-TIME ALCESTER MINSTER ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations to Tricia Berry on her appointment to this position following the interviews held last month.

Tricia will be based in the Alcester Minster Office to be set up in Church House and will work 10.00am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday.

Start date to be confirmed.

EASTER GARDEN AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

If you would like to donate plants or greenery the team who are putting together the Easter garden would be very pleased – pop contributions in the Lady Chapel on Tuesday morning 16 April or the Monday evening.

The Easter Garden will be open from Maundy Thursday so feel free to visit, stay a while, think or pray and tell others about it too!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER VACANCY

Check out the details on the special website www.youngminster.uk

'GENEROUS GIVING TOWARDS A SHARED FUTURE'

You will have been given this booklet prepared by the Diocese today



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 7 April 2019

Lent 5 Purple

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."
Psalm 126 v 3*

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered
on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the
mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal
peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 07 April		Lent 5 <i>Purple</i>
Arrow	10.30 am	Arrow with Weethley APCM
Monday 08 April		
Great Alne	9.30 am	Great Alne School Easter Service at church
HAYLOFT @ Church House	7.30 pm	Prayer for Minster Outreach
Tuesday 09 April		
Coughton	10.00 am	Coughton School Easter Service at church
Sambourne	12.30 pm	Lunch & Thought for the Day
Alcester Methodist Church	2.00 pm	Lent Group (last one)
	2.00 pm	NO Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice
Wednesday 10 April		
Haselor	9.30 am	Haselor School Easter Service at church
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s (last session before Easter break)
Alcester Baptist Church	7.30 pm	Lent Group (last one)
Church House	7.30 pm	St Nicholas APCM
Thursday 11 April		
Coughton	9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton with Sambourne Parish
Church House	12.30 pm	Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union Meeting
Alcester	7.30 pm	NO St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
Friday 12 April		
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for young people
Saturday 13 April		
Alcester	7.30 pm	Alcester Singers Concert
Sunday 14 April		Palm Sunday <i>Red</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	Baptism Preparation

All cash & money given in the special green Minster gift aid envelopes on the second Sunday each month 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 126 John 12 v 1-8
Monday	John 11 v 28-44
Tuesday	John 11 v 45-end
Wednesday	John 12 v 1-11
Thursday	John 12 v 12-19
Friday	John 12 v 20-36a
Saturday	John 12 v 36b-end



Prayer

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

1. Pray for our nation as Brexit uncertainty continues. For understanding, for the healing of divisions and a desire to work together for the common good.
2. Please pray for all who may be considering applying for our Children and Families Worker vacancy.

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