

Notices

A Sale of **Traidcraft Christmas Cards** will be held in Church House following all 11.00 am services **1st, 8th & 15th** December

Tonight!
6.00 pm
Minster Advent Carols
at
Holy Trinity, Arrow
Everyone welcome.

Please note!
Tuesday 03 December
7 pm Holy Communion
at St Nicholas, Alcester
is CANCELLED

Alcester Churches Together
Advent Service
Tuesday 03 December
at 7.00 pm
Alcester Methodist Church
A time to reflect on the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love through words, music, art and song

Christmas Coffee Morning
Saturday 07 December
10.00 – 12.00
at **Sambourne Church**
Cakes, crafts, raffle, a lovely relaxed time.

Winter Concert
Saturday, 07 December
7.00 pm
at **Holy Trinity, Arrow**
A warm welcome including refreshments. Free entry with a retiring collection.

There will be a retiring collection for the Church Urban Fund for the homeless on **Sunday 08 December**

Mothers' Union Deanery Carol Service
Monday, 16 December at St Nicholas, Alcester 2.00 pm

Look out for special Christmas Services across the Minster Churches

15 December	9.00 am	Crib Service	Haselor
15 December	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Coughton
Fri 20 Dec	7.30 pm	Carol Service	Haselor
22 December	3.00 pm	Christingle	Arrow
22 December	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Kinwarton
22 December	6.30 pm	Town Carol Service	Alcester
Tues 24 Dec	3.00 pm	Children's Carols	Great Alne
Tues 24 Dec	3.00 pm	Christmas Communion	Weethley
Tues 24 Dec	5.00 pm	Crib Service	Alcester
Tues 24 Dec	5.00 pm	Christingle	Coughton
Tues 24 Dec	11.00 pm	Sung Eucharist	Alcester
Tues 24 Dec	11.15 pm	Midnight Communion	Great Alne

All services on Sunday unless stated



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 01 December 2019

Advent Sunday Purple

*“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”* Isaiah 2 v 3b

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works
of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came
to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty to judge the
living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of
holiness,
that we may be ready to
meet you
in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 01 December	Advent Sunday <i>Purple</i>
Alcester 3.00 pm	Girl Guides District Advent Carol Service
Arrow 6.00 pm	Minster Advent Carol Service
Monday 02 December	
Sambourne 7.00 pm	Coughton & Sambourne PCC meeting
Tuesday 03 December	
Alcester 7.00 pm	NO Holy Communion
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice
Wednesday 04 December	
Alcester 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne 1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s
Hillers Café, 3.00 pm	Kinwarton with Great Alne & Haselor
Dunnington	Mothers' Union Christmas Social
Great Alne 7.30 pm	Prayer for Parish of Kinwarton with Great Alne
Thursday 05 December	
Coughton 9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton & Sambourne Parish
Alcester 12.30 pm	Funeral
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
Friday 06 December	<i>St Nicholas Night</i>
Alcester 10.00 am	Little Stars 'St Nicholas'
Alcester 1.00 pm	Funeral
Jubilee Fields 7.00 pm	NO Chocolate Run for Young People
Alcester 9.00 pm	Compline for St Nicholas Night
Saturday 07 December	
Baptist Church 7.30 am	ACT Men Only Prayer Group
Arrow 7.00 pm	Winter Concert
Alcester 7.30 pm	Alcester Singers Concert
Sunday 08 December	Advent 2 <i>Purple</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 with optional prayer ministry after the service
Church House 3.00 pm	NO 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

There will be a retiring collection at both services today for the Church Urban Fund for the homeless on
Sunday 08 December

Readings for the week

Today	Isaiah 2 v 1 – 5 Matthew 24 v 36 - 44
Monday	Matthew 12 v 1 - 21
Tuesday	Matthew 12 v 22 – 37
Wednesday	Matthew 12 v 38 – 50
Thursday	Matthew 13 v 1 – 23
Friday	Matthew 13 v 24 – 43
Saturday	Matthew 13 v 44 - 58



Prayer

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

1. *At the beginning of Advent give thanks to God for Jesus' promise that he will return. Come Lord Jesus.*
2. *Pray for all those for whom this Christmas season will be a sad one, especially the sick, the lonely and the bereaved. May they find in Jesus comfort and peace.*

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.

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



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