

## Notices

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

A Sale of **Traidcraft Christmas Cards** will be held in Church House following all 11.00 am services **8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Next Sunday  
**Crib Service**  
**15 December**  
**9.00 am at Haselor**

Next Sunday  
**Carol Service**  
**15 December**  
**6.00 pm at Coughton**

**Carol Service**  
**Friday 20 December**  
7.30 pm at Haselor

**From Adrian and Juliette** - in case you haven't heard, it was announced on 1 December that we will be leaving on 19 April for Adrian to take up a part-time post in the parish of Weddington and Caldecote.

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

**Saturday 21 December**  
**Alcester Churches Carol Singing**  
**10.00 am outside Alcester Methodist Church**  
*If you enjoy singing carols come and join us!*

**Christianity Explored Course beginning 13 January 2020**  
All are welcome, including those who don't attend church - email [CEAlcester@outlook.com](mailto:CEAlcester@outlook.com) to book your place preferably before 6 January.

### Look out for further special Christmas Services across the Minster Churches

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  
Everyone is welcome at any of the Minster services.*



# Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 08 December 2019

**Advent 2** Purple

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

*"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; .... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*  
Matthew 3 v 11

#### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

#### Alternative Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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**Alcester Minster website:** [www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster](https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster)

## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 08 December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	<i>Purple</i>
Church House	3.00 pm	NO Baptism Preparation
<b>Monday 09 December</b>		
The Hayloft,	7.30 pm	Prayer for Minster Outreach
Church House		
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>		
Sambourne	2.30 pm	Afternoon Christmas Party <i>Including Thought for the Day</i>
Alcester	7.00 pm	Holy Communion
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s
Alcester	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Thursday 12 December</b>		
Coughton	9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton & Sambourne Parish
Church House	12.30 pm	Alcester & Arrow Mothers' Union
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
<b>Friday 13 December</b>		
Alcester	10.00 am	Little Stars 'Christmas Story'
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	NO Chocolate Run for Young People
<b>Saturday 14 December</b>		
Arrow	10.00 am	Prayer for Parish – Arrow and Weethley
Alcester	11.30 am	Wedding
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Haselor	9.00 am	Crib Service
Weethley	9.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Great Alne	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Alcester	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist
Alcester	2.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal
Coughton	6.00 pm	Carol Service

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

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Isaiah 11 v 1 – 10 Matthew 3 v 1 – 21
Monday	Matthew 14 v 1 - 12
Tuesday	Matthew 14 v 13 - 36
Wednesday	Matthew 15 v 1 - 20
Thursday	Matthew 15 v 21 - 28
Friday	Matthew 16 v 29 - 39
Saturday	Matthew 16 v 1 - 12



### 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 Tricia Berry (01789 509 278 or 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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