

Notices

A Sale of **Traidcraft Christmas Cards** will be held in Church House following the 11.00 am service Today **15th** December

TODAY!
6.00 pm at
Coughton Church
Carol Service

Fund Raising Lunch
Thursday 19 December
12.00 & 1.15 pm *Two sittings*
Church House
Booking essential
Tel: 01789 763 509
In aid of St Basils Charity for the homeless

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

Friday, 20 December
Carol Service
7.30 pm at Haselor

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

Next Sunday
Christingle
22 December
3.00 pm at Arrow

Next Sunday
Town Carol Service
22 December
6.30 pm at Alcester

Next Sunday
Carols by Candlelight
22 December
6.00 pm at Kinwarton

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

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.

Christmas Eve Services across the Minster Churches

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

Everyone is welcome at any of the Minster services.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 15 December 2019

Advent 3 Purple

*"Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'"*

Isaiah 35 v 4a

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster

Next week's services and events

Sunday 15 December	Advent 3	<i>Purple</i>
Coughton 6.00 pm	<i>Carol Service</i>	
Monday 16 December		
Alcester 9.30 am	St Nicholas Primary School Service	
Great Alne 9.30 am	Great Alne Primary School Service	
Alcester 2.00 pm	Mothers' Union Deanery Carol Service	
Tuesday 17 December		
Alcester 11.00 am	Funeral	
Alcester 7.00 pm	Holy Communion	
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice	
St Nicholas Rectory 7.45 pm	MLT meeting	
Wednesday 18 December		
Alcester 10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Arrow 12.00 pm	Funeral	
Coughton 1.30 pm	Coughton Primary School Service	
Sambourne 1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s	
Thursday 19 December		
Coughton 9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton & Sambourne Parish	
Haselor 9.30 am	Haselor Primary School Service	
Church House 12.00 & 1.15 pm	Fundraising Lunch <i>in aid of St Basils Charity for the Homeless</i>	
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice	
Friday 20 December		
Alcester 10.00 am	Little Stars 'Christmas Party'	
Alcester 12.30 pm	Wedding	
Haselor 7.30 pm	Carol Service	
Saturday 21 December		
Methodist Church 10.00 am	ACT Carol Singing <i>outside</i> Alcester Methodist Church	
Sunday 22 December	Advent 4	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester 9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Arrow 9.00 am	Holy Eucharist	
Kinwarton 9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Alcester 11.00 am	Sunday Live	
Sambourne 11.00 am	Family Communion	
Alcester 3.00 pm	<i>NO Baptism</i>	
Arrow 3.00 pm	Christingle	
Kinwarton 6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	
Alcester 6.30 pm	Town Carols	



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Readings for the week

Today	Isaiah 35 v 1 - 10 Matthew 11 v 2 - 11
Monday	Matthew 16 v 13 - 28
Tuesday	Matthew 17 v 1 - 13
Wednesday	Matthew 17 v 14 - 21
Thursday	Matthew 17 v 22 - 27
Friday	Matthew 18 v 1 - 20
Saturday	Matthew 18 v 21 - 35



Prayer

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

1. Give thanks for all those people who have been to our churches this year, including all those from our local schools, and pray that they may have experienced something of God's love and acceptance.
2. Pray for all those involved in our church services this Christmas (leading, preaching, singing, reading, etc.) that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and give others a glimpse of God's love in Jesus Christ.

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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