

## Notices

### ACT Lent Course 2020

A study of six incidents taken from John's gospel

**Each Tuesday at 2 pm at Alcester Methodist Church and each Wednesday at 7.30 pm at Alcester Baptist Church**

Started last week on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 February and running until Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 01 April

**Please note venue of next Sunday's Minster services**

### World Day of Prayer

**7 pm Friday 06 March**  
at Alcester Baptist Church  
*followed by refreshments*  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Chocolate Run for Young People**  
will resume from **Friday 06 March**  
at Jubilee Fields, St Faith's Road, Alcester  
**6.00 – 7.00 pm**

**Prayers for St Nicholas parish**  
**Saturday 07 March**  
**at 9 am**  
**will be in Church House**

### Re decoration of St. Nicholas

The Church will be closed from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sunday 08**      **9am at Great Alne**  
                         **11am at Arrow**

Sunday 15      9am at Weethley  
                         11am at Great Alne

**Transport** will be provided from St. Nicholas to the host Church leaving **20 minutes** before the start of the service. Please sign on the list at the back of the church if you need transport or speak to Andrew, Ruth or Lizzy.

Please try to worship at your usual service times and support the smaller Churches.

Please note: The Wednesday 10 am Communion will be held in Church House during the closure.

**Please remember that St Nicholas, Alcester is closed for re-decoration until Friday, 20 March. The Lady Chapel is open for prayer.**



# Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 01 March 2020

## Season      Colour

*“LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

Psalm 8 v 1

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

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

## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 01 March</b>	<b>Lent 1</b>	<i>Purple</i>
		<i>No afternoon or evening services</i>
<b>Monday 02 March</b>		<i>No Minster events</i>
<b>Tuesday 03 March</b>		
Methodist Church	2.00 pm	ACT Lent Course
Alcester Church House	7.00 pm	NO Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday 04 March</b>		
Church House	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	1.30 pm	Keep Fit for over 65s
Baptist Church	7.30 pm	ACT Lent Course
<b>Thursday 05 March</b>		
Coughton	9.15 am	Prayer for Coughton & Sambourne Parish
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice
<b>Friday 06 March</b>		
Church House	10.00 am	Little Stars 'Are you ready?'
Baptist Church	7.00 pm	World Day of Prayer Service
Jubilee Fields	7.00 pm	Chocolate Run for Young People
<b>Saturday 07 March</b>		
Baptist Church	7.30 am	ACT Men Only Prayer Group
Church House	9.00 am	Prayer for St Nicholas Parish
<b>Sunday 08 March</b>	<b>Lent 2</b>	<i>Purple</i>
		<i>Please note NO service at St Nicholas, Alcester</i>
<b>Great Alne</b>	9.00 am	Minster Communion
		<i>Refreshments will be served in <u>the respective churches</u> following the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services</i>
<b>Arrow</b>	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](https://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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Psalm 8
Monday	Matthew 4 v 1 - 11
Tuesday	Galatians 3 v 23 - 4 v 7
Wednesday	Galatians 4 v 8 - 20
Thursday	Galatians 4 v 21 - 5 v 1
Friday	Galatians 5 v 2 - 15
Saturday	Galatians 5 v 16 - 26
	Galatians 6



### Prayer

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

1. Give thanks to God for the opportunities to learn more about our faith during Lent. Pray for all our Bible Study/Homegroups and their leaders.
2. Pray for a deeper understanding of, and a stronger relationship with Jesus for us all.

**The Minster has Home Groups meeting [usually fortnightly] during 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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.

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