

## Feature of the Week

**Take Heart** by Barry Dugmore is our Archdeacon Missioner.

Jesus said: 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world' John 16.33b

Over the weekend, with glorious sunny weather, I've enjoyed feeling that perhaps it's still summer and the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is a way off. I awoke this morning to mist and the reality of transition from one season to another now confirmed. Life is a collection of seasons and transitions. Coronavirus, and our transition through its wake, signals a long and challenging season. Our Lord said that troubles will come our way, and had spoken before about each day having trouble and worry of its own. Whilst we wait for many things, including new vaccines, we are reminded that we are not immune from challenges and difficulty in life. Jesus promises his peace in the storm.

Navigating a new season, we can take heart in the promise of Jesus to be with us always, to walk in his strength made complete when we feel weak, and know that we are loved and held by the Lord who is renewing, restoring and healing the whole of creation. And as builders in this new Kingdom, we can play our part too. So this week, let us: Take heart, be people of courage, and hope knowing that we are held in love, that the Lord knows and understands us personally, and the he will never let us fall.

P.S Why not take a look at the [diocesan 'Take Heart' vision](#) and see how you could get involved?

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## Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

**Sunday 27 September 2020**

**Trinity 16**    *Green*

*“Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.”*

Ezekiel 18 v 27

### **Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

### Sunday 27 September

Alcester	10.00 am	Trinity 15	Green
Coughton	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Alcester	3.00 pm	Harvest Holy Communion	
		NO Baptism	

### Tuesday 29 September

Alcester	1.30 pm	Funeral	
Via Zoom Platform	12 noon	Minster Prayer Gathering	

### Thursday 01 October

Alcester	2.30 pm	Funeral	
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### Friday 02 October

Alcester	1.30 pm	Funeral	
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### Sunday 04 October

Alcester	10.00 am	Trinity 16	Green
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Kinwarton	4.00 pm	Harvest Holy Communion	
		Harvest Evening Prayer	

*Alcester Minster churches will be open as usual for private prayer during the week*

Please remember to reserve a place at ALL Minster services by contacting the Administrator via email or telephone by Friday noon on the Friday before the service.

## NOTICES

### Suggested food gifts for Arden Foodbank

Fruit juice [Long Life], Milk full cream [Long Life], rice pudding, custard [tins, cartons or packets], potatoes [tins or packets of instant mash], cold meats, fish. *Please note: the foodbank does not have refrigeration for storage.*

### 'Zoom Prayer Gatherings' each Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

If you have not previously taken part and wish to in the future, please email the Administrator to receive your invitation to join these Prayer Gatherings. *The Administrator can also send you instructions on how to access Zoom if this is new to you.*

### Funeral of Canon John Cooke

The funeral which is taking place on Monday, will be streamed from Redditch Crematorium. If you wish to view the live stream please contact the Administrator who will provide the details.

## Readings for the week

### Today

Ezekiel 18 v 1 – 4 & 25 - 32

Matthew 21 v 23 – 32

Monday

Acts 19 v 8 – 20

Tuesday

Acts 12 v 1 – 11

Wednesday

Acts 20 v 1 – 16

Thursday

Acts 20 v 17 – 38

Friday

Acts 21 v 1 – 16

Saturday

Acts 21 v 17 - 36

### Harvest Readings for 2020

2 Corinthians 9 v 6 - 16

Luke 12 v 16 – 30 or Luke 17 v 11 - 19



## Prayer

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

1. Give thanks to God for his amazing and wonderful creation, and that many people have become more concerned with the environment during lockdown. Pray that we will all seek to care for the planet.
2. This Harvest-time, praise God for the food we eat and all those involved in helping it reach our tables.

*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



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