

Feature of the Week

*"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love."*

Today the Minster will enjoy the final Harvest services for 2020. It has been a difficult year for so many people due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We may be struggling to think what we can give thanks to God for.

Yet, in our hearts we acknowledge that, in the words of the harvest hymn, *all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.*

In fact, we have so much to thank the Lord for:
God's constant, never ending love; that we can go to God for our daily support in prayer; for our family and friends.
Our faith sustains us every day.

At the start of our season of Harvest, an article in the Notice Sheet on 06 September from Susan Kinnerlsey reported from the Arden Foodbank, which is part of the Trussell Trust:

Last year the foodbank supported 96 adults and 240 children
Since 1st March they have supported 427 adults and 350 children

Apart from the essential food it provides, it also shows those in need that we as a community, care for those who need help. The foodbank is also a vital witness that God loves and cares for the people who need to call upon its services. *Harvest is a season of thankfulness which can be an 'all year long' season of God's love.*

Harvest Collect:

Creator God,
You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea,
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and it's peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 04 October 2020

Trinity 17 Green

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;"*

Matthew 21 v 42 extract

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and
draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your
heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of
life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 04 October

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

Tuesday 06 October

Alcester	11.00 am	Funeral	
Via Zoom Platform	12 noon	Minster Prayer Gathering	

Sunday 11 October

Alcester	10.00 am	Trinity 17	Green
Arrow	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sambourne	4.00 pm	Morning Prayer	
		Holy Communion	

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 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.*

The licensing of Adrian as Associate Minister of Weddington and Caldecote is being recorded and will be available for viewing on the St James' Church Weddington Facebook page from Thursday evening 8 October onwards.

Last week's Minster funerals.

The following Minster funerals took place during last week.

28 September:	Canon Kenneth John Cooke
29 September:	Major Robert George [Bob] Woodfield
30 September:	Alan James Parker
01 October:	Geoffrey Davis
02 October:	Mary Taylor

Readings for the week

Today

	Isaiah 5 v 1 - 7
	Matthew 21 v 23 - 32
Monday	Acts 21 v 37 - 22 v 21
Tuesday	Acts 22 v 22 - 23 v 11
Wednesday	Acts 23 v 12 - 35
Thursday	Acts 24 v 1 - 23
Friday	Acts 24 v 24 - 25 v 12
Saturday	Acts 25 v 13 - 27



Prayer

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

1. *Pray for university and college students at the beginning of their term, especially those who are leaving home for the first time, that the Covid restrictions will not stop them settling in and learning.*
2. *Give thanks to God for Adrian's ministry among us and pray for him and Juliette as he begins a new ministry in Weddington following his licensing on the 8th. October.*

Harvest Readings for 2020

2 Corinthians 9 v 6 - 16
Luke 12 v 16 - 30 or Luke 17 v 11 - 19

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

We are delighted to announce the wedding of Adam Moorey and Tegan Westall at Haselor last month.

If you can recommend a spiritual book or a spiritual on-line resource for inclusion in future Notice Sheets, please send details to the Administrator at administrator@alcesterminster.org



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