

Feature of the Week

Alcester Minster Churches has a number of lively Home Groups who meet regularly. Before lockdown they would generally meet in people's homes and followed a regular pattern, although the pattern would differ from group to group. Lockdown has brought about a few changes. Below is brief report from just 4 of the groups:

Monday Minster group: a group of 5 women and 2 men met for about an hour fortnightly catching up over a cuppa before a Bible study followed by prayer and a time to share. Steve & Julia Tash

Wednesday Minster Group: a group of 3 men and 4 women met at 8 pm fortnightly. Starting with a short liturgy and a song [chosen by different people], then a Bible study and discussion, ending finally with a cuppa and prayer. Steve & Julia Tash

HOME group: a group for older members of the Minster who are housebound or need help getting around. It is also useful for those who are not on the internet or not comfortable with the latest technology. Meeting twice a month at the home of a housebound member, Gill Laughlin collects and transports those who no longer drive. The most popular format has been Celtic worship, with people invited to join in the prayer time. There is a time for everyone to comment on a reading for the day. This is followed by tea, biscuits and a chat. The chat is very popular.

Anyone is welcome to contact Gill if they would like to join. Although unable to meet at the moment Gill will be in touch when they are able to meet again. Gill Laughlin

Thursday morning group: a group of 6-7 ladies met alternative weeks during term time in members' homes before lockdown. Starting and finishing with a prayer, the group study a book, person or a subject usually guided by a study book. Questions develop into discussions. Members take turn to lead the sessions. Although scary this helps us to learn and understand. Good friends have been made and faith and understanding has benefited. During lockdown the group has met socially using zoom to support each other most weeks. Lizzy Davey

All home groups are looking forward to being able to meet again in person to enjoy true Christian fellowship as Jesus intended.

There will be further news from other home groups in the near future.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 11 October 2020

Trinity 18 Green

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22 v 14

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is
before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

God, our judge and
saviour,
teach us to be open to
your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the
salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 11 October

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Arrow	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sambourne	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

Trinity 18

Green

Tuesday 13 October

Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Sunday 18 October

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Great Alne	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Weethley	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer

Trinity 19

Green

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.

'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.*

Last week's Minster funerals.

The following Minster funerals took place during last week.
06 October: Maurice Blundell

Reminder that many parishes are now holding their APCMs. Please remember to reserve your place with the PCC Secretary if you wish to attend.

Please Note: Coughton APCM will be via Zoom on 19 October Kinwarton with Great Alne APCM is now taking place on Wednesday 21 October at 5 pm at Great Alne Church.

Please note: **Sambourne is not currently open for Private Prayer on a weekly basis.**

If you wish to arrange with Gail Laband to use the church for private prayer please Tel: 01789 764 736

Readings for the week

Today

Isaiah 25 v 1 - 9
Matthew 22 v 1 - 14

Monday

Acts 26 v 1 - 23

Tuesday

Acts 26 v 24 - 32

Wednesday

Acts 27 v 1 - 26

Thursday

Acts 27 v 27 - 44

Friday

Acts 28 v 1 - 16

Saturday

Acts 28 v 17 - 31



Prayer

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

1. Give thanks to God for all those working for justice, freedom, equality and human rights across the world. Pray for courage and strength for those facing opposition or indifference.
2. Pray for ourselves and our mission in Alcester and the villages that we may continue to find ways to share God's love and peace in the midst of the pandemic.

Contact Tricia Berry (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 have been asked to include the follow notice:

"Marjorie Dobell, formerly of Rope Walk, Alcester, and later the Limes Care Home in Stratford-upon-Avon sadly died peacefully in her sleep in hospital in Milton Keynes, after a short illness, aged 92.

It was her wish to be cremated and the service will take place at the Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes at 3.30 pm on 14th October. Due to the current situation, with regret the service will be for family only." Any enquiries please to the funeral director: J S Cowley and Son, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, tel 01908 565333



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