

Feature of the Week

Our Home Groups are very diverse and the following include information on other home groups which meet in the Minster.

Monday Great Alne group: a group of 3 men and 4 women met twice a month at 8 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday. It began with a social time over tea/coffee, followed by a Bible study including lively discussion and finishing with singing worship songs and a time for open prayer. Since lockdown we have met via the Zoom platform this has been a social catch-up time together. Although in the summer we did manage to meet up socially distanced once in someone's garden. Leading the study is shared between two members, using published material. Tricia Berry

Tuesday Bible Study group: first established back in the 1980's, the group meet in members' homes and someone from that household will lead that week's Bible Study. The full group is 12 people. It starts at 8 pm with prayer. The group use study notes which will vary in the amount of weeks spent on each study. Study last about 1 hour followed by a well-earned drink [not alcohol] and biscuits. The group is about 50% from the Methodist church which brings a depth to the discussions. Although not able to meet currently the group occasionally get together on Zoom for a chat and a prayer. Phone contact is made with those who do not have the facility to use zoom. Unfortunately, meeting in homes means that 12 is the maximum size of the group. Nigel B. & Doug R.

Sambourne Home group: a group of 7 meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening for about an hour and a half. The group has always had an emphasis on fellowship. Now currently meeting using Zoom, which is both a challenge and a joy. Fellowship seems even more important now; asking, are there things to thank God for, or issues that need prayer? Still wanting to praise God but have moved away from guitar accompaniment to gospel song tracks. Having previously studied Ruth and the Armour of God this year, the group is now studying Ezra and Haggai using Book by Book series. Stuart T.

Bible Reading Group: 5 members usually meet once a month on a Wednesday evening at Great Alne Rectory. During the month everyone reads the same book of the Bible to discuss (like a secular book club). Starting and finishing with prayer the discussion lasts about 1 hour. During the pandemic we exchange emails on a specific day. The day starts with an email including a prayer from Sue. Every exchanges emails with their comments and Sue finishes with a final email. Sue Henwood



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 01 November 2020

All Saints Day *White/Gold*

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5 v 10

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
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 of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in
every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of
your saints,
inspire us to follow their
example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord

Common Worship, material from which is included on this pew leaflet, is copyright of
The Archbishop's Council and The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.
St Nicholas, Alcester: Copyright licence: CCLI 296655

Ministry Team:

Rector: Vacancy
Revd Sue Henwood: Kinwarton Rectory, Sperial Lane, Great Alne
Alcester B49 6HY Tel: 01789 488 344 email: sue.henwood@live.co.uk
Revd Julian Davey: The Field House, Allimore Lane
Alcester, B49 5PR Tel: 01789 764 640 email: jw.davey@yahoo.com

Children & Family Worker:

Beth Clarke email: Beth.Clarke@Coventry.Anglican.org Tel: 0749 432 9638

Administrator:

Tricia Berry (Monday – Friday 10.00am – 1.30 pm) Tel: 0784 028 4294
email: administrator@alcesterminster.org Alcester Minster Office is currently
closed, (Working Hours 10.30 – 12.30pm)

Alcester Minster website: www.alcesterminster.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster

Next week's services and events

Sunday 01 November

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Kinwarton	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

All Saints Day

White/Gold

Tuesday 03 November

Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Sunday 08 November

Arrow	9.00 am	Holy Communion and Remembrance
Alcester	10.00 am	Remembrance
Haselor	10.00 am	Holy Communion and Remembrance
Sambourne	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Remembrance

Remembrance Day

Red

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.

Alcester Minster churches will be open as usual for private prayer during the week
Please remember to contact Gail Laband if you wish to pray in Sambourne church.

'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.*

Please note: The invitation for Tuesday 03 November and future gatherings will be as the beginning of October.

Last week's Minster funerals.

The following Minster funerals took place during last week.

30 October: Jennifer Barnes



Did you know that you can now 'LIKE' Alcester Minster on Facebook? Find details and pictures of events at 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

Readings for the week

Today

Revelation 7 v 9 – 17

Matthew 5 v 1 - 12

Monday

Revelation 1 v 1 – 20

Tuesday

Revelation 2 v 1 – 11

Wednesday

Revelation 2 v 12 – 29

Thursday

Revelation 3 v 1 – 13

Friday

Revelation 3 v 14 – 22

Saturday

Revelation 4 v 1 - 11



Prayer

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

1. Pray for all those who have been bereaved this year, that they may know the comfort and peace of God's loving presence.
2. Give thanks to God for all those people who have had a positive influence on your life, and pray for those influencing young people today – that their impact may be good and life-affirming.

Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during a service. Visitors are invited to Gift Aid their offerings in the envelopes provided.

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.

Please note new email address for Children and Family Worker.
Beth.Clarke@Coventry.Anglican.org

From Revd. Steve Tash:

"I am in a position to post urgent and emergency financial needs on to the ACTS 435 crowdfunding pages.

Gifts of up to £150 for such needs are given.

If you know of anyone in our community in a desperate financial situation do please let me know.

If you look on the ACTS 435 website you can see the kinds of needs and the way ACTS 435 makes a difference."

stevetash@aol.com