

Feature of the Week

Remembrance this year will be very different from anything any of us have known before. Last week we would normally have held a memorial service for those who have been bereaved this year to remember their loved ones. Sadly, that has been postponed until people are able to return to church in greater numbers than have been possible recently. We can still remember, with thanksgiving for their lives, those who have died this year, especially those we have known and loved. Maybe send a card and say a prayer for the bereaved, so they know they are not forgotten.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday – but without the parades, services and Acts of Remembrance around the war memorials that we are used to. Instead, we will have to use our imaginations (and maybe some ideas from the British Legion website) to express our gratitude to those who sacrificed their lives, and continue to pray for peace.

An **Act of Remembrance** you may want to use at home: We remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all those who have lived and died in the service of mankind, especially

Silence

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

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Our on-line service this week is a Remembrance Service led by Julie Lindsay, and Julian Davey has recorded a short Act of Remembrance (for those not used to church). Both will be available on our website from Sunday.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 08 November 2020

Remembrance Sunday *Red*

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.”

1 Thessalonians 4 v 14

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages
of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

God, our refuge and
strength,
bring near the day when
wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall
end,
that earth may know the
peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 08 November **Remembrance Sunday** *Red*
No services in church

Tuesday 10 November
Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Sunday 15 November **2 before Advent** *Red/Green*
No services in church

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

Sambourne church will be open between 10 am – 12 noon on Wednesday 11 November.

The on-line service is continuing and can be accessed on the Welcome page of the Alcester Minster website.
www.alcesterminster.org

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a letter for everyone in their churches: "*Bearing in mind our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ to pray and to serve we call upon the Church of England to make the month of lockdown a month of prayer....we know we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures for ever.*" In addition, in the Diocese of Coventry, Bishop Christopher is calling us to fast on Thursdays in lockdown, in order to pray more earnestly.

Individual Acts of Remembrance

As no public acts of remembrance are able to take place we encourage everyone to enact the two-minute silence at your front doors at 11 am on both Sunday 08 November and Wednesday 11 November.

Last week's Minster funerals.

The following Minster funerals took place during last week.

Date: 06 November Krystyna Jones

Readings for the week

Today	1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 - 18 Matthew 25 v 1 - 13
Monday	Revelation 5 v 1 - 14
Tuesday	Revelation 6 v 1 - 17
Wednesday	Revelation 7 v 1 - 4 & 9 - 17
Thursday	Revelation 8 v 1 - 13
Friday	Revelation 9 v 1 - 12
Saturday	Revelation 9 v 13 - 21



Prayer

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

1. Remember today those who have died in conflict around the world, and the loved ones they have left behind. Pray especially for those who do not know exactly what happened to those they lost in war and have had no bodies to bury.
2. Pray for all those working for peace and reconciliation, that God may give them wisdom and patience, and keep them safe.

If you are unable to access the on-line service

Daily HOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers from the Church of England Tel: 0800 804 8044

Revd. Steve Tash writes:

I am in a position to be able to post financial need on to ACTS 435 crowdfunding website. This is practical help for people suddenly faced with costs they cannot afford, like bills, repairs or school shoes for children etc. ACTS 435 is a charity whose patron is Rt. Revd. John Sentamu, previous Archbishop of York. If you know of anyone in such need do please let me know at stevetash@aol.com