

Looking Forward.....

We are very much looking forward to the arrival of our new incumbent, Katie Cross, and her ministry among us. Her Institution, Installation and Induction will be on the 3rd. March 2021, with Bishop Christopher and Archdeacon Sue Field taking the service. In the longer term the diocese is planning for the Alcester Minster to be one of a number of Resource Hubs within the Diocese, and this will have positive implications for the future staffing in the Minster.

Because Katie was the only candidate, some people have raised questions about the manner of her appointment. We would like to reassure them that the selection process followed the usual diocesan procedures and was very thorough. The parish representatives could have vetoed her appointment at any stage. In fact all concerned were convinced that Katie is the right person for the post, and are very grateful to God for bringing her to us. She will be bringing a depth of experience and the right skills to guide us along the next steps that God has planned for us as a Minster.

In the meantime we hope we shall continue to rejoice in our life as a Minster (in spite of the virus restrictions) as we continue to worship, work and grow together in God's service.

Julie Lindsay
Acting Chair of the Minster Council

Sue Henwood
Acting leader of the Ministry Leadership Team

Prayer

*O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen. (St. Benedict)



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 06 December 2020

Advent 2 Purple

*'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;*

Mark 1 v 2a

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your
power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before
us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for
ever.

Alternative Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and
minds,
that when your Son Jesus
Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to
receive him,
who is our Lord and our
God.

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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 06 December	Advent 2	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Kinwarton	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

Tuesday 08 December		
Via Zoom	12.00 noon	Prayer Gathering

Sunday 13 December	Advent 1	<i>Purple</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Arrow	10.00 am	Christingle
Sambourne	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer

Please remember to reserve a place at all Minster services in advance through the Administrator Tel: 0784 028 4294 or email: administrator@alcesterminster.org

*If you are missing the St Nicholas Night celebrations
A service of Compline for St Nicholas' Night
will be available on the Minster website from Sunday 06 December*

Christmas services

On 13 December at 10 am there will be a Christingle service at Holy Trinity, Arrow.

Please remember to reserve a place through the Administrator.

There will be a special Christmas on-line service available from Christmas Eve on the welcome page of the website

Thursday 24 December	Christmas Eve	<i>Purple</i>
Coughton	3.00 pm	Christmas Service
Weethley	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
Grieg Hall Car Park	4.30 pm	Drive-in Crib Service
Alcester	11.00 pm	Holy Communion
Great Alne	11:15 pm	Holy Communion

Friday 25 December	Christmas Day	<i>White/Gold</i>
Arrow	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sambourne	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	11.00 am	Holy Communion

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Readings for the week

Today	Isaiah 40 v 1 – 11 Mark 1 v 1 – 8
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1 v 1 – 10
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 – 12
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 – 16
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3 v 1 – 13
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 – 12
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 – 18



Prayer

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

1. *Pray for the nation as it comes out of lockdown and into Tiers, that people may continue to be cautious. Pray that God will give his peace to those who are lonely or afraid, and be for them light and comfort in these dark times.*
2. *Give thanks for the technology that enables many of us to communicate with each other, even if we cannot meet.*

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

Contact Tricia Berry (07840 284 294 or administrator@alcesterminster.org) to add notices of church activities to next week's notice sheet.



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

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

Contact Administrator if you have any difficulties accessing the service.

Last week's Minster funerals.

NO Minster funerals took place during last week.