

## NEW YEAR NEW HOPE

I think we will all be glad to see the end of 2020, a year of challenges we could never have foreseen. As Christians, one thing we definitely give thanks for is Christ's presence with us amidst all we have been through. We have faith in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the saving love of Christ and so, in hope we look towards 2021 with the advent of a vaccine for all and the strong possibility of some sense of normality returning to our lives. We also look forward to the coming of Reverend Katie Cross and her family to lead us in God's will and plan for the Minster and our communities.

I myself am about to start a new adventure in God's service in 2021. For some time now, I have believed through prayer that God has been calling me to serve him in a different way. Over the last year I have been involved in a series of discernment activity and processes with Coventry diocese and, just before Christmas I attended a Church of England national panel for selection to train for ordained ministry. I am thrilled to share the news with you that I have been recommended and start my training this year.

I believe God is calling me to continue to minister in my work place as well as being part of the Minster Ministry Leadership team and so will remain in my current employment and will be what we know as a non-stipendiary minister – for the imminent future anyway – Adrian who, alongside Julian and Sue has been a wonderful support to me on this journey did emphasise you never know what God has in store for us.

I feel privileged to be called and chosen by God to serve him in this way and know I will have your support and prayers as I embark on this new exciting vocation.

I pray that 2021 will be for all of us, an opportunity to look with fresh eyes and a new understanding of what God is calling us all to do as we continue to serve him and work tirelessly to grow his kingdom

Every blessing

Julie Lindsay



## Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 03 January 2021

**Epiphany**     *White/Gold*

*“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”*

Matthew 2 v 2b

### **Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the  
peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory 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**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-  
child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our  
journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 03 January</b>	<b>Christmas 2</b>	<i>White</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Haselor	10.00 am	Plough Service
Sambourne	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

**Tuesday 05 January**  
Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

<b>Sunday 10 January</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	<i>White</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Arrow	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Kinwarton	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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)  
03 January should have been reserved before Christmas.  
The Administrator will be available from Monday 04 January to reserve a place for Sunday 10 January.  
Many thanks from the Administrator

### Useful Dates for your new diaries and calendars.

Ash Wednesday	17 February 2021
Installation - New Rector	03 March 2021
Mothering Sunday	14 March 2021
Maundy Thursday	01 April 2021
Good Friday	02 April 2021
Easter Sunday	04 April 2021
Ascension Day	13 May 2021
Pentecost	23 May 2021
Remembrance Sunday	14 November 2021

### Last week's Minster funerals.

The following Minster funerals took place during last week.

Date: 29 December      Jocelyn [Joy] Carol Tunstall

*Alcester Minster Churches wish you every blessing for 2021.*

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Ephesians 3 v 1 - 12 Matthew 2 v 1 - 12
Monday	John 1 v 43 - 51
Tuesday	John 2 v 1 - 12
Wednesday	John 2 v 13 - 25
Thursday	1 John 3 v 1 - 24
Friday	1 John 4 v 7 - 21
Saturday	1 John 5 v 1 - 12



### Prayer

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

1. *On this Epiphany Sunday give thanks that Jesus is the light of the world and pray that the light of his love may shine in the darkness of our world today.*
2. *Pray for God's healing touch for all those who are sick, and that they might know his peace that is beyond understanding.*

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

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

*Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up*



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If you would like to submit event notices or photos to be published on the page then please email [administrator@alcesterminster.org](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)