

Retirement of Gill Wythes

As she writes below Gill has guided the Pastoral Team through many changes - including (under Adrian's guidance) expanding to cover the whole Minster. We thank God for her faithful ministry among the bereaved and lonely in our parishes. Do continue to pray for the Pastoral Team as they continue in the midst of all the restrictions due to the pandemic.

Sue. Henwood

About 25 years ago Rev. David Capron asked if I would like to go on a course ran by the Coventry Diocese for 12 months Exploring Christian Ministry. After much thought I decided to go ahead.

I was encouraged by Rev. Mark Brian who ran the course to think about starting a Pastoral Group in our Parish. I have always been interested in working in the Community with people so I started a group called Outreach, taking the Church to the Community. I was blessed by having about six people from the parish who were very interested. We visited the sick, the lonely and the bereaved.

We started the Coffee morning on a Wednesday and also felt there was a need for an Annual Memorial Service. This went from strength to strength. I visited a lady on several occasions who was bereaved, she later very kindly gave a donation to purchase a Candle stand especially for the Memorial Service. This looks beautiful when all the candles are lit.

When Rev, Adrian came he suggested we called the group Pastoral Care. The new Data Protection regulations were introduced through the GDPR legislation which governed the storage of personal information. This changed the way the group worked tremendously, as we were not allowed to visit anyone unless they have given consent. This as well as the Covid restrictions as altered things greatly.

I felt the time had come for me to resign after 25 years. I am sure our new Rector will hopefully be able to work through the various problems.

It has been a privilege and very rewarding to walk alongside people in their need and I hope it has brought some support and comfort to them and their families.

I could not have managed without the help and support of my wonderful group.
Gill Wythes



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 24 January 2021

Epiphany 3 White

"Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

John 2 v 11

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good
news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the
oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy
Spirit
and set all your people
free
to praise you in Christ our
Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 24 January Epiphany 3 Colour
All church services within the Alcester Minster are suspended throughout January
This will be reviewed at the end of January

Tuesday 26 January
Via Zoom Platform 12 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Sunday 31 January Epiphany 4 Colour
All church services within the Alcester Minster are suspended throughout January

For further information please remember to contact the Administrator
Tel: 0784 028 4294 or
email: administrator@alcesterminster.org

Please remember that on-line worship continues to be available every Sunday on the Welcome page of the Alcester Minster website
www.alcesterminster.org

We are delighted to say that although we cannot meet together in St Nicholas, Alcester on 31st January, Archdeacon Barry Dugmore will be recording a talk for the on-line service.

Update on arrival of Revd Katie Cross

Due to challenges resulting from Covid 19 restrictions, there has been a slight delay on finalising work that needs to be done to the Rectory before Katie and her family can move in. As a result, this means Katie will remain in her current home until the work is completed and will look to move at the end of March. She will however formally join Coventry diocese from 03 March but will not be installed as Rector of the Minster until the end of April/early May. We will be able to welcome her on 03 March as there will be a welcome service conducted by Bishop Christopher who will formally give his permission for her to officiate. Kate will be working remotely from Thursday 04 March. This will give Katie time to start getting to know the area and us – as much as Covid restrictions will allow and to settle in to her new home before formally taking up post.
Please continue to pray for Katie and her family.

Readings for the week

Today	Revelation 19 v 6 - 10 John 2 v 1 - 11
Monday	Philippians 3 v 1 - 14
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10 v 14 - 11 v 1
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11 v 2 - 16
Friday	1 Corinthians 11 v 7 - 34
Saturday	1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 11



Prayer

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

1. *Pray for all those whose lives and businesses have been disrupted by Brexit, that they may be able to adapt to the new situation.*
2. *Give thanks for the dedication of teachers and other school staff as they work to keep pupils safe as well as helping them to cope with a disrupted education.*

Reminder – Churches open for Private Prayer

Kinwarton, Sambourne and Weethley will be open as usual.

Kinwarton each Tuesday & Friday 10 am – 3 pm

Sambourne each Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon

Weethley each Saturday 10 am – 6 pm

St Nicholas, Alcester each Sunday 10.00 am – 12 noon in January.

We are encouraged not to travel to churches outside our own parish.

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.

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



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