

What happens next

As the country prepares for a phased end to the lockdown, we in the Alcester Minster are preparing for a phased end to our interregnum. This begins on **March 3rd. at 7.30pm.** in the evening when we will be welcoming **Katie Cross** in an informal Zoom service (well as informal as it gets with a Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean taking part!). Those directly involved in the service will get a Zoom invitation, others can access the service via a YouTube link which will be found on the Alcester Minster website www.alcesterminster.org

From the **4th. March** onwards Katie will be with us remotely while she is still living in the Exeter area, so we will be seeing her at some Zoom meetings and in some on-line services. She, her husband Paul and family will be moving up to Alcester just before Easter Day, and we will be seeing her in church towards the **middle/end of April**. Sometime around the **end of April/ beginning of May** there will be a formal Installation/Induction service.

In view of still high infection rates, our churches are taking a cautious approach to re-opening. Most of our churches are waiting until **April** and **Easter** services before re-opening for worship. **St. Nicholas**, Alcester will be open from the **14th. March**.

The Covid restrictions we are all used to – mask wearing, no singing, hygiene precautions and restricted numbers – will all remain in place until national and diocesan guidelines change – **and booking places for services is still essential**. But soon, we hope, we will be able to worship freely together and sing our praises to our amazing Lord and Saviour.

Sue Henwood.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 28 February 2021

Lent 2 *Purple*

*“For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; ·
but when they cried to him he heard them..”*

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's
religion,
that they may reject those things that
are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and
discipline of Lent
may we enter into the
mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his
Way
come to share in his
glory;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Psalm 22 v 24

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 28 February **Lent 2** *Purple*
**All church services within the Alcester Minster
are suspended throughout February**

Tuesday 02 March

Zoom 12.00 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 03 March

On-line 7.30 pm Welcome service for Revd Katie Cross

Sunday 07 March **Lent 3** *Purple*
No services within Alcester Minster churches

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

The World Day of Prayer – Friday 05 March

On-line service will be available from Alcester churches at 7.00 pm.

The link to the Zoom service can be requested from the Administrator.

Tanzanian well. Thank you for your interest.

If you would like to contribute to the well in Tanzania you could pay into the St. Nicholas account marked 'Tanzania' (sort code 30-98-26, acc. no. 01143884). Alternatively, a cheque or cash to St Nicholas in an envelope marked 'Tanzania' to Brian Titterington, 8 Abbey Close Alcester B49 5QW

Reminder: Administrator Hours 01 – 05 March

Please note: The Administrator's hours for next week will change to the afternoon, starting at 1.30 pm.

Recent Minster funerals

Date: 22 January 2021 Edward Brian West
Date: 09 February 2021 Mary June Grummett
Date: 23 February 2021 Ronald Francis Tandy
Date: 26 February 2021 Anthony James Hancox

Readings for the week

Today	Romans 4 v 13 – 25 Mark 8 v 31 – 88 Psalm 22 v 23 – 31
Monday	John 6 v 41 – 51
Tuesday	John 6 v 52 – 59
Wednesday	John 6 v 60 – 71
Thursday	John 7 v 1 - 13
Friday	John 7 v 14 – 24
Saturday	John 7 v 25 - 36



Prayer

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

1. *Pray for all those who are in hospital, either because of Covid or other reasons, that they may know God's peace, comfort and healing touch.*
2. *Pray for all those making decisions about the restrictions and when to start easing them, may they be given wisdom and the ability to judge between different priorities.*

Services will resume in St Nicholas Alcester at 10 am from Sunday 14 March.

Services in all other churches continue to be suspended until Holy Week.

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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