

Net Zero Carbon initiative - 2030

Beginning at the beginning, the Bible tells us about the Creation of the world. It may not have happened in that literal fashion but we see all around us the resulting beautiful, God-given world that we have inherited. We are now learning more about the damage we have inflicted on it and are continuing to inflict on it through our actions that are causing the climate to change. Last year a General Synod motion was passed with the objective of the Church of England achieving zero net emissions of carbon by 2030 in order to help to reverse the trend of global warming. This applies to all C of E institutions; cathedrals, churches, related buildings and its staff and congregations. This will need to be tackled from the bottom up, with local initiatives to develop this project with the aim of reducing our carbon "footprint".

We can achieve this by changes to our energy supply and our energy use. Looking at our energy supply we may not have our own offshore wind farm but we can source our energy from providers who use wind farms, hydroelectric generation, commercial solar panel electricity or other renewable sources. We could possibly invest in solar panels in our churches and homes. On the usage side, we can fit more efficient lightbulbs, draught proof the doors and windows, walk or cycle to the shops instead of using the car, shop locally wherever possible or just turn off a light and the standby on the tv and laptop! You might even save some money. It's not just your PCC and your church that needs to take action. It needs YOUR HELP. If everyone in our congregations, and their friends and families as well, can do the same in our homes we can achieve the Net Zero Carbon objective by 2030. It's our Christian duty to look after the world that God has given us for all generations to enjoy – including those in the future.

Lent is a time of sacrifice for Christians and some of the actions that will be necessary to halt global warming will cost us in terms of economic growth, convenience and pleasure. This will be felt most by those who already have the electrical appliances, those who fly to faraway holiday destinations, those who can afford the food flown in from around the world. They (we?) can have the biggest effect in the next 9 years. 2030 has been chosen as the target date because unless we can reverse this trend by then, it will mean that the global warming is irreversible, leading to the destruction of our planet as we know it. Sacrifices are made so that there will be future benefits. Christ sacrificed his life on Good Friday for the benefits that came from his resurrection – the forgiveness for the sins of mankind. Your sacrifice or change of habit might seem insignificant compared with that but multiply it by millions and together we can achieve this vital target to benefit those who come after us.

Andrew Deeks



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 21 March 2021

Lent 5 *Purple*

*“As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.”*

Psalm 42 v 1

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who
suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the
mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal
peace
through the shedding of
our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 21 March **Lent 5** **Sunday 21 March**
Alcester 10.00 am Alcester

Church services are suspended in all other Minster churches in March

Tuesday 23 March
National Day of Reflection
Via Zoom 12.00 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 24 March
Haselor 7.30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 28 March **Palm Sunday** *Red*
Alcester 10.00 am Morning Prayer

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

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

National Day of Reflection Tuesday 23 March
to remember all who have died during the pandemic
The government has called for a minute's silence at **12:00 noon**
and we are encouraged to light up our doorsteps that evening
at **8 pm**. Below is the link to Marie Curie website for more
information, resources and idea.
www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection

Annual Parochial Church meeting for Haselor
Wednesday 24 March 2021
Please remember if you wish to take part you need to contact
the PCC Secretary to obtain an invitation for the Zoom
meeting.

Advance warning – Easter Sunday services will NOT
take place at 10 am. *It is not too soon to reserve seats.*
09:00 at Haselor and Kinwarton
11:00 at Alcester, Arrow and Great Alne
15:00 at Weethley
16:00 at Coughton

Readings for the week

Today	Hebrews 5 v 5 0 10 John 12 v 20 – 33 Psalm 42 v 1 – 11
Monday	John 11 v 28 – 44
Tuesday	John 11 v 45 – 57
Wednesday	John 12 v 1 – 11
Thursday	Romans 5 v 12 – 21
Friday	John 12 v 20 – 36a
Saturday	John 12 v 36b – 50



Prayer

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

- 1. The pandemic has knocked other important issues out of the headlines. Pray that we might remember the climate crisis in our prayers and actions.*
- 2. Give thanks for those who draw our attention to injustice and oppression around the world, sometimes at considerable risk to themselves.*

Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during the church service.

Visitors are invited to Gift Aid their offerings in the envelopes provided.

Contact Tricia Berry (01789 509 278 or 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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