



ARDEN FOODBANK

Matthew 25

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?’” “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” The Arden Foodbank has continued operating during the pandemic. A large number of our volunteers had to stand down in the spring following government advice concerning over 70s. Thankfully we had some younger volunteers come forward so we could remain open. We have had to revise our operating procedures in line with government advice on Health and Safety during the pandemic.

In 2020, (2019 in brackets), we fulfilled 482 (175) vouchers
We fed 706 (240) adults & 572 (152) children.

Over the Christmas period we distributed food boxes to families, identified by the local schools, as being in need.

We are extremely grateful to those who have continued to donate both food and money during the last year, without these donations we could not continue to provide this service to the local community.

We would also want to thank all the very loyal volunteers who have stepped up and helped keep the distribution centres going in these difficult times.

We have a small hard-working steering committee, who would like to thank the Alcester and Studley Methodist Churches for allowing us to continue using the premises during the pandemic.

If you want to contact us:-
email - ardenfoodbank@gmail.com



**Welcome to
the Alcester
Minster Group of
Churches
Sunday 18 April 2021**

Easter 2 White

*“Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins
may be wiped out,”*

Acts 3 v 19a

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples with the sight of the
risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his
presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh
hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the
Father.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 18 April **Easter 3** *White*

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| Alcester | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Coughton | 10.00 am | Morning Prayer |
| Weethley | 3.00 pm | Holy Communion |

Monday 19 April

Via Zoom 7.30 pm MLT meeting

Tuesday 20 April

Via Zoom 12.00 noon Minster Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 21 April

Via Zoom 7.30 pm Alcester APCM

Thursday 22 April

Alcester 11.00 am Funeral

Sunday 25 April **Easter 4** *White*

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| Alcester | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Great Alne | 10.00 am | Morning Worship |

Please remember to reserve a place at all the church services, wear a face covering, unless exempt, and keep 2 metres distance. Thank you

Please remember to check with the PCC Secretary if you wish to attend an APCM meeting to discover if it is via Zoom or at a venue.

HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

A Civic Service of Thanksgiving for the life of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, is to be held at Coventry Cathedral on Friday 16th April at 6pm.

People will be able to watch the event live on the Cathedral's Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral>

Read more...

<https://coventry.anglican.org/news/service-of-thanksgiving-at-coventry-cathedral-for-prince-philip.php>

Readings for the week

Today

Acts 3 v 12 - 19

Luke 24 v 36b - 48

Monday

Ephesians 1 v 1 - 14

Tuesday

Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23

Wednesday

Ephesians 2 v 1 - 10

Thursday

Ephesians 2 v 11 - 22

Friday

Ephesians 6 v 10 - 20

Saturday

Ephesians 3 v 14 - 21



Prayer

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

- 1. Give thanks to God for all the key workers and people who have enabled us to get food, keep our homes heated, receive medical treatment, and have generally kept the nation going throughout the pandemic.*
- 2. Pray for all those whose plans for the future have been put on hold, that they may know God's peace in the midst of uncertainty.*

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

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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