

## Thy Kingdom Come!

Ascension to Pentecost 2021  
13 – 23 May

Between Ascension and Pentecost we are encouraged to join in this international call to prayer. But it is only April why are we mentioning it now? Some of the resources are already available and in order to prepare for this great outpouring of prayer across the nation and globally you may wish to avail yourselves of some of the recourses.

### *Thy Kingdom Come Prayer*

*Almighty God, your ascended son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen*

The Church of England has many resources to help us and in the current time it is such a blessing that we can turn to prayer.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2021>

Many resources are available NOW to order or download. Get ahead of the game. Below is an outline of just some of the resources available new for 2021.

**A Novena:** Using the Psalms the Novena booklet offers 9 days of scripture, a short article to read and a short prayer which you can personalise.

**A Prayer Diary:** You may already keep a prayer diary but if this idea is new to you why not can start with a Thy Kingdom Come prayer diary. It has guidance and prayers with pages to record your personal items of prayer.

**For families:** there is also 'Cheeky Pandas' a downloadable resource with a story and activities. There are also Prayer Family Adventure Map and podcasts. All can be found on the link above. You can even download an APP to encourage children to pray and gain more form the Adventure Map.



## Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

**Sunday 25 April 2021**

**Easter 4**     *White*

*“By what power or by what name did you do this?”*

Acts 4 v 7b

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Alternative Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your  
Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your  
command,  
that all your people may  
be gathered into one  
flock,  
to the glory of God the  
Father.

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster](https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster)

## Next week's services and events

### Sunday 25 April

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Great Alne	10.00 am	Morning Worship

### Easter 4

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### Tuesday 27 April

Via Zoom	12.00 noon	Minster Prayer Gathering
Great Alne	7.30 pm	Kinwarton with Great Alne APCM

### Wednesday 28 April

Alcester	7.30 pm	Installation service for Revd Katie Cross
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### Sunday 02 May

Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
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Sambourne	16:00 am	Holy Communion

### Easter 5

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

#### Installation of Revd Katie Cross as Rector

The service will be held at St Nicholas, Alcester on **Wednesday 28 April**.

The Induction/Installation will be led by Bishop John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick.

Unfortunately, due to the restricted numbers we are unable to offer any seats to attend the service. We are sorry to disappoint anyone. The service is going to be recorded and will be available to view from the next day on the front page of the Minster website.

[www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org)

Christian Music Ministries – CMM are looking for music loving, Spirit-filled person to join their small team in the role of Administration and Media. Part-time role based in Worcestershire. For more information contact the Administrator or Pat Newbold. Closing date is 27 May.

The Administrator would still love to receive your photographs to add to the end of the on-line service. Please note the deadline for inclusion in the service is 12 noon on the Thursday before the service.

## Readings for the week

### Today

Acts 4 v 5 - 12

John 10 v 11 - 18

### Monday

Acts 12 v 25 - 13 v 13

### Tuesday

Ephesians 4 v 17 - 32

### Wednesday

Ephesians 5 v 1 - 14

### Thursday

Ephesians 5 v 15 - 33

### Friday

Ephesians 6 v 1 - 9

### Saturday

James 1 v 1 - 12



### Prayer

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

1. Give thanks for all those pupils who are able to be in school and pray for those having to self-isolate (and their parents) as they have to return to home schooling for a while.
2. Pray for all teachers and lecturers as they have to give assessments in place of examinations, that they may be wise and fair. Pray for those having to produce on-line lessons as well as teach in person – that they may have the strength and stamina they need.

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