

MIX

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Gen. 1v.31)

One day in 2012, while I was still involved in ministry in Bidford, a member of Bidford Baptist Church (Ruth) came to talk to me. She felt that God was calling her to start a worship service for people of all ages with additional needs and their carers. What did I think? As both a minister used to leading services and the mother of a daughter (Kate) with autism and severe learning difficulties, I knew from first-hand experience how difficult it could be to worship during an ordinary church service while worried that others were finding your child's behaviour distracting. So, I was all in favour! - provided that our usual church congregations did not make it into an excuse for not welcoming disabled people into their fellowship.

Ruth gathered together a small, ecumenical team (including me) to plan the services, and a larger group of volunteers who helped with the sound, catering, craft, etc. MIX became a monthly service, meeting on a Sunday afternoon in Bidford Baptist Church. The afternoon would begin with a worship time, including music, prayer, a short Bible reading, maybe drama, maybe a short talk, maybe a film. Participation and using our different senses were an important part of our worship together. After that there would be an activity/craft/games time and the afternoon would finish with a lovely tea. From the beginning MIX attracted people from a wide area, Stratford, Studley, Evesham, Gloucester, as well as those living locally in Bidford and Alcester. One afternoon we were joined by Bishop John - who enjoyed the fun. Like many other activities, MIX has been closed during the pandemic, and because of the vulnerability of many who come, it has not yet restarted. However, we have been keeping in touch with regular mailings and occasional Zoom services/meetings. For me (and other carers) MIX provided a safe place to worship without having to worry about Kate's behaviour, knowing she was accepted and loved as a member of God's family and the MIX family. Throughout my time in the Alcester Minster Benefice, being involved in MIX has been part of my ministry and may continue to be so - even in retirement.

Sue Henwood



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 20 June 2021

Trinity 3 Green

"And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'"

Mark 4 v 41

Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call
you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our
freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought to the glorious liberty of
the children of God;
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 our saviour,
look on this wounded
world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your
promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 20 June Trinity 3 *Green*

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

Tuesday 22 June

Via Zoom 12 noon Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 21 June

Alcester 10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 27 June

Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Great Alne 10.00 am Morning Worship

Trinity 4 *Green*

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.

40 Years On

It is with regret that, due to the delay in relaxing the government's restrictions, Julian is unable to hold the celebration for his forty years of ordained ministry on Sunday, 27 June, on the Church Green, Alcester. Notice will be given when a new date for this celebration is confirmed.

Tricia will retain the list of those who have expressed a wish to join Julian in his celebration for whenever it is able to take place.

Sue Henwood's final service within the Minster will be at **St Nicholas at 10 am on Sunday 11 July**

Unfortunately, due to the continuation of restrictions, numbers in church will be restricted to 30 but the plans are that the service will be available on-line.

Please note with the continuation of restrictions the numbers at all church services will continue to be restricted, so please remember to reserve a space through the Administrator. Thank you.

Readings for the week

Today

2 Corinthians 6 v 1 - 13

Mark 4 v 35 - 41

Monday

Romans 11 v 25 - 36

Tuesday

Romans 12 v 1 - 8

Wednesday

Romans 12 v 9 - 21

Thursday

Luke 3 v 1 - 17

Friday

Romans 13 v 8 v 14

Saturday

Romans 14 v 1 - 12



Prayer

Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Let us pray for Northern Ireland as they start a new chapter in their leadership that it will not lead to unrest.*
2. *We pray to God asking for so many things so let us pause and reflect on all the wonderful things he has given us and give thanks.*

Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during services. 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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