

Fun, music and colour

As the world looks closer to opening up and finding a new normal I find myself at an exciting time looking ahead at how I can support children and families learn of Jesus' love and follow him in their lives.

As schools near the end of the academic year I have been busy preparing 'Leavers Prayer Space's'. Students will be invited to walk around different stations and take part in different activities. We hope this will provide students and teachers and opportunity to reflect on their time at primary school, give thanks to God, pray and be with God and share their worries with him.

Summer looks set to be full of fun, music and colour as I prepare to deliver a Joseph inspired summer activity scheme for families. We will be providing families a chance to take part in a dance class learning moves to a famous Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat song. We will have a craft morning full of colour and glitter with Joseph inspired crafts. Cupcake and biscuit decorating session to remember the plentiful food the Egyptians had even during famine and even a circus skills morning to let families find their talents given to them from God. It is such a blessing to bring bible stories to life in such different ways and we hope that children will get a greater understanding of the story and lessons we can learn from Joseph and his relationship with God whilst having a brilliant time!

'Stay and Play' sessions continue to be a source of support to mums who some of which have not been around other mums since having their babies. It is evident that there are many families who will feel the aftereffects of the pandemic for a very long time – please remember them in your prayers.

I am DELIGHTED to announce that Messy Church will be launching in September. I will provide more details soon but if you would like to be part of the team or know more please get in touch.

Finally, my personal thanks to Rev Sue Henwood for her kindness and support whilst I have been in post. Like many, I wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you and your families at some of our events.

Beth Clarke, Children and Family Worker



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 18 July 2021

Trinity 7 Green

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near."

Ephesians 2 v 17

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 18 July

Trinity 7 *Green*

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

Tuesday 20 July

Via Zoom 12 noon Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 21 July

Alcester 10.00 am Midweek Communion

Sunday 25 July

Trinity 8 *Green*

Alcester	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Great Alne	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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.

Please note:

When the government announces relaxation of the restrictions we will have to wait until the Church of England notifies us of any changes before we can lift the current restrictions. So please continue to reserve places at all services etc.

Can you help?

Can anyone help by providing storage space for the many resources Beth has gathered to aid her work in schools, with young families and our churches?

Ideally, we could do with a garage or other larger space with easy access. Space is rather limited at Church House!

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Reminder:

Saturday 14th August, all Alcester Churches will be open throughout the day from **9.30am to 4.30pm** for **Personal Reflection** on the events of the past eighteen months, culminating with a service at **St Nicholas at 5.00pm**.

Sunday 15th August, an open-air service of **Thanksgiving at 3.00pm** will be held on **Jubilee Fields**, (weather permitting, or inside the Eric Payne Centre) followed by a **'Bring Your Own Picnic'**.

Readings for the week

Today

Monday	Ephesians 2 v 11 – 22
Tuesday	Mark 6 v 3 – 34 & 53 – 56
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 11 v 1 – 15
Thursday	2 Corinthians 11 v 16 – 20
Friday	2 Corinthians 12
Saturday	Luke 8 v 1 – 3
	James 1 v 1 – 11
	James 1 v 12 – 27

Prayer



Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Please pray for the churchwardens of the Minster as they carry out the commitments they made before you and the Archdeacon's recently.*
2. *As we look to the future pray that we grow closer together and to God in the Minster under the leadership of Katie Cross*

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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