

Alcester Deanery

Alcester Minster Churches are part of Alcester Deanery. Well that much makes sense, but what is the Deanery and more importantly, how does it work?

Alcester Minster Churches are just one of seven benefices which make up Alcester Deanery, the others are **Arden Marches**, the churches connected to Studley; **Arden Valley**, the churches connected to Snitterfield; the **Churches of Arden**, the churches connected to Claverdon and Wootton Wawen including Aston Cantlow; **Heart of England**, the churches connected to Bidford-on-Avon; **Henley and Ullenhall**; and the parish of **Wilmcote**. The Deanery is led by an Area Dean, currently Revd Kate Mier from Arden Marches, and a Lay Chair, currently Dr Sue Jacques from Churches of Arden.

Every three years at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting churches elect people to represent them on Deanery Synod. As a deanery, clergy and the representatives from each worshipping community are invited to come together at a Deanery Synod meeting at least three times a year. At these meetings there is usually a speaker, and this aspect of the meeting is open to anyone to attend. The recent topics have included 'Living in love and faith', and 'Clergy well-being'. In the past the synod has heard a discussion about interfaith between a CofE Canon and a Muslim Police officer. The Diocesan Environment officer has spoken about how all churches can respond to the environment and sign up to 'Eco Church'. You can see that the speakers cover all sorts of areas, but always with a faith element.

Following the speaker, the Synod deal with all deanery matters including reports from Finance, the General Synod and Diocesan Synod. The meetings generally finish by members sharing 'good news' stories from around the deanery. The arrival of our new rector was one of those and Alcester Minster often has something to share.

There is also a sub-committee, the 'Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee' made up of the Area Dean, Lay Chair, 2 clergy and 2 lay people. The committee discuss mission, the deployment of clergy, and pastoral needs within the deanery and can make recommendations to the Diocesan Synod as well as reporting to the Deanery Synod. The DMPC, with three additional lay people, are currently involved in Deanery Planning i.e., looking to how the deanery can help parishes and benefices in the future. Currently a lot of data has been collected and collated to aid the formulation of action plans.



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 01 August 2021

Trinity 9 Green

"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

John 6 v 27a

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth
the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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,
revive your Church
in our day,
and make her holy,
strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 01 August **Trinity 9** *Green*
Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Haselor 10.00 am Lammas Holy Communion
Sambourne 4.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 03 August
Via Zoom 12 noon Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 04 August
Alcester 10.00 am Midweek Communion

Sunday 08 August **Trinity 10** *Green*
Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Arrow 10.00 am Morning Prayer
Kinwarton 4.00 pm Evening Prayer

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

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

On **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**'.

Please save the dates. We hope to see you there. **Bring all your friends and family.** (All will depend on the coronavirus regulations at the time of the event.)

Sue and Martin would like to say a really big

THANK YOU

to everyone for all the kind words, good wishes and prayers, the many cards and very generous gifts on the occasion of Sue's retirement. I will miss you all and as I go – to quote a well known hymn - "*I will hold your people in my heart.*"

Readings for the week

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| Today | Ephesians 4 v 1 – 16 John 6 v 24 - 35 |
| Monday | Mark 1 v 1 – 13 |
| Tuesday | Mark 1 v 14 – 20 |
| Wednesday | Mark 1 v 21 – 28 |
| Thursday | Mark 1 v 29 – 45 |
| Friday | 1 John 3 v 1 – 3 |
| Saturday | Mark 2 v 13 - 22 |



Prayer

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

1. *We pray for those countries who have suffered the severe flooding over the past two weeks, for the injured, the bereaved and those left homeless.*
2. *We too would look beyond the trials of the here and now To live our lives in the in the light of eternity, for the joy set before us, pleasures evermore in the presence of our Lord. Amen*

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

Please take this sheet home with you

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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