

A sad farewell...

It is with great sadness that today we announce the resignation of our Children and Families worker, Beth Clarke.

Beth has been a beacon of hope, especially during the pandemic, working amongst children and families in Alcester and alongside our local primary schools, both here and in the villages.

She has supported teachers with a weekly collective worship video to share with the children, together with additional creative ideas for the schools, including the very popular prayer spaces.

Beth has set up stay and play groups with young mums and their babies, a particularly important role when other social contact had been lost, including setting up a baby bank alongside the foodbank for those all-important first needed resources.

She has worked alongside the Town Council in various schemes supporting the vulnerable including local networking groups and 'Cook and Eat your Tea'.

And of course, she has been instrumental in providing activity packs and sessions during the school holidays for children and families with the free school meals scheme.

We have benefitted from her enthusiasm, energy, and creativity in so many ways, but now Beth feels that she needs to give more time to her family. It is with a heavy heart that she has chosen to step back, and we want to bless her, both for the time and energy she has given to us, but also sending our prayers for the ongoing pressures of family life that she now faces.

The leadership team will be meeting over the coming weeks to make decisions about the way forward and we will keep you informed of what will happen next.

Beth's last official day will be 31st August; however, she has a few days leave to take so her last working day will be 24th August.

Please join me in praying for Beth and her family as she picks up new priorities.

Katie Cross, Rector



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 08 August 2021

Trinity 10

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“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6 v 35

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your
humble servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions
make them to ask such things
as shall please you;
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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his
disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and
courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our
prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 08 August	Trinity10	<i>Green</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Arrow	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Kinwarton	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 10 August		
Via Zoom	12 noon	Prayer Gathering
Wednesday 11 August		
Alcester	10.00 am	Midweek Communion
Saturday 14 August		
All Alcester Churches	9.00 am – 4.30 pm	Reflection
Alcester	5.00 pm	ACT joint service of Reflection
Sunday 15 August	Trinity 11	<i>Green</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Coughton	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Jubilee Fields	3.00 pm	ACT joint Thanksgiving service

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**'.

Summer activities

Please, in your prayers support the events Beth is providing for the children and families in the Minster. May these events spread God's love to those who attend as well as those who have volunteered to support Beth.

Please note: The Administrator has returned to work in the Church Office in Church House.

Readings for the week

Today	Ephesians 4 v 25 – 5 v 2 John 6 v 35 & v 41 - 51
Monday	Mark 2 v 23 – 3 v 6
Tuesday	Mark 3 v 7 – 19a
Wednesday	Mark 3 v 19b – 35
Thursday	Mark 4 v 1 – 20
Friday	Mark 4 v 21 – 34
Saturday	Mark 4 v 35 - 41



Prayer

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

- 1. God of hope, shine the rays of your love on all in need across the world. That this may be a summer of hope for those we seek to serve. Help us to reflect our hope through kindness and generosity that lives may flourish and grow in the warmth of your love.*
- 2. Thank the Lord for holidays and times of recreation*

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 (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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