

So much more ...

'Refreshments and cakes' seem to come to mind when people talk about the Mothers' Union. It is true they are often the first to volunteer to provide refreshments at church events and many are fantastic at baking, but there is so much more to the work of the Mothers' Union than that.

For example, did you know it is **an international movement with around 4 million members in 84 countries**. In many countries of the world, it is recognised as a major movement which gives women a voice. The MU is active in most African countries but also in places like South Korea, the Philippines, Fiji, the Solomon Islands and many more, not to forget many countries in Europe other than the UK and Ireland. It was founded in 1876 by a minister's wife, Mary Sumner initially to offer mutual support for mothers in the parish. That is something it still tries to do along with *so much more*.

The movement is also involved as an advocate calling for change on a local, national and international level:

- Informing, resourcing, and mobilising our **members, supporters, and the public** who are passionate about positively impacting issues of social justice at all levels.
- Engaging, informing, and communicating with **governments and decision makers** on issues that matter to communities across the world.
- Collaborating with other key **charities and organisations** to help bring a united voice for change
[Extract from the Mothers' Union website]

For example, were you aware that the movement supports, men, children, and young people as well as women to eliminate gender-based violence and abuse? The aim being to bring peace and reconciliation to communities. You can find out more on www.mothersunion.org

There are currently two Mothers' Union groups in the Alcester Minster Churches. One based in Alcester and one for members of Kinwarton, Great Alne and Haselor. I joined the KGA&H group when I was pregnant with my first child, over thirty-five years ago. It will be lovely to meet up again in person with MU friends to enjoy the speakers on all sorts of subjects and socialising together. For more info on how to join either group contact the Administrator. *Tricia Berry*



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 22 August 2020

Trinity 12 Green

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."

John 6 v 56

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save
us:
remind us of your
goodness,
increase your grace within
us,
that our thankfulness may
grow,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 22 August **Trinity 12** *Green*
Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Great Alne 10.00 am Morning Worship
Weethley 3.00 pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 August
Via Zoom 12 noon Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 25 August
Alcester 10.00 am Midweek Communion

Sunday 29 August **Trinity 13** *Green*
Alcester 10.00 am Minster Service

Please Note: from 05 September the pattern of Sunday services will be changing. Including the time of services.

The midweek Communion will remain at 10 am but most services will move to either 9 am or 11 am. Please check future Notice Sheets or the Minster Calendar for details. Details should also be on the Minster website shortly.

St Nicholas Church Coffee Morning *with Books*

Saturday 21 August
10.00 am – 12.00 noon
in Church House

In aid of St Nicholas Church restoration Fund

Coming soon....

Fun and Chat
Saturday 25 September
10.30 – 1 pm
Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall.

Fun activities for families and place to sit and chat with friends. Refreshments served all morning and a free lunch.

Readings for the week

Today	Ephesians 6 v 10 – 20 John 6 v 56 - 59
Monday	Mark 6 v 45 – 56
Tuesday	John 1 v 43 - 51
Wednesday	Mark 7 v 14 – 23
Thursday	Mark 7 v 24 – 30
Friday	Mark 7 v 31 – 37
Saturday	Mark 8 v 1 - 10

Prayer



Please pray for the following topics:

week Lord we pray for the problems of the world wars fires, floods and earthquakes Lord be with those are suffering from these terrible disasters.

- As we look back with gratitude for the past, so we look forward with faith for the futures together. We place our trust in God whose plans stand firm forever. Amen*

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 weeks' notice sheet.

Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up



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