

Fun and laughter

I hope you all remember the piece for the Notice Sheet on 22 August about the work of the Mothers' Union. Shortly after that Alcester Mothers' Union group informed me that they would be returning to monthly meetings on Thursday 09 September in Church House at lunchtime to include a 'bring and share' lunch. I am delighted to report the success of that meeting. The speaker was Maggie Payne and Maggie sent me the following and asked me to include it in the Notice Sheet:

Well today I was asked to give a talk on Alcester in Bloom for St. Nicholas Church Mothers Union I was a little apprehensive as the last time I went to a Mothers Union meeting, everyone sat poker faced, in rows of chairs. NOT SO NOW!!! Everyone sat round sanitised tables, EXTREMELY informal. I laughed from the time I went in until the time I came out. I did my talk where 'I think' they thought some parts were funny. After which I can only say there was enough food to go round 3 times! (Not that I did). My thanks to Hilary Malin for the laughs, to Dianne, Barbara and Florence for the very organised 2 hours. Never again will I look on Mothers Union as stiff and stayed. My sides are still aching.
Maggie Payne

I think this just demonstrates how much fun can be enjoyed at Mothers' Union meetings. Did you know, men can go, too.

As we return to enjoying face to face church events, please do let me know so they can be advertised both on the Notice Sheet and on the Alcester Minster Calendar. e.g.

'Keep Fit for over 65's' is returning on Wednesday's during term time at Sambourne Church starting at 1.30 pm. Run by a professional so there is a small charge for each session attended.

'Fun and Chat' at Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall returns on Saturday 25 September 10.30 am – 1.00 pm.
The Administrator



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 19 September 2021

Trinity 16 *Green*

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.."

James 3 v 13

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 19 September	Trinity 16	<i>Green</i>
Haselor 9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Weethley 9.00 am	Harvest service	
Coughton 11.00 am	Morning Worship	
Alcester 11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	
Alcester 3.00 pm	Baptism service if required	

Monday 20 September

Tuesday 21 September

Via Zoom 12.00 noon Prayer Gathering

Wednesday 22 September

Alcester 10.00 am Holy Communion
Sambourne 1.30 pm Keep Fit for over 65s

Saturday 25 September

Great Alne 10.30 am – Fun & Chat
Memorial Hall 1.00 pm

Sunday 25 September Trinity 17 *Green*

Alcester 8.00 am Said BCP Holy Communion
Kinwarton 9.00 am Holy Communion
Alcester 11.00 am Civic Service

Tea Party

Lizzy and Julian invite you and any one from the Minster Churches to their garden on Sunday Sept 19th at 3pm for a final tea party. Please let us know if you can come on mrседavey@gmail.com or leave a message on 764640. We do hope you can join us.

Churchwomen's Guild Meeting

Thursday 23rd September at 2pm in Church House

Rachel Newitt will be stepping down at the end of September and introducing a new leader at the meeting. Spaces are available for arrangers to do the choir stalls, the pillars and one spare window for Festivals, and also spaces on the weekly Altar Flower rota. If you can help, please contact Rachel and/or come along to the meeting. All are welcome.

Keep fit for over 65s, every Wednesday at 1.30 til 2.30pm, £5 per session. No shorts or leotards necessary! Tailored to your individual abilities but using all those muscles. So much fun, you will go home with a smile on your face and in your heart. More info phone Pat 01526 458852, or just turn up.

Readings for the week

Today	James 3 v 13 – 4 v 3 & 7 – 8a Mark 9 v 30 – 37
Monday	Mark 12 v 28 – 34
Tuesday	2 Timothy 3 v 14 – 18
Wednesday	Mark 13 v 1 – 13
Thursday	Mark 13 v 14 – 23
Friday	Mark 13 v 24 – 31
Saturday	Mark 13 v 32 – 37



Prayer

Please pray for the following topics

1. *Dear Lord as we start the Minster Harvest Festivals, we are so grateful for farmers who provide our food often in challenging weather conditions. We pray for those people worldwide who are hungry*
2. *We are thankful for the support provided by the food bank for the help they continue to give in our community.*

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.

Harvest Readings:

*1 Timothy 2 v 1 – 7 or 5 v 6 – 10
Matthew 6 v 25 – 33*

Fun and Chat

**Saturday 25 September
10.30 – 12.30 pm**

Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall.

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



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