

## All good gifts around us

...are sent from heaven above...

We all know this chorus to the traditional harvest hymn. Harvest the season to give thanks. An annual reminder to thank those who 'plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land' the farmers. And more and more not just the people who produce the food but also to thank those who produce the other goods we purchase, the people who deliver the good to the stores, the shopkeepers. The people who donate and run the Arden Foodbank. If nothing else this past 18 months has taught us that there are so many people, we rely on for our 'daily bread'.

The rest of the chorus of the hymn is so important. It reminds us that all good gifts come from heaven above, from God. It goes on "*then thanks the lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love*". As we remember to give thanks for the people listed above it is even more important to give thanks to God. Not just at his time of year but all the time. For the beautiful world we live in, for our family, friends, neighbours, for work colleagues. Yes, for food in the shops. So many around the world struggle to find enough food to eat or live where neighbours could be enemies rather than friends. However stormy our lives might seem at times we do have so much to be thankful for. Let us find time to list our blessings and give thanks to the Lord for each one of them because he provides them with '*all His love*'.

### Collects for Harvest Thanksgiving

#### Collect

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of  
the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the  
seasons;  
as we thank you for the  
harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

#### Alternative Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your  
goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the  
earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your  
glory,  
for the relief of those in need and  
for our own well-being;  
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.



## Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

**Sunday 26 September 2021**

**Trinity 17**    *Green*

*"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.*

James 5 v 13

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they  
find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and  
draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your  
heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 God,  
you call us to fullness of  
life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 26 September</b>	<b>Trinity 17</b>	<i>Green</i>
Alcester	8.00 am	Said BCP Holy Communion
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Alcester	11.00 am	Civic Service

### Monday 27 September

### Tuesday 28 September

Via Zoom 12.00 noon Prayer Gathering

### Wednesday 29 September

Alcester 10.00 am Mid-week Holy Communion  
Sambourne 1.30 pm Keep Fit for over 65s (term time only)

### Sunday 03 October

**Trinity 18** *Green*

Haselor 9.00 am Harvest Service  
Alcester 11.00 am Harvest Service  
Great Alne 11.00 am Harvest Service  
Sambourne 4.00 pm Evening Prayer

### Reminder – Saturday 25 September 10.30 – 12.30

Fun & Chat is running  
at Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall  
*This is a Minster event for young and old.*

### Churchwomen's Guild Meeting

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>Today</b>	James 5 v 11 - 20 Mark 9 v 38 - 50
Monday	Mark 14 v 1 - 11
Tuesday	Mark 14 v 12 - 25
Wednesday	Acts 12 v 1 - 11
Thursday	Mark 14 v 43 - 52
Friday	Mark 14 v 53 - 65
Saturday	Mark 14 v 66 - 72



### Prayer

Please pray for the following topics:

1. *We pray for our government as some of our Ministers take up new positions and also for our local councillors.*
2. *Heavenly Father we ask you to be with young people who have mental health problems and struggling to get much needed help.*

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

### Harvest Readings:

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

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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