

Fun & Chat

Don't we all enjoy having some fun not forgetting chatting to friends. That is the premise of the event called Fun & Chat. It is an event that usually happens 5 times a year. There are activities, including craft and gentle games, but there are also tables for friends to meet and chat together whatever their age. You can sit and try to complete the problems sheets while you enjoy a drink and a piece of cake etc. The plan is to cater for all ages.

The event starts at 10.30 and cakes, as well as hot and cold drinks, are served throughout the morning. Just before a free lunch is served, there is a time to come together and to stop and think, called 'Listening time'. A story from the Bible is shared which is followed by an activity for everyone to get involved and to sing a simple song.

The first one since the start of 2020 happened last Saturday, 25 September, when the focus for the day was 'I am special' and the listening time story was 'David and Goliath'. It was great to see some faces we haven't been able to see for some time and to welcome some new faces. The lunch of Shepherd's pie and vegetarian option seemed to be well received.

The next one is scheduled for 20 November when the focus will be on advent and preparing for Christmas which will be the theme of the activities.

New season, new plans. We sincerely wish people from around the Minster will begin to join in this occasional event. During this past year, many of us have been reserving a place to worship just as you reserve a table at a restaurant and so in order to allow us to plan the catering etc, we are asking people to book in advance and we have set up an email specifically for booking FunandChatGA@gmail.com but you can also use it to make comments or ask questions. We would appreciate your feedback.

We do hope you will put the 20 November in your diaries and drop in to see what happens. You don't have to be a church member to come along. Everyone is welcome so bring family members or neighbours.



Fun and Chat
Saturday 20 November 2021
10.30 am – 1.00 pm
Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall
Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6 HJ



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

Sunday 03 October 2021

Trinity 18 Green

*"But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,
'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to
such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'"*

Mark 10 v 14

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is
before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

God, our judge and
saviour,
teach us to be open to
your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the
salvation which is
given
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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Next week's services and events

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

Monday 04 October

Tuesday 05 October

Via Zoom	12.00 noon	Prayer Gathering
Alcester	7.00 pm	St Nicholas Choir Practice

Wednesday 06 October

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

Thursday 07 October

Friday 08 October

Saturday 09 October

Sunday 10 October Trinity 19 *Green*

Arrow	9.00 am	Harvest Service
Alcester	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist

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.

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.



Did you know that you can now 'LIKE' Alcester Minster on Facebook? Find details and pictures of events at www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster If you would like to submit event notices or photos to be published on the page then please email administrator@alcesterminster.org

Readings for the week

Today	Hebrews 1 v 1 – 4 & 2 v 5 – 12 Mark 10 v 2 – 16
Monday	Luke 12 v 1 – 12
Tuesday	Mark 15 v 1 – 15
Wednesday	Mark 15 v 16 – 32
Thursday	Mark 15 v 33 – 41
Friday	Mark 15 v 42 – 47
Saturday	Mark 16 v 1 0 8

Prayer



Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Lord, during October, the UK is celebrating Black History month. We pray that the achievements and contributions of black people are fully recognised and appreciated, and that all prejudice is eradicated from society.*
2. *Father God, we pray that the problems caused by the current shortage of HGV drivers are only temporary and that a long-term solution can be found that reflects the importance and worth of all those involved in the haulage industry.*

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

Harvest Readings:

1 Timothy 2 v 1 – 7 or 5 v 6 – 10