

Tales of an "Ordinand"

Well after what seemed like quite a wait since I got the thumbs up from the Bishops Advisory Panel just before last Christmas, I finally started at Queens theological college in September.

One of the reasons I chose Queens (apart from it turning out excellent priests such as Julian Davey and Richard Dobell) is that it's known for a focus on diversity. So far, it has not disappointed. As well as my fellow Anglican Ordinands, there is a crop of Methodist student ministers and a group of students studying black theology. Worcester and Lichfield also send their readers there for training so all in all a wonderfully diverse and great bunch of people.

During the first term I will have 4 residential weekends and lectures every Tuesday evening. On the evenings we are studying "The Hebrew Bible" otherwise known as The Old Testament and during the weekends Mission and Evangelism. I have a lovely personal tutor name Carlton and have been put in a student cell with a lovely mix of people. The cells give us a "mini family" throughout our training where we can support one another. Each cell is also on a rota for leading worship in the beautiful onsite chapel.

I feel blessed and privileged that I am able to be there in person as those there last year had to study completely from home. So much of the training and learning is about being formed as a priest which goes beyond academic study alone and this must have been so much harder for those doing this at a distance.

One thing that was a bit of a "shock to the system" was the accommodation – if I say Travelodge before they upgraded to compete with Premier Inn, you'll get an idea of the student rooms. Spotlessly clean but lacking in luxuries which will no doubt teach me some humility!

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and best wishes. I could not feel more loved or supported as I continue on this journey. You may see a little less of me from time-to-time dependant on workload, and probably especially when I am cramming to get an essay or assignment handed in but with the help of the Holy Spirit and your prayers and encouragement, I know I am in safe hands

Julie Lindsay



Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches Sunday 10 October 2021

Trinity 19 *Green*

"Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'"

Mark 10 v 23

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Next week's services and events

Sunday 10 October	Trinity 19	<i>Green</i>
Arrow 9.00 am	Harvest Service	
Alcester 11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	

Monday 11 October

Tuesday 12 October

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

Wednesday 13 October

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

Thursday 14 October

Church House 12.30 pm	Mothers' Union
Alcester 7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice

Friday 15 October

Saturday 16 October

Sunday 17 October	Trinity 20	<i>Green</i>
Haselor 9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Weethley 9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Coughton 11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Alcester 11.00 am	Morning Worship	
Alcester 3.00 pm	Baptism service if required	

Mothers' Union

Alcester and Arrow's Mothers' Union will be meeting in **Church House on Thursday 14 October at 12:30**. The speakers will be Gill Forman and Kathryn Cargill who will talk about their year in office as Mayor. This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

I hope you still have access to the Harvest Collects included in last weeks' Notice Sheet for the final Harvest service of the year on Sunday at Arrow.

Harvest Readings:

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

Readings for the week

Today	Hebrews 4 v 12 – 16 Mark 10 v 17 – 31
Monday	John 13 v 1 – 11
Tuesday	John 13 v 12 – 20
Wednesday	John 13 v 21 – 30
Thursday	John 13 v 31 – 38
Friday	John 14 v 1 – 14
Saturday	John 14 v 15 – 31



Prayer

Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Lord God today is World Mental Health Day. We pray that all those who are struggling receive the help they need and experience the love and support that only you can provide.*
2. *As autumn gathers pace, days become colder, and people want to heat their homes. We pray for all those who cannot afford to turn their heating on when they need it most, and for the homeless who have to live out in the cold. May they take comfort from the warmth of your love for them.*

Please ensure all mobile phones are switched OFF during the 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.



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