

## Triumph not defeat!

Warwickshire triumphed over Lancashire in the final of the Bob Willis cricket trophy on 1<sup>st</sup> October, and they did it in a big way; by an innings and 199 runs on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of what should have been a 5-day match. As a family we would have enjoyed gloating about Lancashire's loss with my late husband, a proud Lancastrian. *Mind you, he would have given as good as he got.* It is moments like that, even after 4 years, that brings home our loss. In this case not being able to tease him.

In the past 19 months it has been a sad time for so many. We have lost people we loved and cared for whether to Covid or other reasons. People whose faces made us smile when we met them. We have lost far too many of our church family members and their empty pew or seat in church is a sad reminder.

Remembering people is a way of keeping them alive to us. We recall the times we have laughed and cried together. Their love and/or friendship. We mourn their loss in very different ways because we are all different. In the Minster we have, for many years, held a family memorial service each year when people can come together to remember family members.

It has traditionally been held at the end of October or beginning of November. This year we plan to hold the service on Sunday 31 October, the eve of All Saint's Day. The service will be held in the afternoon in St Nicholas, Alcester and invitations have been sent to those who have sadly lost loved ones in the past few years. Tears will be shed but just as Warwickshire triumphed over Lancashire, we believe Jesus triumphed over death on a cross. Death is painful, especially for those left behind, but we can be certain through faith that it is not the end.

*Tricia Berry*

*Prayer:*

*Father God, pour out your blessing of comfort and hope to those who mourn. Encourage us in our faith and allow us to be the strong rock of compassion to those we meet.*

*Amen.*



# Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

**Sunday 17 October 2021**

**Trinity 20**    *Green*

*"... but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,"*

Mark 10 v 43b

### **Collect**

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within  
your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live  
the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole  
creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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 light and our  
salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your  
goodness in the land  
of the living,  
and looking on your  
beauty  
may be changed into the  
likeness of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

<b>Sunday 17 October</b>		<b>Trinity 20</b>	<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	

### Monday 18 October

### Tuesday 19 October

Alcester 7.00 pm St Nicholas Choir Practice

### Wednesday 20 October

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

### Thursday 21 October

### Friday 22 October

### Saturday 23 October

### Sunday 24 October

<b>Sunday 24 October</b>		<b>Last of Trinity</b>	<i>Green</i>
Alcester	8.00 am	Said BCP Holy Communion	
Kinwarton	9.00 am	Holy Communion	
Alcester	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	

#### **Thank you from Gill Reah**

*Gill would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her recovery.*

#### **Sunday 31 October 2021 Minster Service**

**10.00 am in St Nicholas, Alcester**  
*This is the fifth Sunday so only Minster morning service.*

#### **Family Memorial Service Sunday 31 October 2021 at 4.30 pm in St Nicholas, Alcester**

*Please inform Administrator if attending.*

#### **Shoebox collection**

Happily, we are able to go ahead with the shoe box appeal this year. Covered boxes and leaflets are available at the back of St Nicholas, please return filled boxes to the lady chapel or to me by the end of November. Thank You Pam (01789 762288)

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Hebrews 5 v 1 – 10 Mark 10 v 35 – 45
Monday	Luke 1 v 1 – 4
Tuesday	John 15 v 12 – 17
Wednesday	John 15 v 18 – 27
Thursday	John 16 v 1 – 15
Friday	John 16 v 16 – 22
Saturday	John 16 v 23 – 31

## Prayer



Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Father God, many industries are affected by the soaring costs of energy and will have to pass the cost on to consumers or face closure. We pray the talks between the government and industry leaders are productive and will find a way to minimise the impact on businesses, protect consumers and avert job losses.*
2. *Tomorrow Christians around the world will celebrate the Life of St Luke the Evangelist, the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. Dear Lord, help us to use his teachings to give us a greater understanding of the Gospel and help us to spread the word of God in and beyond our local community as St Luke did through his evangelism.*

*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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