

## Does your church need you?

It may seem a long time ago, but do you recall how, as a child, your dirty washing used to magically disappear off your bedroom floor and return to your draw, washed, ironed, and folded. It is one of those 'magical' things which as you grow start to make sense. You may in fact have been the 'pixie' who put in the hard hours tidying, washing, ironing etc to make it happen.

Perhaps you have noticed how similar things happen in church. When you arrive, the church is clean and there are fresh flowers on view. There are 'pixies' who do that between services. They are the volunteers on a cleaning or flower rota. Most churches are returning to offering refreshments before, or after a service. There is a volunteer rota for that, too.

You can't have helped but notice someone greeted you as you entered or who has stood up to read the lesson from the Bible or lead the prayers/intercessions during the service. All these things are done by volunteers who sign up to join a church rota. Since lockdown some Minster churches may have been able to fill their rotas easily, but others may, for whatever reason, have a reduced number of people to volunteer.

Not everyone can do everything. We all have our different talents or areas where we feel more comfortable. I know I am useless at cooking or baking. I'm not brilliant at cleaning either. Every small job is important. Remember, the more people who do volunteer the less often people have to appear on a rota.

You may have already been able to return to doing something you have done in the past. But perhaps you can consider doing something different or in addition, or perhaps this could be your opportunity to volunteer for the first time. Please consider if there is something you can offer to do, and, if there is, speak to your churchwarden to let them know. I am sure most would welcome more volunteers for any of the roles.

*A big thank you to everyone who has in the past or continue to perform these important tasks.*



## Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

**Sunday 24 October 2021**

**Last after Trinity      Green**

*"Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.'  
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way."*  
Mark 10 v 52

### **Collect**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be  
written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly  
digest them  
that, through patience, and the  
comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold  
fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our  
Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Alternative Collect**

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in  
change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the  
unfailing joy of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

<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	

### Monday 25 October

### Tuesday 26 October

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

### Wednesday 27 October

Alcester	10.00 am	Mid-week Holy Communion	
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### Thursday 28 October

Ask Administrator for venue	2.30 pm	Kinwarton, Great Alne & Haselor Mothers' Union	
Alcester	7.30 pm	St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice	

### Friday 29 October

### Saturday 30 October

### Sunday 31 October

		<b>4 before Advent</b>	<i>Red/Green</i>
Alcester	10.00 am	Minster Celebration	
Alcester	4.30 pm	Family Memorial Service	

Don't forget the morning service next Sunday, 31 October is a Minster service at **10.00 am**.

### 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)

### Saturday 20 November St Nicholas Christmas Market 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

*It is hoped to have all the usual stalls and activities. Do drop into St Nicholas church or to Church House to partake of some refreshments.*

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	2 Timothy 3 v 14 – 4 v 5 John 5 v 36b – 47
Monday	John 17 v 1 – 5
Tuesday	John 17 v 6 – 19
Wednesday	John 17 v 20 – 26
Thursday	Luke 6 v 12 – 16
Friday	John 18 v 12 – 27
Saturday	John 18 v 28 – 40

## Prayer



Please pray for the following topics:

1. *Lord God, today we commemorate the founding of the United Nations in 1945. We pray that its commitment to maintaining international peace and security never falters and that all nations play their part in supporting its efforts to mediate in disputes and avoid conflicts.*
2. *Tomorrow schools begin their half term holiday. We pray that the break from the classroom will refresh both staff and students, and that they will return with renewed enthusiasm for teaching and learning.*

*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.

*Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up*



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