

## Remembering ....

November is a month of Remembrance for us as individuals and also for the nation. We remember people who have died during the last year, at the Feast of All Saints, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November ("All Souls") we remember those we love who have died. On 5<sup>th</sup> November we remember the attempt to overthrow the King and Government in 1605. And of course, November is the month when we remember particularly those who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country in war and conflict. We will be holding an Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day (11<sup>th</sup> November) in Sambourne and Alcester. There will also be Services of Remembrance at a number of our churches on Remembrance Sunday.

These are all very poignant moments for all of us and are times when we can feel at a loss in our emotions. The remembrance of loved ones can also be painful for many people who will bring emotions to the fore that can be hidden the rest of the time. It can be a time of sadness and also a time to give thanks for all that has passed, and all the happy memories of lives shared and lived together in love. We are also thanking God for all that has gone and for the way that the history of our nation has been shaped by those who died, or were injured, in making our present day.

The Church of God is first and foremost a church of people and at its best it is a church of people who have a love of God in Christ and thereby a love of each other. As Christians it is our duty to take a positive message out to the world in which we are set that there is a great hope in Christ as the one who was the outward sign of the Love of God for the whole of humanity. Jesus, we believe, came into the world as a fully human person and lived a life as we do. He gave us a way of remembering him in the way we share bread and wine in the Holy Communion with him. "Do this in remembrance of me" he said to his disciples at the last Supper on the day before he died on the Cross for all of us.

We remember this in the Holy Communion of bread and wine shared. This is a way of thinking of the hope we have in Jesus that death is not the end, but a continuation of life begun in him.

So, as we remember this month let us all keep that Hope in our hearts, in Christ, and share it with those around us.

*Rev Katie Cross*



# Welcome to the Alcester Minster Group of Churches

## Sunday 31 October 2021

### 4 before Advent Colour

*"But when Christ came as a high priest .....he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.."*

Hebrews 9 v 11a & V12

#### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love in  
the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and power  
of love,  
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their  
example and fellowship;  
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 of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire  
of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your  
praise;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

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## Next week's services and events

**Sunday 31 October**                      **4 Before Advent**                      *Red/Green*  
Alcester                      10.00 am                      Minster Celebration  
Alcester                      4.30 pm                      Minster Family Memorial Service

### Monday 01 November

### Tuesday 02 November

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

### Wednesday 03 November

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

### Thursday 04 November

Alcester                      7.30 pm                      St Nicholas Bell-ringing Practice

### Friday 05 November

### Saturday 06 November

**Sunday 07 November**                      **3 Before Advent**                      *Red/Green*

Haselor                      9.00 am                      Family Service  
Alcester                      11.00 am                      Morning Prayer  
Great Alne                      11.00 am                      Holy Communion  
Sambourne                      4.00 pm                      Holy Communion

All cash & money given in the special green Minster gift aid envelopes on the second Sunday each month will be given to Minster Funds

Please note: The Administrator will be unavailable, and the Church Office closed for the week commencing Monday 01 November.

Check out the website calendar for further details on events/services coming up  
[www.alcesterminster.org/minster-calendar.html](http://www.alcesterminster.org/minster-calendar.html)

## Readings for the week

<b>Today</b>	Revelations 21 v 1 – 6a John 11 v 32 – 44
Monday	Matthew 1 v 18 – 25
Tuesday	Matthew 2 v 1 – 15
Wednesday	Matthew 2 v 16 – 23
Thursday	Matthew 3
Friday	Matthew 4 v 1 – 11
Saturday	Matthew 4 v 12 – 22



### Prayer

Please pray for the following topics:

1. *The 26th UN Climate Change Conference begins in Glasgow today. Lord, we pray that world leaders accept that global warming can only be tackled successfully by working together. We pray that the targets that are set are followed by swift action by all nations and that help is provided to those who struggle to achieve them.*
2. *Father God, tomorrow is All Saints' Day. Help us to use the opportunity to pray for all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history, and also to remember with thanksgiving all those who have gone before us in the way of Christ.*

*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](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)) by 6 pm on Tuesday to add notices of church activities to notice sheet for Sunday 14 November.



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