

#### **COUGHTON with SAMBOURNE PARISH NEWS**





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#### Alcester Minster Church Services - October 2021

03 Oct	Readings: Hebre	ews ` v 1 – 4 & 2 v 5 – 12; Marl	k 10 v 2 - 16
Trinity 18 Green  Wednesday 06	9.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm 10.00 am	Morning Prayer - Harvest Morning Prayer - Harvest Morning Worship - Harvest Evening Prayer Midweek Holy Communion	Haselor Alcester Great Alne Sambourne Alcester
Oct	<b>5</b>	,	24
10 Oct	Readings: Hebrews 4 v 12 – 16; Mark 4 v 17 - 31		
Trinity 19 Green	9.00 am 11.00 am <i>3.00 pm</i>	Morning Worship - Harvest Sung Eucharist Baptism Preparation	Arrow Alcester <i>Alcester</i>
Wednesday 13 Oct	10.00 am	[if required] Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester
17 Oct	Readings: Hebrews 5 v 1 - 10; Mark 1- v 35 - 45		
Trinity 20 Green	9.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion Baptism service	Haselor Weethley Alcester Coughton <i>Alcester</i>
Wednesday 20 Oct	10.00 am	[if required] Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester
24 Oct	<b>Readings:</b> 2 Timothy 3 v 14 - 4 v 5; John 5 v 36b - 47		
Trinity 21 Green	8.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	Alcester Kinwarton Alcester
Wednesday 27 Oct	10.00 am	Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester
31 Oct Trinity 22		lations 21 v 1 – 6a; John 11 v 32 Minster Service	2 <i>- 44</i> Alcester
Green Please note:	40.00		tbc
Each Wednesday	10.00 am	Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester

An On-line service is available every Sunday on the Welcome page of the Alcester Minster website

www.alcesterminster.org

#### MINSTER EVENTS

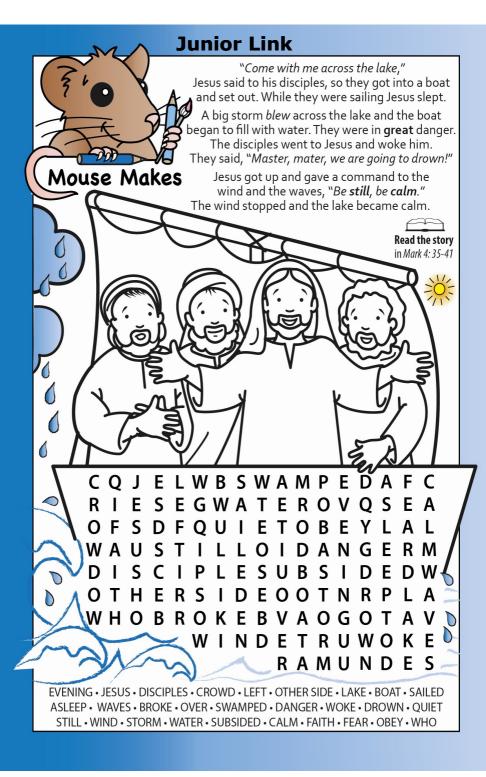
For the most up-to-date information on Minster Events please see the website calendar on the noticeboard page on the website – www.alcesterminster.org or check out the weekly notice sheets available in the churches

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#### **Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane**

A problem knee curtailed my activities in the early part of August, but we did manage to start walking again later in the month.

23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. In the evening a stag and a doe Roe Deer were standing in a field of wheat by the footpath to Coughton. On our return walk I noticed a deceased, but externally undamaged, rodent on the path. I tried the "Seek" app on our smartphone and that confirmed it to be a Bank Vole. These common animals form a significant part of the diet of Owls and Kestrels.

21<sup>st</sup> Aug. On this warm day there was an irruption of flying ants, which did not go unnoticed by a Green Woodpecker that used our neighbour's pergola as a perch from which to observe our garden for the best source of ants.

25<sup>th</sup> Aug. I tried another run of the moth trap and caught many Large Yellow Underwings, Common Wainscots and a Setaceous Hebrew Character. The last named sounds exotic, but as with the others is a common moth. On a walk through the woods, we noticed two pairs of Fallow Deer and some attractive patches of Common Heather in flower.

28<sup>th</sup> Aug. An afternoon walk in the woods started well with a Fallow Deer then a multitude of Speckled Wood and Gatekeeper butterflies. We were then quite surprised to see a couple of Willow Warblers seeking their insect prey at ground level instead of in the tree canopy as usual. As we watched them our attention was attracted by movement above, which we found to be a party of four Spotted Flycatchers performing their graceful aerial feeding manoeuvres.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. We noticed a rather attractive patch of greenish fungi which the app "Seek" identified as a member of the Boletus family.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Many Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies were visiting the buddleia flowers and a Brimstone also appeared in the garden.

10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Three Nuthatches appeared on our patio – a family group perhaps. They then took it in turns to feed on black sunflower seeds. It was a treat to see such attractive little birds at close quarters.

Phil J (12th September)



#### A Message from Pat Newbold



Two things came to me almost together this week, so I thought I would share them with you.

First, someone said they had decorated the Church with all Harvest goodies and left the Church open, but someone had opened some packets of biscuits, tried them and eaten quite a lot of chocolate hobnobs!!! Must have been a 2 legged visitor not a 4 legged one to be so discerning! I hope it was somebody who was really in need, and that it helped.

Then my daily reading was about stealing, and how self-satisfied we can feel when we know we haven't even purloined a paper clip or an elastic band – or even a hobnob! But there are other things we can steal that are more damaging. We can rob others of their joy or their sense of dignity or self worth with just a word that needn't have been said. The Bible reminds us that we are all part of each others' flourishing, 'let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only that which is helpful for building each other up'(Ephesians 4:29).

Let he who is without sin cast the first stone, said Jesus, and they all – and we all – have to slink way. Thank God that he understands us and loves us and forgives us when we recognise our failure, but let us pray and work for peace and goodwill for **all** those around us.



God bless you all, and may your harvest be fruitful!

Pat N

Before the end of the month, there is sure to be a **Harvest Supper** – be sure to look out for a poster or something on facebook.....love to see you there

#### **Baptisms**

No Baptisms during this period

#### **Weddings**

No Weddings during this period

#### **Funerals**

Joe Turner on 03 September at Our Lady & St Joseph's, Alcester Catholic Church.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals from 15 August to 14 September 2021 in connection with Coughton with Sambourne Parish

A reminder to you that our services are at **Sambourne** at **4.00** pm on the first Sunday of each month, and **Coughton** at **11.00** am on the **3**<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Love to see you there, too.





#### Sambourne Village Association ....

Would like to thank Completely Covered, The Fishheads, Caroline Reapers, Rob's Diner, The Green Dragon and every who pulled together and helped make the Sambourne Freedom Festival a Thanks huge success. everyone who came along, a great day was had by all. If anyone has any ideas suggestions, please get in touch via Sambourne Village Assoc fbook group or Justin Kerridge 07970 518953

#### DATES FOR DIARY

#### 2021

23 October - Pub Quiz November - Quiz Night 5 December - kids party and Christmas lights switch on (Provisional)

#### 2022

January Burns Night

Contact Wayne Bates or Justin Kerridge on Facebook SVA for more information



#### Join Us.....

At our Coffee Morning on 9th October at Sambourne Church Hall

10.00 am till 12.00 noon.



All welcome!

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The bus has changed my life as I have made many friends on it and

it has snowballed to more friends, plus outings and events. To the regulars, it is our weekly treat, not to be missed! Why don't you join us?

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#### Enjoy the autumn months at Coughton

Misty mornings, golden leaves and shorter days are a sure sign it's autumn.

Come and make the most of this glorious season at Coughton Court this

October. Enjoy the landscape on one of our walks as burnt oranges and radiant reds sweep across the Warwickshire landscape and don't forget to pop into the café for a steaming pot of tea and piece of cake. There's lots to discover at Coughton this autumn.

Inside the house explore the story of the Throckmorton family across three floors and enjoy a moment, before stepping back out into the chilly air, in front of the roaring fire in the saloon. In the dining room our table will be dressed for autumn with a beautiful display of seasonal foliage.

From Wednesday 20 October – Sunday 24 October we're holding a small pop-up jigsaw festival full of different puzzles including Wasjigs, beautiful landscape scenes and Christmas puzzles to save for the festive season. The perfect hobby for a rainy autumn day, come and have a riffle through the piles and pick up your perfect jigsaw. If you'd like to donate any puzzles taking up room in your cupboards at home, we'd love to take them off your hands!

There are also lots of flowers still out in the garden during the autumn months. Don't miss the bog garden and the hot and cold herbaceous borders in the walled garden, full of dahlias, asters and anemones. An ideal spot to capture the last colours of the season.

So, join us here at Coughton this autumn for a stroll through the Warwickshire countryside, get all the family together and explore 600 years of history in the house or simply pop in for a delicious slice of cake before we close for the winter.

For more details call Coughton Court on 01789 400777, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coughton-court

#### More than a telephone...

It is amazing what we take for granted. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century people were amazed by the invention of the telephone. It was a miracle of engineering. I grew up with a telephone in the house. I took it for granted but I remember why I first got a mobile phone. I had broken down on the way home and couldn't tell my children why I wasn't there. A kind motorist stopped and let me use his mobile to both ring home and the garage. I was so grateful to him. He was an answer to my prayer.



How times quickly change. Today, if we have a 'smart' phone, we all carry a minicomputer in our pockets. Many have also over the last year become familiar with using 'Zoom'. We have all been able to take them for granted.

A long time ago, I gave an assembly [Collective Worship, as it is now known] about 'Prayer is like a telephone'. It came from a Christian children song of the same name. I was asking the children to think about prayer as if it was a telephone. We can just pick it up and use it every day to speak with God. He is always on the end of our call; we never get an engage signal. I still like to think of prayer a bit like a telephone. Prayer is the mobile I don't even have to carry around with me. It is just always available, and God is always at the other end. There is never a bad connection. The battery never runs out and I don't experience buffering as I do when the internet fails me.

I know I am not saying anything new. But it is so easy to take prayer for granted. To the point where we can forget to do it. Let's be encouraged to pray more. To talk daily with our dearest friend, God.



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**Keep Fit** Adele has been very gentle and it's such fun (honest!) If you would like to join us it's £5 per session and is at 1.30 pm on Wednesdays do give Pat Newbold a ring on **01527 458852** to check availability.





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#### **COUGHTON & SAMBOURNE 100 CLUB**

The winner of the September draw for £100 was none other than one of the organisers, Peter Laband. Peter was not even present at the draw this time as he was away on holiday, so we suspect he will arrange for that to happen more often.

This month's draw is for a £450 Jackpot and will be made at Sambourne Church Hall at  $5.00\,\mathrm{pm}$  on Sunday  $3^{\mathrm{rd}}$ .

The Organisers would be delighted to have some new members join the 100 Club. By doing so you would not only be helping to maintain the churches in both Sambourne and Coughton but also have every chance of winning a cash prize each month. You should contact Peter Laband (01527 893879) or John McTavish (01789 764703) to be included in the monthly bit of fun.



#### **COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Our meetings are held at Coughton Primary School and our next meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm.

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Our website includes the following information and more:

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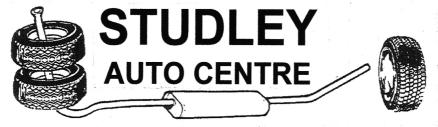
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