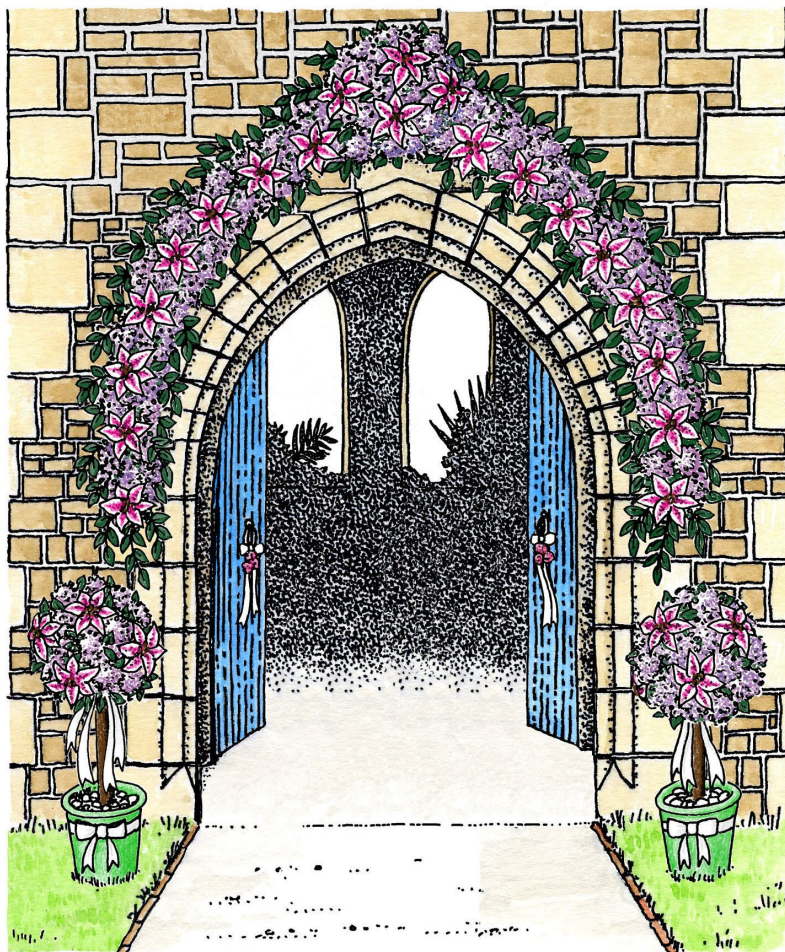


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A Message from Pat Newbold

Hello, everyone, some of us have had sad times this month, and all of us have had frustrations but also some lovely times. I had a day out with my granddaughter – the first for nearly 2 years – which warmed my heart and will stay with me for a very long time. Have you had delightful new reunions, too?



Another delight was the outdoor service we held on the field by Sambourne Church on the 6th July. When we got up in the morning it was raining, and it rained on and off until about 2pm, but by 3pm the sun was beginning to come out, the grass dried, and by 4pm it was so warm and sunny. God obviously wanted us to worship with joy!! And it was such a joy to have **music** – a little band of keyboard, 2 guitars and flute – and we could sing!!!! Even the birds seemed to recognise the presence and love of God as they sang with us!

The 1st Sunday in July will be a Holy Communion service, which would be a bit more difficult outside, but weather permitting we shall be outside again on August 1st at 4pm, and our new Rector, Rev Katie Cross, will be worshipping with us. Do come along – you will be glad you did!!!

The service at Coughton on 18th July will be indoors at 10am

I have been reading a lovely book by Adrian Plass called 'Jesus – Safe, Tender and Extreme'. I wonder if you have ever read any of his books? It is very easy to read, because Adrian is very ordinary – except that God does very extraordinary things through him -, very humble and quite funny. As Adrian was talking about how often he messes up the things he means to say or do, how often he forgets to trust God, one little paragraph struck me:

"I am working towards being the child Jesus wants me to be, and He is helping. I lift my arms towards my Father in heaven and ask him to put his arms around what I **am**, and not what I ought to be. That is all I can do". That is how God loves you and me, too – just as we are.

God bless your July!!

Pat N



Alcester Minster Church Services – July 2021

04 July

Readings:

2 Corinthians 12 v 2 – 10, Mark 6 v 1 – 13

Trinity 5	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Arrow
Green	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Haselor
	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Sam- bourne

11 July

Readings:

Ephesians 1 v 3 – 14, Mark 6 v 14 – 29

Trinity 6	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	Kinwarton

18 July

Readings:

Ephesians 2 v 11 – 22, Mark 6 v 30 – 34 & v 53 – 56

Trinity 7	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Coughton
	3.00 pm	Holy Communion	Weethley
	3.00 pm	Baptism service	Alcester

25 July

Readings:

Ephesians 3 v 14 – 21, John 6 v 1 – 21

Trinity 8	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Alne

Each

Wednesday

10.00 am	Midweek Holy	Alcester
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You must reserve a place if you wish to attend a Minster service, by emailing or telephoning the Administrator

Email: administrator@alcesterminster.org

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

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sambourne Village Association Events
Dates for diaries

2021

3 July - Party at the pub CANCELLED

7 August - meal at the pub

12 September - Picnic on the Green

23 October - Music 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 S&MM for more information

Prayer

Please pray
for the following topics:



1. *As we slowly come out of lockdown and seem to have the virus under control let us pray for other countries like Brazil who are still seeing numbers rising.*
2. *Last Sunday was Father's Day so let us continue to give thanks for everything that they have done and continue to do for their children remembering those no longer with us.*



Lateral Flow Antigen Testing If you are taking part in church related activities with regular contact with the public, such as helping with the food bank etc. and do not have any COVID symptoms, you are encouraged to access weekly Lateral Flow Testing. This is a very quick process with quick results. You would need to pre-book a test. Find out more by following the link:
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there is a centre in Stratford-upon-Avon.





"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Gen. 1v.31)

One day in 2012, while I was still involved in ministry in Bidford, a member of Bidford Baptist Church (Ruth) came to talk to me. She felt that God was calling her to start a worship service for people of all ages with additional needs and their carers. What did I think? As both a minister used to leading services and the mother of a daughter (Kate) with autism and severe learning difficulties, I knew from first-hand experience how difficult it could be to worship during an ordinary church service while worried that others were finding your child's behaviour distracting. So I was all in favour!- provided that our usual church congregations did not make it into an excuse for not welcoming disabled people into their fellowship.

Ruth gathered together a small, ecumenical team (including me) to

plan the services, and a larger group of volunteers who helped with the sound, catering, craft, etc. MIX became a monthly service, meeting on a Sunday afternoon in Bidford Baptist Church. The afternoon would begin with a worship time, including music, prayer, a short Bible reading, maybe drama, maybe a short talk, maybe a film. Participation and using our different senses were an important part of our worship together. After that there would be an activity/craft/games time and the afternoon would finish with a lovely tea. From the beginning MIX attracted people from a wide area, Stratford, Studley, Evesham, Gloucester, as well as those living locally in Bidford and Alcester. One afternoon we were joined by Bishop John - who enjoyed the fun.

Like many other activities, MIX has been closed during the pandemic, and because of the





MIX

vulnerability of many who come, it has not yet restarted. However we have been keeping in touch with regular mailings and occasional Zoom services/meetings. For me (and other carers) MIX provided a safe place to worship without having to worry about Kate's

behaviour, knowing she was accepted and loved as a member of God's family and the MIX family. Throughout my time in the Alcester Minster Benefice, being involved in MIX has been part of my ministry and may continue to be so - even in retirement.



Sue Henwood

Sue Henwood's final service within the Minster will be at

St Nicholas, Alcester at 10 am on Sunday 11 July

Unfortunately, due to the continuation of restrictions, numbers in church will be restricted to 30 but the plans are that the service will be available on-line.

Sambourne Parish Council

Timing of the next meeting of the Parish Council is currently uncertain due to possible restrictions related to Covid-19. The Government permission to hold a Parish Council meeting via Zoom ended on 7th June and face to face meetings are now mandatory.

Details will be posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards as soon as decisions can be made.

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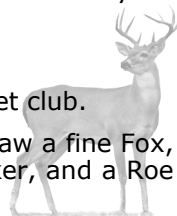
Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane

17th May. Over a field beside Coughton Lane we noticed Lapwings chasing gulls, then spotted several Lapwings sitting on the ground, presumably on nests.

18th May. A Kestrel was hovering above a ditch in Wike Lane.

23rd May. Pete saw a Red Kite flying above Astwood Bank cricket club.

27th May. On an evening walk over the fields to Coughton we saw a fine Fox, a Hare, four Herons in flight, three Linnets, a Green Woodpecker, and a Roe Deer.



30th May. Peter, from Coughton, has seen a Great Crested Grebe with chicks near Coughton Court. We spotted three Hares near Coughton Park woods.

1st June. On an evening walk to Coughton we glimpsed a Fox, saw two Roe Deer, heard a Yellowhammer, and had fine views of two Whitethroats.

2nd June. A morning walk to Coughton delivered many damselflies, particularly Beautiful Demoiselles, and a Broad-bodied Chaser dragonfly. Butterflies, including Orange Tip and Small Heath were also active. We noticed a Roe Deer watching us suspiciously.

3rd June. While we sat in the garden of the Green Dragon having our first post-lockdown beers, the pleasure was enhanced by a Swift and a House Martin flying overhead. This was the first time we had seen either species this year.

6th June. Roy sent a photograph of a young Fox standing on top of a fence and sniffing at a nest box in a neighbour's garden. Chris reported having seen a Blackbird attacking a Jay that it presumably saw as a potential predator on its eggs or chicks. In the evening, as we stood by the woods watching and listening to a couple of aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, we noticed two Hares feeding in the field in front.

7th June. We had good, long views of a Red Kite soaring over the trees as we walked to Coughton. A Painted Lady butterfly visited aubretia flowers in our garden.

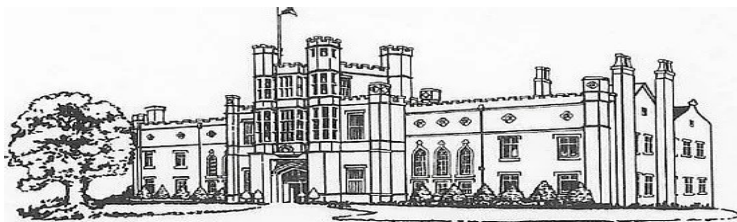
11th June. The Monarch's Way footpath passes through a flower meadow to the south of Astwood Bank. Several Common Spotted Orchids are in flower there.

13th June. Two adult and two juvenile Carrion Crows spent more than an hour and a half probing our lawn for food.

17th June. David described some encounters on his dog walks not far from the Village Green, which included a fine Fox, some Hares, and a Mallard with her family of ducklings.

During the period of fine, warm weather this month I have had the first runs of my moth trap with reasonable success. Top prize would have to go to the Elephant Hawk, being so large and colourful, but just as interesting have been the Buff Tip moths that so resemble twigs, and the subtly marked Pale Tussocks. I'm still trying to identify some of the species, but so far they have all be quite common. Naturally, all have been released the following day.

Phil J (18th June)



Visiting Coughton Court this summer

Over at Coughton Court our gardens and parkland are open for visitors to enjoy. Our shop is also now open, along with some indoor seating for our café. The safety of our staff, volunteers and visitors from the nearby community remains our priority. We strongly advise booking your visits in advance, especially over weekends and school and bank holidays when we may be very busy. Please check the websites before your visit and follow government guidance on travel.

The doors to the house here at Coughton are re-opening on 19 May (last entrance 4pm). The dust sheets have come off the furniture and our volunteers are excited to be welcoming you back. Things are a little different in the house, but we're thrilled to be able to tell you centuries old stories and share with you this beautiful house.

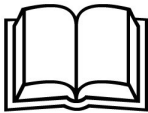
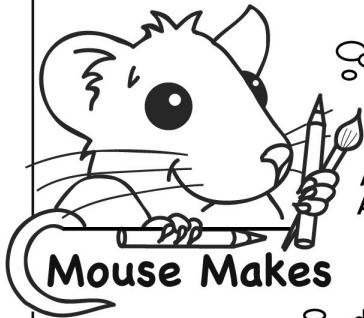
Whilst not as many rooms are open, our team are on hand to welcome you and share with you Coughton's stories in a safe environment. There will be a one-way route throughout the house, entry will be via the front door in the Front Hall and visitors will have the chance to view the Front Hall, Staircase, Panelled Dining Room, Tribune and Saloon.

Visitors will be asked to queue up outside the Front Hall door in a clearly marked socially distanced queue and will be admitted to the house by a volunteer when it is safe to do so. Hand sanitiser will be available at the house entrance and exit and all visitors will be required to wear a face covering and either use the track and trace app or leave their contact details. Please be aware your pre-booking is to visit the site as a whole and is not a timed ticket for the house.

The summer months are the perfect time to plan a visit to Coughton Court. Come and enjoy the wisteria growing in the courtyard, take a stroll around the house and watch the roses grow in the walled garden. We look forward to welcoming you to Coughton this summer.

For more details call Coughton Court on 01789 400777,
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A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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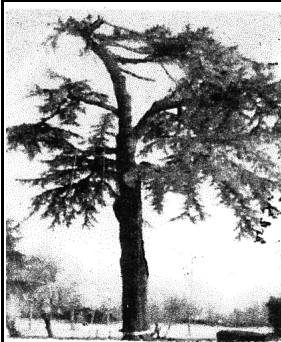
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