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**COUGHTON with SAMBOURNE PARISH NEWS**



**Palm Sunday—28th March**



**Alcester Minster Churches at Alcester,  
Arrow, Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor,  
Kinwarton, Sambourne and Weethley**

**MARCH 2021**

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## New Beginnings

As we leave winter behind us and enjoy the signs of spring, the snowdrops, daffodils and other bulbs, we also see signs of the end to restrictions on our lives. As we will have a phased end to lockdown, we are also, in the Alcester Minster, going to see a phased end to our interregnum.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>. March we will welcome our new Rector, Revd. Katie Cross, in an informal service on Zoom (see the Minster website – [www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org) for details). She will be with us only remotely for the first few weeks, until she and her family move to Alcester at the beginning of April.

We will be seeing Katie in our churches from the middle/end of April, and there will be a formal service of Installation sometime at the end of April/beginning of May. Please pray for her as she begins her ministry among us in such strange circumstances, and for all the family as they settle in.

Lent is a time for new beginnings too. It is traditionally a time for self-examination, fasting and repentance (a sort of spiritual spring-clean) in order to restore our relationship with God. But it is not just about giving up old bad habits, or restraining our self-indulgence for a while – it is also the time for starting new, good habits too, to build up our spiritual lives and nurture our relationship with God. Ideas can be found on the Minster website.

As you look around you and see the signs of spring, notice too the signs of new beginnings in your own lives, and give thanks to God who makes all things new.



*Sue Henwood*

# Alcester Minster Church Services March 2021

## **07 Mar**                      **Readings: Psalm 19 v 1 - 14**

*1 Corinthians 1 v 18 - 25; John 2 v 13 - 22*  
No Minster services

Lent 3

## **14 Mar**                      **Readings: Psalm 122 v 1 - 9**

*2 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7; Luke 2 v 33 - 35*

Mothering                      10.00 am    Holy Communion                      Alcester  
Sunday                                      No other Minster Church service

## **21 Mar**                      **Readings: Psalm 42 v 1 - 11**

*Hebrews 5 v 5 - 10; John 12 v 20 - 33*

Lent 5                                      10.00 am    Holy Communion                      Alcester  
Purple                                      No other Minster Church service

## **28 Mar**                      **Readings:**

*Mark 11 v 1 - 11; John 12 v 12 - 16*

Palm Sunday                      10.00 am    Morning Prayer                      Alcester  
Red    No other Minster Church service

**You must reserve a place if you wish to attend a Minster service, by emailing or telephoning the Administrator**

**Email: [administrator@alcesterminster.org](mailto:administrator@alcesterminster.org)**

**Tel: 01789 763 246**

**An On-line service is available every Sunday on the Welcome page of the Alcester Minster website**  
**[www.alcesterminster.org](http://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](http://www.alcesterminster.org) or check out the**

Did you know that you can now 'LIKE' Alcester Minster on facebook?



Find details and pictures of events at

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**Alcester Minster Churches at Alcester, Arrow, Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor, Kinwarton, Sambourne and Weethley**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Katie Cross has been appointed as the next Rector in the parishes of Alcester, Arrow with Weethley, Haselor, Kinwarton with Great Alne, and Coughton with Sambourne, known as the Alcester Minster Benefice in the Diocese of Coventry, subject to the completion of all legalities.

Katie is presently Rector in the Netherexe Parishes, a rural mission community of eight parishes and ten churches near Exeter in Devon.

Katie, her husband Paul and family will move to Alcester Rectory at the beginning of April. We have yet to arrange a date for her institution service



### Prayer

The Ministry Leadership Team  
would like you to pray for  
the following topics:

1. *Pray for all those who are in hospital, either because of Covid or other reasons, that they may know God's peace, comfort and healing touch.*
2. *Pray for all those making decisions about the restrictions and when to start easing them, may they be given wisdom and the ability to judge between different priorities.*



**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:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/covidcommunitytesting>  
there is a centre in Stratford-upon-Avon.





# Studley Isolation Support Group update

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Now, more than ever, the community in our village are pulling together to support each other. The Studley Isolation Support Group supports all those who are isolated, alone, elderly or vulnerable. With Studley in Business and the Parish Council, we have built a core team of around 50 volunteers who carry out tasks on a daily basis. So far we have supported 165 households and undertaken over 1000 tasks. These range from shopping, prescription collection to dog walking and daily newspaper deliveries.

Nothing is too much trouble for our volunteers, and we actively encourage anyone who is having to isolate, with no close family close by to help them, to give us a call on **07933 093268** from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

If you have a neighbour you are concerned about then please ask them to call us. Our aim is for everyone who is vulnerable to stay safely at home. No one who should be isolating needs to do any shopping, our volunteers are shopping ninjas!

We will be here for as long as necessary, and alongside our day to day tasks we can arrange for someone to call you for a chat, drop off some books or jigsaws, post letters etc. We are here for you.

**If you need help the Contact Phone number is: 07933 093268**  
**Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm**

Please note that we operate a password system to protect you. Please do not open the door to anyone you don't know, unless they can tell you the password that YOU have chosen. There are scammers capitalising on the current situation, and we want everyone to stay safe. Always follow the Government's Social Distancing guidelines

We are still looking for volunteers, please contact us if you are willing to help..

Many volunteers are busy **sewing scrubs, bags, headbands and face-masks**. They are in need of new material (that can be washed at 60 deg), elastic & buttons about the size of a 2p. If you can help then please call the Isolation Support Group on 07933 093268.

**Arden Foodbank** is working hard to supply food parcels to our community. Anyone who is struggling can request a voucher. Parcels can be collected from the Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoons, or one of the Isolation Support Group Volunteers can collect and deliver it for you. To contact the foodbank please call 07733 551926. Food donations can be made via the collection box in the Co-Op, or by calling the Isolation Support Group on 07933 093268.

**Useful Contacts:** Samaritans 116123 24-hour helpline

Your mental health is important. For a listening ear in time of need, call Janet 07852 349361

Mental Health Matters 0800 616171, 24-hr helpline & webchat [www.mhm.org.uk/coven-try-warwickshire-helpline](http://www.mhm.org.uk/coven-try-warwickshire-helpline)

Arden Marches Churches - for help, someone to talk to, or a prayer request: Revd Kate Mier 01527 852830 [rector@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:rector@ardenmarches.co.uk)  
or Revd Dan Corlett 07543370637 [curate@ardenmarches.co.uk](mailto:curate@ardenmarches.co.uk)

# Local Businesses & Contacts Offering Services to the Community

The situation changes daily, so for up to date information please visit [www.enjoyablistudley.com](http://www.enjoyablistudley.com) and check out the Studley Isolation Support Group Facebook page for updates.

**Bespoke Butchers** FREE delivery over £25, or if you are over 65 no min. Tuesday-Friday. Ring 01527 852235 in the morning to check availability. Deliveries at the end of the day.

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**Robert Pannifer** from Thomas Guise Solicitors for phone support 01527 912912

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**Alcester Home Care** homecare provider 01789 765468 [office@alcesterhomecareagency.co.uk](mailto:office@alcesterhomecareagency.co.uk)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Ring the Police on 101 for suspicious activity. For a crime ring 999 & then tell Jim Bacon ([jimbacon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jimbacon@blueyonder.co.uk)) so Jim can alert others.

Please email [info@enjoyablistudley.co.uk](mailto:info@enjoyablistudley.co.uk) if you are a local business & wish to be included online



[www.studleyinbusiness.co.uk](http://www.studleyinbusiness.co.uk)

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has helped to create, print and deliver this leaflet.

When you talk to your neighbours (from a safe distance), ask that they keep this leaflet close at hand, for help in the coming weeks. Not everyone has access to Social Media, and they may feel very isolated, particularly if they are poorly.



[www.enjoyablistudley.com](http://www.enjoyablistudley.com)

All information is correct at time of print.

## Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane

I have read recently how numbers of our common garden birds have been dwindling and this was really brought home to me when I carried out a count for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. One benefit of keeping these jottings is that I can now look back over several years and I see that in the 2018 birdwatch I recorded 16 species in the garden. This year I managed just 10 and those were in much smaller numbers than 2018. It is a worry.



19<sup>th</sup> Jan. As we walked into Coughton along Sambourne Lane a Fox emerged from the hedgerow and trotted down the lane before disappearing by the cemetery.

20<sup>th</sup> Jan. A Sparrowhawk surveyed the garden from our fence before flying off in search of a meal elsewhere.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan. A walk along Wike Lane often provides a variety of birdlife in the line of trees and bushes. Today in one spot we found Long-tailed Tits, Blue Tits, a Treecreeper, and a Nuthatch.

5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Peter reported having seen three Cormorants near Coughton Court and Matt mentioned having seen a Red Kite over his Coughton Lane home. A couple of other Coughton residents have mentioned seeing a Red Kite overhead recently.

Catkins are becoming more obvious in the hedgerows and we spotted the first signs of wild garlic in the verges.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb. A fellow walker in Wike Lane mentioned having had her attention attracted by distinctive bird song farther down the lane. From her description I'm sure it was a Song Thrush, and it was in an area where we have often heard one singing.

We spotted five Yellowhammers on a hedgerow in Coughton Lane.

We arrived home from our walk to find a male Sparrowhawk perched comfortably on our garden fence. It stayed for at least half an hour before moving on.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb. A small flock of Siskins was active in the stand of larch trees by the entrance to Coughton Lodge Farm.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb. The cold weather brought a Redwing into our garden where it spent a few minutes feeding on the lawn.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb. We were pleased to see a Song Thrush in our back garden hedge, from where it moved into the flower border to search for food. Sadly, they are now quite rare visitors to our garden.

**Phil J (19th February)**



We may be closed over the winter but our conservation team are still hard at work carrying out the deep clean of the house ready for when we re-open in spring. During the closed months archive documents are photographed and filed, all of the brown wood furniture is dusted and museum wax is used to clean iron, steel, copper and brass which provides a protective seal for the next season.

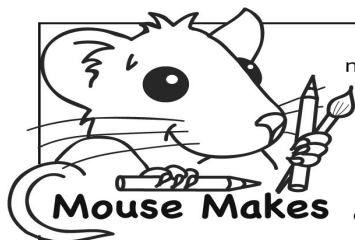
By February we are deep into our annual clean and it's a really good time for the team to condition check each object in the collection. This includes checking the books in the Saloon which are susceptible to mould and waxing the floors which is a big job for the conservation team.

Our sister properties over at Baddesley Clinton and Packwood are open all year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There's something magical about walking in winter, from hearing the frosty grass crunch underfoot to seeing low-lying mists sweeping across the countryside, the first months of the new year are the perfect time to wrap up warm, throw on some wellies and go for an invigorating walk. Blow away the cobwebs along blustery canal paths or take a frosty stroll across the Warwickshire countryside, now is the ideal time to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a lockdown in England, the gardens and parkland at Baddesley and Packwood will remain open for local people to exercise. The safety of staff, volunteers and visitors from the nearby community remains our priority. We know how important it is for people to seek fresh air and nature and we urge visitors to stick to the rules and stay local.

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**Who is my mother?**  
Look up the Bible verses  
then find the mother's  
names in the word search

**CAIN and ABEL**  
*Genesis 4:1-2*

**JOSEPH**  
*Genesis 30:22-24*

**ISHMAEL**  
*Genesis 16:15*

**TIMOTHY**  
*2 Timothy 1:5*

**RUBEN**  
*Genesis 29:32*

**GAD**  
*Genesis 35:26*

**SAMUEL**  
*1 Samuel 1:20*

**OBED**  
*Matthew 1:5*

**ISAAC**  
*Genesis 21:3*

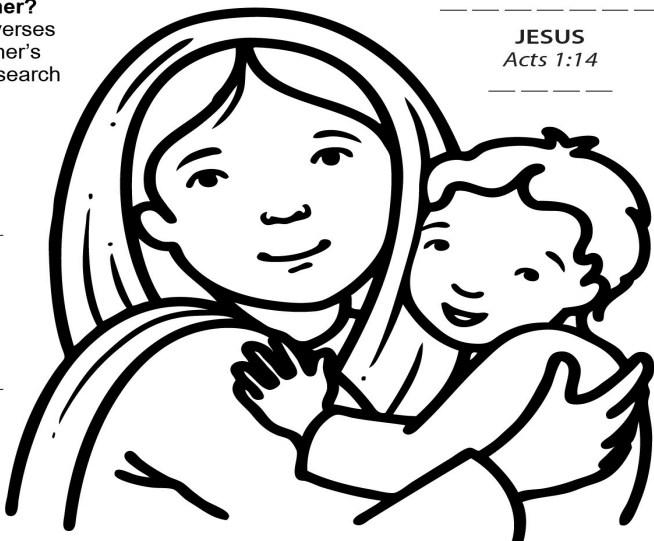
Jesus was **loved** by his  
mother Mary, she looked  
after him, worried  
about him and prayed  
for him. She **cuddled**  
Jesus when he was  
born, **cried** when he  
died and **rejoiced** when  
he rose from the dead.

**SOLOMON**  
*1 Chronicles 3:5*

**JOHN**  
*Luke 1:57-60*

**ESAU and JACOB**  
*Genesis 25:24-26*

**JESUS**  
*Acts 1:14*



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There are two other words in the word search, can you find them?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Baptisms

*No Baptism services have taken place*

### Weddings

*No Wedding services have taken place*

### Funerals

*No funerals services have taken place*

*Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals from 15 October to 14 December 2020  
in connection with Coughton with Sambourne Parish*



Our Parish Assembly is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm.

**We would love you to join us!**

Our new website includes the following information and more:

Councillors Info, Meeting Dates, Agendas, Minutes, Events, News & Information and a Planning Tracker.

Please sign up for email alerts at [www.coughtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.coughtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

For PC information, please contact our Clerk:

Kerry Finlayson [coughtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:coughtonclerk@gmail.com)

## Coughton & Sambourne 100 Club

Another new name was added to the list of winners following the February draw for £100. Roger Hammersley of Sambourne was the lucky one on this occasion. Congratulations to him - perhaps he will treat Janet!!

As there has been no change in the restrictions due to covid the Organisers have opted to have the March draw for £100 to be again with Peter Laband on Facebook. The draw will be made on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Cottage in Sambourne. Look out for it on Facebook.

The Organisers will be pleased to welcome any new members who would like to 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.

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