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A Message from Pat Newbold



Hello again, hope you are enjoying this spell of warm weather!

I was sitting in the garden early this morning, before the traffic started to intrude on the special bit of quiet. A baby robin was 'buzzing' from the lilac bush, there were bluetits, great tits and coal tits following each other from nuts to seeds, a squirrel looking at me disgustedly from the fence because I have again greased the line prop, the myriad magpies and jackdaws which wait patiently for me to go indoors.....and I rejoiced in all the beauty around – and in the clear blue skies still unpolluted by aeroplane exhaust!!! It was a good time to count all my blessings – and they are so many! I asked somebody the other day how they were: *'better than I was when I was worse'* was the reply. Think we need that on a tee shirt!

I am still wondering what this 'releasing of lockdown' next week will actually look like for our nation – guess you are, too, - for hard pressed businesses, for those who are desperately shielding, for those who are suffering so much from isolation. Guess we all need to be aware of the fears of those around us, but also remember the needs of our rapidly deteriorating planet.

My daily readings this week have led me to look at Psalm 104, which is so full of poetic detail of the wonder of creation, and the intimate and beautiful way in which God thought of everything. 'He wrapped himself in light, and stretched out the heavens like a tent.....He set the earth on its foundations ...and covered it with the deep as with a garment...but at His voice the waters fled, they flowed over the mountains, down into the valleys, to the place He assigned for them.'

There are a lot of verses, but all so delightful – see if you can find it and read them all. It reminded me that when something gets broken, the person who made it is usually the person who can mend it best, and God, who forgives and restores, longs for us to work with Him, in relationship with Him, so that the earth may be healed. I think perhaps that is the only way to go – so often we leave Him out of the equation to our peril. But nothing is impossible for God. So let us return to Him and His ways of gentle carefulness. Give me a ring if you need to talk about it.

Pat N



Alcester Minster Church Services – August 2021

01 August

Readings:

Ephesians 4 v 1 – 16; John 6 v 24 – 35

Trinity 9	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Haselor
	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Sambourne

08 August

Readings:

Ephesians 4 v 25 – 5 v 2; John 6 v 35 & v 41 – 51

Trinity 10	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Arrow
	4.00 pm	Holy Communion	Kinwarton

15 August

Readings:

Ephesians 5 v 15 – 20; John 6 v 51 – 58

Trinity 11	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Coughton
	3.00 pm	Alcester Churches Together joint service	Eric Payne Centre

22 August

Readings:

Ephesians 6 v 10 – 20; John 6 v 56 – 59

Trinity 12	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Alcester
Green	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Alne
	3.00 pm	Holy Communion	Weethley

29 August

Readings:

James 1 v 17 – 27

Mark 7 v 1 – 8 & 14-15 & 21 – 23

Trinity 13	10.00 am	Minster Holy Communion	Alcester
Green			
Each	10.00 am	Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester
Wednesday			

At the time of producing this edition, you must reserve a place if you wish to attend a Minster service, by emailing or telephoning the Administrator

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Tel: 01789 763 246

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sambourne Village Association Events Dates for diaries

2021

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. *We pray for those countries who have suffered the severe flooding over the past two weeks, for the injured, the bereaved and those left homeless.*
2. *We too would look beyond the trials of the here and now To live our lives in the in the light of eternity, for the joy set before us, pleasures evermore in the presence of our Lord. Amen*

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





ECO CHALLENGE?



The Churches of the Alcester Minster, including at Coughton and Sambourne are looking at what we can do to help the planet – if you see a massive windmill beside Sambourne Church you will know why! (I do jest!) So I thought we could all do with a very simple 6 week eco challenge – you probably have already devised your own – but this one has travelled far.

Week 1 – Waste

Pick up and properly dispose of one piece of litter per day.

That would be 40 pieces per person in the 6 weeks!



Week 2 – Consumer Choice



Keep a record of how much food you and your family throw away this week.

Talk together about how you can throw away less.

Week 3 – Energy

Replace an hour of TV or social media each week with reading, walking, or other non-digital activity.



Week 4 – Transport



See if you can replace at least 2 car journeys a week with walking or cycling and exchange a foreign holiday with a week in Wales.

Week 5 – Water

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth – a running tap wastes over 6 litres per minute (!)



Week 6 – Plastic



Change your plastic bottle of liquid soap or shower gel for a bar of soap.

Buy fruit and veg without plastic packaging.







Nature jottings from Perry mill Lane

The past four weeks have delivered rather variable weather, but the field and woodland footpaths have dried sufficiently for safe walks, and sunshine has brought out butterflies in good numbers.

18th June. Our evening walk through Coughton Park wood was enhanced by the fragrance of honeysuckle blossom and a view of a couple of Hares.

20th June. On an afternoon footpath walk to Coughton we found ourselves surrounded by low-flying House Martins. We had previously seen very few of this species this summer.

21st June. We had in the garden a pair of Carrion Crows feeding a juvenile with fallout from the seed feeders and whatever else they were able to find in the grass.

22nd June. Pristine Small Tortoiseshell butterflies appeared in our garden today.

24th June. I spotted my first Ringlet butterfly of the summer in the woodland.

25th June. Ringlets are now on the wing on the Monarch's Way, and we saw our first Silver-washed Fritillary butterfly from the woodland bridleway. Chiffchaff singing was heard quite frequently.

27th June. A Muntjac was on the bridleway and the songs of Whitethroats, Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps were audible.

2nd June. As we walked the footpath near Sambourne Hall Farm, a Barn Owl appeared and set off on a hunt across the fields.

3rd July. Our neighbour Paul mentioned having seen a Marbled White butterfly on the footpath to Coughton. We then walked the path and counted about a dozen of the species – the first we had seen this year. We went on to see a Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshells, Small Skippers, Small Heaths, Meadow Browns and Ringlets. One Six-spot Burnet Moth was also present.

7th July. Our morning walk through the woodland was rewarded with our first sighting this year of a White Admiral butterfly. Silver-washed Fritillaries were also present, and I was pleased to be able to identify a female Broad-bodied Chaser (dragonfly).

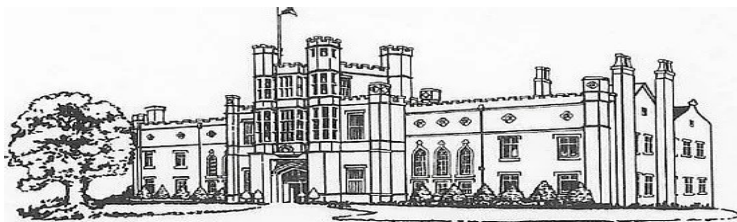
9th July. In the woodland I had another sighting of a White Admiral.

13th July. By the footpath to Coughton up to twelve Marbled Whites were visible in one small area, and a Comma butterfly was nearby.

16th July. We stood with a couple of friends in our back garden watching a flock of Swallows hunting overhead when I noticed a couple of larger, dark birds, like giant Swifts, appear above them. I recognised these as Hobbys – a species of falcon that visits us in summer and feeds on large insects and birds such as Swallows and Martins. Quite a thrill and great for impressing our friends!

Phil J (18th July)





Visiting Coughton Court this summer

Over at Coughton Court our gardens, parkland and house are open for visitors to enjoy. Our shop and second-hand bookshop are also open, along with outdoor and indoor seating for our café.

We're so excited to introduce a new event to Coughton this summer. The past eighteen months have been particularly challenging so the team at Coughton thought it would be a great idea to raise funds for our roof project and enjoy some light-hearted fun at the same time. So, this summer we're holding our first ever teddy bear zip-wire as part of a £1 million fundraising project for major restoration work on Coughton's roof.

The team have constructed a perilous zip-line from the top of the tower, where little ones can watch their cuddly toy fly down from the gatehouse, between 12.30pm – 1.30pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm, every Tuesday from 27 July to 31 August, £3.50 per bear.

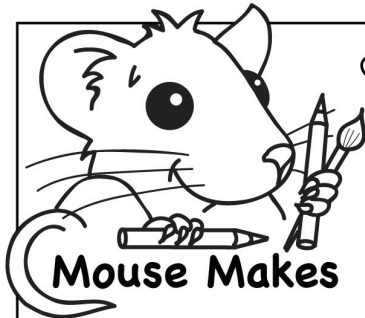
Bring along your Paddington's, Rupert's and Winnies and watch them jump from the tower roof in this gravity defying stunt. The team brought in their own teddies and the reception class from Coughton Primary School also came across to give it a test. We can't wait for everyone to cheer on their favourite bear as they fly from the roof.

Certificates will be awarded to the brave bears who've taken a leap of faith to restore the roof, or if your bear is scared of heights why not just enjoy a teddy bears picnic in one of our designated picnic spots and treat them to a delicious ice cream from the Stables Coffee Bar.

The Duck Race will also be returning, every Thursday from 29 July – 2 September, with race one starting at 12.30pm and race two starting at 2.30pm, from £3.50 per duck. Get all the family together, pick a numbered duck and watch its quest down the river with fantastic prizes to be won.

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

Junior Link



Mouse Makes

What grew on the dry land?

___ N ___ and
___ E ___



READ
Genesis
1:31

IN THE BEGINNING ...



What did God
create in the beginning?

___ V ___
and ___ H ___



What was the first
thing God said
on the first day?

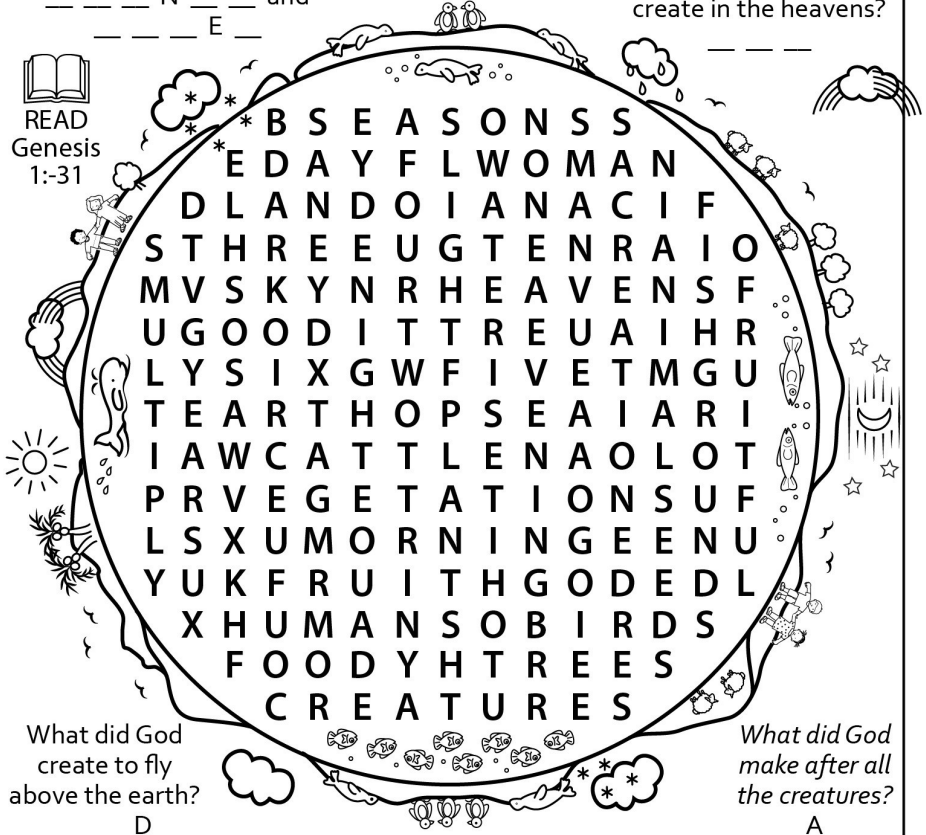
"Let there be
___ G ___



What did God separate
on the second day to
create heaven?

___ T ___

How many great
lights did God
create in the heavens?



What did God
create to fly
above the earth?

___ D ___

What did God
make after all
the creatures?

___ A ___

Find the answers to the questions in the word search then find all these words too:



CREATION • ONE • DARK • DAY • NIGHT • EVENING • MORNING • SEA
VEGETATION • LAND • SEEDS • FRUIT • THREE • SEASONS • YEARS • FOUR
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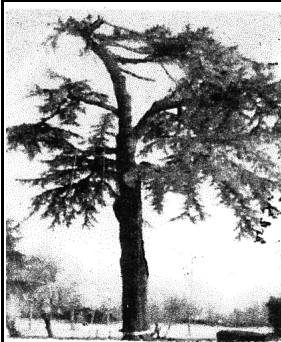
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