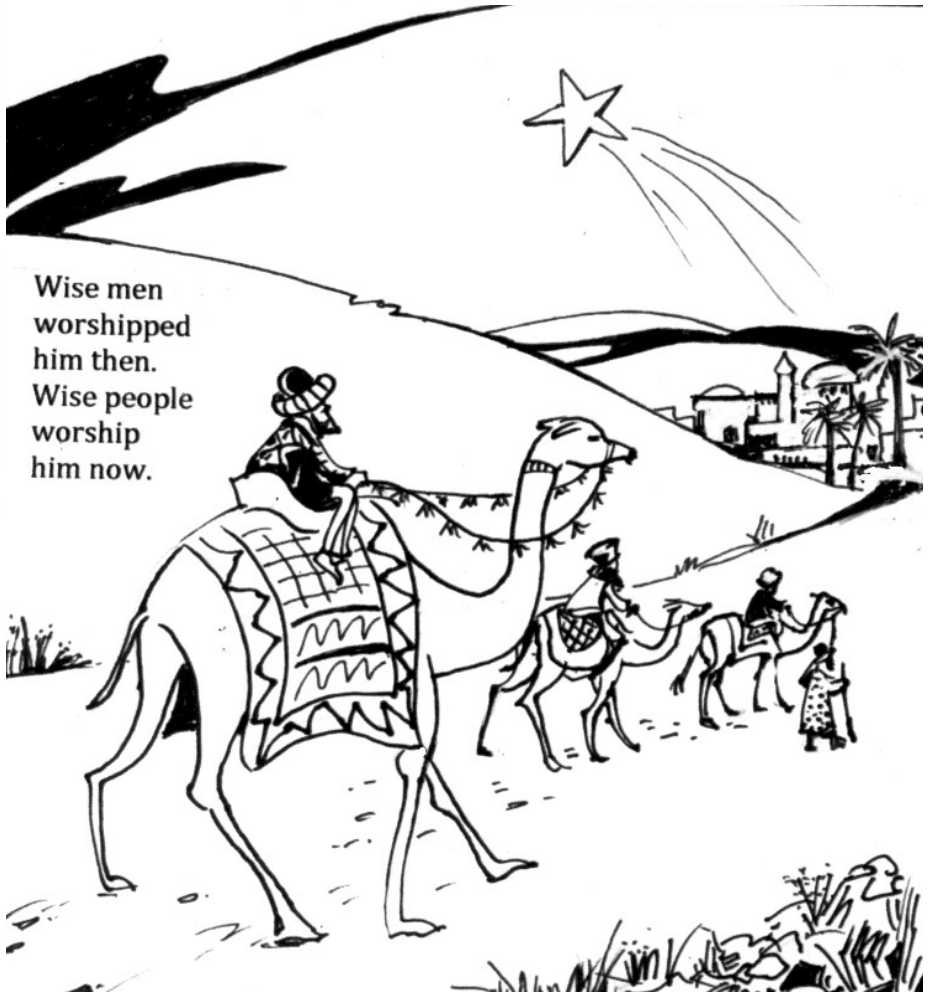


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# Alcester Minster Church Services – January 2022

## 02 Jan

### Readings:

*Isaiah 60 v 1 – 6, Matthew 2 v 1 - 12*

Christmas 2	9.00 am	Plough Service	Haselor
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Alcester
White	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Alne
	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Sambourne

## 09 Jan

### Readings:

*Isaiah 43 v 1 – 7, Luke 3 v 15 – 17 & 21 - 22*

Baptism of Jesus	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Arrow
White/Gold	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Alcester
	3.00 pm	Baptism Preparation	Alcester

## 16 Jan

### Readings:

*1 Corinthians 12 v 1 – 11, John 2 v 1 – 11*

Epiphany 2	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Haselor
	9.00 am	Morning Worship	Weethley
White	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Alcester
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Coughton
	3.00 pm	Baptism service	Alcester

## 23 Jan

### Readings:

*1 Corinthians 12 v 12 – 31a, Luke 4 v 14 - 21*

Epiphany 3	8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Alcester
	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Kinwarton
White	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Alcester
	6.00 pm	ACT Unity Service	Alcester

## 30 Jan

### Readings:

*Malachi 3 v 1 – 5, Luke 2 v 22 - 40*

Presentation of Jesus	10.00 am	Minster Celebration Communion	Alcester
White			

## Each

## Wednesday

10.00 am	Midweek Holy Communion	Alcester
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An On-line service is available every Sunday on the Welcome page of the Alcester Minster website [www.alcesterminster.org](http://www.alcesterminster.org)

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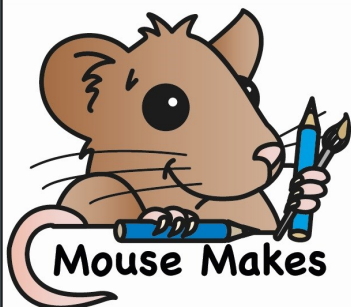


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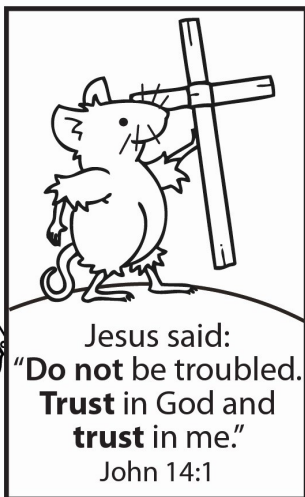


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But I **trust**  
in you,  
O Lord;  
I say,  
"**You are  
my God.**"

Psalms 31:14



Jesus said:  
"**Do not** be troubled.  
**Trust** in God and  
**trust** in me."

John 14:1

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I **trust** God, so  
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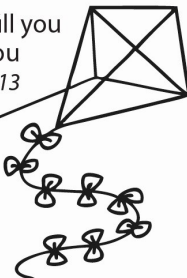
Psalms 56:3-4



The Lord is good,  
a refuge in times  
of trouble.  
He cares for those  
who **trust** in Him.

Nahum 1:7

"May the God of hope fill you  
with *joy* and *peace* as you  
**trust** in Him." Romans 3:13



**Trust** in the Lord with  
all your heart and  
lean not on your own  
understanding.  
In all your ways **submit**  
to Him and He will make  
your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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## Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane

Last month I mentioned that we had not yet seen the first winter thrush visitors. Just a few days after writing that we had our first sightings.

14<sup>th</sup> Nov. From the field footpath to Coughton we noticed a flock of Fieldfares moving from tree to tree. Mixed in with the flock were a few Redwings, with a male Yellowhammer looking rather out of place. Autumn colours seemed to be at their most vibrant on this day as evidenced by the vermilion glow of an acer in Martin and Sue's Perrymill Lane garden.



22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. A Fieldfare visited our garden on this very cold but sunny day. It posed on the top of the back hedge, perfectly lit up by the low sun to highlight just how spectacular these birds are.

24<sup>th</sup> Nov. On an afternoon walk along the bridlepath through the woodland we came across a mixed flock of birds feeding in the birch trees. Looking through binoculars we found that the majority were Redpolls, with a smaller number of Siskins, the first we have seen of either species this autumn. We also spotted three Treecreepers and at least two Goldcrests amongst the same party. Long-tailed and Blue Tits also put in an appearance.

25<sup>th</sup> Nov. A Dunnock and a Robin found something of interest on our patio. They are common garden birds, but still nice to observe at close quarters.

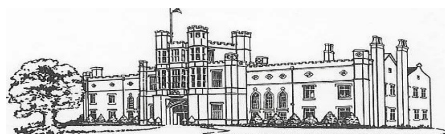
9<sup>th</sup> Dec. From the field footpath to Coughton we watched a male Kestrel hovering in search of a meal – the technique that earned the species the old country name of "Windhover". On the topic of birds of prey, I am reminded that Jeannie noticed one in her Perrymill Lane garden. From her description I think it was a male Sparrowhawk.

10<sup>th</sup> Dec. We spent several minutes watching a flock of nine Redpolls feeding in a birch tree in the garden of "Booking Office" in Sambourne Lane, Coughton.



It seems very early to be thinking about the end of January, but don't forget the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch on the 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Phil J (10th December)**



Inside Coughton there is a hive of activity during the winter months, as our conservation team dust, vacuum and polish to their hearts content.

In addition to being able to give the house an in-depth clean, winter gives us an opportunity to closely examine every item for signs of wear and pest activity, and to update our records. Of course, we're constantly monitoring the collection and we keep the house clean throughout the year, but during the winter we do this on a much greater scale.

We assess each item individually as to whether to polish it or not - we no longer polish whole items routinely because this cleaning can act as a form of wear and tear. Removing dust helps limit this corrosion. It's a simple thing to do but effective, so we dust regularly throughout the year and top up on the protective wax in winter.

Do you fold your duster in a special way to prevent the edges catching on things? Do you get out a hogs hair brush to get all the dust out of the crevices? Do you have special brushes for cleaning certain items? We do... and these are just a few of our ways of working to keep our collection conserved.

Here are a few top tips from our conservation team! Vinegar and paraffin on a woollen cloth is perfect for buffing wooden floors and keeping them in tip top condition, Renaissance Wax should be used to protect metalwork after cleaning and leatherwork and autosol is fantastic for cleaning brass and copper.

Why not plan a visit this winter to our sister properties over at Baddesley Clinton and Packwood; they're open all year except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 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.

Over at Packwood during January (whilst stocks last), join Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends for some winter fun on a trail around the welly walk and give nature a helping hand. The trail will take place between Tuesday 4 January – Sunday 30 January, 9am-3.30pm, so come along and explore the beautiful parkland of Packwood. The trail can be purchased upon arrival from Visitor Reception, £2 per trail.

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

The winners of the December Christmas draws were Ken Hassall, the October Jackpot winner, (£100), Candice Laband of Sambourne (£50) and Sybil Shaw from Church Farm, Coughton who won the specially prepared Cockerel supplied by Heart of England Farms.

The year starts with a Jackpot draw for £450. This will be made on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at Sambourne Church Hall at 5.00pm

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 CofE Primary School and our next meeting is on Monday 24th January at 6.30pm.

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Our website [www.sambourneparish.org.uk](http://www.sambourneparish.org.uk) includes the following information and more:

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### **Baptisms**

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### **Weddings**

No Weddings during this period

### **Funerals**

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New members are very warmly invited to join this friendly group that meets once a month at 7.30pm for silent contemplation/ prayer/ meditation in the Julian of Norwich tradition. Julian of Norwich was a fourteenth century mystic who believed that the highest form of prayer was that of simply waiting for God, waiting silently and listening. We open the silence with a brief reading, are silent for 30 minutes and conclude with music (followed by tea and conversation). The group comprises a variety of denominations and none. It is open to all.

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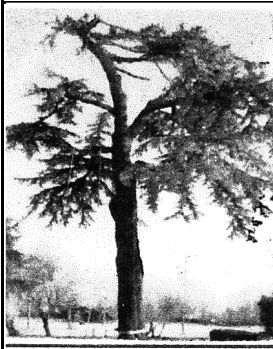
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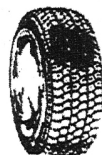
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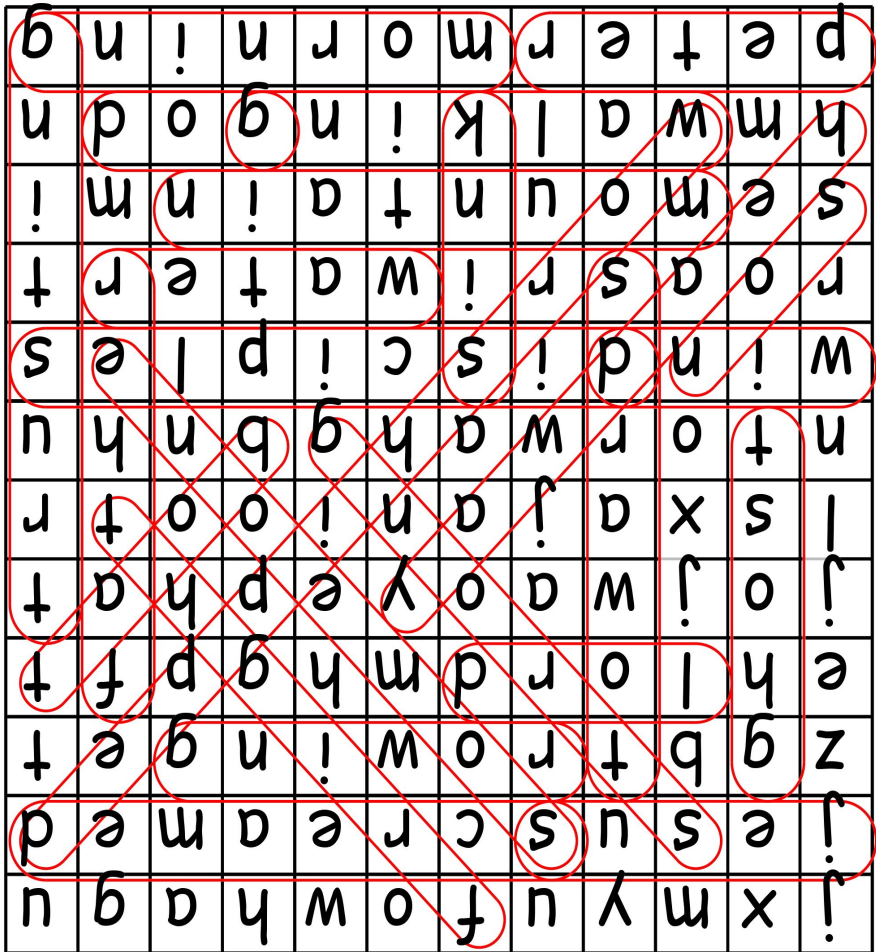
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