

## FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

A gentle reminder to pop items into the Food Bank box in the porch, whenever you are able to do so. Thank you.

## OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS

### PENTECOST



### FATHER'S DAY



### LAST WEEK – JUSTICE and RECONCILIATION



# ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH



## Welcome to our Morning Worship

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Led by

**Rev Alison Mackay**

Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-21 (NIV)

## OUR TEXT FOR 2025

THEREFORE ENCOURAGE  
AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER  
UP, JUST AS YOU ARE  
ALREADY DOING.  
- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Notices

Worship: Amazing Grace,  
Only by grace  
This is our God

Prayer

Mayor David Henderson - Neurodiversity  
Alcester

Song: Speak Oh Lord

Bible Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-21 (NIV)

Sermon - The mystery we seek

Intercessions

Closing song: And can it be

Benediction

Followed by a brief Church Meeting



Tea and Coffee will be served in the Hall. Do please stay for a drink and a chat

Ephesians 3: 1-21

**3** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.



**TODAY**



2-4 Pride Tea Party –  
all welcome

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Prayers @ 9:15 am followed by open church until 10.00am

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Little Angels Toddler Group @ 9.30am – 11.00am

Evening Home Group: @ 8pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Wellbeing Café & Warm Hub @ Church 9:30 - 11:30am

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Morning Home Group @ Reg's  
Afternoon Home group –at 2.30pm in church

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Prayers @ 9:15 am followed by open church until 10.00am.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am - Morning Worship

**A Prayer for the Ephesians**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.