

This is the size they want – not bigger ones

Thank you for the wonderful response so far to our Easter Appeal for these Easter Eggs for the Food Bank There are two more weeks to contribute if you would like to do so.



Church Lunches

At the Deacons Meeting it was decided to have church lunches bimonthly so the next one will be on the 11th May our church Anniversary.

If anyone is interested in going for a buffet lunch at Kings Court, perhaps once a month or bimonthly, please let Lynne Thompson know. It could be a Tuesday or Friday so please let her know which day(s) are best for you. Cost is £18.95. If Sunday Lunch is preferred that is £20.50 for two courses (£24.50 for 3 courses.)

Tell Lynne on Sunday or text with your preference on 07935738825.

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH



Welcome to our Mothering Sunday Worship

30th March 2025

Led by Rev Alison Mackay Reading: Gen 16:1-10

OUR TEXT FOR 2025



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome Call to worship:

ALL We gather together to worship You are our loving, nurturing God, Leader Like a mother, you know us ΑII

intimately,

And love us unconditionally,

You teach us the way we should go Leader

and comfort us in times of need.

Praise you Lord, the giver of life. ALL

All Creatures of our God and King **Ancient of Days (Blessing and honour)**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Mothering Sunday Prayer by Claire Nicholls

(Junior church leave)

Getting to know you: Jean Butterworth

Hymn: One more step

Bible Reading: Gen 16:1-10#

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. 3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." ⁶ "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. ⁷ The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come

Sermon

You are my King- (Junior church return) Closing worship: Reckless Love

from, and where are you going?"

Benediction



Tea and Coffee will be served in the Hall. Please do go through to enjoy a drink and chat.



Monday 31st March

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

Tuesday 1st April

Little Angels Toddler Group @ 9.30am -11.00am.

Evening Home Group: @ 8pm

Wednesday 2nd April

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

12.00 weekly Lent Series "Pilgrimage into the Wilderness". Soup served at 12 noon.

Thursday 3rd April

Morning Home Group @ Reg's Afternoon Home group - at 2.30 in the church.

Friday 4th April

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

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

⁹ Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel added, "I will increase vour descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."

Saturday May 10th Ladies day

10am to 3pm at ABC led by Rev Jane Day All ladies welcome

It would be helpful to know numbers for catering purposes, so please let Alison or Elaine know if you are able to attend