



Clergy and Reader in Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch

Rector of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch

-Currently in vacancy

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The Parish Magazine of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



A photo from the day trip to Llandudno

The white rabbit character from Alice in Wonderland made by Hedger for the town of Llandudno as part of a trail around the town.

August 2023

Faithful God,

During this vacancy, fill us with vision and joy
and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship.

Guard and grow our Benefice as we serve you
together.

Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith,
love one another, care for those in need,
reach out to others, and welcome newcomers
and visitors.

Sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom
to those involved in the process of appointing our
new Rector; and prepare the heart of the right person.

Ever-living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may we see your kingdom come here
in Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch,
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Sunday Services



First Sundays			Second Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship*	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion	10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship*	11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Third Sundays			Fourth Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service	8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion	10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion with Prayer for Healing
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion	11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Fifth Sundays			Other Services		
8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service			
<i>There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details.</i> <i>& the Diary for any variations to regular services</i>			Junior Church (2-11yrs) and Sermon Slot (12+)		
			This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the 10am service on most Sundays (apart from the 1st Sunday and School Holidays)		



St Alkmund's Vestry

Baptism and Wedding dates can be arranged Tuesday evenings
in church, from 7.00pm—7.30pm

The Churchwardens will be in church for 'Rector's Vestry'

Church office Tel no: (01948) 667102

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FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2023

Funerals



19th June—Muriel Jean Lyman—92 yrs
 29th June—Angela Furber—62 yrs
 11th July—Nicola Lesley Smith—46 yrs
 17th July—Wendy Foster—77 yrs
 21st July—Betty Edge—93 yrs * Memorial Service
 25th July—Evelyn Parker—98 yrs

**Crematorium Service*

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep: Romans 12:15

Weddings



5th August—Andrew Paul Rigby & Sophie Elizabeth Aumeer

Baptisms



25th June— Aimee Poppy Gourlay
 23rd July—Harry Guy Matthews
 30th July—Skylar Rose Pace

PASTORAL LETTER

Pastoral Letter from Rev'd Sue Armstrong

Dear Friends,

How quickly the year moves on! We have been celebrating those 'Occasional Offices' with baptisms, weddings, renewal of vows and of course, funerals taking place across our three parishes. A time for families and communities to come together.

We have seen our schools celebrate their year six achievements as they move on to the next stage of their education. Our PCC's have, as ever, worked to raise funds enabling our churches to be ready for providing spiritual growth and maintaining the fabric into the 21st Century.

Across the benefice, we have, under the leadership of Jane Rylands, worked on the Parish Profile and a advertisement, which will—we hope- entice the right applicant for Rector of the benefice of Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch. We now wait for the next steps in this process.

In the meantime our services continue Sunday by Sunday, taking us through the church's seasons with worship, prayer and music.

Rev'd Sue

OUR PARISHES' NEWS

ST ALKMUND'S BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study throughout August, but will recommence on Wednesday 13th September. It will then take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, at 2pm in Bargates Hall.

PAY TO PRESERVE A PORTION:

Funds are still being raised towards the restoration of the East Window at Fauls church. If you would like to make a donation from £5 upwards to show support for a certain piece of the window, please contact Liz Kempton on 01948 840271.

TIME TOGETHER: for those with dementia & their family Members meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall. Next meeting is Wednesday 16th August.

SERVICES ONLINE: To view our 10.00am & 6.30pm Sunday services live, please go onto St Alkmund's Facebook page and click on the YouTube link provided.

THE ADVENT SINGERS with the Director of Music—Stewart Smith, will be singing Choral Evensong on Sunday 10th September in St Alkmund's church at the usual time of 6.30pm

8.00am BCP COMMUNION SERVICE:

In St Alkmund's Church will take place on the first Sunday of each month. The next date will be Sunday 3rd September at 8.00am.

ZOOM GATHERINGS: please

contact Judy Bellingham on 01948 663443, bellinghamjudy6@gmail.com for the link, log in and passwords:

♦ **Wednesday Morning Prayer** at 10.00am

♦ **Friday Chat over a cup of Tea** at 4.00pm

♦ **Friday (or last Thursday of the month), prayers** at 9.30am. Please contact Caroline Sewry on 01948 841046 or c.sewry@imperial.ac.uk for the zoom link to log in. Link via telephone may be possible for those without computer access.

BUILDING WORKS: will continue in St Alkmund's Church over the coming months. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time and will endeavour to keep any disruption to services to a minimum. We appreciate your understanding during these important changes.



FTW Diary		
8 th Sept	10.00am-5.00pm	Heritage Church Tower Tours & Parish Registers
9 th Sept	9.00am – 3.00pm	Heritage Church Tower Tours & Parish Registers
9 th Sept	7.30pm	Ninebarrow Concert
12 th Sept	TBC	Meal at Etzio's
17 th Sept	TBC	Tilstock Autumn Lunch
21 st Sept	TBC	Lower Heath Harvest
22 nd Sept	TBC	Lower Heath Harvest
24 th Sept	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service at Fauls (no lunch)
1 st Oct	11.00am	Tilstock Harvest
	TBC	Fauls Harvest Lunch
7 th Oct	All day	Blackberry Fair
8 th Oct	10am & 6.30pm	St Alkmund's Harvest

St Alkmunds Church on Saturday 9th September 2023 at 7.30pm
For more information and to book go to
<https://www.ninebarrow.co.uk/gigs>



CAN YOU HELP?

SIDES PEOPLE ARE NEEDED

Would you like to help as a sides person at St Alkmund's church during our services on a Sunday, assisting people on arrival and during the services.

For more information please contact Alison Dunne on ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com / Telephone 01948 667102, or speak to one of the Church Wardens



HELP WITH FLOWERS IN ST ALKMUNDS CHURCH

Do you enjoy flower arranging? Would you like to help our Flower ladies with the flower decoration at St Alkmund's Church — help is needed on Friday Mornings.

For more information please contact Alison Dunne on ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com / Telephone 01948 667102



SUPPER PARTY PHOTOGRAPHS

Saturday 5th August at Navarre, Mile Bank
Hosted by Celia and Gary Churchill in aid of
The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch

*A lovely evening was enjoyed by all with a wonderful
menu being served of*

*home-made mini pizzas, Navarre chicken, with
herby
potatoes and roast aubergine ratatouille
and Pavlova or Tiramisu*



Heaven is in us
Peace of mind will be within
As we trust in God

Heaven always here
Around us and within us
We are so lucky

In heaven it is
Love which fills the space, all
There have forsworn hate



We considered how precious bread is to us and were asked to share our favourite bread recipe, our favourite way of eating bread or our favourite bread story:

Slices of white or brown bread buttered then spread with orange marmalade, egg and milk poured over, leave for a short while then bake in the oven. This is very delicious!

Pain au chocolat from Monsieur Blondie in France – flaky and sweet!

My favourite recipe for bread is the one for making the harvest loaf and the instructions for construction. It takes time and is a good activity for contemplation

Syrup Ginger Pudding – S.R. Flour, ginger, salt, breadcrumbs, Golden Syrup, egg, milk

Introducing an elderly friend to new breads! Leaving 50/50 behind now and enjoying sour dough with seeds

Soda Bread – love this! – speedy and tasty especially with Appleby's cheese!

Walker's Granary!

My favourite recipe for bread and butter pudding by Mary Berry – brioche, cream, eggs, fruit

Organic flour, water/milk starter – Mix and thump well, prove, put in tin, allow to rise, cook, EAT!

Bread and butter pudding – 2 slices bread butter & marmalade, 1 egg, ½ pint milk, vanilla essence, sugar and nutmeg

Crusty 'Tiger Bread' toasted and buttered!

My favourite sandwich – peanut butter, jam and banana on soda bread

Walker's granary, ham and salad

Soda Brown Bread with eggs and mushrooms cooked in olive oil

We also considered the nature of forgiveness colouring pieces of fabric marked with an 'x' to symbolise both the 'crossing out' of forgiveness and the blessing of a kiss (to be part of a banner one day hopefully); we walked a large 'labyrinth' cross contemplating the weight of evil in our lives and the impact of Christ's death on evil; and we wrote our prayers on folded paper hands which were brought to the altar with the bread and wine and offered to God.

We shared the peace formally within the service but felt that this had been truly experienced already in the fellowship of the morning, thanks be to God!

FTW JOINT SERVICE—Sunday 30th July 2023

The theme for our joint Benefice service on Sunday 30th July was the Lord's Prayer. It was a communion service and we sat in a large circle in Fauls Church Hall. Instead of a sermon we were encouraged to participate in a number of activities aimed at encouraging us to think through some of the familiar lines of the prayer. We tried our hands (literally!) at saying the prayer with Makaton signing. Another of our activities was to write a haiku on the theme of Heaven. A haiku is a poem with three lines; the first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables and the third line has 5 syllables.

*Heaven all around
Keeping loved ones always close
Holy Spirit too*

*The light of heaven
Is attractive to us all
Let us meet the joy*

*Heaven is here on
Earth when we show God's
love to each other*

*Heaven here before
Heaven surrounding us now
H'ven my destiny*

*In heaven's own garden
Our souls are at rest
God shines his light*

*Heaven gleams bright above us
Welcoming those who are God's own
Whose spirit returns to Him*

*Lord Jesus give us love
As we live our lives in you
Softly flying as a heavenly dove*

*Wonderful heaven
Oh what joy waits for us all
As we meet our Lord*

*Heaven is within
When we share our love of God
Throughout all the world*

*Heaven is always
In our thoughts, nature is in all our hearts
When you look around*

*Heaven be with us
In all we say and do now
Shine your light through us*



FAULS SUMMER LUNCHEON

*Was held on Sunday 18th June at Vale Farm
Hosted by Graham and Sarah Allwood and her family.*

*There was an excellent turnout of people and a lovely
time was enjoyed by everyone.*



St Alkmund's Church Tower Tour

St Alkmund's Church, Church Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1LB

A chance to climb the church tower and admire the view from the top.
A talk about the Joyce's clock mechanism by a local expert on the way up.

St Alkmund's is the parish church of Whitchurch and is a Grade I listed building. This is an opportunity to mount the many steps to the top of the church tower. The climb will take you past the ringing room and allow a view of the clock mechanism where an expert on Joyce's Clocks will explain its workings. Continue past the church bells before reaching the roof. The top of the tower affords a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside and diagrams identify major landmarks

Event Times

Friday 8 September: 11.00 - 17.00

Saturday 9 September: 09.45 - 14.00

Booking Details:

Pre-booking: Required

The church itself is free to explore but entry to the tower must be prebooked

Booking Contact: Judith Hoyle

Call: 01948664577

Email: info@whitchurch-heritage.co.uk

Write to: Whitchurch Museum & Archives Heritage Centre, 12 St Mary's Street,
Whitchurch SY13 1QY (Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 11-4))

Booking opens: 29 August 2023 11:00

Booking closes: 9 September 2023

Access

The tower tour is only suitable for the relatively fit and able, as the stone spiral steps are narrow and steep. Please note that experience has shown that this tour is not suitable for children under 10 and no exceptions will be made.

Additional Information

Max 10 people per tour/session. Tour takes 30 minutes. Contact for the day:

Curator 01948664577



Food, fun and friendship

In Bargates Hall

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

2023

• 16th August

6th & 20th September • 4th & 18th October

1st & 15th November • 6th & 20th December

(The 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon of each month)

2.00 to 4.00pm

Who is it for?

Those with Memory Loss or Dementia and their family members or carers

Why come?

Support and a Listening Ear for Family & Carers

Support and Stimulation for those with Memory Loss or Dementia – social, mental, emotional and spiritual care in a warm and loving atmosphere

What will it include?

A variety of things – but always having food and drink!

There might be craft activities, for those who are able the opportunity to take part in some gentle physical activity, singing, a prayer

Enquiries: Pauline Green on 01948 664769 or paulinegreen056@gmail.com

FAULS WINDOW APPEAL

With the work completed on time, (thanks Recclesia) before the first of our weddings this year.

Holy Immanuel, Faults, Window Appeal raised over £4000—a great contribution to the cost and we are very grateful to all who contributed.

It is a delight to see the window in place, straight, clear and with stonework replaced, and to know it should now be good for the next 150 years.



TIMES GONE BEFORE—An insert from the Whitchurch Parish Magazine June 1909 — showing the problems the church faced over 100 years ago during reordering.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH.

The committee to consider this question, which was appointed at the meeting of the Easter Vestry, assembled on May 5th. After discussing the question, and hearing what had been done in the matter in the past, the present system of lighting was carefully inspected. The meeting was adjourned to give the members opportunity of seeing how the churches in the county had solved the difficulty of effective lighting.

The position is really this: The present system of lighting is unsatisfactory. Many improvements in lighting large buildings have been made since this system was put in the church. And it is possible that the pipes need renewing, and that the standards are worn out. The lighting is particularly bad in the galleries.

The first improvement that would suggest itself is to use incandescent mantles instead of the ordinary naked light. But in the case of most of the standards they are so loose and so shaky from their position that the mantles would get broken. And it is a question whether the pipes allow sufficient pressure of gas to pass for the illumination of the mantles.

If then it is decided to have incandescent mantles will it be necessary to have new brackets that cannot be shaken? This would also necessitate new pipes throughout the church to supply them with gas. Should there be brackets on the pillars, or should there be pendants from the galleries? And how should the galleries be best lighted?

Then, of course, there is another alternative. Should electricity be tried instead of gas? Electricity has much to recommend it. The handsome old chandeliers would once more come into use, and clusters of lights could be hung from any convenient place.

On the other hand there is no town's supply of electricity; and where could the church have its generating apparatus? Accumulators, a gas or oil engine, and a dynamo would be necessary. They would need a caretaker. They must be placed where the noise of the running was not an inconvenience. And electricity has the reputation of being more expensive than other forms of illumination.

There is a third system which is superseding electricity in lighting streets and such large places as railway stations: that is high-pressure gas. A machine is used that is run by a small gas engine that delivers the gas to the burner at a much higher pressure than it leaves the gasworks. This gives a better light, and is very economical in the use of gas.

So it will be seen that the committee have no easy task before them. They must choose a system that they can recommend as effective in its lighting of the church, and at the same time will not be too costly in its erection.

Llandudno Day Trip—Saturday 8th July 2023

A lovely day was enjoyed by all, with plenty of time for ice cream! It was also a chance to see the lovely 'Alice in Wonderland' wooden sculptures made by Hedger that are part of a trail around the town, one of them being 'The White Rabbit' shown below.

A £100 was also raised from the raffle for Historic Churches.



A Visit from the choir

'Bass, Steve, has been unable to come to church for a few months so the choir visited him at his home so we could sing together'

