

### 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



Service to celebrate the Coronation of  
King Charles III

## June 2023

# PASTORAL LETTER

## Pastoral Letter from Jane Rylands

The benefice of Fauls Tilstock and Whitchurch is in vacancy, a period that used to be known as an inter-regnum. Unlike our monarchy where the call 'the Queen is dead!' was, in the same breath, followed by 'Long Live the King!' the Church of England operates a different system and we were only officially allowed to start the process of recruiting a new Rector once Revd Judy had retired which she did at the end of April. During this period of vacancy a lot of church regulars including Revd Sue will be working their socks off to keep things happening as near to normal as possible whilst giving thanks for the support of a part-time administrator and for the visiting retired and senior clergy who will help fulfil the sacramental roles which require the presence of a priest.

Parish representatives have already been working hard to discern and put into words where the parishes see their direction of travel and what sort of skills and personal attributes our next Rector will need to have to lead us on this journey. It is an awesome responsibility to be involved in choosing someone who will lead as a servant of God not only within our three churches but also in our communities and one we couldn't contemplate without much prayer.

I invite you to join your voice with ours, perhaps using the words of this prayer which we will be using regularly in our churches over the next few months.

*Jane Rylands*  
Reader



## FTW Diary

12th June	1.30pm	WJA Pentecost Experience in St Alkmund's, W/ch
13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	WJA Pentecost Experience In St Alkmund's, W/ch
	1.30pm	WJA Pentecost Experience In St Alkmund's, W/ch
13th June	7.30pm	'Section 11' meeting for the three PCCs in Fauls Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30pm	Fauls Summer Luncheon at Vale Farm
<b>30th June—9th July 2023 FTW Administrator Alison Dunne on leave</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Llandudno Parish Outing
18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	WIA Year 2 Leavers Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch
20 <sup>th</sup> July	10.15am	WJA Year 6 Leavers Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.00am-12noon	St Alkmund's Coffee morning at Civic Centre



**The Friends of St. Alkmund's  
Whitchurch  
invite you to a  
'Strawberry Tea'  
in the gardens of  
Hinton Bank Farm, Whitchurch,  
SY13 4HB  
courtesy of Rupert and Belinda  
Hutchinson-Smith  
on Saturday 24 June 2023  
3pm to 5pm  
Funds raised will go towards  
improvements to St. Alkmund's  
Church**



**Pre-booking is essential  
To book call 07866 072091  
or  
email: msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk  
£7.50 per adult or £2.50 for under 18s  
Cost includes refreshments  
(including strawberries)**



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.

**NEWS ! NEWS ! NEWS !****St. Alkmund's Re ordering**

Thanks to two *very* generous legacies bequeathed to St. Alkmund's Church by two former members of our congregation, thoughts of re-ordering parts of church were discussed, and plans were drawn up in order to make improvements to the facilities we can offer, to make our church 'More inclusive'.

Eventually, plans were submitted to members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for approval, after which, they were then submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and after consideration, permission was granted and a **Faculty** was issued, in order that the works could 'go ahead'.

Four quotes were obtained by the Church Architects, and upon their advice, one of the Companies was selected, after which the PCC voted and agreed to the decision.

A date has been given for the works to commence, **beginning the third week of June**, and expected to take approximately, 12 weeks to complete!!

Obviously, this will cause some disruption and inconvenience, but we trust we will all be able to work around this, in order that the church can still operate!

**Works will include -**

**Removal of 1 row of Pews at the back of Church**

**Removal of 2 rows of Pews at the front of Church**

**Removal of all Pews in The Lady Chapel**

**Removal of the Pews by the former Sound**

**System for the installation of new kitchen facilities**

**North Porch (no longer to be used as a kitchen) - Toilet to be upgraded + New Storage cupboards for use by flower ladies, etc.**

**The Display Cabinet, containing artefacts, to be moved a little to protect the contents from the sun, which shines right down on the cabinet, and enabling more cupboard space.**

**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>&amp; 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'

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## FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2023

### Funerals



11th April—Emma Louise Mason—51 yrs  
 13th April—Margaret Rose Purcell—87 yrs  
 17th April—Ethel Mary Evans (Mary)— 92 yrs  
 18th April—Ernest James Ankers (Jim)— 85 yrs\*  
 19th April—Reginald John Hawthorne—93 yrs  
 26th April—Joyce Bridge—98 yrs\*  
 27th April—James Patrick Stevenson Smyth—88 yrs  
 2nd May—Frank Saywell—82 yrs  
 15th May—Jennifer Margery Basford—83 yrs  
 16th May—Peter Wainwright—92 yrs  
 18th May—Doreen May Moore—90 yrs  
 1st June—Joan Hanmer—86 yrs  
 16th June— Andrew Alfred Hamer (Packy)— 71 yrs

*\*Crematorium Service*

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

### Weddings



10th June—Thomas Edwin Bradshaw & Robyn Sarah Felton

### Baptisms



16th April—Raphael Alexander Cyrus Karami  
 4th June—Sofia Anne Lunn  
 4th June— Mia Margaret Speed

**A disabled Toilet to be built in the Vestry (under the window).**

*\*unfortunately, this was the only place the DAC considered suitable, as they felt problems would arise if it were to be built elsewhere in church. However, this improvement will help to make our church “All inclusive”.*

#### REASONS for the alterations:

**More space at the front of church, including more space for music or concerts.**

**More space at the back of church, especially around the Font for christenings, and more space for refreshments to be served.**

**Our present Kitchen is not up to Health and Safety requirements.**

**Lady Chapel** - The present Pews were only installed when the Galleries were taken down (1970's), prior to that chairs were used in the Chapel for the Services. It is proposed to purchase new chairs, more suitable for meetings/small services to take place in the Chapel.

**Around seating for 50 persons will be lost when the Pews are taken out - Therefore, suitable stacking chairs are to be purchased, for those occasions when they will be required (e.g. for School Services, Christmas Eve, etc).**

**Our present Toilet requires up grading.**

**And, always, more cupboard space is required in Church!**

**We trust that all the alterations will be of great benefit to all who come to St. Alkmund's**

*John W Stokes & Sheila A Chase - Church Wardens*

# OUR PARISHES' NEWS

## DAY TRIP TO LLANDUDNO SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2023

The coach will leave Whitchurch at 9.00am and set off back from Llandudno at 4.00pm.

**To book:** please either put your name on the list at the back of St Alkmund's Church or ring Sheila Chase on 01948 662738. **Cost: £10 per person (church children free). Payment due on booking.**

## ST ALKMUND'S BIBLE STUDY

Takes places every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 2pm in Bargates Hall.

**SUMMER LUNCHEON:** Fauls Church will be holding a Summer Luncheon on Sun 18th June at 12.30pm at Vale Farm, Marchamley. Tickets £25.00 (children £10). To book please contact Pam Benbow 01948 840356 or Joan Thomas 01948 841001.

**PAY TO PRESERVE A PORTION:** appeal to help us raise funds to restore 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.

## ST ALKMUND'S COFFEE

**MORNING:** Friday 21st July, 9am-12noon at The Civic Centre, See advert on page 11

## 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 21st June.

**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.

**STRAWBERRY TEA:** The Friends of St. Alkmund's Whitchurch are hosting a 'Strawberry Tea' at Hinton Bank Farm, Whitchurch, SY13 4HB on Saturday 24 June from 3pm to 5pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends and family to enjoy some tasty treats alongside freshly picked strawberries. Pre-booking is essential. £7.50 per adult and £2.50 for under 18 years. To book: Please sign the list at the back of church, call Alex on 07866 072091 or email [msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk)



## Food, fun and friendship in Bargates Hall

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

**2023**

**3rd & 17th May • 7th & 21st June**

**5th & 19th July • 2nd & 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](mailto:paulinegreen056@gmail.com)**



# A Special Commemorative Civic Service Hosted by St Alkmund's, Whitchurch Sunday 7th May 2023

**Leaders:**  
**Revd Donna Broadbent-Kelly,**  
Minister of St John's Methodist Church  
**Jane Rylands**  
Reader of St Alkmund's CoE Church  
**Preacher:**  
**The Venerable Paul Thomas**  
Archdeacon of Salop

with **The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire** Mr Tullis Matson

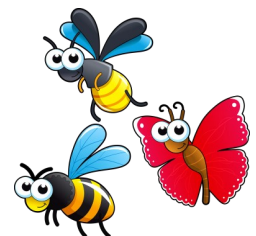


# Our new Bug Mansion in St Alkmund's churchyard



Built by Beavers and Rainbows, April 2023

An exciting project completed by Beavers and Rainbows,  
a lovely home for all the various wildlife visiting the churchyard.



## Rogation Sunday 21st May 2023



On Sunday 21st May 2023, the Rogation Sunday Service organised by the Revd Sue Armstrong took place on a warm sunny evening in the field adjacent to Tilstock Village School.

Everyone attending enjoyed walking around the field, stopping at different areas to bless the farms, the fields, then afterwards, everyone was invited to the nearby Tilstock Bowling & Tennis Club for lovely refreshments provided by the ladies of Christ Church Tilstock.

Music was kindly provided by Bill and Donna Cliftlands

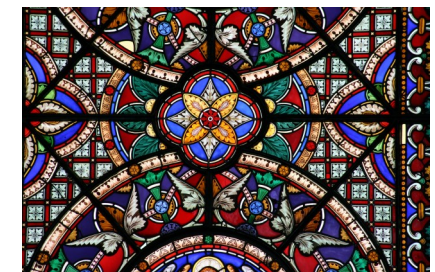
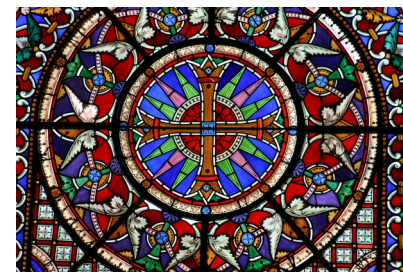


## Friends of the Stained Glass Museum visit to St Alkmunds on Friday 21 April 2023

The Friends of the Stained Glass Museum travelled from as far afield as York and London, visiting churches in Shropshire to look at their stained glass windows.



A lovely photograph sent to us by the Friends, taken of them all whilst at St Alkmund's Church.





## CONFIRMATION AT CHRIST CHURCH TILSTOCK

Confirmation by the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield, at the Eucharist took place at Christ Church, Tilstock, on Sunday 14th May 2023. It was a great privilege and pleasure to have the presence of Bishop Michael in our small Village Church and a very special and memorable occasion for the two adult candidates. The candidates confirmed were Victoria Clare Loveday-Lovell and Michelle Anne Buttery. Both of them were well supported by their family members and the congregation. The Bishop of Lichfield was assisted by his Chaplain, the Revd Treena Larkin and the Revd Sue Armstrong.



## Tilstock School Coronation Service May 2023

The children were presented with Teddies to commemorate this special day. Message from Tilstock Headteacher:

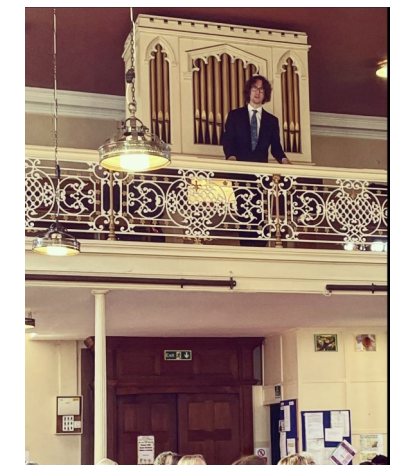
*Hi Sue,*

*I cannot thank you enough for the very special service you gave today.*

*I, and the children, will remember this day for years to come! Thank you to the PCC for making it possible with their very generous donation, and to the organist for the very special music.*

*Such a wonderful example of the church and school working together for our children.*

*Rowena Kaminski  
Headteacher  
Tilstock CE Primary School*



## MESSAGE FROM REVD JUDY

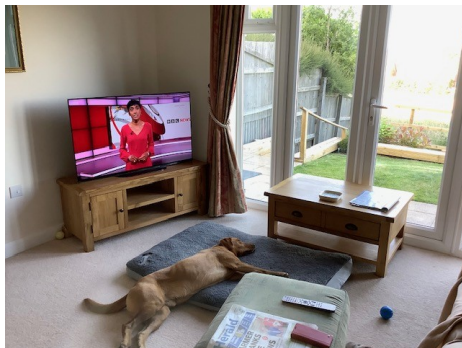
Revd Judy has decided how she will spend the money given to her by the FTW parishes and sent this message:

*Dear All*

*Thanks once again for your generosity in giving such a large sum of money to me as a leaving gift. I have bought a unit for the TV, a coffee table and a garden bench with two footstools / side tables. I thought that you might like these photos. The remainder of the money will go towards funding a trip to Canada - probably in September 2024. I'll visit family who live in and near Calgary and then I may take the Rocky Mountaineer Train ride to Vancouver. It will be the trip of a lifetime!*

*With love and prayers*

*Judy*



# Coffee Morning and stalls

**Friday 21st July  
9am - 12noon  
at  
The Civic Centre**

*Summer Luncheon  
Sunday 18th June  
12.30pm  
at*

*Vale Farm, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, SY4 5LH  
by kind permission of Graham & Sarah Allwood*

*Tickets £25 (children £10)  
In aid of Fauls Church*

*Pre Booking required: please contact Pam Benbow 01948  
840356 or Joan Thomas 01948 841001*

*Reception in the Garden Bring your own drink*