

### Clergy and Reader in Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch

**Rector of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch**

-Currently in vacancy

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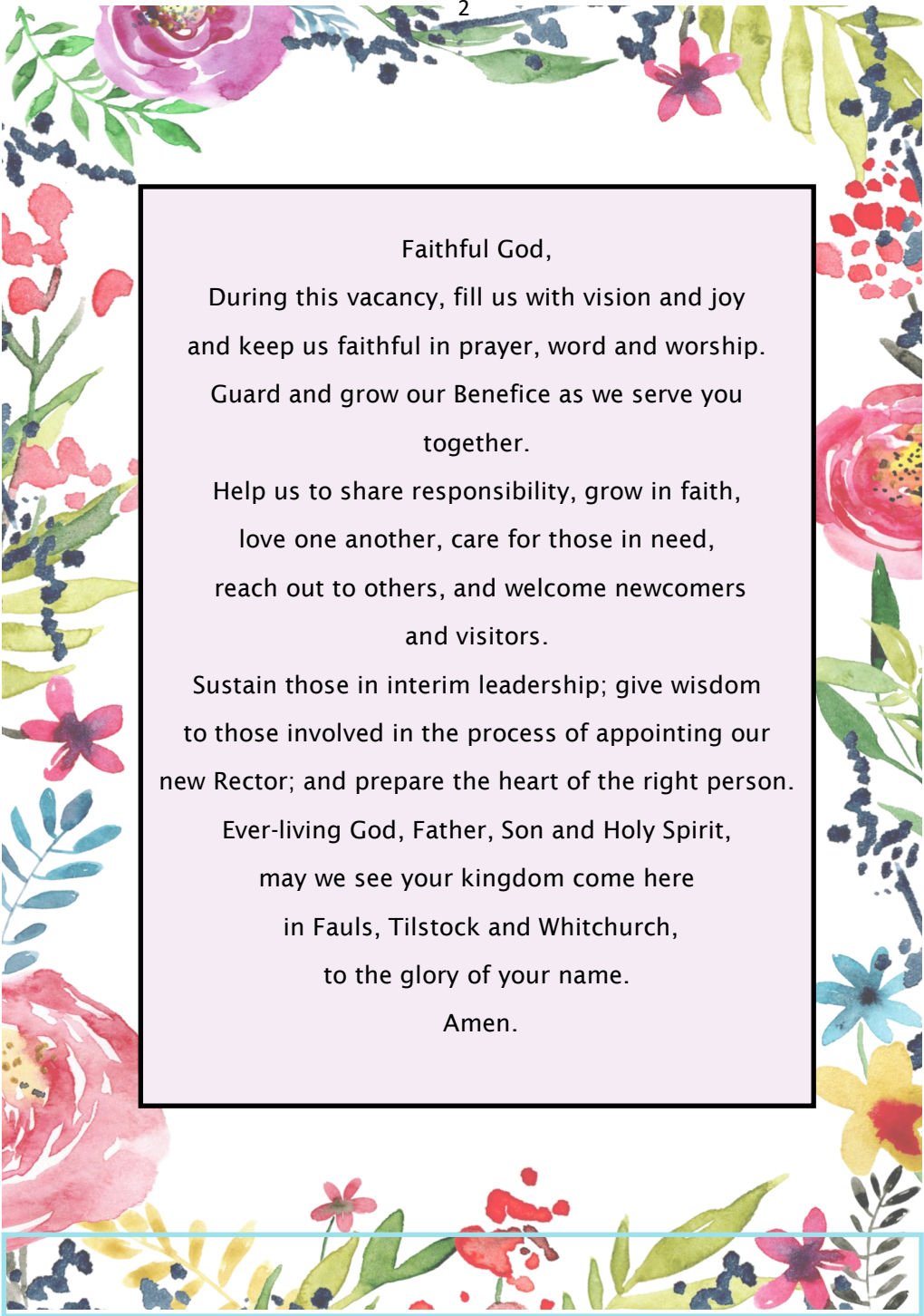
# The Parish Magazine of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



## October / November

## 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			
<p><i>There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details.</i></p> <p><i>&amp; the Diary for any variations to regular services</i></p>			<p>Junior Church (2-11yrs ) and Sermon Slot (12+)</p> <p>This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the 10am service on most Sundays (apart from the 1st Sunday and School Holidays)</p>		



**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  
 Church Office email [ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)

## FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2023

### Funerals



18th August—Robert John Ellison—82 yrs\*  
 22nd August—Jon Ellison—92 yrs  
 24th August—Janet Elizabeth Murhall—78 yrs  
 25th August—Florence Eva (Eve) Rogers—89 yrs  
 6th September—Thomas William Green—72 yrs  
 7th September—Tania Marie Milward—36 yrs  
 22nd September—Patrick Alexander (Pat) Camplin—86 yrs  
 12th October—Joyce Irene Lewis—99 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



13th August—Max James Langan  
 27th August—Caitlin Louise White  
 3rd September—Roxanne Hope June Leach  
 Frank Issac Nixon

## PASTORAL LETTER

*Dear Friends,*

*How quickly time moves on — Harvests, now celebrated in the traditional way with schools and communities bringing gifts to church to give thanks, lunches bringing people together in fellowship, and donations being made to the Food Bank: sharing God's goodness.*

*Now Autumn is definitely here, chilly mornings, leaves changing colour and thoughts turning to the commemorative services that are next in the churches year.*

*The work being done in St Alkmund's has made a more useable space and we look forward to being able to enjoy the improved facilities before too long. Our parish teams continue to work hard ensuring that 'Occasional offices'- Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and School Services can all take place alongside our regular worship, and we are grateful for the continuing time and effort they give so willingly.*

*We continue to be places of prayer and of welcome, seeking to be God's people here, in our communities as we pray that our new Rector will be someone who will lead and encourage us to grow in this way.*

*Revd Sue Armstrong*



# OUR PARISHES' NEWS

**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.

## 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 5th November at 8.00am.

**ZOOM GATHERINGS:** please contact Judy Bellingham on 07427884116, [bellinghamjudy6@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:c.sewry@imperial.ac.uk) for the zoom link to log in. Link via telephone may be possible for those without computer access.

**TIME TOGETHER**— will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**— has now recommenced, it will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.



**COFFEE MORNING:** In aid of Christian Aid in Bargates Hall on Saturday 28th October 10.00am—12noon. Fair Trade Gifts and Christmas Cards. Admission £1 to include tea/coffee/biscuits.

**FAULS SOUP LUNCH:** Saturday 11th November at 12.30pm. Soup and rolls followed by a variety of cakes and treats. £8 per adult / £4.00 per child.

## ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

will be on Saturday 18th November at Bargates hall, 10am-12noon. See advert for more details.

**WEM & WHITCHURCH DEANERY SYNOD:** The next meeting takes place Thursday 26th October at 7.30pm in St Chad's Church, Prees.

**VACANCY UPDATE:** Following the conclusion of the application stage of the appointment process, a short-listing meeting will be held on 30th October. The meeting will be led by Bishop Sarah. The Archdeacon, Associate Archdeacon and the FTW PCC representatives will be involved. Please understand that we are not able to give out any more details. We would appreciate your continued prayers.

**SHREWSBURY CHORAL:** will be performing the 'Messiah' at St Alkmund's Church on Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm. Tickets available from [www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk). (see page 20 for more information)

## FTW Diary

*Please see pewsheets for timings*

	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Federation Harvest (yrs 1,3,5)
	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Federation Harvest (yrs 2,4,6)
	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fauls Memorial & Thanksgiving Service Tilstock Memorial & Thanksgiving Service Whitchurch Memorial & Thanksgiving Service
	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Short Act of Remembrance on the steps of St Alkmund's at 11am
	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fauls Soup Lunch in Fauls Church Hall
	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service, Tilstock Remembrance Civic Service, W/ch Remembrance Service, Fauls
	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Alkmund's Christmas coffee Morning
	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fauls Christmas Fair Whitchurch Christmas Lights switch on St Alkmund's Crib Festival
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Tilstock Christmas Fair
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	St Alkmund's Christingle
	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WJA Christmas Experience
	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	WJA Christmas Experience WJA Christmas Experience
	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fauls Carol Supper
	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Handel's Messiah at St Alkmund's Church

# Shrewsbury Choral

## Handel

# MESSIAH



**St Alkmund's Church - Whitchurch**  
7:30pm Saturday 9th December, 2023

Directed by Martin Cook  
Leader - Anne Tupling

Tickets £20 / £15 - U16s - £5

[www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburychoral.org.uk)



**making  
music**

**The  
Children's  
Society**

### The Children's Society Boxes

Please can you bring boxes in by 29th October, so that money can be banked before Christingle preparations begin.

If you need to have your box collected please contact me.

Please give to me or leave in the vestry where they can be stored safely until I can collect.

When the boxes has been emptied I will leave them at the back of church for you to collect.

Thank you for continuing to support the Children's Society

**If anyone would like to  
consider having a box please contact me.  
Rebecca Sims 07599946112**

**The  
Children's  
Society**



**Sunday 10th September 2023**

*We welcomed Bishop Sarah to St Alkmund's Church to take our 10.00am Holy Communion Service.*



**St Alkmund's Crib Festival**

**Saturday 25th November**

**9.30am-5.00pm**

**Advance notice of St Alkmund's Crib Festival**

If you have a crib set which you would be willing to display please bring them to church on Friday 24th November, between 5pm and 7pm.

Donations of mince pies would be very welcome, drop off in church on Friday please.

If you are able to spend an hour on Saturday welcoming visitors please contact Doreen (01946 661934) or Wendy (07429 255151)

There will also be a sign up sheet available after Sunday services





# ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

## 18th November 2023

### 10.00am-12noon

**BARGATES HALL**  
(behind St Alkmund's church)



Please join us for coffee/tea and mince pies.  
Browse the stalls - Tombola, Handicrafts, Cards,  
Cakes, Bric A Brac - and of course a Raffle!

**£1 entry to include refreshments**  
**Children Free**



**Saturday 7th October 2023**

St Alkmund's Church were the recipients of a Freedom Fund Award. Meriel Edge and Malcolm Monie accepted the award on behalf of St Alkmund's. This has been given for the installation of a bike stand in the church car park.







## HELP WITH FLOWERS IN ST ALKMUNDS CHURCH

Do you enjoy arranging flowers?

Would you like to help with the flower decorations at St Alkmund's Church. No experience needed just an enthusiasm to learn. Help especially needed on a Friday morning.

For more information please contact:

Alison Dunne  
ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com  
Telephone 01948 667102



# FAULS SOUP LUNCH & CAKES

IN FAULS CHURCH HALL



**Saturday 11th November 2023**

at 12.30pm

£8.00 per adult/ £4.00 per child

**ALL WELCOME**



## BLACKBERRY FAIR THROUGHOUT THE TOWN Saturday 7th October

*Some photographs of the exciting displays that were taking place just outside of St Alkmund's on the High Street.*



### Food, fun and friendship

**In Bargates Hall**

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

**2023/2024**

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

**3rd & 17th January • 7th & 21st February**

**6th & 20th March • 3rd & 17th April**

**1st & 15th May • 5th & 19th June**

*(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**

*Some of the beautiful displays that were in St Alkmund's during our Harvest Services. The Harvest produce that was kindly donated was welcomed by the Whitchurch Foodbank.*



*We also welcomed the High Sheriff of Shropshire—Mandy Thorn MBE AL, and The Mayor of Whitchurch, Andy Hall, to St Alkmund's.*





**BLACKBERRY FAIR**  
**Saturday 7th October**

*A short film was played throughout the day  
 in St Alkmund's church showing how  
 creativity can help a child's education.*

*At 3pm we welcomed Steve Chapman with a  
 musical accompaniment to regale the story of  
 'The Garden at the End of the World'.*

*With the added bonus of an elf!*

*It was lovely to see lots of people coming into  
 church throughout the day, & lots of children  
 and their families in the afternoon too.*



*A page from our 1909 October Parish Magazine*

The  
**Whitchurch Parish Magazine**  
 3rd Parish Register.

OCTOBER, 1909.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

These services were held as usual on a Thursday and a Sunday, September 23rd and 26th. Every endeavour was made to give them as much of a festival character as possible, to make it a real time of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings that we have received from Him.

The Church was decorated, and a harvest cantata was sung as an anthem at the Thursday evening service.

It was feared that the weather had been so unpropitious that there might be a dearth of flowers to use in the adornment of the church. However, the contrary was proved to be the truth. Everyone sent of their best, and the ladies found abundance of material for their use. And the result was most successful: the church looked very well indeed.

So many people sent flowers and fruit, and so many helped, that it may be that some have not received the thanks which we have tried to give to all who assisted. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. W. Huntingford, vicar-designate of Tilstock.

The services were continued on Sunday. There were very good congregations at each of the services; at evensong the church appeared to be quite full. The singing of the hymns was most hearty. The last piece of the "Harvest Cantata" was sung as an anthem at evensong.

The sermons at all the services were preached by the Ven. Archdeacon W. B. Carey, from Kingston, Ontario. He described the work in Canada, and put before us the immense importance of providing, and providing at once, for the spiritual care of the many thousands of immigrants who are flocking into the North-West. He pleaded for men and money.

When he left he expressed himself as much delighted with the heartiness of our services and the beauty of the decorations of our church. He was also delighted to take away with him for the work in Canada a substantial cheque which a lady of the parish had kindly sent him.

Flowers were sent by Mr. Churton, Miss Nunnerley, Miss Kent, Mrs. Jones, of Mossfields, and Mr. Moore, of Terrick, Miss Clarke, and many others.

# Coffee Morning

Bargates Hall

Saturday 28th October

10am - 12noon



Fair Trade Gifts and Christmas  
 Cards

Admission £1 to include  
 tea/coffee/biscuits  
 Proceeds for Christian Aid

