

FTW BENEFICE

FAULS - TILSTOCK - WHITCHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Immanuel, Fauls
Christ Church, Tilstock
St Alkmund's, Whitchurch

Rev Chris Precious
Rev Pippa White
Rev Sue Armstrong
Reader - Jane Rylands



BUBBLE CHURCH

Kids & families adventure

Share in song, stories,
puppets & prayer
2nd Sunday of every month
8.45am - 9.30am

PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

by Rev Chris Precious

The beautiful spring flowers and warmer days remind us that this year Easter is almost as late as it can possibly be. According to the online version of encyclopedia britannica, the earliest recorded observance of Easter is from the 2nd century. For those who want more specifics- a bishop's letter from ca. 160-170AD seeks to standardise paschal celebrations, so we know celebrations were happening in various guises before then.

Since then, the way we celebrate Easter has changed in so many ways, yet the truths it reminds us of remain constant. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that we are living in a world that is being made new, a world where death no longer has the last laugh, a world where the Holy Spirit is at work. The resurrection ushers in a world where servants are leaders, where the weak are the strong and where the lowest are equals with those who make themselves the highest. God is asking us to help others see this new world and new life Jesus offers us.

As we celebrate Easter in our three churches, may the beauty of spring remind us the seeds of faith we sow in our communities will bear fruit in God's time, and may our hearts be opened to the new life and opportunities God is creating all around us.



Holy Week

SERVICES

14th April	7.00pm	Reflection Service in St Alkmund's Church
15th April	7.00pm	Reflection Service in Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls
16th April	7.00pm	Reflection Service in Christ Church, Tilstock
17th April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service in the Beacon Church
18th April	10.00am	Good Friday Service in St Alkmund's Church
	11.30am	Churches Together Walk of Witness
	1.00pm	Organ Meditation & Readings
	2.00pm	Silent Hour at the Cross



SERVICE TUESDAY 8TH APRIL - We welcome Bishop Michael & Bishop Sarah to St Alkmund's at 7pm- all welcome for a creation focused service with Bible study led by Bishop Michael.

MAILING LIST

Would you like to go on the FTW mailing list and be notified of upcoming events. Email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com to add your name to the list

TREE PLANTING AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

Head boy and Head girl from Whitchurch Academy School planted some trees in the grounds of St Alkmund's Church, assisting by Rev Chris, Rev Pippa and our Churchwardens John and Sheila.



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

On the Saturday 12th April the SHCT introduces its first spring garden opening at Harnage Grange, Cressage. The Scott family bought the property in 1961 and current owners, Jessica and Simon Scott, will be opening the garden to the public for the first time. This beautiful spring garden of daffodils, fritillaries, tulips, magnolias and apple blossom reflects the interesting history of Harnage Grange. This garden open event will be raising funds for the SHCT and grade I-listed St. Peter's, Cound which can be found at SY5 6EW and will be open on the day. Harnage Grange is located off the A458 between Cressage and Much Wenlock. The garden is open from 12 to 5pm. Entry £7. Dogs on leads welcome. Teas will be served in the historic surroundings of the old farm yards.



6th April - Whitchurch 10k run
 6th April Fauls Lunch
 8th April Fauls Lent Lunch & Service
 8th April Bishop Michael at St Alkmund's Church
 9th April Whitchurch School Easter Service
 9th April Tilstock School Easter Service
 10th April Lower Heath Easter Service
 14th April Service at St Alkmund's Church
 15th April Service at Holy Immanuel Fauls
 16th April Service at Christ Church Tilstock
 17th April Maundy Thursday Service Beacon Church
 18th April Good Friday Service at St Alkmund's
 Walk of Witness
 Organ Meditation & Readings at St Alkmund's
 Silent Hour at Cross
 20th April Easter Sunday
 29th April Tilstock APCM meeting
 11th May Christian Aid Service at St Alkmund's
 17th May Tilstock Coffee Morning
 19th May 7pm PCC meeting
 23rd May Coffee Morning in Market Hall

BECOME INVOLVED AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

Would you like to become involved with St Alkmund's Church, some of the areas that you could consider -

Bell ringing
 Choir singers
 Flower arranging
 Sides persons
 Worship assistants
 Music system assistants

For more information contact the church office
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DOGS WELCOME AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

Rev Pippa's dog, Freddy, is a regular member of our Parish, and you are most welcome to bring your four legged friends with you into the church to look around.

Choral Evensong Sunday 16th March 2025

We welcomed 36 singers from 5 different counties to our 'Come & sing' Choral Evensong on Sunday 16th March, also welcoming similar numbers in the congregation. We are one of very few churches that hold an Evensong Service and it was lovely to have so many people attending this special evening. We received lots of lovely feedback including the following:

"Many congratulations for the superb organisation of yesterday's come-and-sing Evensong. I think everyone really enjoyed taking part in a lovely act of worship"

ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

3rd February - James Edwards - 61 yrs*
 3rd February - John Edwards - 83 yrs
 5th February - Joyce Nixon - 88 yrs*
 17th February - Dennis Huxley - 83 yrs
 3rd March - Stephen Hughes - 62 yrs*
 6th March - Anne Marlow - 85 yrs
 10th March - Pamela Shaw - 89 yrs
 13th March - Christopher Hopley - 58 yrs

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

*Crematorium Service

THE SALT MINE THEATRE

A Christian charity and a theatre company, inspired By the life and teaching of Jesus.



During March we saw the Salt Mine Theatre Group visit our schools in Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch. Where the children were taken through the Bible from the Creation to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Time Together

For those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers: meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2pm in Bargates Hall.

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A series of classical music recitals in St Alkmund's Church.

In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council.

Free lunchtime concerts twice a month.

More information on Facebook
fridays@one

Organised by St Alkmund's Musical Director, James Kellas.

SCHOOLS EASTER EXPERIENCE
at St Alkmund's Church

It was a real treat to have Year 5 come to church to find out all about Easter, what it means, and why we celebrate it in the ways we do. It's great to see how comfortable the children feel in their own parish church, and a huge thanks to the amazing volunteers who helped and got the kids engaged in all the different activities! We ended the sessions thinking about the empty tomb and what Jesus' resurrection means for us today - as anyone who has been around kids knows, their questions might appear simple at first but often open a can of worms! I suspect the highlight for Year 5 was the mini Easter eggs given out at the end!

Mothering Sunday services took place on Sunday 30th March at all three of our churches, Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch.
Photographs below from the service at St Alkmund's.



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“Thought for the month”

April showers bring on May flowers! As we have spring blooming around us, and creation starts to sing again, don't forget to give nature a home wherever you can so that wildlife can thrive too!

