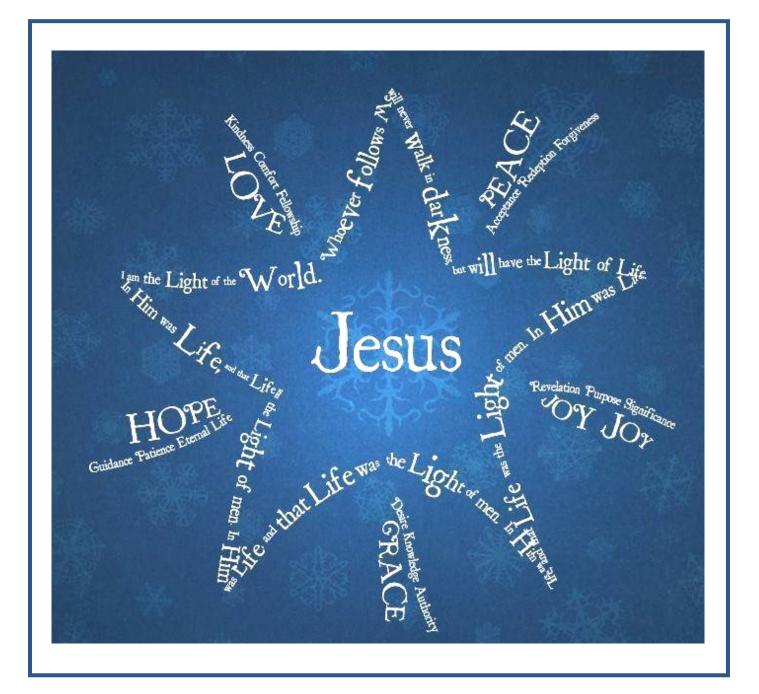
# **The Parish Magazine** FTW Fauls Tilstock & Whitchurch





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# **PASTORAL LETTER**

#### Dear Fríends

During 2020 and 2021, we've rediscovered old ways and found new ways to connect with each other. When we weren't allowed to meet, there were many more phone calls, as well as video calls of various kinds. Some of us went for more walks – with others as and when restrictions allowed. Greater confidence with video calls meant that some people had more contact than before with those who live elsewhere – in this country or abroad.

Despite all of this, however, many of us missed being in the same physical space as family and friends, we missed being able to put an arm round a shoulder or to be given a hug.

Perhaps we've come to understand and to value what 'being with' means to us. Remote contact is not the same. As we approach Christmas 2021, it's worth remembering a verse from Matthew's gospel about Jesus (Matt 1 v23): **"They** *shall name him "Emmanuel", which means God is with us".* 

Many children, when asked about how they picture God, describe or draw something akin to an old man sitting on a cloud in the sky, or maybe at this time of year someone rather like Father Christmas! One is rather remote, the other rather like a fairy tale.

What the first Christmas assures us of, with the birth of Jesus, is a much closer relationship and a presence in all aspects of life – the wonder of a new birth **and** the pain of giving birth, especially far from home and in a stable.

Wherever you are spending this Christmas, whoever you are with this Christmas, may you know the wonder and the strengthening that, in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit, *God is with you.* 

With best wishes and prayers

Revd Judy

With best wishes and prayers Revd Judy Rector of Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch

# **PARISHES' NEWS**

#### ST ALKMUND'S CHOIRS:

Both the Young People's and the Adults' choir would welcome new members. The Young People rehearse on a Thursday evening between 6.45 and 7.30pm and sing at the 10.00am service on a Sunday. The Adults rehearse on a Wednesday evening from 7.00 to 8.00pm and sing at both or either the two main Sunday services – 10.00am and 6.30pm.

Please contact Richard James if you are interested on 07975 622542.

### ENQUIRER, REFRESHER AND CONFIRMATION COURSES

These will start early in the New Year. Anyone who would like to explore the Christian faith is welcome. Those who haven't been confirmed will be invited to consider this ... but no pressure!

The sessions for young people are open to those in school year 6 and above.

We try to fit the sessions in at the most convenient time for those who want to come. There are forms (different ones for adults and for young people) at the back of our three churches, on <u>www.stalkmunds.com</u> or by e mail from <u>revjudyhunt@gmail.com</u>

#### ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

A lovely vibrant and busy event. Well done to Hilda and her team. Total raised (so far) is £1500

#### FAULS CRIB FESTIVAL

#### Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls

Following on from previous years' successful festivals, we are again inviting people to share and view a vast array of nativity scenes, including some especially for children which they are able to handle and others from around the world with their own interpretations, in Holy Immanuel Church on Saturday 18th December between 10am and 3pm.

Seasonal refreshments will be available.

If you have a crib or nativity display that you would be happy to share with others this Christmas would you like to bring it to Holy Immanuel Church on Friday 17th December between 10pm and 3pm.

If this time is not convenient please make arrangements with Rev Sue.

#### FTW BIBLE STUDY

I do wonder where 2021 went to when I wasn't looking and I expect you do the same. Will things ever get back to normality, or is this normality?



We have had a good attendance even though some have not come back yet, we await that pleasure in the future

As far as Bible Study is concerned we started back in September by looking at the Letters We have finished them now of St Peter. and have just started to study the Creeds, just four of them. We have been very fortunate in that one of the group studied the Creeds as part of her St John's course from Nottingham University some years ago and has added her 'two penneth' which has been very profitable. My friend worked on the Nicene Creed and I chose the Apostles Creed, so between the two of us it's being an interesting study. I added the Baptismal and what I call the 'family' creed. So it has been very good.

When I asked the group what they want to do next, one of them said 'The Lord's Prayer' and then perhaps the Book of Numbers in the Old Testament. That will be very challenging for me to produce a leaflet on 'Numbers' - a Book I haven't studied myself although bits of it will be familiar. This will be my work in the Christmas holidays. Notice I still think of myself as being back at school and writings about 'terms' and holidays. I do forget at times that I've been retired over 30 years. Still keeping very busy and not knowing where some days go!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas whatever you will be doing and seeing, if we're allowed to that is! We are hoping to see the family on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in Shrewsbury and have our usual Christmas lunch at the Beacon.

Let's hope 2022 will be a happier New Year for us all

Celia

# On the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month.....



We Shall Remember Them



Remembrance, a time when we show our respect and eternal thanks not only to all those who laid down their lives in War but also those who selflessly put (or have put) their lives on the line everyday in the service of others.

Who do you think of in those 2 precious minutes of silence?

I start in the past with the men and women of the first and second world wars those that died, those that suffered, those they left behind, those that we know of the; soldiers, Airmen and Naval men but also those behind the scenes the code breakers, spies and those in the many groups of resistance fighters. Those from other wars, Korea, Vietnam, Argentina, Afghanistan, Iran& Iraq and conflicts world wide.

Then now and going forward; the Armed Forces, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Medics/care workers. The men and women of the RNLI, the Coastguard, Relief Workers, the Person in the street who jumps in to help, and the many more who put US before THEMSELVES.

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The children/young people of Tilstock School joined with Church members and villagers in gathering around the Cenotaph and laying the wreaths that the had made in school and the official schools' posy. They understood the gravity of the occasion and acted with dignity and respect, impressing the adults that were present.

Fauls had a Remembrance Service on the evening of Remembrance Sunday and In Whitchurch there was a short act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph before the Civic Service at St Alkmund's.



Tilstock

In addition to the Remembrance Sunday services held in church and at the Cenotaph, St Alkmund's hosts, on its front steps, the Armistice Day Last Post & 2 minute Silence. This gathering, started many years ago with just a couple of Rotarians attending with a tape recording of a bugler playing the Last Post, over time it has grown, year on year, into a gathering of around 30 with an actual Bugler! This year respect was not only shown to all the people we traditionally remember on this day, but in an act of kindness and chivalry when a young man took off his coat and put it on a wet bench for our verger, Pauline Stokes, to sit on. A simple act but one which will not be forgotten.



above: Becky sounding the Last Post at Tilstock below: the wreaths laid in Remembrance





#### Food, fun and friendship

#### In Bargates Hall

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

**2021:** 1st & 15th Dec

**2022:** 5th & 19th Jan • 2nd & 16th Feb; (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:** Revd Judy Hunt on 01948 667253 or revjudyhunt@gmail.com





# **Alison Talbert**

http://www.crosslinks.org

Prayer Update November 2021

It had been a very hot day and I was frustrated that the builder had spent several hours applying more concrete to the new support for the water tank. I gave him a hostile look as he was packing up when I realized that I faced more delays to getting reconnected to the mains. After a week of bucket washes, I went to my friend Wendy 3 doors away for a shower. I later felt guilty about my bad attitude. A lot of people in my neighbourhood never have indoor running water and in many parts of Kenya, cattle are dying because the water pans have dried up and the population have no mains water supply at all.





Last Monday before the house repairs started, I was delighted to get out of Kilifi town to pay a courtesy call to the Ganze sub-county health management team who were meeting in Bamba 56 kilometres away. I got the chance to view the countryside inland from the tropical coastal strip. There were lots of clouds but only a few light drops of rain. This should be the second month of the short rainy season but La Nina (and climate change) has prevented any significant rainfall.

The new Newborn Unit (NBU) has finally opened and looks smart and sounds very echoey- it's got about 10 times more space than the old one. The mothers now each have their own beds to sleep on and there is a dedicated room for kangaroo mother care. Matron Mataza told me she still has only 6 trained nurses for the NBU, which works out at 1 per shift, and she is very dependent on students. The county government needs to rise to the staffing challenge.



This month Martha, Jay and I are working on our study proposal for maternal micronutrient supplementation to present to a Gates Foundation workshop of technical experts on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It's online and for us it runs from 5pm but for those in Seattle its starts at 6am and partners in Bangladesh at 8pm!

Thank you all for your continued prayer support.



With love in Christ,

Alison

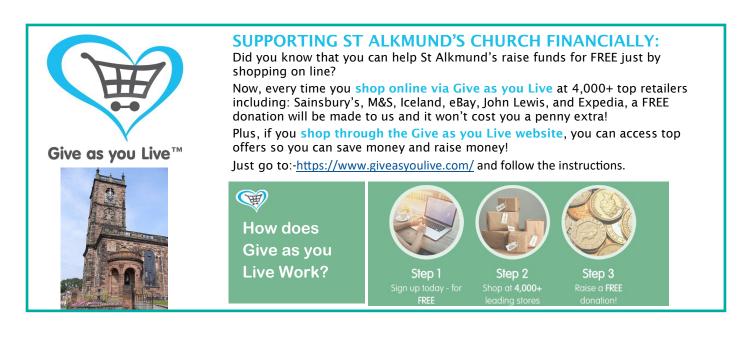
#### I thank God for:

- The reduction in Covid infections in Kenya
- Permission from the sub-county health management team to resume home visits in their area
- My landlady funding renovation of my house and removal of termite-damaged woodwork
- Improvements in provision for newborn babies and their mothers at Kilifi County Hospital

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#### Please pray for:

- Rain for the farmers and generation of hydroelectric power
- The national Covid vaccination programme for increased uptake
- The technical workshop and proposal writing for the new study



#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ST ALKMUND'S-2021

#### HOLY BAPTISM



17th Oct—Isabella Emily Allman

24th Oct—Summer Louise Bloor

Nov 7th—Isaac Joseph Owen

#### HOLY MATRIMONY



29<sup>th</sup> Aug A

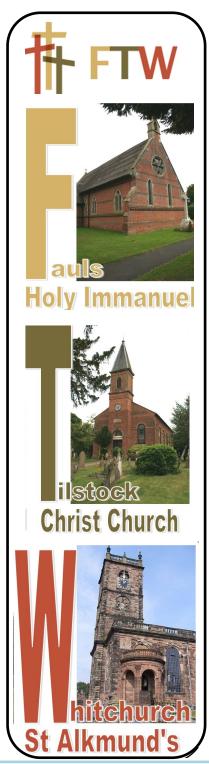
Andrew Terrence Edge & Kelly Marie Evans

#### **FUNERALS**

Sept 20th—Roy Heath, 90yrs\* Sept 22nd—Richard Radford, 86yrs\* Sept 29th—Frederick James Roy Whittock. 92yrs Oct 7th—Patricia Ellen Saywell, 73yrs Oct 15th—Gerald Morris Anderson, 88yrs Oct 18th—Joyce Winifred Ciesielski, 90yrs\* Nov 1st—June Pearce, 83yrs Nov 1st—June Pearce, 83yrs Nov 12th—Barbara Ivy Farnell, 101yrs Nov17th—Mary Sutowski,93yrs\* Nov 18th—Ruby Large, 95yrs Nov 19th—Michael Bate, 74yrs

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





### **ROLFE'S**

The Family Funeral Service 3rd Generation of Funeral Directors
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### **Sunday Services**

An asterisk (*) denotes a slightly shorter service—suitable for those with young children					
First Sundays			Second Sundays		indays
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion
9.30am	Fauls	Morning Worship*	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion *	10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	Morning Worship*	11.00am	Tilstock	Sung Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Third Sundays		Fourth Sundays			
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion
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 Sei	rvices	

8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion

There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details.

The pewsheet Diary also has any variations to regular services.



Usually in Bargates or on zoom, but venue may change from time to time, so check pewsheets 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)

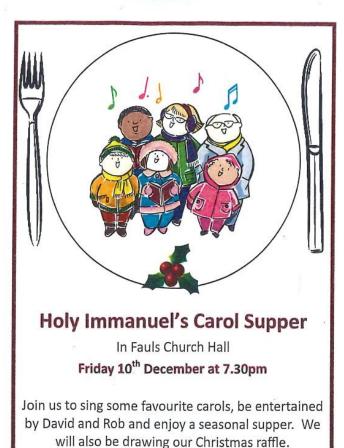
#### St Alkmund's Rector's Vestry

Baptism and Wedding dates can now be arranged each Tuesday evening in church, from 7.00pm—7.30pm Rector's tel no: (01948) 667253 or revjudyhunt@gmail.com

9.45am

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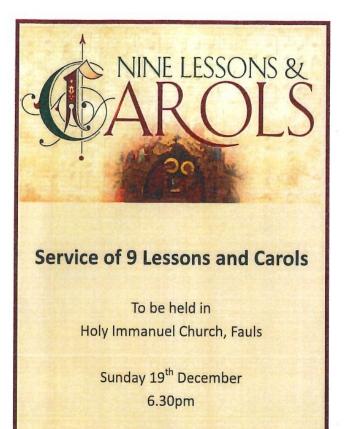
Adults £10 Under 12s £5

## 4 auls Crib Festiva, Holy Immanuel Church

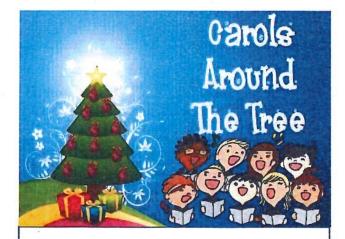
# 10.00am-3pm Sat 18th December

Refreshments available

If you have a crib or nativity display that you would be happy to share with others this Christmas would you like to bring it to Holy Immanuel Church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 3pm.



All welcome



#### In Holy Immanuel's Churchyard

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

6.15pm

This singalong will be especially suitable for children, but all are welcome to join us.

Please bring torches or lanterns

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# STALKMUND'S CRIB FESTIVAL SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Just a little reminder that St Alkmund's is hoping to hold our traditional Crib Festival on Saturday 27th November from 9.30am - 5pm.

If you have a Crib set which you would be able to display,

please bring them to church on

Friday 26th November between 5pm and 7pm.

If you would be willing to spend an hour on Saturday welcoming visitors

please contact Doreen (01948 661934) or Wendy (07429255151).

There is a sign - up sheet available after Sunday services

Mince Pies: if you would like to donate some mince pies could we ask that you <u>only</u> donate <u>shop bought</u> ones this year (covid) and bring them on Fri 26th. Thank You!

We look forward to seeing you in church for this celebration.





#### Richard Yates Memorials Monumental Mason

New monuments erected—Existing memorials renovated





01948 662231

St Alkn	nund's Church Contacts & C	Organisations	
	Working to become Dementia Frience	lly	
Rector	Rev Canon Dr. Judy Hunt	667253	

Churchwarden	Mr John Stokes	663194
Churchwarden	Mrs Jill Wallace	666233
<b>Verger</b> Funerals/Weddings	Mrs Pauline Stokes	663194
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Paul Williamson	664112
Director of Music	Mr Richard James	07975 622542
PCC Lay Chair	Mrs Pauline Green	664769
PCC Secretary	Mrs Elaine Bucknell	666554
PCC & Fabric Treasurer	Mrs Mel Williams	661286
Church Office	Miss Jo Lavin	667102
Website	www.stalkmunds.com	
Church Email	ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com	

Junior Church for children aged 2-11 years meets most Sundays (apart from the first in the month) during the 10.00am service in the Church Office, begins during the first hymn and re-joins the congregation at the Peace. Sermon Slot for young people aged 12 years, meets most Sundays (apart from the first in the month) at the 10.00am service, between the Gospel and the Peace. Mrs Jane Rylands 663184

Choir Practice in church on Wednesdays 7pm Sunday Evening (before the service) 5.45pm Young People's Choir Practice on Thursdays 6.45-7.30pm

Bellringers (Practice on Thursdays 7pm)

Bible Study Group meets in Bargates Hall

**Children's Society Secretary** 

**Guild of Service** 

\*Tea & Coffee Rota on Sundays

**Christian Giving** 

Giving

bank transfer to:

**Envelope & Gift Aid Secretary** Whitchurch Federation of CoE Schools Head of W/ch Infant Academy-Head of W/ch Junior Academy-**Bargates (Church) Hall Bookings & Caretaker** 

Mr Richard James 07975 622542 Mr Richard James 07975 622542 Mr Malcolm Monie 663069 Mrs Celia Camplin 01948 662380 Mrs Sue Collins 667845 Mrs Sue Wainwright 664252 Mrs Wendy Darter 07429 255 151 To give regularly to the Church, contact the Churchwardens Mrs Mel Williams 661286 Executive Head Mrs Sarah Cope 662905 Ms Sarah Walsh 662905 Ms Sarah Walsh 662255

**Position Vacant** 



in Grace If you would like to make a donation to any of our churches you can do so by

St Alkmund's Church may be made to: Whitchurch Parochial Church Council Account, Barclays Bank, Whitchurch, Charity No 1129900, Sort Code 20-77-85, Account No 80275417.

Holy Immanuel, Fauls may be made to: Fauls Parochial Church Council Account: Number: 70731633; Sort Code: 20 45 45

Christ Church, Tilstock may be made to: Tilstock Parochial Church Council Account: Number: 00463523: Sort Code: 30 99 58

Thank You!

**Pastoral Care in Whitchurch** As part of our care for one another, if you know of anyone (yourself included) who would appreciate a phone call from a church member, please let us know. This might be due to illness or some other reason. You can do this by

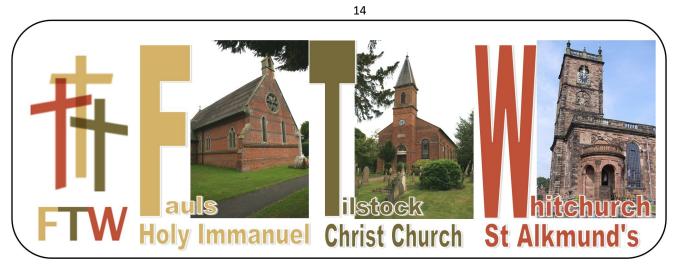
contacting any of the following: Audrey Baguley (662692); Jill Wallace (666 233);Vic Woodhouse (666420) or the Rector, Judy Hunt (667253). "Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ"

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

Rector of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch The Revd Canon Dr Judy Hunt—01948 667253 revjudyhunt@gmail.com

Associate Minister of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch Revd Sue Armstrong- 01948 840039 revsuea@talktalk.net

Reader of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch Mrs Jane Rylands-01948 663184 jane@rylands.me.uk



### Diary

### December 2021

Thurs 2nd 4.00pm 7 6.45pm	Time Together in Bargates Hall, W/ch Advent Meditation in St Alkmund's, W/ch Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch Ninebarrow Concert In St Alkmund's, W/ch
	Tilstock Christmas Fair in the Bradbury Hall, Tilstock Christingle Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Tues 7th 7.00pm Weds 8th 10,00am 2.00pm	White House School Carol Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch Morning Prayer on Zoom Bible Study in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's
Thurs 9th 10.15am 4.00pm 6.45pm	Whitchurch Infant Academy Nativity in St Alkmund's, W/ch Advent Meditation in St Alkmund's, W/ch Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch
·	Fauls Carol Supper in Fauls Church Hall Nine Lessons and Carols in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Tues 14th 7.00pm Weds 15th10.00am 10.00am 2.00pm 7.00pm Thurs 16th 10.30am 11.15 & 11 4.00pm	W/ch PCC Standing Committee at The Rectory, W/ch Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch Morning Prayer on Zoom Whitchurch Junior Academy Christmas Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch Time Together in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's, W/ch Communion at St John's Park, W/ch I.30am Services at Greenfields, W/ch Advent Meditation in St Alkmund's, W/ch SJT Carol Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Sun 19th 6.30pm	Crib Festival at Holy Immanuel, Fauls Carol Service in Holy Immanuel, Fauls Evensong at St Alkmund's today
Weds 22nd 9.45am 2.00pm	Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch Morning Prayer by Zoom Bible Study in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Thurs 23rd 4.00pm 6.45pm 7 Fri 24th Christmas	Advent Meditation in St Alkmund's, W/ch Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch

- 6.00pm Carol Service in Christ Church, Tilstock
- 6.30pm Crib Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch (if Covid situation allows)
- 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Communion in Holy Immanuel, Fauls
- 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Communion in St Alkmund's, W/ch

#### Sat 25th Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Communion for all ages in St Alkmund's, W/ch

#### Sun 26th 10.00am Said Communion in St Alkmund's This is the only service in the FTW benefice on this day

Tues 28th	<i>No</i> Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Weds 29th10.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom

#### January 2022

Weds 5th 10. 2. 7.	00am 00pm 00pm	Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch Morning Prayer on Zoom Time Together in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Tues 11th 7. Weds 12th10. 2. 7.	00pm 00am 00pm 00pm	FTW Coordinating Group in Fauls Church Hall Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch Morning Prayer on Zoom Bible Study in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's
11.	15&1	Communion at St John's Park, W/ch 1.30am Services at Greenfields, W/ch Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch
Mon 17th 7.	30pm	Tilstock PCC meeting in Tilstock Church
		Veek of Prayer for Christian Unity
		Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch
		Morning Prayer on Zoom
		Time Together in Bargates Hall, W/ch
		Choir Practice in St Alkmund's Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch
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		Whitchurch PCC in Bargates Hall, W/ch
		Rector's Vestry in St Alkmund's, W/ch
		Morning Prayer on Zoom
		Bible Study in Bargates Hall, W/ch Choir Practice in St Alkmund's
Thurs 27th	oopin	Choir Fractice in St Alkinund 3
	.00 & 1	1.15am Services in Greenfields
6.	45pm	Young People's Choir Rehearsal in St Alkmund's, W/ch

#### Sunday 30th January

#### 10.30am Joint FTW service in St Alkmund's, W/ch





Sunday 5th December St Alkmund's Christingle Service 4pm

#### Sunday 12th December

St Alkmund's Carol Service—6.30pm

Sun 19th December

Fauls Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December

St Alkmund's Crib Service (1st of 2) - 4.30pm (Covid permitting)

*Tilstock*—Carol Service—6pm

St Alkmund's Crib Service (2nd of 2) - 6.30pm (Covid Permitting)

Fauls Midnight Communion—11pm

*St Alkmund's* Midnight Communion—11pm

**Christmas Day—Saturday 25th December** 10am All age Communion in <u>St Alkmund's, W/ch</u>

Sunday 26th December—St Stephen's Day (Boxing day) 10am Said Communion in <u>St Alkmund's, W/ch</u>