

The Parish Magazine



of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



*The banners in Holy Immanuel, brightening the church as evidence of
God's beautiful and bountiful world in which we live.*

August 2022

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

In September a great proportion of the population has to deal with changes that they have had little or no say in – children and teachers starting afresh in new classrooms, different adults in charge, new topics to tackle. Our prayers and thoughts are with them all as we wish them a year of joy-filled learning and friendships.

Of course, much effort will have been made to ease everyone into their new. Change is not always welcome even when it is good and needed.

Perhaps you have been known to mutter under your breath, 'It's about time things changed', perhaps about something at home or work, a desired environmental or political change, perhaps even something to do with the church.

The trouble is, the changes we like to shout about are often ones that don't require us to do anything differently – it's someone else who is the problem!

An internet search for quotes on change produces many that address this point such as Mahatma Gandhi 'Be the change that you wish to see in the world' and Rumi 'Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I am changing myself'.

It often fell to Jesus to challenge people to change their way of thinking, to look at 'problems' from a different angle. The story of the Good Samaritan comes to mind - you probably know it (if you'd like a reminder, you can read it in Luke 10 beginning at v25)

A Pharisee (a teacher of religious law) knew that his religious rules told him he must love his neighbour but it seems he wanted to know what was the bare minimum he could get away with and still obey the law.

Jesus tells him the story and in doing so suggests to the Pharisee that he puts himself into the shoes of the man who is beaten up. He is saying to him, 'Imagine that you were beaten up and left for dead on the road, what would you think if your own religious leaders refused you help for fear of spoiling their own time schedules? How would you feel if it was your enemy who was the one who took care of you?'

Jesus was showing the Pharisee that if help is needed, if action is needed to make a situation better, then, whoever the beneficiary, friend or foe, a God-loving person will act to make the change that is needed. Furthermore they will go out of their way, inconvenience themselves as much as is necessary, to make the change happen and will persist to see the job is done.

Jane Rylands

CONGRATULATIONS

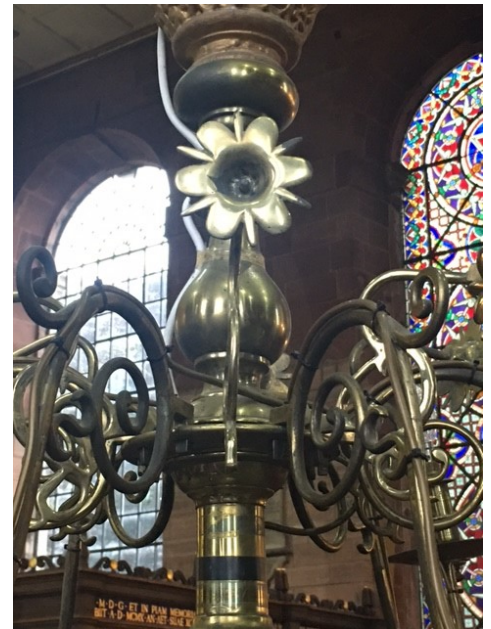
Many congratulations to Jacob Sims of St Alkmund's as he graduates from Bath University with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering.

We wish him well as he starts a job in Farnborough and look forward to hearing how it's going.



Alterations to the Chandelier in St Alkmund's

Work was carried out in July to shorten the central chandelier, this was to allow for better live streaming of our Services in the future



Coat of Arms



Chandelier lowered



Chandelier now higher

The lowering of the chandelier gave us the opportunity to get some close up photographs of the wonderful details on the chandelier. The photo of the Lion is the Coat of Arms for the Duke and Earls of Bridgewater, who were the patrons when the church was built in 1713.

Trip to Llandudno

We left Whitchurch at 9:00am prompt, it was a beautiful morning weather wise, the sun followed us from St Alkmund's and stayed with us all day in Llandudno. For the adventurous amongst us they climbed the Orme with Rev. Judy, the reward being an ice cream when safely back down on the sea front. Others enjoyed a leisurely stroll on the prom, lunch, and a little shopping. Keith and I had our grandsons with us, they enjoyed the tobogganing, ski slope and a boat trip, a swim in the sea, needless to say we all slept well that night.

Thank you to Elaine B for doing the draw, which raised just over £177.00 for the Historic Churches Trust, and to everyone that bought tickets.

Here's to next year!

Love & thanks,

Sheila





HARVEST LUNCH

In aid of Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls

Sunday 25th September

12.30 for 1pm

To be held in Fauls Church Hall

£15 – adults, £7 under 12s



Raffle



Please note that it is essential to book with either:
Pam Benbow (840356) or Joan Thomas (841001)
by Sunday 18th September.



Freda Carey

Church Mission Society Mission Partner in Pakistan

Update July 2022

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Lahore, where it has been very hot (over 40C) and humid, but today we had some welcome rain which brought the temperature down.

Course Writers' Training workshop

The main highlight of the last few weeks was the Increase Association Course Writers' Training workshop in Central Asia. We had ten writers from Russia, representing four teams working on new courses, on Strengthening the Family, Mentoring Teens, Creation Care and Daughters of the King, a course for women believers of non-Christian background in Central Asia. We had five coaches / facilitators, from the USA, Netherlands, New Zealand and the UK, although one could only stay for a short time. We also had four assistant coaches, from Central Asia who are part of the first cohort of Course Writers from the workshops in 2017 and 2018, and they were very helpful in sharing their experiences.

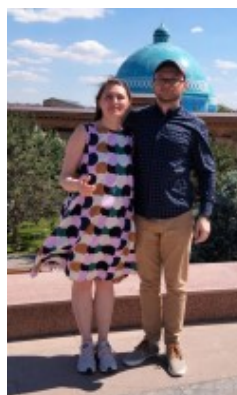


Two teams had made good progress since the initial I workshop in October 2019, but the others were rather stuck including the team working on Creation Care, whom I am mentoring. One problem is that the main writer, Julia, has a full time job, and cannot give much time to the project. The other problem is that the team is scattered across different time zones, from, Moscow to Vladivostok. However, Julia got married last year and her husband Igor has also joined the team, which should help. Please pray for them and for Maria and Vladimir, The other two members. But all the teams made good progress during the two weeks of the workshop and we hope to see them continue to develop.



Course Writers' Workshop sessions

After the workshop, some of us stayed on for a few days to see more of this Central Asian country, with visits to Samarkand and Bokhara, famous old cities on the Silk Road between China and Europe. It was a great time, and very encouraging to meet local believers and hear how the church is growing there, despite the challenges. Their biggest need is to train new pastors for all the new congregations they are planting, and they Are using TEE course as part of the answer.



Julia and Igor



Freda in Bokhara

Forthcoming Programmes

Coming up at the OTS Office in Lahore is a seminar on Christianity and the Environment / Creation Care, which I am leading, on Saturday 16 July. We have our OTS Study Camp in Murree from 25-31 July. I will teach New Testament Survey, and colleagues will teach New Testament Greek (Dr. Kenneth Pervaiz of Forman Christian College University and Miss Khashia), Christian Theology part 2 (Rev. Nadeem and Rev. Slttar) and Creator and Creation (Rev. Javiad). The latter is at Certificate level and the rest are B.Th. degree level courses. We expect around 80 students to attend from various parts of the country. Please pray for safe travel, good health and fruitful learning and teaching.

The week before that the Sialkot Mission Area Fund for Education (SMAFE) Summer School will take place at Hill Lodge, in Murree (18-23 July), for about 20 of their primary school teachers. Miss Khashia will be helping with teaching the Bible and other facilitators will give training in the teaching of Maths, Science, English and Urdu, as well as school administration. Please pray for a fruitful time of training. The SMAFE supports 14 primary schools and two middle schools, serving around 600 children, mostly Christian, from deprived backgrounds.

I am planning to go to Quetta in August (14-21) to teach the OTS course, Pakistan Church History, intensively to our B.Th. Level students there in the afternoons/evenings, and in the /mornings I will teach at the Assemblies of God Bible School (AGBS) there. I will be flying in and out so please pray for safe travels as well as a productive time of teaching.

I will not be going to Gujranwala this month to teach at the United Bible Training Centre (UBTC) as they have decided to run a Refresher course for Sunday School Teachers instead. They are hoping to run the 3-month Foundations in Bible Ministry Course (FBMC) from September, on which I expect to teach. Please pray for all these programmes, participants and teachers. They have just finished two short Bible courses for school-leavers (those who have just taken their Matriculation exams). Please pray for spiritual fruit from these courses. Thank you for your fellowship, prayers and financial support.

With best wishes,

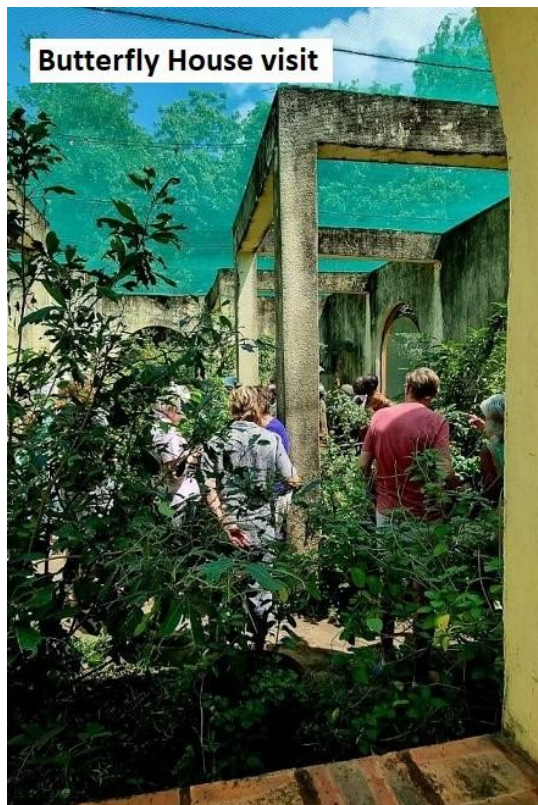
Freda

Alison Talbert

Prayer Update August 2022

Dear Friends,

A lady came to my gate last week selling fresh maize. After the prolonged drought followed by unseasonal rains, 2 months late, at the coast its encouraging that some local farmers have been already able to harvest but it seems that it is getting more difficult for them to know when to plant. Some may have left it too late as the showers are becoming lighter.



My work has been online meetings mostly with Martha and the trial team on subjects such as motorbike and ICT equipment procurement, writing job descriptions for senior lab scientist, trial coordinator and data manager, and statistical analysis plans. We have been deciding what social science research to do alongside the trial. I've been designing case report forms for data collection and experiencing frustrations as my computer skills are limited. We looked round the research unit campus and hospital for office space to put our team, and a room in which to put the ultrasound machine for our pregnant women. This also required examining the patients' toilets at the outpatient which Martha rated as clean (I thought the walls were stained) but I was surprised to find they had no doors! So apart from these varied deliberations what have I done out of the usual-just a couple of social events: a quiz night and a trip to a butterfly project where the horticultural society was asked to help with the plants for the demonstration butterfly house next to Gede ruins. I enjoy learning new

things such as what do butterflies like to eat. The butterfly project has been affected by the stoppage of international flights during Covid restrictions.



At church and in everyday conversations people are praying for peace on general election day, Tuesday 9 th August, and afterwards when the results are announced. Work has given us all 3 days off to "exercise our constitutional right to vote." Many KEMRI staff will be travelling home to vote this week so please pray for safe travels and peace in Kenya.

Also pray for:

- Shortlisting and interviews at the end of the month for the senior Lab scientist, trial coordinator and data manager
- Resumption of normal community-based activities after the election so we can visit the proposed dispensaries for the trial
- Rain for drought-stricken areas of the country

With love in Christ, Alison

Glorious day at the Open Garden



A Wonderful time was had by all on the 4th August, at the Open Garden, the Beeches in Alkington.

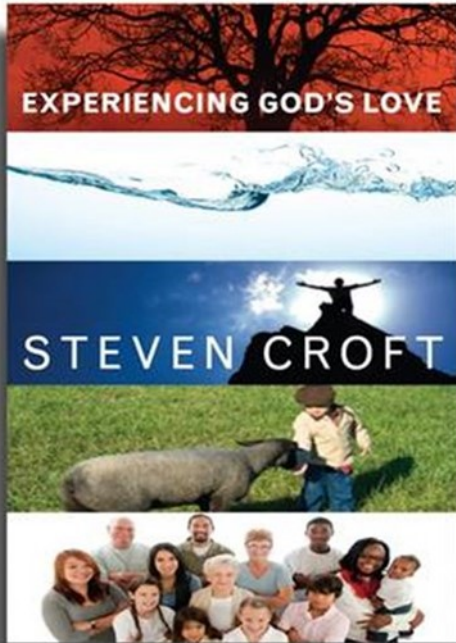
Eileen Bradshaw and her family kindly opened their gardens for us all to enjoy, providing tea & cake for all the visitors. In excess of 70 people came to see the lovely gardens, raising over £550 in donations for the Friends of St Alkmund's.

Revd. Judy was also introduced to Stanley the horse, and Stevie the Shetland, two beautiful animals who also seemed to enjoy having the extra company of everyone visiting!

* We would like to take this opportunity to *
* thank Eileen & her family for sharing their *
* lovely garden with us. *



Sessions this Autumn for Deepening Discipleship



We'll be basing the sessions on this book (Revd Judy will order copies)

Experiencing God's Love

The subtitle is "Five Images of Transformation"

There are 5 sessions and each session has three sections:

Experiencing God's love through the Psalms

Experiencing God's love through the Gospel of John

Experiencing God's love through habits and practices

The sessions will be on Zoom. If you are not able to Zoom yourself, perhaps you could team up with someone who can. (We are planning for the Lent Course next year to be face-to-face so that the two courses cater for different needs)

The sessions are likely to be in the late afternoon or evening – to suit the maximum number of people who would like to join in.

Please contact Revd Judy ASAP to register an interest. Thank you.



**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I have taken over from Sue Collins as Children's Society secretary.
I would like to say a huge thank you to Sue for all her hard work and dedication over many years to this very worthwhile cause.

It is now time to start collecting in the boxes. Please can you give them to me or leave them in the vestry where they can be safely until I can collect them. When the box 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.

Thank you,

Rebecca Sims
07599946112

St Alkmund's Church Tower Tour

Heritage weekend in Whitchurch

16th & 17th September 2022

This is an opportunity to mount the many steps of St Alkmund's church tower all the way to the top. The climb will also give you a view of the clock mechanism where a former employee of Joyce's Clocks will explain its workings. The top of the tower affords magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

Event Times

Friday 16 September: Slots between 10.00am-4.00pm

Saturday 17 September: Slots between 10.00am -12.00 midday & 3.00pm-4.45pm

Booking Details

Pre-booking required:

Booking Contact: Whitchurch Museum & Archives

Telephone: 01948 664577

Email: info@whitchurch-heritage.co.uk

Booking opens: 30th August 2022 11:00am

Booking closes: 17th September 2022 3.30pm

Please note:

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.



LOTS OF PEOPLE ATTEND THE COFFEE MORNING AT THE CIVIC CENTRE



The coffee morning at the Civic Centre on the 12th August was very popular!
Lots of stalls including, cakes, plants, books and Tombola,
and with refreshments provided. An amazing total of £616.17 was raised.





FTW Diary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

20th August	Peter Edge & Holly Teague Concert, Ash
9th Sept	Quintetto Concert in St Alkmund's
16th & 17th Sept	Heritage Centre tours up St Alkmund's Tower
20th Sept	Meal at Etzio for the Friends of st Alkmund's
22nd Sept	Afternoon: Lower Heath School Harvest in Fauls Church
23rd Sept	Afternoon: Lower Heath School Harvest in Fauls Church
25th Sept	Fauls Harvest with Harvest Lunch
1st Oct	Whitchurch Blackberry Fair, including music in St Alkmund's
2nd Oct	Whitchurch Harvest with Harvest Lunch
3rd & 4th Oct	WJA Harvest Experience in St Alkmund's, W/ch
7th Oct `	Tilstock School Harvest in Tilstock Church
9th Oct	Tilstock Harvest with lunch in the village hall
29th Oct	String Quartet Concert in St Alkmund's, W/ch
30th Oct	Thanksgiving & Memorial Services in FTW
6th Nov	Bible Society Service in St George's, W/ch
12 Nov	St Alkmund's Christmas Coffee Morning at the Civic Centre
13th Nov	Remembrance Sunday services
26th Nov	Crib Service Festival in St Alkmund's, W/ch
3rd Dec	Tilstock Christmas Fair in Tilstock Village Hall
4th Dec	Christingle Service in St Alkmund's, W/ch
5th & 6th Dec	WJA Christmas Experience St Alkmund's, W/ch





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