The Parish Magazine of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



Local musicians Harriet and Verity Hulse, performing at the recent Summer Serenade Concert

August/September 2024

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

Life never stands still. Hopefully you've had some rest time over the summer but it doesn't last long does it?!

There is never a time when we aren't living in a time of transition. Changes in the seasons, changes that come with our age, with the new school year, with our jobs, with our relationships, with our health. Some of them we have worked hard for and excite us, some are the last thing we wanted to happen. All of them have the potential to worry us, maybe even to knock us off balance.

There is one particular strength that we can draw on if we know God. As the writer of the letter to the Hebrews knew and wanted people to remember.

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'
God's love for us never changes, never diminishes, never wavers. God never stops listening to us, never stops guiding us, never leaves us to stand alone. And never will.

We can read the scriptures and stories of the lives of the believers who have gone before us to find out how Jesus was yesterday. If we spend time with Jesus we can learn how Jesus is today. If we put our trust in him as 'our rock and stronghold' our tomorrow and the changes that come with it, good and bad, will be part of that forever story.

Jane Rylands

our parishes' news

SERVICES ONLINE: Our 10.00am and 6.30pm services at St Alkmund's will be live streamed on YouTube via our YouTube channel: www.youtube. com/@StAlkmundsWhitchurch or via the link on our Facebook page. Also available on our Church Near You Website: www. churchnearyou.com/whitchurch/4623

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 1st September at 8.00am.

ZOOM GATHERINGS: please contact Judy Bellingham on 07427884116, 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 for the zoom link to log in. Link via telephone may be possible for those without computer access.

TIME TOGETHER— for those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.

WHITCHURCH RECITAL SERIES: Classical lunchtime music recitals will

run throughout 2024/2025.
Engaging live performances in the inspiring acoustics and surroundings of St Alkmund's. These will be at 1pm on the 13th Sept, 27th Sept, 11th Oct, 25th Oct, with more dates to follow.

GREEN HAT PATTERNS: For anyone who would like to knit a green hat to be part of a Charity Christmas tree, Crafty Birds has a few patterns for basic hats, which can be borrowed. Hats can be any shade of green, but need to have a bright pompom in a different colour. For more information please contact Sarah Radford 07713 888145 or Wendy Darter & Doreen Ashurst

ALTAR FLOWERS: We have some vacant Sundays for altar flowers, if you would like to take one of these dates in memory of a loved one or special anniversary, please contact Alison Dunne for more details on 01948 667102 or email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP: Our Foodbank are concerned with the drop in donations they receive from our supermarkets, which is worrying as the demand for help is as great as ever, especially for some of our young families during the summer holidays. Would you consider helping us out by adding an extra item to your shopping list for our box in church. Your help would truly be appreciated. Thank you. Pauline Stokes

HARVEST LUNCH: Date for your diary, Fauls Harvest Lunch will be on the 29th September, and St Alkmund's Harvest Lunch will be held on the 6th October 2024.







Want to know what a foodbank is?
Curious why Whitchurch needs a foodbank?
Want to understand how a foodbank works?
Discover what the most popular donation to the Whitchurch foodbank is and lots, lots more....

The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch are hosting a presentation by the Chair of Whitchurch foodbank, Alan Scutt, on Friday 4th October 2024 at 7pm at Bargates Hall, Church Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1LB.

No need to book*. Refreshments will be served with donations to The Friends of St. Alkmund's Whitchurch.

We will also hold a raffle on the night.

*Whilst there is no requirement to book, please email: msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk if you are planning to attend as this will help us ensure we have sufficient refreshments for

The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch is a charity (Registered charity number 1151968) that specifically raises funds to assist with the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. We are a group of people who have a connection to the beautiful Grade I listed church in Whitchurch. That connection may be through attending services, family links to the church, or simply a love of the beautiful building, that is a focal point of the town, and a desire to see its splendour maintained for years to come.

St ALKMUND'S COFFEE MORNING

We held the St Alkmund's Coffee Morning in the Whitchurch Market Hall on Friday 16th August, where we were also joined by the Whitchurch Singers. It was lovely to see so many people calling in to look around the stalls and stop for a chat over a cup of coffee and slice of cake. A huge thank you must go to everyone that helped and supported the event, it is greatly appreciated by all, with over £600 being raised. Thank you!













GARDENS OPEN

August 25th SAMBROOK MANOR AND GARDEN TRAIL

Sambrook, Newport. TF10 8AL. 1-5pm.

Manor House colourful well-planted borders with views across the river, waterfall and Japanese garden and rill and the arboretum has been extended with new trees and shrubs. Additional village gardens will be taking part.

Directions: A41 between Hinstock and Newport, 1 mile to Sambrook.

Tickets and Teas available from Sambrook Manor. Field parking in village centre.

Church: St Luke's (open) Dogs welcome, Plant stall, WC. Entry £6 cash.

SEPTEMBER 8th PREEN MANOR GARDENS

Church Stretton. SY6 7LQ (sat nav please use SY6 7LF). 2-5pm.

A fine historical and architectural six-acre garden on the site of a Cluniac priory and Norman Shaw mansion. A plantsman's garden developed over the last 40 years on the slope of the hillside with views over parkland and Ape Dale to Wenlock edge. Compartmentalised with large variety of garden rooms on several levels including potager, chess garden and fernery. Grade 2 listed long wall above formal terraces and canal garden. Fine box, yew, beech and hornbeam hedges throughout. Stream with water garden and woodland walks. Church is open with possibly Europe's oldest yew in graveyard.

Directions: 6 ml W of Much Wenlock; for sat nav, please use postcode SY6 7LF. From A458 Shrewsbury to Bridgnorth road turn off at Harley and follow signs to Kenley and Church Preen. Church: St John the Baptist (open) Dogs welcome ,Plant stall, Partial wheelchair access, WC. Entry £6 cash.

14th & 15th September BEAM COTTAGE

Colemere, Ellesmere SY12 0QW. NB. OPEN on Saturday & Sunday! 1-5pm.

1 acre cottage garden situated in the heart of the picturesque village of Colemere, developed over 25 years by the owners. Beam Cottage is a 400-year-old timber framed thatched dwelling which is surrounded by the gardens. Lawns with small ornamental ponds provide a setting for the herbaceous borders which give colour and interest throughout the year. Specimen trees include an ancient yew, Liriodendron tulipa and Davidia Involucrata.

Directions: Follow the signs to Colemere Country Park off A528. Cottage 400 yds walk from car park, SY12 OQW. Church: St John The Evangelist (open) Teas in the Church opposite the Car Park. Wheelchair partial access, WC. Entry £6 cash.

22nd September PURSLOW HALL Craven Arms, Clunbury SY7 0HJ. 12-5pm

17th century manor house with fine views and extensive grounds. Including walled kitchen and cutting garden, herbaceous borders, specimen trees, orchard and woodland walk. Teas, Plant stall, Dogs welcome, Partial wheelchair access, WC. Entry £6 cash.

Directions: Signposted off B4368 Clun to Craven Arms road. 5m west of Craven Arms.

12th October WHITTON HALL

Westbury. Shrewsbury SY5 9RD. 1-5pm

Informal planting for low maintenance, mature beech and oak trees, younger trees, pools and woodland walks. Rhododendrons, Yew hedges, views over Shropshire and Wales, Horsewash, Dovecote and Summerhouse.

Directions: Westbury lies 8 miles south west of Shrewsbury. Approach from Shrewsbury along the B4386 and on entering the village of Westbury turn right at the cross roads onto Station Road. Turn immediately left following the old walls of the church around for two hundred yards. Turn left, sign posted Surgery; Vron Gate. After three quarters of a mile the Whitton Hall turning is on the left. Follow signs for car parking. Church: St Mary's (open) (Teas served at Whitton Hall) WC Partial wheelchair access, Plant stall. Entry £5 cash.



SUMMER SERANADE CONCERT

Bernard Kane, James Kellas and I, are very grateful for the support for the concert we arranged in July in aid of Dementia UK. We raised the amazing sum of £580.

We were privileged to hear a variety of music from Bernard and James on the viola, piano and organ, and also hear the talents of our local musicians Harriet and Verity Hulse, and Lucy and Gracy Berry. Thank you all for your support.

Caroline Sewry











OCCASION CARDS FOR SALE

Rebecca Sims has recycled cards for sale priced at 50p each. Includes birthday, thank you, get well, Christmas and note cards. Materials have been donated and all money will go to church funds.

Many thanks in advance for your support. If anyone has old cards to be recycled they would be gratefully received - especially men's and children's cards. Thank you





Food, fun and friendship In Bargates Hall

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

2024

4th & 18th September • 2nd & 16th October 6th & 20th November 4th & 18th 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 a cuppa!

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



PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCHES

God of all,

Bless all our churches as places of welcome and hospitality, places of compassion and safety, places of connection and love for all.

Bless us to share small acts of love, freely given to others, so that Christ may be made known in our community.

Bless us to walk together as friends, turning our understanding into action and living with hope in our hearts.

Amen



WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Coffee Morning

Whitchurch Market Hall St Mary's Street Friday 27th September 9:30am - 12noon All welcome



Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September 2024

St Alkmund's Church Tower Tour

Climb the tower, learn about the clock and then admire the view from the top Friday Tours 1030, 1115, 1200, 1330, 1415, 1500 and 1545
Saturday Tours 1030, 1115, 1200, 1330, 1415, 1500 and 1545
MINIMUM AGE & BOOKING REQUIRED

St Alkmund's Church

An opportunity to visit the church and inspect the parish registers still kept on site

Open Friday & Saturday 10.30 - 16.30

Masonic Hall Castle Hill

See the interior of a mid-nineteenth century Methodist chapel and explore its current use as a Masonic hall

Open Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 16.00

Church House Claypit Street

Look round this hall and discover what it was used for during its 115 year old history

Open Friday & Saturday 10.30 - 15.30
On Saturday between 10.30 and 14.30 Hall's of
Shrewsbury will be on site to give free valuations. Come
along with your antiques.

Dodington Old Chapel Bark Hill

Visit the earliest purpose-built nonconformist chapel in the town. View a display exploring over 300 years of the building's history

Open Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 16.00

Tithe Barn site at Sainsbury's

Two events within an agricultural building that once belonged to the Old Rectory

 An exhibition of the Old Rectory Ice House and the history of such buildings

2. Results of a year-long creative project run by Rural Art Hub entitled Road Stories.

Open Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 16.00
On Saturday a mobile recording booth will be on site.
Between 11.00 & 12.00 there will be a chance for the family to join in a Fantasy Vehicle Drawing workshop

The Old Rectory Ice House at Sainsbury's

Find out what a mid-eighteenth century ice house looked like

Open Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 16.00

St George's Catholic Church Claypit Street

Visit this 1878 Gothic chapel and discover the history of the Catholic community in the town Open Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 16.00

St John's Methodist Church

Full access to a Victorian Gothic Revival Methodist Church

Open Saturday 10.00 - 16.00

Whitchurch Heritage Centre

New display of two one-metre cores extracted from a local borehole drilled as part of the JET project. The results date back nearly 200 million years to the Jurassic Age when dinosaurs were walking on the earth.

Open Friday & Saturday 10.00 - 1600

For further details and to book events please contact

Whitchurch Museum & Archives, SY13 1QY

(open Tuesdays & Thursdays 1100-1600)

Tel: 01948 664577

Email: info@whitchurch-heritage.co.uk

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www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Please note that bookings for St Alkmund's Church Tower can be made via Whitchurch Museum & Archives the from the 29th August



The Children's Society boxes are due to be collected in through September.

Please could you ensure you bring boxes in before the end of September, so that they can be added to this year's total.

Please pass on to Rebecca Sims or hand in at church office.

Many thanks to all who support this very important cause.

The Children's Society

CAN YOU HELP?

ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We are looking for more volunteers to act as Worship Assistants to assist the Church wardens on a Sunday. If you think you may be able to help please speak with a Church warden or contact us using the details below.

SIDES PEOPLE ARE NEEDED

Would you like to help as a sides person at St Alkmund's church during our services on a Sunday, assisting people on arrival and during the services.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have some vacant Sundays for altar flowers, would you like to take one of these dates in memory of a loved one or special anniversary?



CHURCH CLEANING

We have some amazing people that keep St Alkmund's looking lovely for our services. We are looking for some more helpers, if you think you may be able to help please get in touch.



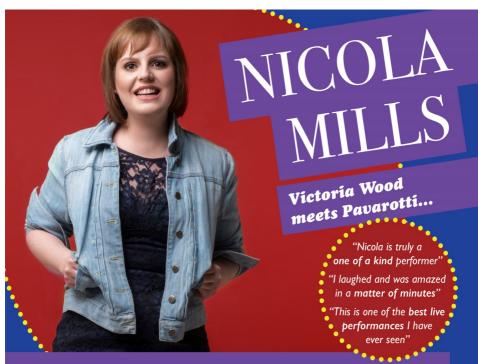
For more information on any of the above, please speak with a Church warden or contact the Benefice Administrator, Alison Dunne on 01948 667102 / ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

Giving Direct





PLANNED GIVING: A huge thank you to those who give to the work of St Alkmund's. At our recent PCC we decided to review giving, because our wonderful treasurer advised us that expenditure is £12,000 per month and our income is £9000. Of that income just over £3,000 is from planned giving, which we are extremely grateful for. However, simple maths tells us that we need an additional £3,000 per month. In short, we need to double our planned giving. In response to this we have produced the pie chart handouts showing what makes up our income and expenditure, and we are inviting everyone to move their giving to the Giving Direct scheme, or to begin their giving by using this scheme. The Giving Direct scheme means that Gift Aid is processed automatically meaning much less work for our wonderful team and the money comes to us faster. It also enables, with your permission, your donations to automatically be increased by inflation each year. Further details are on the leaflets. Please prayerfully consider giving using this scheme, and thank you so much for all your support.



OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE

Friday 8 November 2024 at 7pm

Venue: St Alkmund's Church, Church Street, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1LB

Early bird ticket offer of £10, Under 18s: £2.50, Ticket price on door: £12

Organised by The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch

To book tickets, please contact:

Alex: 07866 072091, Hilda: 01948 667705, Chris: 01948 740177

Nicola Mills has turned Opera on its head, with her down to earth Northern roots in this truly unique show **not to be missed!**

Nicola will amaze you with her voice and stories of working class life, to singing in some of Europe's finest Opera houses, to then taking opera to the streets. This is the story of how **Opera for the People** was born.

Choose the operalcrossover songs from her Song Menu.

It's like nothing you've seen before.

Unmissable ★★★★

www.iamnicolamills.com



Blackberry Fair Saturday 5 October

St Alkmund's Church part of Churches Together will be taking part in the Blackberry Fair.

Our theme this year is

Unity through Love Peace and Hope

Each church will be on the Blackberry Fair Trail

Our contribution:

"Show and share": whatever interest of hobby you enjoy come and show others and share skills.

To date we have knitters, bowls, showing a sheep, weaving a green hat.

What can you share? Here are just a few ideas... drawing skills, a book you like (adults or children's), a game of chess, calligraphy, recipes, tech skills, trouble shooting phones & computers, flower arranging, sewing tips for beginners, hems and buttons, well-being exercises AND you can all share in singing .. our BIG SING starts at 3pm - details to follow.

SO PLEASE SEND ME YOUR OWN "SHOW AND SHARE" INTERESTS OR SKILLS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE PLUS A CONTACT NUMBER /EMAIL: YOUNG OR OLD, WE NEED YOU!

Email: celia.churchill@btinternet.com

Celia Churchill 07908804355

Or tell me/ write your ideas at church on Sunday morning



SHROPSHIRE CHURCHES OPEN DAY



Help keep our Churches & Chapels looking beautiful; and open for the future.

Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

Half your sponsorship goes to your own church and half to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs and improvements (in Shropshire Telford and a few parishes over the border).

In 2023 we raised **£37,082**. Thank you. Let's make 2024 a bumper year!



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Sponsor Forms and more information

Email: dhardham@vahoo.co.uk Tel: 01588 650362

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Find out more at www.shropshirehct.org.uk





FTW Diary

Please see pewsheets for timings

23 rd Aug	1 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital in St Alkmund's	
5th Sept	7pm	Fauls PCC Meeting	
9th Sept	2.15pm	FTW meeting	
13th Sept	10.30-4.30pm	Heritage Tower Tours & St Alkmund's Parish Registers	
	1pm	Lunchtime Recital Series Piano Duet in St Alkmund's	
14 th Sept	10.30-4.30pm	Heritage Tower Tours & St Alkmund's Parish Registers	
17 th Sept	2pm	Tilstock PCC meeting	
20th Sept	9.30am	Big Brew in Whitchurch Market Hall	
23rd Sept	7pm	St Alkmund's PCC Meeting	
27th Sept	1 pm	Lunchtime Organ Recital in St Alkmund's	
29 th Sept	10.30am	FTW Harvest Service in Fauls Church followed by Fauls Harvest Festival Lunch	
4th Oct	7pm	Friends of St Alkmund's Presentation in Bargates Hall	
6th Oct	10.00am	St Alkmund's Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch	

FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2024

Funerals



10th July—Kathleen Lucille Williams—82 yrs
12th July—Frank Robert Worsencroft—76 yrs
24th July—Frederick Ronald Done—89 yrs
29th July—James Kenneth Taylor—99yrs (Fenns Meadow)
31st July—Colin Wainwright—95 yrs
5th August—Pamela Dulson—85 yrs
6th August—Thomas Henry Welch—90 yrs
15th August—David Alan Chidlow—82 yrs

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

*Crematorium Service

Weddings



22nd June—Gregory Charles Edwards & Rebecca Joyce Milward 8th July—Sebastian Achterfeldt & Rebecca Edwards 3rd August—Daniel Watson & Rachel Clare Newton

Baptisms



23rd June—Lucas John Dale 30th June—Esmae Leigh-Ann Slevin 28th July—Douglas Robin Matthews 11th August—Euan & Daisy Gibson-Whyte 18th August—Blake Peter O'hara

Fauls M]				
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Trop Jeock	First Sur	ndays		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	Morning Worship
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 Communior 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			
	-	ervice at one of the		I	I
three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details.		Junior Church (2-11yrs) and Sermon Slot (12+) This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the			
					& the Diary for any

St Alkmund's Vestry

variations

Baptism and Wedding dates can be arranged Tuesday evenings in church, from 7.00pm—7.30pm

The Rector will be in church for 'Rector's Vestry'

Church office Tel no: (01948) 667102

Church Office email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

10am service on most Sundays (apart from the

1st Sunday and School Holidays)



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