

# The Parish Magazine



of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



## December 2022



# PASTORAL LETTER

for December from Revd Judy Hunt

Dear Friends,

I came across this on a Facebook post recently:



In Christingle service around the country in December, thousands of people will be reminded about Jesus being the Light of the World – as the orange of the Christingle has a candle to be lit. At St Alkmund's in Whitchurch, the Christingle Service (Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm), funds are raised for the work of the Children's Society and we'll use the illustration above to understand more about their work.

For some of the people around us, the best Christmas gift we could give might well be: AA – Attention & Affection; AAA –Attention, Affection & Acceptance; C – Compassion or D-Direction.

In Christmas Services, we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus in familiar ways again. This year, however, we will be doing so in circumstances less affected by Covid (I hope!) but in the midst of other serious and life-changing issues with the war in Ukraine, fuel price hikes and general genuine financial pressures. The light of Jesus continues to shine in darkness; darkness will never overcome this light as millions of Christians over the centuries can testify.

May you all receive and reflect that light ... receiving and giving those gifts of A's, C's and D's listed above.

With love & prayers

Revd Judy





# REMEMBRANCE SERVICES



11th November 2022

on the steps of St Alkmund's church

11am

2 minutes silence





# Remembrance Sunday

## Civic Service

### 13th Nov 2022





# SJT CAREERS DAY

Sheila Chase and Wendy Darter volunteered their help at the Sir John Talbots's Careers Day. They received some lovely comments about how friendly and welcoming they both were.

The wonderful cakes, tea & coffee were a very welcome addition to the day.







HOLY IMMANUEL FAULS  
PET SERVICE 9TH OCTOBER 2022



On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Fauls Church held a pet service. Rev Sue Armstrong, with a well behaved Merlin, welcomed a variety of noisy Jack Russells, Daisy, Molly and Poppy, Pickles the pony also put her nose just through the door!

We sang some lovely animal hymns and had prayers,  
and Rev Sue ended the service blessing all the animal visitors.





# **FAULS SOUP LUNCH**

NOVEMBER 2022

A photograph to show the lovely turnout of people enjoying themselves at the Fauls soup lunch, the food was great and everybody enjoyed themselves



# **TILSTOCK HARVEST FESTIVAL**



Some of the gifts presented from Tilstock School -  
which were delivered to the Food bank.





# COP 27

## Loss & Damage Fund



On the final day of COP27 in Egypt, delegates from across the world agreed on a framework for a loss and damage fund.

It means a fund will be created to support those impacted by climate disasters. This is a huge step forward - but how exactly the fund works is still to be decided.

Thank you for your support in getting this issue the traction it so desperately needed. We wrote to our MP Helen Morgan on behalf of Christian Aid in Whitchurch and sent her a picture of our Prayer People. At our request, she joined other MPs asking the Prime Minister , Rishi Sunak, to change his mind and go to COP27 and support the creation of this Loss & Damage Fund and, as a result of our combined actions, he did.



*We can make a difference!*

*Many thanks for your support*

*Briony, Helen & Brenda*



# St Alkmund's Christmas Coffee Morning

In late November St Alkmund's held their Christmas Coffee Morning, a lot of hard work went into organising this event, which turned out to be a huge success, with over £2000 being raised on the day.





## Alison Talbert

### Prayer Update November 2022

Dear friends,

It's a blustery wet morning in darkest Cheshire so it seems like a good time to stay indoors and write this. Apologies for it being mid-month already, late but not as spectacularly as when I arrived at the 11am service at Canwell 45 minutes late and almost at the end of the all-age service! I'd put my phone on silent for the first service in Drayton Bassett, forgot to turn it on again so the lady on Waze was not talking to me as I blindly (deafly?) went on dual carriageways to Burton/Derby (or who knows where?) before I realized the problem. It seems I am still in analogue mode, not to be trusted with apps.

I am currently staying in the spacious warm house of Jill, a member of St. Lawrence's Church, Biddulph, whilst she is in hospital awaiting the results of tests. I've been invited out for a meal this evening by members of a small group I attended when staying in Biddulph a few years ago so it does feel like a second home.

I'm in touch with friends in Kilifi by Whatsapp and also get the daily national security updates. Street crime is a growing problem particularly in Nairobi and the new president is in talks with the police service to counter it. The drought, a result of 4 consecutive inadequate rainy seasons, is affecting more counties, now over 5 million people. I noticed charcoal selling was on the increase before I left. In hard times people make use of the free natural resources around them to generate income but that is not good for climate change. Now people are realizing there is money in exporting baobab trees and a friend told me that the trees are being stockpiled whilst a new jetty is built in north Kilifi!

Meanwhile back in Cheshire this week I am taking my brother out tomorrow and meeting 2 of my cousins the next day. I haven't been to Martin's home for possibly 10 years. We tend to meet at family funerals so it will be great to see his son who is now a teenager! My church visit this Sunday is in Whitchurch, Shropshire, where my mother used to live.

Next week I am hitting the road again to visit a friend in Somerset and then on to friends, ex-Tanzania mission partners, in Kidderminster before my visit to Holy Trinity Church, Wolverhampton on the 27th. I fly back to Kenya on the 28th so I'm already halfway through my trip... Who knows when I will return again as next year looks busy with the new trial.

Yours in Christ's love,  
Alison

Prayer points:

- Thanksgiving for the people who have invited me into their homes, and the well-behaved car hired from Ichthus Motor Mission
- Pray for peace for Jill as she awaits news of further treatment
- Pray for the people and animals of Kenya to have sufficient rain this season to replenish water supplies, grow fodder and enable a harvest

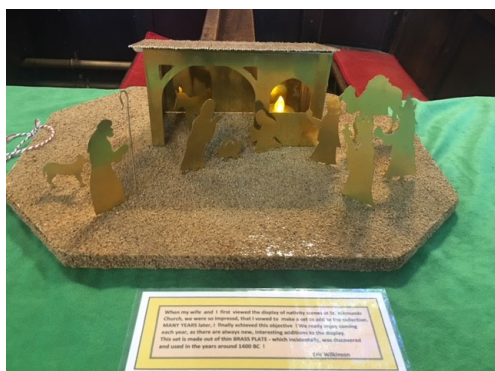




# CRIB DISPLAYS

The Cribs displayed on Saturday 26th November were wonderful. With almost 400 visitors coming through the church doors to have a look around, and to have a warming drink. With 100 cribs on display it was not possible to show all of them in this magazine! but there are some photographs below showing the many different types of cribs.

Perhaps next year you may have your own crib that you would like to bring along to share with everyone?





# CHURCHES TOGETHER

## CHRISTMAS CARD

This year, to choose the front cover of the *Churches Together Christmas Card*, there was a drawing competition for Year 6 pupils at Whitchurch Junior Academy. The winner, Matilda, now has her drawing on the front of more than 5,000 cards and two other pupils, Jorgina and Mikolaj received a Highly Commended Award for their artwork.



WINNER—MATILDA



HIGHLY COMMENDED— JORGINA



HIGHLY COMMENDED— MIKOLAJ





## FTW Bible Study



So sorry everyone that I haven't written for some time. Don't know where time has gone and I haven't been very well as most of you know.

Over the year we have looked at most of the book of Numbers, but have now moved on to the Gospel of St Matthew which will continue into the next year.

At the present time we have had a break as a run up to Christmas. In November we considered the difference between St Matthew's account of Jesus' genealogy and St Luke's account. St Matthew takes us back to Abraham, the Father of the Jews, emphasising that Jesus was a Jew. His family included David and some interesting women all with dubious backgrounds but there for a reason.

St Luke goes from Jesus back to Adam, the Son of God. Have a look for yourselves.

The meetings contain much laughter and many interesting points which are brought up by the group. We are not a miserable, academic group by a long chalk. Some have good comments written in their own Bibles while one member reads from a recent translation which puts a different picture on to the passage studying

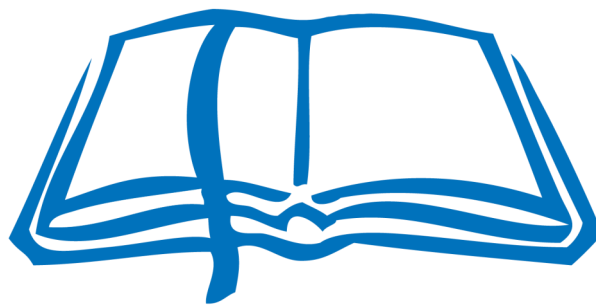
The dates for January are 11th and 25th, and we meet in Bargates Hall at 2.00pm.

If you do feel like coming along - DO come. We can all learn something about God's Holy Word - something, perhaps, we never thought of before!

See you there

Everyone, have a joyous Christmas, remember it is Jesus' birthday.

**Celia**





## St Alkmund's Church Bell Ringers Wanted!

We are very keen to add more ringers to our band.

We would welcome ringers with previous experience, but we can also teach people new to this fascinating skill.

**If you are interested in joining the band, learning to ring or just finding out more, please get in touch!**

Please contact the Tower Captain

Malcolm Monie on **07746 687242** or [bells@monies.me.uk](mailto:bells@monies.me.uk)

You are welcome just to come and watch either on a practice night or on Sunday morning but do please get in touch first in case we are not ringing for any reason.

**Thursday practice 19.00 - 20.30**

**Sunday ringing 09.30 – 10.00**

## St Alkmund's Church Choir members wanted!

St Alkmund's Church, Whitchurch is looking for new choir members (particularly male voices) to sing at Sunday services - 10.00 Holy Communion and /or 18.30 Evensong.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 19.00

Ability to read music is preferable, but by no means essential.

If interested, please contact:

Richard James (Director of Music) 07975 622542

Or email: [richard101@outlook.com](mailto:richard101@outlook.com)





## QUIZ TIME

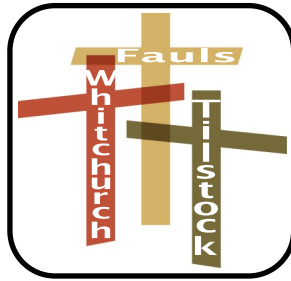
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# FTW Diary

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

|                       |         |   |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Wed 7th Dec           | 9.30am  | Tilstock School EYFS Nativity                                       |
| Thu 8th Dec           | 10.15am | WIA Nativity in St Alkmund's  |
| Fri 9th Dec           | 6.30pm  | Friends of St Alkmund's Christmas Evening                           |
|                       | 7.30pm  | Holy Immanuel, Fauls Carol Supper                                   |
| Sun 11th Dec          | 1-4pm   | Holy Immanuel, Fauls Christmas Fayre                                |
| Tue 13th Dec          | 1.30pm  | Lower Heath School KS1 Nativity                                     |
|                       | 5.00pm  | Lower Heath School KS2 Christmas Celebration                        |
|                       | 10.00am | WJA Christmas Service in St Alkmund's                               |
| Wed 14th Dec          | 9.30am  | Tilstock School Christingle   |
| Thu 15th Dec          | 9.30am  | SJT Christmas Concert in St Alkmund's                               |
| Fri 16th Dec          | 6.30pm  | Peter Edge, Holly Teague & Richard James<br>Concert in St Alkmund's |
| Sat 17th Dec          | 10.30am | Crib Festival in Fauls Church                                       |
| Sun 18th Dec          | 6.30pm  | Carols by candlelight in Fauls Church                               |
|                       | 6.30pm  | Nine Lessons & Carols in St Alkmund's                               |
| Fri 23rd Dec          | 5.30pm  | Carols around the tree in Fauls churchyard                          |
| Sat 24th Dec          | 4.30pm  | Crib Service in St Alkmund's  |
|                       | 6.00pm  | Carol Service in Christ Church, Tilstock                            |
|                       | 6.30pm  | Crib Service in St Alkmund's  |
|                       | 11.00pm | First Communion of Christmas in Fauls                               |
|                       | 11.00pm | First Communion of Christmas in St Alkmund's                        |
| Sun 25th Dec          | 10.00am | All Age Christmas Communion in St Alkmund's                         |
| <b>Happy New Year</b> |         |   |
| Sun 1st Jan           | 10.30am | FTW New Year Service in St Alkmund's                                |
| Thu 19th Jan          | 7.00pm  | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in St Alkmund's          |
| Sun 29th Jan          | 10.30am | FTW Joint Service in Christ Church, Tilstock                        |
| Wed 22nd Jan          | 7.30pm  | FTW Ash Wednesday Service in St Alkmund's                           |





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| Website                | <a href="http://www.stalkmunds.com">www.stalkmunds.com</a> |               |

## Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls

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| Website          | <a href="http://www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com">www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com</a> |              |

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| Church Warden | Joan Hockenhull  | 01948 880226 |
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## Magazine information

### Dates for the FTW Magazine

Please see below the issue dates for the bimonthly magazine, if you have anything that you would like put into any of the editions then please send by email to the Benefice Administrator: Alison Dunne on [ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)  
No later than the cut off date shown below.

## FTW MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

| Issue                    | Publication Date      | Deadline             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| February/March<br>2023   | 10th February<br>2023 | 2nd February<br>2023 |
| April/May<br>2023        | 7th April<br>2023     | 31st March<br>2023   |
| June/July<br>2023        | 9th June<br>2023      | 1st June<br>2023     |
| August/September<br>2023 | 11th August<br>2023   | 3rd August<br>2023   |

