

The Parish Magazine



of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



July 2022

PASTORAL LETTER



Dear Friends

I hope that you were able to enjoy the Jubilee weekend. I wonder what your memories are and what you feel were the most important elements?

Many commentators focused on the 'coming together' – whether at the central celebrations in London or at local street parties in villages or towns. I think that this might indicate that these commentators themselves (as with so many people) tend to mix mainly or completely only with 'people like them'. Perhaps that's more likely to be true in towns and cities than in villages, but then villages are less likely to have a great diversity amongst their residents.

Why does this 'coming together' matter? Does it matter? One thing that strikes me as important is the greater understanding which can be generated. Meeting someone whose family is in Ukraine, and who is able to talk about them, deepens our awareness of what is happening to ordinary people there. We also learn about the knock on effect to some living in our own communities. Chatting to someone in the haulage industry brings a greater understanding of how the rise in fuel costs has a much wider effect than simply on our domestic energy bills. A 'chance' conversation with someone else, previously unknown to you, might bring a solution to a problem that's been bugging you for some time – perhaps a contact number for a tradesperson or an innovation for your garden.

In one of his letters, St Paul highlights the need for valuing diversity in the church (1 Corinthians 12) for the well-being both of the individual and the whole. I think this applies to each community too. Now that the Jubilee is over, are there ways to keep this 'coming together' alive within our communities?

With love and prayers

Revd Judy

The Jubilee Banner

Rev Judy suggested to our Infant and Junior Academies that it would be good to work together in some way in our respective Jubilee celebrations. Excitingly, the Federation Principal suggested that they run a competition to design a new church banner. The challenge that Mrs Cope set was not an easy one – to both celebrate the Jubilee and also to show the link between the Federation and the Church.

Rev Judy and I had the honour of selecting the winners – we chose three joint winners, two from the Infants and one from the Juniors, as well as many that we highly commended and commended such was the excellent standard of work submitted.

I pulled together a design combining elements from each of the three winners and it was then painted and embellished by the winners and some of their school friends. It was hung in Church in time for the Jubilee weekend – it looks wonderful!

It was a bonus that two of the winners were able to carry the banner in the community procession from the Church to the Jubilee Beacon bonfire at the Rugby Club.

The banner will be in church over the summer and then will hang in the schools.



Christian Aid

During the pandemic we were unable to collect from house to house for Christian Aid Week. Now although it is possible again we have decided not to do so as we think maybe it is time to use other ways of raising the money. Thanks to everyone who helped at the Coffee Morning in the Civic Centre and those who donated at the service at St John's. We also did a bucket collection in the High Street. Please see below a summary of what we did.



Hope in Times of Crisis **Christian Aid week 2022**

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid week this year. We raised a total of £1,111.44 as follows:

£250.06 Coffee Morning at the Civic Centre

£145.47 Collecting buckets on the High Street

£50 Sponsored 300,000 steps

£413.51 Pew collection at Joint Service

£232.40 other donations

£20 E-envelope

Many thanks to everyone who helped!

Judy Bellingham

Fairtrade Church



What does the Lord require of us: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God' Micah 6:8.

By choosing to buy Fairtrade products you ensure that producers get a fair price for their goods and are treated well in the workplace.

St Alkmund's is a Fairtrade Church. This means that we have committed to using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at our church events. We also try to use other Fairtrade products ie. biscuits from time to time.

We have not been able to have the Traidcraft stall in church during the Covid pandemic but we hope to have it regularly again on the 2nd Sunday each month. If you can just buy one thing you would be really helping to promote fair trade in our community. There is also a Traidcraft Stall every week at the Whitchurch Friday Market.

I look forward to seeing some of you there!

Judy Bellingham



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade



FTW Diary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9th July 2022	<i>Nantwich Singers</i> at 3pm, St Alkmund's Church
23rd July 2022	<i>Jean Martyn Concert</i> at 7pm, St Alkmund's
31st July 2022	<i>FTW Songs of Praise</i> at 10.30am, Tilstock Church
4th Aug 2022	<i>Open Garden</i> at 2pm, The Beeches, Alkington
12th Aug 2022	<i>St Alkmund's Coffee Morning</i> at the Civic Centre
20th Sept 2022	<i>Meal at Etzio</i> -More Details soon
25th Sept 2022	<i>Fauls Harvest</i> -More Details soon
1st Oct 2022	<i>Whitchurch Blackberry Fair</i> -More details soon
2nd Oct 2022	<i>Whitchurch Harvest</i> -More Details soon
9th Oct 2022	<i>Tilstock Harvest</i> -More Details soon
12 Nov 2022	<i>St Alkmund's Christmas Coffee Morning</i> at the Civic Centre
3rd Dec 2022	<i>Tilstock Christmas Fair</i> in the Village hall





Afternoon FTW Bible Study

We have been looking at the Book of Numbers which I must admit I have never read before but the group, 'specially two of them said it was very interesting, so I thought we would have a go. We have got as far as Chapter 22, of Part 2. We have had enough, or put it this way, we have reached the point in the saga of Moses and Aaron where they have led the people of Israel to base camp at Kadish, seen Miriam's death and then Aaron's death and moved on towards the Promised land of Canaan after 40 years of wandering around the desert. Perhaps we will come back to Part 3, which will take us through the land of Moab and towards Moses' death sometime or other.

For the last meeting on 13th July we will have a break and see the differences between the General Confession in the Book of Common Prayer and the same as in ASV and the book of Common Worship. We shall not meet in August or the last one in July but come afresh in September with the Gospel of Matthew. We have only done snippets of this in the past, so we all thought it was a good idea to look at the whole Gospel. It will also give me a chance to produce the booklet in the August holiday.

We have enjoyed meeting together on Wednesday afternoons and have got to know each other fairly well by now. Forgot to say, we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month in Bargates Hall at 2.00pm. Just for an hour plus the cuppa and biccis afterwards. Why don't you come and join us in September, - 14th and 28th, you will be very welcome.

Celia



Stonework Progress



Good news that the repairs to the stone are now completed and hopefully the scaffolding will soon be removed. The photographs show the replacement stone and repair that has been carried out. The cornice is a plaster moulded section and the open joints have been patch pointed, the stone has been fixed using chem-set glue and a lime mortar mix for pointing any open joints. The new stone held itself in position due to the nature of the curve, and the glue was a secondary precaution only.



Fauls Church

In the summer of 2021 we met to discuss a new project for our sewing group and after much discussion we eventually came to the decision to depict the four seasons onto 'banners' which would be hung from the balcony at the back of Holy Immanuel Church in Fauls. With this project we would be able to depict many of the flowers and plants that we see regularly as we walk along our country lanes, the opportunity for which we are very grateful.

Jane was tasked with producing a basic outline onto the fabric which consisted of a briar, some cow parsley, ferns and bracken and some grasses. In twos and threes we then added further plants to our fabric then appliquéd and stitched our season adding beads and other embellishments as necessary to complete our banner.

The result was spring bursting with fresh hope, summer in all its fullness, the strong colours of autumn and the stark beauty of winter each linked by their unifying structure but with many individual components specific to their season.

The banners have now been hung in Holy Immanuel brightening the rear of the church as evidence of God's beautiful and bountiful world in which we live.

Spring was completed by Liz Allwood, Julia Davies and Heather Ridgway, summer by Liz Kempton and Freda Ridgway, autumn by Jill Palgrave and Jane Redwell and winter by Sue Armstrong and Joyce Chidlow all under the direction of Pat Salt, our mentor.





WE ARE GOOD



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8th June 2022

Reference: Ofsted Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to tell you that WE ARE GOOD!

As you know Ofsted visited our school on 26th and 27th April 2022 for a full inspection. The inspectors were so impressed with our school, the pupils, staff and how we engage with our community.

It is remarkable that we have achieved this incredible result together and one that the school has never had.

This helps us as we continue on our journey to be the local school of choice for children in Tilstock and the surrounding areas.

I have attached the amazing report for you to read – we'd also love to hear your feedback.

I want to thank you all for your support, this really is a school community achievement and one which we will enjoy celebrating together.

Best wishes,

Rowena Kaminski
A very proud Headteacher

Rated 'good' in all areas in our latest *Ofsted Report, June 2022*



We are good!



Places available for 3 – 11 year olds for September 2022 entry
For more details visit: tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk

Tilstock
Part of the Marches Academy Trust

School report



Inspection of Tilstock C of E Primary and Nursery

Tilstock Lane, Tilstock, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 3JL

Inspection dates: 26 and 27 April 2022

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

Haiku

FTW Joint Service in Fauls Church Hall on 29th May focused on the Queen's many years of service. One of the activities was to write a Haiku about her. A Haiku is a poem of three lines: 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables.

Here are the ones that were written

Haiku for the Queen

*Decades of service
Underpinned by faith in Christ
Celebrate with joy*

*For our Queen, thanks
For sharing your faith with us
A great example. Amen*

*Horses and corgis
Delights of your time off
And well deserved too!*

*A purposeful life
With God centre of all
For so many years!*

*Congratulations
On your steadfast reign
Our much loved Queen*

*A toast to the Queen
For being a wonderful
Leader to us all*

*Your coronation
When I was just a baby
Was so long ago*

*Good Queen Lilibet
Long service has been your style
We thank God for you*

*Queen in her palace
Gives service to all her people
Deserves thanks from all*



Tilstock Coffee Morning

The coffee morning (organised by Barbara Ellison for Tilstock) was very successful despite the kitchen staff feeling under employed! Not so many people but they were very generous. Obviously the hamper draw, treasure hunt, tombola etc attracted custom! Thank you to everyone, a great result £475.00 .

Thank you everyone



Fauls Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all those who supported the coffee morning at Darliston on 18th June, those who came, those who helped, those who proved raffle prizes and cakes or ran activities. It was such an enjoyable and sociable event that I included not only FTW members but also the wider community of Darliston. Unfortunately the weather was a little cool but that did not deter use of the garden or stop the children running around. The sum of £400 was raised.

Thank you everyone





Becoming Dementia Friendly Church 2022-3

Dear Church members and wider community -

St Alkmund's Dementia - Friendly Church

For the Fifth year - year on year St Alkmund's has been awarded a Dementia - Friendly Certificate. This means it's been possible to achieve the criteria required from the Lichfield Diocese and is signed by Bishop Michael Ipgrave - Diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Lichfield.

Bishop Michael , affirmed that he is "proud to be part of Diocese that takes Dementia-Friendly Church seriously" , when he spoke at the Dementia- Friendly Churches Zoom Training Day in October 2020.

As a Dementia -Friendly Church , we are constant in our endeavours to maintain and improve our welcoming and friendly approach as an all inclusive place of worship 'All are welcome ".

Reverend Judy -wrote (by invitation) published 6th June -. Dementia Friendly Churches Blog Diocese of Lichfield.

Revd Canon Dr Judy Hunt, Vicar of St Alkmund's, explains more about Time Together:

"We realised that there was no provision in the town or surrounding area for those with dementia and their family members or carers to do something together . This was the Start of a journey towards our (now very well established) Time Together group. We stated from the outset that the group was to provide spiritual support alongside mental, emotional and physical support. People new to the group or visiting for the first time almost always comment on the amount of laughter they hear. Writing this just before Pentecost, I'm reminded that some of the fruits of the Holy Spirit are hope, joy and love. Therefore , the laughter comes spontaneously for people who have found a safe and valued place in this group and who look forward to every session."

For my part as Dementia Coordinator -St Alkmund's . As part of a group of volunteers that contribute so much of their time and skills - under the guidance of Revd Judy - I find both challenging and a privilege.

Best wishes

Pauline (Green)
Dementia Coordinator- St Alkmund's



Prayer Update is sent out by geoff.barter@gmail.com or Geoff Barter, 3 Rowlatt Court, Hillside Road, St. Albans AL1 3QU England. Please send me any address changes. Check for the latest news on Crosslinks mission partners and associates on our web site <http://www.crosslinks.org>

Alison Talbert

Prayer Update April 2022

Dear Friends,

Happy Eastertide! Another late update as the month is already halfway through... It has been unbearably hot until this week and my energy levels have been low. I am so happy that now it is a few degrees cooler and we have had a variety of rain. I woke this morning to soft refreshing rain* and over the Easter weekend we had thunderstorms and heavy downpours.

I'm still working mostly from home but KEMRI HQ told us to go back to the office at the end of March. I've decided hybrid working is the best way. After months of discussions and me swotting up on micronutrient supplement doses and toxicity it looks like we will submit our study proposal to the Gates Foundation this week. I've been writing the background and study design whilst Martha has been finalizing the budget. This study is unlike any I've done before as it will involve a lot of blood sampling and lab assays. In my last 2 studies I've been interviewing mothers and measuring children's growth and I much prefer talking to sticking needles in people. I will be site leader so the 24-strong field team will be doing the necessary. At least the blood tests will be on adults rather than children.

I haven't been affected much by the national fuel shortages, but petrol and diesel have been unavailable for 2 weeks. There's rationing of flour and milk. Most of Kenya's wheat is imported from the Ukraine and Russia. Increased milk price is due to reduced supply resulting from the drought which is described as potentially the worst in the Horn of and East Africa since 1981. We really need that rain to continue.

"We plough the fields and scatter" Matthias Claudius 1782
Chorus

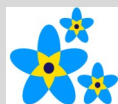
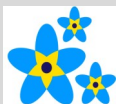
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love
With love in Christ,
Alison



Prayer points for:

- Rain in the right amounts and where it is needed
- Calm throughout Kenya as political rallies increase and candidates are selected for the running mate of the president (deputy president), county governors and members of county assemblies, elections in August
- Timely submission of the micronutrient study proposal to the Gates Foundation and a decision on its funding
- Final 2 interviews of the Jaribuni mothers
- Health of 2 of my older friends in Kilifi who have been having 2hiccupps2 as they call them





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A 'Thank you' from the Benefice Administrator

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big 'Thank you' to everyone that has welcomed me so warmly. The weeks have flown by since I joined as the new Administrator in May. I am slowly getting to match the names with many faces but I know that there are still some of you that I may not have met in person yet but hopefully will do so over the coming weeks.

You have all been so kind and helpful, ensuring that I have settled easily into my new daily routine, it really has been more appreciated than you probably realise.

kindest regards

Alison

