



# **The Parish Magazine of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock**



**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER  
2024**

# PASTORAL LETTER

*For the Church, November is the month of remembering. It begins with All Saints' Day (to commemorate all the saints who don't have a feast day to themselves), straight onto All Souls' Day (to remember all those we love but see no longer), to Remembrance, through two weeks stuffed full of saints' festivals, finally ending with Christ the King (where we remember that Christ is our one true ruler and leader).*

*Of course, for many people, Remembrance is the most significant day out of all of these, and for everyone it is one of the most important days of the Church year. We consciously turn off the 'auto-pilot' mindset which is all too easy to slip into when we live in a democracy, and we give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could have our freedoms. But our remembering is not just recalling men's names, ages, and battles they fought in. To remember is to re-member: to reclaim someone from the past, and to keep them as a member of our community. By re-remembering, we stop them from drifting into the mists of time, where they disappear into vagueness and obscurity. We bring them back into our lives, deliberately, and thank them for what they did by keeping them as a whole human being, rather than reducing them to their actions or their contributions.*

*November, as the month of remembering, encapsulates the Christian message: that all of these people - the soldiers, the saints, the people in our lives - are all worth remembering, because each one of them was made out of God's love. Each one of them was precious, and each one of them was fearfully and wonderfully made. And as we take the time this month to re-member them, we do this in the comfort that God has never forgotten them.*

*Rev Pippa*

# 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](http://www.youtube.com/@StAlkmundsWhitchurch) or via the link on our Facebook page.

## **8.00am BCP COMMUNION SERVICE:**

In St Alkmund's Church will take place on the first Sunday of each month. The next dates will be Sunday 3rd November and Sunday 1st December at 8.00am.

**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.

**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](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)

**NICOLA MILLS CONCERT:** The Friends of St Alkmund's have organised this concert on Friday 8th November at St Alkmund's Church. See advert for more details.

## **ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS**

**COFFEE MORNING:** on Saturday 16th November in Bargates Hall, 10am-12noon. Please join us for coffee/tea and mince pies. Browse the stalls - Tombola, Handicrafts, Cards, Cakes & more. £1 entry to include refreshments (children free).

**BORDER SINGERS CONCERT:** at St Alkmund's on Saturday 30th November at 7pm. Tickets £12 (under 18s free) on the door.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:** will be on the 1st December at 4pm. Collecting tubes will be available at the back of church for anyone who would like to start collecting loose change.



## Blackberry Fair on the 5th October St Alkmund's opened it's doors throughout the day



### *'Showing love and unity through sharing'*

'Show and Share', saw people welcomed into church to share hobbies and interests, the morning involved a wide range of things....bowling (was very popular), learn a magic trick, how to make a harvest loaf, rug making, embroidery, cross stitch, crosswords, computer solitaire, research your ancestry, knitting, rugby skills..., a really wide range of interests, and attracted a lot of interest and interaction from all who visited the church.

Our local schools joined us with their families, filling the church with songs and laughter.

In the afternoon our 'Big Sing' saw our Musical Director, James Kellas getting us ready to perform 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd Webber.....



The day at St Alkmund's finished off with Shropshire Stories By Sal Tonge, and was enjoyed by the children and grown ups alike!





## HARVEST FLOWERS

Another amazing Harvest display of flowers throughout the church over our Harvest time, thank you to our wonderful flower arrangers.







# NICOLA MILLS

**Victoria Wood  
meets Pavarotti...**

"Nicola is truly a  
one of a kind performer"

"I laughed and was amazed  
in a matter of minutes"

"This is one of the best live  
performances I have  
ever seen"

## 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 opera/crossover songs from her Song Menu.

**It's like nothing you've seen before.**

**Unmissable ★★★★★**

**[www.iamnicolamills.com](http://www.iamnicolamills.com)**

## FREDA CAREY FAREWELL

We said a sad farewell to our Missionary Partner, Freda Carey over the weekend of the 26th/27th October. Freda visited St Alkmund's Church to say goodbye to the FTW Benefice. We welcomed Freda to Bargates Hall on the Saturday for a coffee & chat that all were welcome to come along and join. Freda then preached at our 10am and 6.30pm services on the Sunday, giving the opportunity to members of the congregation to speak with her after the services.







# American Journey – Crossing Cultures

*A slide show from a recent trip around the United States*

**A story of native peoples, settlers, slavery and migration**



**Friday 22 November 2024, 7.30 pm, Bargates Hall, Whitchurch**

*Presented by Celia and Garry Churchill*

**ADMISSION FREE: Retiring collection in aid of Mary's Meals**

**mary's  
meals**

a simple solution  
to world hunger

Mary's Meals is a global charity, based in the UK (No. SC022140), which serves a daily meal at school to some of the world's poorest children, so that they can gain an education and a brighter future. You can help to transform the lives of hungry children by supporting the work of Mary's Meals, in countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.



## 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





## ST ALKMUND'S CRIB FESTIVAL DISPLAY



**Saturday 23rd November**

This year our Crib Festival display will be held on the same day as the Whitchurch Christmas Light switch on, on Saturday 23rd November, where cribs/nativity scenes will be displayed in St Alkmund's Church.

The church will be open all day for visitors to view.

If you would like to display your cribs/nativity sets please bring them to St Alkmund's church on Friday 22nd November between 4pm -6pm.



*Photographs shown of cribs/nativity scenes from previous years*



## INTRODUCING BUBBLE CHURCH

Bubble Church is soon to be launched at churches nationwide, this is a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, 30 minute family Sunday service for families to worship together.

Recently, members of St Alkmund's Church travelled to London to learn more about Bubble Church, and we are hoping that the New Year will see St Alkmund's introduce it as a monthly addition to the St Alkmund's services.



## **FTW REMEMBRANCE SERVICES 2024**

### **Remembrance Service Sunday 10th November**

10.45am Short Service at the Cenotaph, Station Rd

11.30am Remembrance Sunday Parade Service in  
St Alkmund's Church, followed by an Act  
of Remembrance at the War Graves in  
Whitchurch Cemetery

10.50am Remembrance Service in Christ Church, Tilstock

6.30pm Remembrance Service in Holy Immanuel, Fauls



### **Remembrance Day Monday 11th November**

10.50am Short Act of Remembrance at the  
War Memorial in Tilstock

11.00am Short Act of Remembrance outside  
St Alkmund's Church







## WHITCHURCH RECITAL SERIES

AT ST ALKMUND'S

**Fridays @ one**

During 2024 and continuing into 2025 we have introduced a series of classical music recitals in the beautiful St Alkmund's Church in Whitchurch, Shropshire. In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council.

**Free lunchtime concerts every month  
join us on Fridays @ ONE**

Organised by our Musical Director, James Kellas, James commenced the recitals in August and we have since had the pleasure of welcoming the performances of Stewart Smith, Peter Edge, John Moore, Henry Smith, Martin Cook, John Bowen, with many more artists performing over the coming months.



**15**  
**22**  
Nov

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**1PM** Alex Postlethwaite & John Moore  
Violin & Piano

**1PM** Glyn Williams (*St Peter & St Paul, Wem*) & Wendy Consalkorale  
Organ & Piano Duet

**13**  
**20**  
Dec

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**1PM** Angharad Huw  
Harp

**1PM** Nigel Pursey (*Shrewsbury Abbey*)  
Organ

**10**  
**24**  
Jan

**1PM** Peter Bradley-Fulgoni & John Moore  
Piano Duet

**1PM** Tony Pinel (*St Chad's, Shrewsbury*)  
Organ

# Whitchurch Recital Series

**at St Alkmund's**

in collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council

*fridays*  
@  
ONE

## HONORARY CHAPLAIN FOR AIR CADETS 79 SQUADRON 79 Whitchurch Sqn RAF Air Cadets

Rev Pippa recently had her official ceremony to become the Honorary Chaplain for 79 Squadron, by Wing Chaplain, Keith Locke. some photographs below from the ceremony.





# **ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

**16th November**  
**10.00am-12noon**  
**BARGATES HALL**



Please join us for coffee/tea and mince pies.  
Browse the stalls - Tombola, Handicrafts, Cards,  
Cakes, Bric A Brac - and of course a Raffle!

**£1 entry to include refreshments**  
**Children Free**



## ST ALKMUND'S CHOIR TOWN APPEARANCES

### WHITCHURCH CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

The Christmas light's Switch, with Christmas stalls in the town and the Lantern Parade on the high street, will again be joined by St. Alkmund's Choir outside the Civic Centre from 1.30pm to 2pm



### CAROLS AROUND THE PUBS

**SUNDAY 22ND December**

**6.30pm**

### **'Bringing the joy of our choir to the pubs of Whitchurch'**

St Alkmunds's Church Choir will be visiting pubs in Whitchurch for a good old Christmas sing song. Come and join us for a festive evening, hope to see you there. We will be starting at the Black Bear pub at the top of the High Street.



# THE BORDER SINGERS

*Conductor Simon Davies*

## DIDO & AENEAS

*Purcell*

**30TH NOV 2024**

**7.30PM**

**ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH WHITCHURCH SY13 1LB**

**Tickets £12 (under 18s free) on the door**

**Soloists: Emily Burnett, Charlotte Bowden, James Hall, Harriet Goodwin**

**Border Marches Sinfonia | Leader: Clare Horgan | Continuo: Simon Russell**

# CHRISTINGLE

ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

4PM

All welcome at our St Alkmund's Christingle service  
on Sunday 1st December.



There are collecting tubes available at the back  
of church for anyone who would like to start  
collecting loose change.

# 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, (eg-handing out hymn books, general assisting etc).

## 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](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)



Becoming  
**Dementia  
Friendly  
Church**

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

# FTW Diary

## See Pewsheets & Notice boards for timings

- 3rd Nov     Thanksgiving & Memorial Services at Fauls, Whitchurch & Tilstock
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov     Nicola Mills Concert in St Alkmund's
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov     Remembrance Services at Fauls, Whitchurch & Tilstock
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov     Remembrance Day two minutes silence outside St Alkmund's  
Short Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in Tilstock
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov     St Alkmund's Christmas Coffee Morning in Bargates Hall
- 22nd Nov     American Journey Fund Raiser in Bargates Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov     Whitchurch Christmas Lights Switch On  
Crib Festival at St Alkmund's  
Choir singing outside Civic Centre
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov     Border Singers Concert in St Alkmund's
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec     Christingle Service in St Alkmund's
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec     Churches Together Advent Service in St George's
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec     Holy Immanuel Fauls Carol Service
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec     Blue Christmas Service in St Alkmund's
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec     Fauls Carol Supper
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec     St Alkmund's Nine Lessons & Carols Service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec     St Alkmund's Carols around the pub
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec     St Alkmund's Crib Services 4.30pm & 6.30pm  
Christ Church Tilstock Carol Service  
St Alkmund's Christmas Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Day FTW Christmas All Age Communion at  
St Alkmund's 10.30am

# FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2024

## Funerals



28th August—Ray Foster—77 yrs  
 10th September—George Harold Frank Norton—88 yrs  
 12th September—Winifred May Wharton—94 yrs  
 4th October—Margaret Gillian Young—80 yrs  
 11th October—Amy Le Couteur—91 yrs  
 15th October—Tracey Jacqueline Downes-Benson—59 yrs  
 28th October—Janet O'Neill—83 yrs

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

*\*Crematorium Service*

## Weddings



7th September— Michael Grocott & Rebecca Stokes  
 21st September— George Pennington & Ndidi Edi-Osagie

## Baptisms



18th August—Blake Peter O'hara  
 25th August—Walter Witkiss  
 8th Sept—Teddy Lee Arthur Williams



# Sunday Services

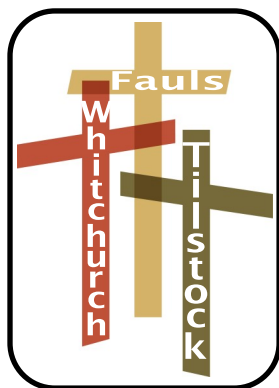
First Sundays			Second Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship*	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion	10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship*	11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	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 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 Services		
8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service			
<p><i>There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details</i></p> <p><i>&amp; the Diary for any variations</i></p>			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)		



## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Information for these can be found on our church notice boards





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

### **Rector of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch**

**Revd Chris Precious** 07867 367627

Email: rectorftw@gmail.com

### **Curate of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch**

**Revd Pippa White** 07453 457507

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### **Benefice Office: St Alkmund's Church, Church Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1LB**

**Benefice Administrator: Alison Dunne:** 01948 667102

Email: ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

### **Associate Minister of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch**

**Revd Sue Armstrong:** 01948 840039

Email: revsuea399@gmail.com

### **Reader of Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch**

**Mrs Jane Rylands:** 01948 663184

Email: jane@rylands.me.uk

## **St Alkmund's Church**

PCC Chair	Rev Chris Precious	07867 367627
Church Warden	John Stokes	01948 663194
Church Warden	Sheila Chase	07714 208178
Verger	Pauline Stokes	01948 663194
PCC Treasurer	Mel Williams	01948 661286
PCC Lay Vice Chair	John Stokes	01948 663194
PCC Secretary	Elaine Bucknell	01948 666554
Director of Music	James Kellas	07789 555786
Bell Ringers	Malcolm Monie	01948 663069
Website	<a href="http://www.stalkmunds.com">www.stalkmunds.com</a>	

## **Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls**

PCC Acting Chair	Rev Sue Armstrong	01948 840039
Church Warden		
PCC Secretary	Liz Allwood	01630 685796
PCC Treasurer	Liz Kempton	01948 840271
Website	<a href="http://www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com">www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com</a>	

## **Christ Church, Tilstock**

PCC Chair	Rev Chris Precious	
Church Warden	Freda Corfield	01948 880910
Church Warden	Joan Hockenhull	01948 880226
PCC Secretary	Joan Hockenhull	01948 880226
PCC Treasurer	Will Watson-Jones	01948 880340
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