

The Parish Magazine



of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



October/November 2022

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

We enter the autumn aware of great uncertainty around us and of great change having taken place in the last few months.

We have a new King and a new Prime Minister. We have ongoing war in Ukraine. We have strikes. We have a poorly resourced NHS and Social Care system. We have inflation.

Yet, we are still greatly blessed:

We have not been flooded in the same way as Pakistan. We have not had wild fires like Spain. We are not living in Ukraine. Our inflation rate is not expected to reach 100% this year, unlike the prediction for Argentina.

We have our friends and family. We have communities that have been strengthened in several ways through the Covid pandemic.

We have opportunities and resources to be able to give of ourselves and of our wealth to help others.

We have God who loves us and whose love remains constant and consistent in all the other changes that are going on around us.

There have been many commentators who have quoted from the words of the late Queen Elizabeth II about the difference God's love and peace brings. The evening before her coronation in 1952, she reflected prayerfully on these words: "The Peace of God will be the last word of the great service ... I may be carried to the heights above of exaltation or the depths of difficulty and depression: but the Peace of God will never leave me." In 2002 (50 years later), her Christmas message included the words: "I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

You might like to make these words from a hymn your own as we move through the months

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

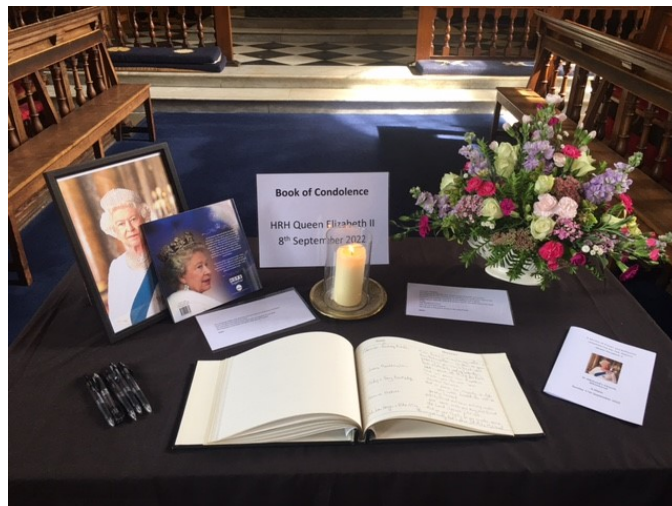
With love and prayers
Revd Judy

HM Queen Elizabeth II



With the sad passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II On the 8th September 2022 at Balmoral, Services were held so that we could come together to pay our respects to a Monarch that has reined over us with unwavering dedication for over 70 years.

A Book of Condolences was placed in St Alkmund's Church, opening from 7am until 10am daily for people to pay their respects during this historic time.
The book soon filling up with so many names and kind words.



The flag was put to half mast and flowers and tributes were laid around the flagpole at the front of the Church.



Proclamation Sunday 11th September 2022



Revd Judy Hunt, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Tulis Matson, and Whitchurch Mayor Cllr Andy Hall delivered the Proclamation of King Charles III at St Alkmund's Church, having received the official scroll from the High Sheriff of Shropshire.

Civic Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

A Churches Together Civic Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving took place on Sunday 18th September at 10am in St Alkmund's Church to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We now bid her farewell, may she rest in peace

Thank you Ma'am



New handrails in St Alkmunds's Church

The new handrails are now in place, they have been installed to assist people going up and down the Chancel Step.

They are also fully removable, so that they can be taken up if they are not required on occasions such as a concert, to allow for more room.



**We Would like to thank
the Friends of St Alkmunds for making
this possible.**

thank you!

Christ Church Tilstock HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 9th October
12.00 for 12.30pm start

Soup, roll, fruit pie
tea/coffee
Raffle

TICKETS
£7

Pre-Booking by 3rd October essential:
Barbara Ellison 01948 880312
or Joan Hockenhull 01948 880226



To be held at Village Hall



Food, fun and friendship

In Bargates Hall

(behind St Alkmund's Church)

2022/2023

5th & 19th October • 2nd & 16th November

7th & 21st December • 4th & 18th January

1st & 15th February • 1st & 15th March

5th & 19th April • 3rd & 17th May

(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 drink!

There might be craft activities, for those who are able the opportunity to take part in some gentle physical activity, singing, a prayer

Enquiries:

Rev'd Judy Hunt on 01948 667253 or revjudyhunt@gmail.com



SOUP LUNCH IN FAULS CHURCH HALL

Saturday 5th November 2022

12noon

£6.00 each

ALL WELCOME



**LET'S
DO IT!**

A MARRIAGE REMEMBERED

Richard and Ann Bullimore returned to St Alkmund's Church, fifty years to the day that they got married here.

They were married in St Alkmund's on the 26th August 1972 and on their Wedding Anniversary they travelled back to Whitchurch to visit the Church where their life together had began.

Ann was 21 years old and Dick was 23 when they married, they had both been in the RAF and met in the NAAFI in Biggin Hill. After they were married Ann had to leave the RAF as she was no longer allowed to stay in Service after marriage, soon afterwards they were posted to Cyprus.

The connection to Whitchurch came from Anne, who before their marriage had lived in Thompson Drive with her parents and brother.



It was lovely to meet them both, and we were able to show them the Marriage Register that they had signed all those years ago.

BLACKBERRY FAIR

Everyone came together for a lovely afternoon at the Blackberry fair, meeting to rehearse at 2pm followed by the 'Big Sing' just an hour later. There were also some beautiful soloist performances, the Church sang out loud with some wonderful music and singing.



Alison Talbert

Prayer Update September 2022

Dear Friends,

Apologies for this being late in writing this update. Since last month I've been "piano" as my friend Wendy would say, firstly with shingles then cellulitis but am now on the mend. I thank God that I am able to enjoy a restful night's sleep again.

Election day on August 9th went smoothly in most parts of Kenya, the results being upheld by the Supreme Court, and the president-elect Dr. William Ruto's inauguration is on Tuesday September 13th. There were some long faces amongst my neighbours as the main rival Raila Odinga was the favourite locally, however one lady told me she didn't care who got in as long as the price of maize flour went down. It has almost doubled in one year.



A lot of activities were put on hold over the election period, but work is returning to normal. We held a protocol development meeting last week and paid a courtesy call to Mtondia and Ngerenya dispensaries with the sub-county medical officer to introduce the study to the in-charges and scope out the infrastructure. Space is limited so we will probably be working from a tent in Mtondia! Fortunately, it is never cold here but it can be windy.

Upendo Children have taken on sponsorship of 3 new children Louisiana, Danson, and Francis who would otherwise not be in school. They are planning to take on a fourth but still vetting the applicants' family situations, as some claims to be orphans or children of widows are not true. I found the new children happily playing with the older ones when I visited last Saturday. Annet was sewing a pocket on an apron made out of a rice sack and Amani was making a motorbike handle out of sticks- very gender-stereotyped. However later they were all playing

football together.

I love learning new things and as well as getting a thorough briefing on the different species of mangroves during a recent day trip to the broad tidal Mida Creek, I was excited to hear a wild canary singing for the first time. I never knew there

were canaries in Kenya, I guess I thought they came from the Canary Islands. I am so happy to live in an area of outstanding natural beauty and biodiversity.

My thoughts are with people in the UK as they mourn the loss of the Queen and adjust to the changes in the monarchy and government- a time of major transition both here and there.

With love in Christ,

Alison



Prayer points

- Thanksgiving for a peaceful election period in Kenya
- Pray for the new county governor of Kilifi as he prioritizes health services and water supply
- Pray for wise decisions as we interview candidates for study coordinator, data manager and post-doctoral scientist
- Pray for the local projects to provide people with incomes whilst protecting the environment



Alison Talbot will be with us on
Sunday 20th November 2022

Probably with Fauls & Tilstock
in the morning and with
Whitchurch in the evening.



What do you think?

At the September FTW meeting the church representatives decided to recommend to the benefice PCCs that they undertake a survey to see what, post covid, people think our churches are doing well and what can be done better. The PCCs agreed and the FTW delegates have prepared a survey which will be available for you to complete between 9 October and 6 November – so please look out for it!

The survey questions are based around six indicators of a Healthy Church:

Worship – the worship of a healthy church will resonate with people and help them encounter God. It will reflect a deep rooted commitment to prayer.

Vision – a healthy church has a clear sense of purpose and direction in its task of building God's kingdom in its local community.

Leadership and Collaborative Ministry – part of good leadership is promoting team work and encouraging everyone to put their faith into action.

Active discipleship – a healthy church will be encouraging people of all ages to grow in their relationship with Jesus through prayer, bible study and other devotional activities.

Strong sense of community – every member of a congregation should feel a sense of belonging to the community and new people should feel a warm welcome. The relationship with the community beyond the church doors should be active and positive too.

Outward looking focus – reaching outwards is an important element of a church's role, both in loving and compassionate service and in helping people find faith.

So please help your PCC plan forwards by taking the time to thoughtfully fill in the questionnaire.

Paper copies will be available in the churches and can be emailed out to you by request from ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com . Your response will be anonymous but if you wish to talk with someone about any aspect of church life or your personal faith journey then please contact Revd Judy, Revd Sue or Jane Rylands.

HARVEST FLOWERS

St Alkmund's Church was decorated beautifully for the Harvest Services, with just some of those displays shown below:



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

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, and to begin to prepare for our Popular Nine Lessons and Carols just before Christmas.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 19.00
Ability to read music is preferable, but not essential.

If interested, please contact:
Richard James (Director of Music) o 07975 622542
Or email: richard101@outlook.com



The Jarualda Quartet

Beethoven: Quartet in G major Op.18 No.2
Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 11 Op. 122

&

Works by Pärt & Henley (World Première 28/10)

Alex Postlethwaite & David Joyce ~ Violins
Jane Park ~ Viola & Ruth Henley ~ Cello

Friday 28th October 2022 ~ 7.30 pm
St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford. SY7 0PS

Saturday 29th October 2022 ~ 7.30 pm
St. Alkmund's Church, Whitchurch, SY13 1LB

Tickets £15 / £12 conc. (to include wine) available from:
Tel: 07745 825700 or, subject to availability, on the door



BIBLE READING

I wonder if any of you find Bible Reading difficult? As Christians we are encouraged to read a little of the Bible each day and ponder on its relevance for us for that day ... but it is not always easy to get into a regular habit or to understand what one is reading.

Several of us from St Alkmund's get Bible Reading Notes either from Bible Reading Fellowship or Scripture Union. There are some sample back-dated copies to the right as you come into Church for anyone to take. Why not have a look and if you are interested, we send away for copies every quarter, let me know. Cost is between £5 and £6 a quarter, and because we send as a group, postage is free. I see that you get your copy in time each quarter and you pay quarterly.

There are large print copies available too ... it does encourage us to get into the habit of reading a little every day and personally I find that helpful as do others.

Jill Wallace jwillwall40@yahoo.co.uk or mobile 07714373192, landline 01948 666233



Freda Carey

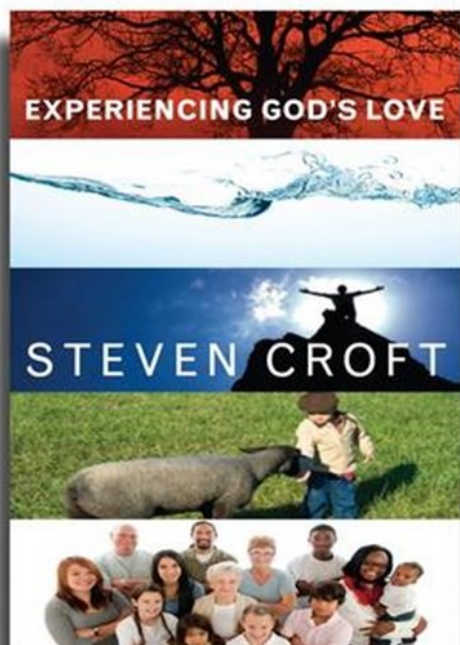
**Church Mission Society Mission Partner in Pakistan
Update July 2022**

Thank you for your message and concern. We are fine here in Lahore although we had some heavy rain here yesterday and there was some temporary and localised flooding as the storm drains could not cope. The rest of the country is in a far worse condition, especially Baluchistan and Sindh. OTS has restarted its Compassion Campaign to provide emergency relief to the most affected people.

Please pray for Pakistan especially those who are suffering from the flooding. Many have lost their homes, livelihoods, livestock and loved ones. It will take a huge amount of time and effort to rebuild. Please pray for the government, army and all relief workers as well as the suffering people.

I am giving thanks for a good time last week in Quetta, teaching Pakistan Church History to 16 Bible College students in the mornings and 22 OTS students in the evenings. I left just before the recent storms set in.

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)

**Sessions this Autumn for Deepening Discipleship
Experiencing God's Love**

**The sessions will be on Zoom at 4.00pm
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Nov: 1st Dec**

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

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
No later than the cut off date shown below.

FTW MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

Issue	Publication Date	Deadline
October/November 2022	7th October 2022	30th September 2022
December/January 2022/2023	9th December 2022	1st December 2022
February/March 2023	10th February 2023	2nd February 2023
April/May 2023	7th April 2023	31st March 2023
June/July 2023	9th June 2023	1st June 2023
August/September 2023	11th August 2023	3rd August 2023



CHRISTIAN AID

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Saturday 29th October 2022

in Bargates Hall





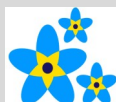
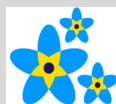
FTW Diary

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 9th Oct Tilstock Harvest with Soup lunch in the village hall
- 29th Oct String Quartet Concert in St Alkmund's, W/ch
- 29th Oct Christian Aid Christmas Card sale in Bargates
- 30th Oct Thanksgiving & Memorial Services in FTW
- 5th Nov Soup Lunch in Fauls Church Hall
- 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

Christmas event and services
will be advertised in the December Magazine





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