

# FTW BENEFICE

FAULS - TILSTOCK - WHITCHURCH



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Immanuel, Fauls  
Christ Church, Tilstock  
St Alkmund's, Whitchurch

Rev Chris Precious  
Rev Pippa White  
Rev Sue Armstrong  
Reader - Jane Rylands



## BUBBLE CHURCH

Kids & families adventure

Share in song, stories,  
puppets & prayer  
2nd Sunday of every month  
8.45am - 9.30am

## PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

by Rev Chris Precious

Following the excitement and joy of Easter, the thought-provoking time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, and the party as Pentecost arrives, the church now enters the season of Ordinary Time. A season which seems to go on for ever, but an important season nonetheless.

As in the heat of summer we tend to relax and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings, relishing the long daylight hours. So in ordinary time we tend to the important but ordinary aspects of our spiritual lives, using the seeming monotony of the season to regroup ourselves in prayer and the routines that feed us spiritually. We do this individually and corporately, as together we repeat familiar texts week in week out-embedding them in our minds and taking our worship past our conscious brains, to somewhere deeper. Then in the seasons to come the fruits of that dedication will be revealed to us.

Likewise in our schools and colleges locally, the fruit of learning has been tested, and the seemingly endless wait for the results soon begins. We hold this anxious anticipation in prayer, and we pray that both teachers and students are able to relax and enjoy the summer holidays when they come.

We pray too, for an end to the seemingly endless wars that are happening in this broken world. Our hearts break for those affected and in this time of spiritual focussing during ordinary time, may our communities unite in prayer for peace across this world.



Rev Chris & Rev Pippa  
at the FTW Pentecost Service  
in all their splendour

## MAILING LIST

Would you like to go on the  
FTW mailing list and be notified of upcoming events.  
Email [ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)  
to add your name to the list

## RIDE+STRIDE – on Saturday 13 September 2025

Ride+Stride is an opportunity for YOU to raise money for your Church. Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day. If you are busy on the 13th, go another day - which is what a lot of people do. The sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels. So 100% goes to our places of worship. Ride+Stride' is a National event by the National Churches Trust and Shropshire is pleased to join in. The basic idea is twofold:

(1) Churches are open for visitors on Saturday 13 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash; cake maybe).

(2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish. Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, or by car, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

The Sponsorship Form is on our website  
[www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

The county raised £38,446 last year - a record!

So our two Dioceses, Hereford and Lichfield, are encouraging it to grow. Please 'have a go' this year - Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future. David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)

## CHRIST CHURCH, TILSTOCK WALK

Took place on Saturday 5th July, walkers had a choice of 4 circular routes around Tilstock and surrounding areas. The walks were a great success promoting community involvement and interest, with twenty two adults and children joining us and enjoying the warm sunny morning.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th July Whitchurch schools Year 2 service  
& Year 6 leavers service
- 23rd July Tilstock School Leavers Service
- 25th July Lunchtime recital at St Alkmund's
- 28th July St Alkmund's PCC meeting
- 4th Sept Fauls PCC meeting
- 5th Sept Night Market at St Alkmund's
- 16th Sept Tilstock PCC meeting
- 28th Sept Harvest Festival at Holy Immanuel
- 28th Sept Harvest Lunch at Fauls Church Hall
- 29th Sept St Alkmund's PCC meeting

*For more details please see  
church notice boards*

## BECOME INVOLVED AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

Would you like to become involved with St Alkmund's Church, some of the areas that you could consider -

Bell ringing  
Choir singers  
Flower arranging  
Sides persons  
Worship assistants  
Music system assistants

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### DOGS WELCOME AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

Rev Pippa's dog, Freddy, is a regular member of our Parish, and you are most welcome to bring your four legged friends with you into the church to look around.



## STRAWBERRY TEA

The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch held a Strawberry Tea at The Beeches, on Saturday 21st June.

The event was once again a huge success and very well attended. Everyone enjoyed the lovely weather, the company and delicious strawberries.



## ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS

### Funerals

5th February - Joyce Nixon\*  
 17th February - Dennis Huxley  
 3rd March - Stephen Hughes\*  
 6th March - Anne Marlow  
 10th March - Pamela Shaw  
 13th March - Christopher Hopley-  
 10th April - Meryl Glover Smith\*  
 14th April - Mary Sharp (Kaye)  
 2nd May - Iris Williams  
 2nd May - Kathleen Patricia Ward\*  
 8th May - Richard Williams\*  
 23rd May - David Reginald Foster  
 29th May - Len Allen  
 30th May - Alun Jones  
 16th June - John Ernest Platt  
 17th June - Lesley Jean Kay  
 19th June - Dylis Hughes  
 23rd June - Bernard Norman Edgley  
 25th June - Kenneth Rowe\*  
 1st July - Jean Egan

### Weddings

21st June  
 Darren Terrence Lloyd & Kris Marie Rickett

### Baptisms

26th January - Isabelle Edge  
 16th February - Lacey Smith  
 23rd March - Wilfred Vaughn  
 6th April - Alfred Dymond  
 4th May - Evan Pope  
 4th May - Ruben Moore  
 18th May - Layla Roberts  
 25th May - Finley George Batho  
 1st June - Imogen Anne Durkin  
 8th June - Theo Peter Nicholson  
 29th June - Teddy Blackhurst  
 29th June - Freddie Emory Ellis  
 6th July - Reginald Bebbington

## FUND RAISING

I am fundraising for Pancreatic Cancer UK, by selling a cryptic bird quiz priced at £1. Closing date is 15th July and the prize is £20! Please spread the word and have a go. It's not too tricky I promise! Just a bit of fun and raising money for a good cause. I will have copies of quiz with me in church, so just ask, some have also been placed at the back of St Alkmund's Church.

If you don't have money with you please do still take a quiz and simply tape a £1 coin to your entry.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Rebecca Sims

Rev Sue Armstrong recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday with family and friends at the Bradbury Tilstock Centre.



A series of classical music recitals in St Alkmund's Church.

In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council.

Free lunchtime concerts twice a month.

More information on Facebook  
 fridays@one

Organised by St Alkmund's Musical Director, James Kellas.



## CONTACT DETAILS FOR FAULS, TILSTOCK &amp; WHITCHURCH

## Clergy and Reader in Fauls, Tilstock &amp; Whitchurch

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Church Warden		
PCC Secretary	Liz Allwood	01630 685796
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PCC Secretary	Sarah Radford	01948 667102
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PCC Secretary	Joan Hockenhull	01948 880226
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*“Thought for the month”*

*As we ponder the Quiet Revival, I wonder what first attracted you to church?  
 Does what attracted you in to the church family still happen? Are there things  
 we used to do that we could do again? Or new things we could start to make us more  
 attractive to those who don't know Jesus yet?*