



The Parish Magazine

FTW **Fauls** **Tilstock** & **Whitchurch**



Winter/Spring 2021

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

You may well have heard the term “the War Generation” and also ‘the Baby Boomers’; you may be familiar with the terms of the X Generation or the Y Generation. I’m wondering if we’ll all become known as the Covid Generation. What do you think?

Whatever age we are, this pandemic has had, and still is having, its effect:

- Babies born in March 2020 who have not yet seen another baby
- Primary school children with ‘on/ off’ in-school time
- GSCE pupils unsure about what assessment they will face
- First year students at universities or colleges with such a peculiar start to their life there
- Young adults often on furlough or made redundant
- Parents having to juggle home-schooling and their own work
- Key workers of all descriptions working flat out while others feel that their lives have become empty
- Grandparents not able to see their grandchildren
- Residents of Care Homes not able to have any visitors for long periods of time

In these and many other ways – we are the Covid Generation or Generations.

Whenever a lay or clergy person is licensed by the Bishop to any kind of authorised ministry, everyone present is reminded ***that the Church is called on to proclaim the faith “afresh in every generation”.***

So this our role in current times with the Covid Generation(s). It has certainly been a challenge in the last 12 months, and will continue to be so as we move forward. We have developed new ways of ‘being church’: in worship, prayer, nurture, pastoral care and outreach. ***A big thank you from me*** to all of you who have learnt new skills &/or have put old skills to new uses to enable this.

The stress of the ongoing pandemic and the stress of learning new ways to live in general and to minister within and to the various Covid Generations is real and will be taking its toll on all of us. So remember to be gentle with yourselves – to receive God’s love and to love yourselves, along with that love and service of your neighbour. Living through circumstances that are new and different can be tiring even when the circumstances are good, positive and joyful – never mind the circumstances of coronavirus! Take time to do things that bring refreshment whether that be sitting down with a cup of tea, going out for a brisk walk or chatting with a friend by phone or Zoom.

Remember too, that when we begin to move out of this pandemic, it won’t be a return to where we were in February 2020; we will then be the post Covid Generation(s): some of our friends or family have died, some may have long Covid syndrome, some may struggle with their mental health; for others there will be a need to find new employment. Some ways of doing things will have changed – and this could bring encouragement or not. Physical reunions will bring joy, but also a realisation of time lost. In all of this, Jesus is with us and will continue to be with us; in all of this, Jesus loves us and will continue to love us; in all of this, Jesus ministers to us and through us and will continue to minister to us and through us as we ***proclaim the faith “afresh in every generation”.***

In the meantime, remember to take time out and really enjoy the things that you can enjoy. Here’s a quote from Matthew’s Gospel (11 v28-30), paraphrased by Eugene Peterson in “The Message”: Jesus says “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

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With love and prayers

Rev'd Judy

LENT

2021



FTW Ash Wednesday Service

This will be *via Zoom* at 7.30pm on Weds 17th February 2021. We will have an order of service which will be e mailed out on the Sunday beforehand, as will the Zoom link. Copies of the order of service will also be available at the back of our churches. If you'd like to join in but don't feel confident with Zoom – maybe someone in your “family bubble” can help you. Otherwise you might like to use the order of service yourself at some point during the day.

FTW Lent Course

We're planning a Lent Course based around some hymns with Lenten themes: looking at both the words and the music. This will be *via Zoom*. If you have suggestions of hymns, please let Revd Judy know by Ash Wednesday. The first Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd February.

Other Lent Courses *(from elsewhere and the Deanery)*

Our Deanery will be running **The Prayer Course** by Pete Greig and the 24/7 Prayer Movement (prayercourse.org) as a slightly extended Lent Course in my benefice this year.

Revd Rich Creswell (*Vicar to the Parishes of Shawbury & Stanton upon Hine Heath; Rector to the Parish of Moreton Corbet; Assistant Rural Dean of the Deanery of Wem & Whitchurch*) says: 'As it will be on Zoom, we'd be delighted to open it up to anyone from your parishes who might be interested. Sessions will run on Monday evenings, starting at 8pm (but will include an invitation to Evening Prayer on Zoom starting at 7:30pm). The first session will be on Monday 22nd February, then it will run weekly up to, and including, the Monday of Holy Week. There will be no session on Easter Monday, so the final session will be held over until Monday 12th April. If you are interested contact Revd Rich at revrichcresswell@gmail.com

Living His Story by Hannah Steele The Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended Lent book Buy the book and join us for a discussion on Zoom on Tuesday evenings for an hour at 7.30 pm during Lent starting on Tuesday 23 February For more information or to get the Zoom link email: revd.deborah.walton@icloud.com

Reflections for Lent *from St George's College Jerusalem:*

A River Through The Desert - A Lenten Pilgrimage Reflections for Lent from St George's College Jerusalem Six sessions for groups and individuals exploring the geography of the Holy Land, following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha. Each session will reflect on the theme with questions for exploration. There are links to short films from the Holy Land. Register to receive weekly sessions and for queries: resources@sgcjerusalem.org

Palm Sunday (28th March), **Holy Week** (29th March 3rd April) & **Easter** (Easter Day 4th April)

Covid-19 uncertainty means that we can't yet be sure what we will decide for these days. We may have services in our churches but that remains uncertain.

If allowed, there may be a Procession of Witness in Whitchurch on **Good Friday** (2nd April).

PARISHES' NEWS

WEEKLY MAILINGS: Please also let me (Rev'd Judy) know if you would like to receive postal or electronic mailings each week—you need to opt IN.

MESSAGES FROM:

REVD JUDY, REVD SAM JOHNSON & JANE RYLANDS: A new one will be available each **Wednesday** and it will then be replaced each **Sunday—afternoon or evening**. They can be found on the Facebook page of St Alkmund's W/ch, on YouTube:

Rev'd Judy FTW https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLafrOGz5y6pw_5JKHbC-OPFtXQ1n4qA1w

Links on the church website too; or listen on the phone by ringing 01948 522520.

GOOD NEWS FOR GARDENERS

We all need something to look forward to in our restricted covid lives so diaries to the fore - we now have a date for the Plant Sale. By whatever means the sale will take place around the 1st May. Details nearer the time but it looks likely due to restrictions we will repeat the successful formula of last year's telephone ordering. Plants are already growing well in their winter quarters.

We always welcome donations of clean flower pots or hanging baskets and particularly any patio pots you have surplus to your requirements. If you could give Judy Bryant a ring on 663234 we can arrange safe transfer. Many thanks.

Janet and Judy

SHAPING FOR MISSION

Recently you may have heard about "Shaping for mission" across the deanery - I am part of the shaping for mission team and so this is a very brief article explaining what Shaping for Mission is, and where we are at the moment.

How does 'Shaping for Mission' Work?

Traditionally, the main driving force for mission has been individual churches and parishes. The Diocese is asking us to think bigger, by working together as clusters of parishes, known as

deaneries, forming a vision for sustainable mission in each one. Every deanery has its own individual character, so our visions will be unique.

Our church is in the **Wem and Whitchurch Deanery**, which covers those two towns, plus a significant further chunk of North Shropshire

Although our deanery clergy meet together regularly and we have a deanery synod (which has traditionally acted as a link between the diocese and individual parishes), this will be a significant step up in the role that the deanery plays.

For more details and videos please see: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/shaping-for-mission/>

The group is coordinated by Rev Adam Clayton (Area dean) and Rev Rich Cresswell.

Where are we in the process?

There have been several meetings and we have started to create a "deanery review" document and agreed on a questionnaire for church members to fill in.

The first phase was this questionnaire and all of the response's deanery-wide will be used to help shape the mission across the deanery including where focus (and resources) would go to. The responses we received from the churches will then help us in the next stage, discerning a vision for mission that is faithful to God's call on us here.

What's next?

The second phase will begin in early 2021 when deaneries, Bishops' Senior Staff and APCMs will together begin the process of translating the vision into action and aligning resources accordingly.

The third phase will begin later in 2021 when deaneries and Bishop's Staff will work with the visions to develop strategies with each deanery to move towards their vision - This will include decisions about resourcing and staffing

It's an exciting opportunity to re-shape how mission and ministry is done across the deanery, and it offers us a "strong voice at the table" as it were when it comes to the allocation of resources.

How can I get involved?

Firstly - please pray. Pray that this will be a fruitful process and that God will use it for building His kingdom in this diocese, deanery and even across our benefice (Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch)

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Secondly – I'd love to hear your thoughts on mission, on ministry, on outreach and on things that you think 'we do well' at the moment or where God might be leading – these can be fed into the process, either via the questionnaire – or if you've missed the deadline then I can feed some of them through.

Thirdly – Its really important that we don't view this as "just another diocese thing" and we do take it seriously, we get involved and we aim to consider the outcomes and the vision prayerfully and thoughtfully as, as a member of the team I can tell you, it is a very through process – thorough, prayed through and carefully discerned.

Finally – please pray for me – and my part in the team – that I may speak with wisdom and with God's spirit.

Any questions or comments please do get in touch.
Many thanks, Sam Johnson.

FLOWER ROTA—ALTAR FLOWERS each week, except during Lent, there is the opportunity to place flowers on the Altar, in remembrance of a loved one or an anniversary or another date that is important to you. We have several vacancies during the year. If you are interested please contact Marcia Haywood on 01948 666 542 or email jmshaw@aol.com.

The vacant dates are

17th & 24th Feb; 3rd March; 19th May;
16th June; 14th & 28th July;
15th & 23rd Sept; 13th Oct; 8th Dec
6rd & 10th Jan 2022

TIME TO THINK IS TIME TO PRAY

During lockdown my dog walks have become even more important to me, if that's possible. 'Walkies' has always meant a time of peace for me, a time to think, a time to pray and a time to give thanks for the wonder and beauty of the world we live in, and the creatures that we live alongside; My dogs following invisible scents, zig-zagging across the fields with great interest and enthusiasm; the Bullfinches taking flight as we approach; the ominous silhouette of the buzzard perched in a tree; the brave green shoots poking up from the snow and the mud and the catkins bursting forth. How can you not know God when surrounded by His many wonders?

The photo on the front cover was taken up in the fields above Belton Farm on one of my late afternoon walks. Hope you like it. Jo Lavin.



Dachshunds in the snow

ST ALKMUND'S BIBLE STUDY Hello everyone, hope you are keeping well, thankfully both Pat and I are fine—Pat has had his covid vaccine and I get mine tomorrow (Friday). I hope all the regulars got the email from me with dates for this coming year—if we are able??? In the meantime in preparation perhaps you could start reading St Peter's Letters, which reminds me, has anyone found out how Peter got to Rome? and before anyone says anything, I know it would most likely have been by boat—what I mean is how the journey came about. Keep well and keep busy—I'm doing a Jig-saw of Birmingham to keep me out of trouble!

I look forward to a time when we can meet in person once more. *Celia.*

A Prayer for our community

*We give you thanks O Lord
for our community
and for the privilege
of communication that we have,
for the instant phone calls we can make,
for post, for Face Time, Skype, Zoom
and other electronic means of keeping in touch.*

*You call us to love our neighbours,
guide us O Lord this day and this week,
to those who need encouragement,
need to hear a friendly voice
and need to know that someone cares for them.
Help us to be your hands for those in need.
We ask this through your Son our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.*



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THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD

26th January 2021

To: Incumbents, Priests-in-Charge and PCC Treasurers in the Diocese of Lichfield

Dear brothers and sisters, It gives me much pleasure to write to you, on behalf of the wider Diocese, to thank you and your fellow parishioners so much for your 2020 parish share contributions.

This has of course been a very difficult year. Back in April we feared that we might see our share receipts slide to as low as a 60% collection rate for the remainder of 2020. In fact, collectively the receipt rate on 31st December stood at 80.5%, and that is really something to give thanks for. The overall result is a genuine example of how, trusting in God's abundant mercy, the generosity of parishes, backed by the national church's sustainability fund and diocesan reserves, can work together to enable our mission and ministry to continue in the most testing of circumstances.

As we move into a new year, in yet another lockdown, the challenge of sustaining that generous response is still with us; I am confident that, with your commitment and hard work, our parishes will continue to strive to play their part in this vital partnership.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and please pray for your bishops, central staff and volunteers, and all who share in the work of our diocese.

Your brother and bishop, + *Michael*



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

To the Nation

26 January 2021

Dear friends

As we reach the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, we invite everyone in our nation to pause as we reflect on the enormity of this pandemic.

100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God.

We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.

We therefore encourage everyone who is feeling scared, or lost or isolated to cast their fears on God. We also know that poorer communities, minority ethnic communities and those living with disabilities have been afflicted disproportionately and cry out for the healing of these inequalities. During this pandemic, we encourage everyone to do all they can to live within the guidelines and constraints given by government following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser. We show our commitment, care and love for one another by ensuring we do everything we can to stop the virus spreading.

None of this is easy. Very many of us are experiencing isolation, loneliness, anxiety and despondency like never before. Many people have lost their livelihoods. Our economy struggles. Also, the necessary restrictions we live with have also prevented us from being alongside loved ones as they died, or even at their graveside. All grief profoundly affects us, but this pandemic grief is so hard.

Therefore, we need to support each other. We do this by following the guidelines. But we also do it by reaching out to each other with care and kindness.

One thing we can all do is pray. We hope it is some consolation to know that the church prays for the life of our nation every day. Whether you're someone of faith, or not, we invite you to call on God in prayer. Starting on 1 Feb we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. A number of resources will be made available at www.ChurchOfEngland.org/PrayerForTheNation. Finally, we write of hope. We are grateful for the hope we have because of the service of our NHS and social care staff. What a blessing and lifeline for our nation.

We are grateful for the service given in local communities by clergy, other frontline workers and so many good neighbours. We are grateful for the hope of the vaccine. It is a testimony to the God-given wisdom and gifts of scientists and researchers. We urge everyone to take the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you. Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in his resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom every tear will be wiped away. Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us.

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
 The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

**FTW Coordinating Group Notes
Zoom meeting on Mon 11th January 2021
In Lockdown 3**

Those able to be present:

Sue Armstrong, Sheila Chase, Joan Hockenhull, Judy Hunt, Sam Johnson, Liz Kempton, Jane Rylands, Jill Wallace

Revd Sue opened in prayer

News from the 3 parishes:

Tilstock

- Vicarage still empty
- Death of Roy Skone
- Christmas Eve
 - Outdoor service worked well
 - Very few at later indoor one
- Will open Church Building on Wednesdays only in this lockdown

Fauls

- Friday morning Zoom going well
- Crib Festival with LH School visiting in bubbles – worked well and some adults came in too
- Christmas Midnight – very few there
- Will open Church Building on Wednesdays only in this lockdown

Whitchurch

- Walk round nativity – good to do; numbers not large
- Carol Service in different form was appreciated
- Booking for the three main services (Carol Service, Midnight and Christmas Day worked well); approx. 40 at each of the Christmas Eve and Day services
- Virtual Crib Festival appreciated
- Music Review about to begin
- On-line presence review will be undertaken

FTW news

- Having one service on the Sunday after Christmas seemed to be OK and having Communion-with-Extension went very well
- Although the Music Review and the On-line Presence Review originated from St Alkmund's PCC Standing Committee, each will bear in mind the FTW benefice

Input to schools

- All will have Collective Worship input by videos
 - Lower Heath – Revd Sue
 - Tilstock – Revd Sam
 - Whitchurch Infant & Junior – Revd Judy
- Much prayer needed for our Schools

Shaping for Mission

- The Congregational Questionnaire has gone out
- Important for us to fill in and be clear about all the positive things that we do
- This will feed into decisions about the House-for-Duty post – and concern about this was discussed

RESOURCES

Not everything about the 'lockdown 3' has been bad. Look how many resources we have at our fingertips. Below is a list of the resources we published (a few at a time) each week in the Pewsheets.

It would be great to hear from you if you used any of these and let us know what you thought of them and which were of most help and why—other congregation members may be inspired by your thoughts and recommendations.

Please let Jo Lavin have your comments. Email at ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com or drop a hard copy into St Alkmund's Church office or pass to a member of the clergy.

Thank you.

RESOURCES LIST

General Resources:

- St Alkmund's website: <https://www.stalkmunds.com/>
- Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>
- Diocesan Website: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org>
- Arthur Rank Centre: <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/>
- Spring Harvest: <https://springharvest.org/>
- ROOTS: www.rootsontheweb.com
- Lee Abbey: <https://leeabbey.org.uk/>
- Wisdom from the Monastic tradition: <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/>
- Thy Kingdom Come site: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



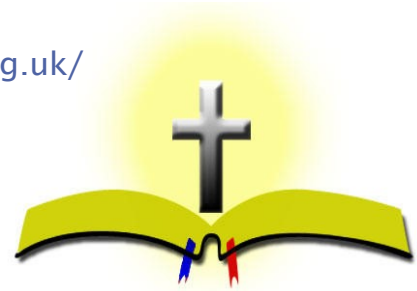
Prayer



- "Sacred Space" daily – either download as an app or find it on the web: <https://www.sacredspace.ie/daily-prayer>
- Pray as you Go – download as an app.
- St Beuno's: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/st-beunos>

Bible Reading

- Bible Society website: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk>
- The Bible Reading Fellowship : <https://www.brf.org.uk>
- Scripture Union site <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/>



Sunday & Other Services

- **TV**—including Songs of Praise and other(s) on a Sunday
- **Radio; Daily Services** on Radio 4—the Daily Service is available at 9.45am on LW on Radio 4 DAB side channel which is automatically made available about a minute before the programme begins. *After tuning to Radio 4 DAB, select 'Daily Service' (from your display) with the tuning wheel and press the selector button. Longwave.*
- Also on Radio 4—Each Sunday morning between 8.05 and 8.45am you can tune in to a service with different topics or themes from different churches—with plenty of singing!



- **Radio 3** has Choral Evensong on Weds at 3.30pm.
- <http://www.stlukesbath.com/> (Janet Ivens' church before coming here)
- www.keynshammethodistchurch.org/video (Freda Carey's home church in the UK)

Other Worship Resources

- Taizé: <https://www.fr/en>
- Iona: <https://iona.org.uk/>
- www.engageworship.org
- www.theworshipcloud



DAILY HOPE: a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044





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OUR USUAL PATTERN OF SERVICES

The table to the right shows the normal pattern of services in our three parishes and is included here for information only. Whilst 'Covid Measures' / lockdown 3 continue, all services have been suspended until further notice



Sunday Services

An asterisk (*) denotes a slightly shorter service—suitable for those with young children

First Sundays			Second Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion
9.30am	Fauls	Morning Worship*	9.30am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion *	10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	Morning Worship*	6.30pm	Fauls	Evensong
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Third Sundays			Fourth Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion
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	BCP Communion	Weds at 9.45am	Whitchurch	Morning Prayer
<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>The pewsheet Diary also has any variations to regular services.</i></p> 			<p><i>Usually in church or Bargates, but venue may change from time to time, so check pewsheets</i></p>		
			<p>Junior Church (2-11yrs) and Sermon Slot (12+)</p> <p>This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the 10am service on most Sundays (apart from the 1st Sunday and School Holidays)</p>		
<p>St Alkmund's Rector's Vestry</p> <p>Baptism and Wedding dates can be arranged each Tuesday evening by phone during the coronavirus outbreak, from 6.30pm—7.30pm</p> <p>Usually, The Rector or the Churchwardens would be in church for 'Rector's Vestry' between 7 & 7.30pm most Tuesday evenings</p> <p>Rector's tel no: (01948) 667253 or revjudyhunt@gmail.com</p>					



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Crosslinks Alison Talbert (Jan 2021)

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Dear Friends,

Apologies for writing this even later in the month than usual as the first week of January was dramatic. My friend Wendy who lives around the corner called me early one morning to tell me that she'd found Lesley, her daughter dead in bed. Even though she'd been chronically unwell it was unexpected and a shock to us all. Her sister and brother-in-law who'd just driven home to Naivasha the day before after the holidays drove back again to support Wendy. Lesley's body was cremated last weekend much to the bemusement of the locals when it was decided not to have a funeral service.

Schools fully re-opened on January 4th and the younger Upendo orphans are now on site 6 days a week. The secondary students have gone to their boarding schools. I visited the project this morning and it was lovely to be greeted by the little ones racing to the gate to see who could carry my bags. Social distancing and mask wearing were sadly lacking but John the tailor was there with new school uniforms and masks. The children looked blank when I asked them where the masks were that we'd handed out in March, obviously not used at home! Kenya's second Covid wave is on the decline with test positivity rates around 3% since last week. Sickness levels due to Covid in Kilifi are low with most cases being asymptomatic. Kilifi County Hospital is closed due to the government nurses' and clinical officers' strike over risk allowances and health insurance cover. Only the paediatric high dependency unit is open as that is staffed by KEMRI employees.



The research unit got back into the swing of things last week after the break with virtual seminars and committee meetings. I also "met up" with my Nigerian, Kenyan and UK neonatal nutrition network colleagues online and we have a new publication out. Other than writing papers and peer-reviewing other authors' work I don't have much work lined up for the rest of this month.



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I give thanks for:

- The joy of seeing the Upendo children playing together again
- The full opening of, and the new teachers recruited for, Upendo Methodist schools
- Low levels of sickness in Kilifi

Please pray for:

- Wendy and her family as they mourn Lesley's death
- Our bible study group as we work out the most inclusive means of meeting up virtually
- Resolution of the healthworkers' strikes and provision for their healthcare costs
- Fair distribution of Covid-19 vaccine which is due to arrive in Kenya next month



Yours in Christ,

Alison



MISSION PARTNERS

Freda Carey has sent us this:

Some encouragement from Pakistan.

Pakistan seems to be coming out of the second wave of Covid-19. Schools and colleges resumed their face to face classes from 1st February. Senior school classes (years 9 and 10) re-started on 18th January. We had just over two months of normal working between mid-September and late November, but then went into a second lockdown, although it mainly affected educational institutions not churches. We have had normal services since the end of August, but the English language service is still being broadcast online for some families with young children and the elderly members. But the Sunday School has just resumed face to face, after being online for months. I will resume my interrupted classes on Pakistan Church History at the Gujranwala Theological Seminary in February. In the meantime the OTS class on Poverty and Development with the Christian High School teachers is going well, but because of lockdown they have not been able to do their field visits to the slums/shanty towns.

At the Open Theological Seminary, we are praising God for the successful completion in January of the third module, on Leadership and Stewardship, for the first cohort of the Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) programme. This had been postponed since November due to Covid-19. The second MACS cohort started their first module, on Research Methods, in February, for which I am the main facilitator. We had over 40 applicants, which was very encouraging. I am still waiting for news of my visa application, but I am planning to come home for a few months this summer, depending on the Covid-19 situation. God bless you all, Freda



FTW Families



Each week we are publishing a short “FTW families” video with puppets, a story, a song and an activity for you to get involved with linked to that Sunday’s readings.

We’d love you to watch it and let us know what you think, and if you do a craft – why not send us a picture? New video every Saturday!

Watch previous weeks on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel





**Suspended
for now**

**When we can
we usually
meet**

**In Bargates Hall
(behind St Alkmund's)**

**And have fun with
crafts, singing,
stories
& a bite to eat
All Welcome!**

for more information
please contact:
Marcia Haywood on
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Please note, all children
must be accompanied by
an adult
(but adults don't have to be
accompanied by a child!)



St Alkmund's Church Contacts & Organisations

Working to become **Dementia Friendly**



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Curate	Revd Sam Johnson	07307 888980
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Organist & Choirmaster	Vacant	
PCC Lay Chair	Mrs Pauline Green	664769
PCC Secretary	Mrs Judy Bellingham	663443
PCC & Fabric Treasurer	Mrs Mel Williams	661286
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Junior Church for children aged 2-11 years meets most Sundays (apart from the first in the month) during the 10.00am service in the Church Office, begins during the first hymn and re-joins the congregation at the Peace.

Sermon Slot for young people aged 12 years, meets most Sundays (apart from the first in the month) at the 10.00am service, between the Gospel and the Peace.

Mrs Jane Rylands 663184

* **Choir Practices** in church on Wednesdays: *Sunday morning Choir*, 6.30pm
Sunday evening Choir, 7.15pm

* **Bellringers** (Practice on Thursdays 7pm)

Mr Malcolm Monie 663069

* **Bible Study Group** meets in Bargates Hall

Celia Camplin 01948 662380

Children's Society Secretary

Mrs Sue Collins 667845

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Mrs Sue Wainwright 664252

* **Tea & Coffee Rota on Sundays**

Mrs Wendy Darter 07429 255 151

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Whitchurch Federation of CoE Schools Executive Head **Mrs Sarah Cope**

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Mr Wayne Edwards 07800 569 801

* **Suspended during Covid-19 restrictions**

Pastoral Care in Whitchurch As part of our care for one another, if you know of anyone (yourself included) who would appreciate a phone call from a church member, please let us know. This might be due to illness or some other reason. You can do this by contacting any of the following:

Audrey Baguley (662692); Jill Wallace (666 233); Vic Woodhouse (666420) or the Rector, Judy Hunt (667253). *"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ"*

or

IF HELP IS NEEDED during the coronavirus outbreak Please contact:

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