

Diary April 2024

****Please note the FTW Benefice Office will be closed until Monday 15th April****

Mon 8th Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues 9th

7.00pm—7.30pm Vestry with Churchwardens in St Alkmund's for Baptism/Wedding enquiries

Wed 10th

2.00pm Bible Study in Bargates Hall, W/ch
7.00pm Choir practice in St Alkmund's Church

Thurs 11th

10.15am Communion in St John's Park, W/ch
12noon Funeral of Shirley Lakin at St Alkmund's, W/ch
7.00pm Bell ringing practice in St Alkmund's, W/ch

FTW NOTICES

FIRE DRILL: Please note that there will be a Fire Drill practice on Sunday 14th April in St Alkmund's Church at the start of the 10.00am service.

BIBLE STUDY on Wednesday 10th April when we will be looking at Luke chapter 24 Jesus' Resurrection.

THE ARCHDEACONS OF SALOP'S VISITATIONS 2024

Wem and Whitchurch and Hodnet—Tuesday 25th June – Service starts at 7pm in St Alkmunds Church, W/ch.

HOMES COMMUNION: Please note that we have had to change the dates/times for Homes Communion visits to St John's Park and Greenfields on the 11th April, St John's park will still be on the 11th at the earlier time of 10.15am, and Greenfields has been changed to the 18th April at 11.15am.

TIME TOGETHER for those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers: meets next on Wednesdays 17th April & 1st May at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.

ZOOM GATHERINGS: Contact Judy Bellingham on 07427 884116, bellinghamjudy6@gmail.com for the link, log in and passwords:

- ◆ **Wednesday Morning Prayer** at 10.00am
- ◆ **Friday Chat over a cup of Tea** at 4.00pm
- ◆ **Friday** (or last Thursday of the month), prayers at 9.30am. Contact Caroline Sewry on 01948 841046 or c.sewry@imperial.ac.uk for zoom link. Link via telephone may be possible for those without computer access.

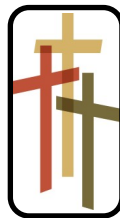
FAULS SUNDAY LUNCH: 14th April in Fauls Church Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm, £25 adults/£15 children. Hot 2 course meal, puddings, tea and coffee. Today is the last date to book a place by contacting Pam Benbow (01948 840356) or Joan Thomas (01948 841001).

GETTING TO CHURCH: For anyone experiencing transport problems getting to church for the services: for information on car sharing please contact Alison Dunne on 01948 667102 or email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

ST ALKMUND'S ELECTORAL ROLL 2024: The revision of the electoral roll has now been closed and a list, containing names only, will be available for inspection in the church from 7th April to 21st April. Please correct any errors on the list or notify the electoral roll officer, Paul Williamson on 01948 664112.

PLANT SALE: In spite of last year's proposed swan song for the plant sale, we have decided to have a 'pots only' sale to be ready from the second week of May. You can order your pots anytime from now onwards and pay when you collect in May—Medium size £10.00
Contact Judy Bryant either at church or by phone 01948 663234

FAULS COFFEE MORNING: In aid of Holy Immanuel church, on Saturday 11th May in Fauls Church Hall 10.30am-12pm.



THE PARISHES OF FAULS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Fauls SY13 2AS; Tilstock SY13 3JL; W/ch SY13 1LB
WEBSITES: www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com
www.christ-church-tilstock.yolasite.com
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"This Benefice takes its safeguarding responsibilities seriously"

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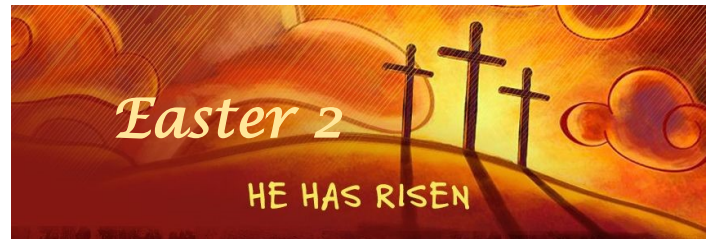
❖ **Donations to:**

St Alkmund's Church may be made to: Whitchurch Parochial Church Council, Charity No 1129900, Barclays Bank - Sort Code: 20-77-85 Account No: 80275417.

Holy Immanuel, Fauls may be made to: Fauls Parochial Church Council, Sort Code: 20-45-45 Account No: 70731633

Christ Church, Tilstock may be made to: Tilstock Parochial Church Council, Sort Code: 30-99-58 Account No: 00463523

Sunday 7th April 2024



8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Chris Precious
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship(*) Caroline Sewry Jane Rylands
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion(*) Sarah Radford Rev Chris Precious
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship(*) Caroline Sewry Jane Rylands
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Rev Chris Precious

**services suitable for children*

Thank you to everyone that helped to decorate the churches so beautifully for Easter

Sunday 14th April 2024

Easter 3

8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
12noon	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong



Second Sunday in
Easter

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

**Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.**

ACTS 4:32-35

During the Easter season, instead of reading the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear the experiences of those who witnessed the resurrection. Despite continuing harassment by the Jewish authorities, the believers in Jerusalem began to develop a new style of community life under the apostles' leadership, sharing everything and meeting everyone's needs.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit/Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.***

1 John 1:1—2:2

These Sundays of Eastertide we shall hear a series of passages from this letter. The eternal life from God, writes John, has been seen and touched on earth in the person of his incarnate Word. Now we know God's pure light, and in it we are cleansed and forgiven.

A reading from the first letter of John

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ²My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

JOHN 20:19-end

On the first Easter evening, Jesus appears to his disciples with his habitual greeting of peace, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas must wait another week until he can see, believe, and adore.

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

