

Diary July 2025

Mon 28th July

7.00pm PCC Meeting in Bargates Hall

Wed 30th

7.00pm **No** Choir practice at St Alkmund's

Thur 31st

7.00pm Bell ringing at St Alkmund's

7.30pm Pub Bible Study at the Vaults

FTW NOTICES

HELP NEEDED: Our Guild of Service are short of volunteers for the rota (to help with dusting & polishing only). Each team have only to take their turn 6 times a year. If you are interested please speak to Sue Wainwright or Alison in the office on 01948 667102.

TIME TOGETHER: We have space for more clients with memory loss and their family member or carer. We meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, from 2-4pm in Bargates. If you talk to someone who you think may be interested please ask them to ring Wendy on 07429 255151. The next date will be Wednesday 6th August.

DISCUSSION AROUND THE BIBLE: that is usually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month has now finished for the summer and will recommence in September, date to be advised.

PUB BIBLE STUDY: has now started up again, this will be on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th if applicable) Thursdays of the month. Next date is 31st July at 7.30pm in the Vaults Pub.

TOSCA AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH: The North Wales Opera Studio will be presenting a performance of Tosca on 12th September at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased online or on the door—Price £18. Scan the QR code on the poster in church for more information.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Will take place at St Alkmund's Church with Bishop Sarah on Sunday 21st September at 4pm. If you would like further information on this service please contact Alison Dunne in the church office on 01948 667102.

BIBLE STUDY ACROSS THE WATER: We are currently exploring a link with Churches in Ireland and one of these churches are hosting a Bible study to which FTW have been invited to join. This will be in September and will be studying St. Matthew's Gospel. If you would like to take part from your own home, or know someone who would be interested please contact Dean Cliff Jeffers. (dean@rosscathedral.ie).

THE FRIENDS OF ST ALKMUND'S: are bringing Nicola Mills back to St Alkmund's for a 'Spoonful of Julie' Concert on the 17th October at 7pm. Tickets £15—please see church notice for booking information.

CHILDREN/FAMILY SERVICES: Our Bubble Church service runs on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 8.45am - this is a free, puppet packed, 30 minute kids and families adventure. Our Brick Church is on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm—using Lego to help families engage with Bible Stories visually and playfully. A simple, relaxed service for all ages.



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Sunday 27th July 2025

Trinity 6



9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion Rev Sue Armstrong
10.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion <i>with Prayer for Healing</i> Rev Chris Precious
12midday	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Chris Precious
1.30pm	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Chris Precious
4.00pm	Whitchurch	Brick Church Rev Chris Precious
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Jane Rylands



3rd August - Trinity 7

8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship
12midday	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GENESIS 18:20-32

We learn today some lessons about prayer in this reading and the Gospel. Abraham's prayer is for God to spare a community for the sake of the innocent. We know that God listens to prayer and always answers.

²⁰The LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' ²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' ²⁹Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' ³⁰Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' ³¹He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' ³²Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
²I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

The purpose of this letter is to hold together the Colossian church in the face of growing diversity of teaching. Avoid all pointless speculation, remain centred on Christ alone, says Paul.

⁶As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Thanks be to God

LUKE 11:1-13

When Jesus taught his disciples about prayer, the words in one form or another became central for every Christian. His lesson is that God our Father never refuses to listen or respond to his children.

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

¹¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**