

Diary July 2025

Wed 23rd

9.00am Tilstock School Leavers Service

Thur 24th

11.30am Songs of Praise in Greenfields Care Home

7.00pm Bell ringing at St Alkmund's Church

Fri 25th

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital at St Alkmund's

FTW NOTICES

THANK YOU: to everyone that supported and came along on our Llandudno day out, a wonderful day was enjoyed by all. Also thank you for the generous donations for our raffle, we raised £212.00—next Llandudno trip 11th July 2026—see you next year!

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.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Bird Quiz in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK. An amazing amount of £270 has been raised. Many thanks. Rebecca Sims

LOST JEWELLERY: If anyone has lost a silver earring, we have an unclaimed one in the office, if this may be yours please contact Alison Dunne in the church 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 16th.

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).



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

Sunday 20th July 2025

Trinity 5



10.00am	Whitchurch	FTW Holy Communion Rev Chris Precious
12midday	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Chris Precious
1.00pm	Fauls	Holy Baptism Rev Sue Armstrong
3.00pm	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Chris Precious
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Rev Chris Precious



27th July - Trinity 6

9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion <i>with Prayer for Healing</i>
12midday	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism
1.30pm	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism
4.00pm	Whitchurch	Brick Church
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY
Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GENESIS 18:1-10a

Hospitality is the theme of this reading and the Gospel. Three strangers, whom we guess to be angels, are given a warm welcome by Abraham, and they tell him God's promise of exactly what he wanted to hear.

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁸The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 15

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
³who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

Paul's hymn to the sovereignty of Christ is rich in images of his work in creation and salvation. The church, Paul says, is caught up into the very presence of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

¹⁵Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

LUKE 10:38-end

This brief incident contrasts Martha and Mary, sisters in Bethany. The way of welcoming Jesus can be active, or contemplative, and both are good.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church
may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.