

Diary August 2025

Wed 13th

7.00pm Choir practice in St Alkmund's

Thur 14th

7.00pm Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's

Fri 15th *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

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 20th August.

PUB BIBLE STUDY: has now started up again, this will be on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th if applicable) Thursdays of the month.

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.

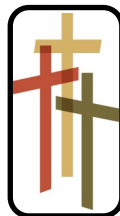
CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Will take place at St Alkmund's Church with Bishop Sarah on Sunday 21st September at 4pm. If you would like further information on this service please contact Alison Dunne in the church office on 01948 667102.

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.

THANK YOU: The recent bird quiz that was kindly arranged by Rebecca Sims, has raised £270 for Pancreatic Cancer UK. A big thank you to all that contributed to this charity.



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❖ **Donations to:**

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Sunday 10th August 2025

Trinity 8



8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church Rev Chris Precious Rev Pippa White
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion Rev Sue Armstrong
10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship Sarah Radford Rev Pippa White
11.00am	Tilstock	No Service
12midday	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Pippa White
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Rev Chris Precious



17th August - Trinity 9

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COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GENESIS 15:1-6

The end of this short reading is the link to the Gospel, because it speaks of the complete faith and trust in God characteristic of Abram.

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁵The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 33:12-21

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—

¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.

²¹Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

HEBREWS 11:1-3; 8-16

Late in the first century AD, someone unknown wrote this profound theological document. This extract explores the nature of faith as seen in the Old Testament saints, and over the next few Sundays we shall hear of the faith of Christians.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

¹¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

LUKE 12:32-40

Our hearts must be centred on God, says Jesus, as the only truly important thing in our life. Then we shall always be ready and expectant when Christ comes to us.

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

³²Jesus said to his disciples 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

POST COMMUNION

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies
which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.
Amen.**