

Diary September 2025

Tue 2nd

7.45pm Churches Together meeting
in St Alkmund's Vestry

Wed 3rd

2.00pm Time Together in Bargates Hall
7.00pm Choir practice in St Alkmund's Church

Thur 4th

7.00pm Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's Church
7.30pm Pub Bible Study in the Vaults
7.30pm Faults PCC meeting

FTW NOTICES

DO YOU LOVE SINGING and encouraging others to sing? Could you be a member of our Care Home visiting team? We bring God's peace, love and joy to local care home residents by offering Communion Services and Songs of Praise once per month. If you are interested please contact Alison on 01948 667102.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL: Our new series has now commenced. The next recital will be on 12th September at 1pm with Martin Cook & John Bowen with a Piano Duet.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.45pm in St Alkmund's Church vestry.

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 info.

HERITAGE WEEKEND: On the 12th & 13th Sept when St Alkmund's opens its doors for Tower Tours, and viewing of our Parish Registers (13th Sept only). Please see notices for times and booking 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.

THE FRIENDS OF ST ALKMUND'S: Nicola Mills is performing 'A Spoonful of Julie' on 17th October 7pm at St Alkmund's. Tickets: £15 - Book with: Alex 07866 072091, Hilda 01948 667705 or John 07831 439946.

THE FRIENDS OF ST ALKMUND'S QUIZ & SOUP: 19th September at 7.15pm Bargates Hall. Tickets: £10 per person. Book as a team (no more than 6) or as an individual and we'll join you up with a team. Book with Hilda Francis-Roberts on 01948 667705 by Sunday 14th September.

TEA & CHAT: Instead of our zoom 'Tea and Chat' sessions on a Friday afternoon we have been gathering at the new cafe on the GP surgery site, on Wed and Thur mornings from 10.45am. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you there.

NICCI RUSSEL: At the FTW service on 31st August a YouTube video 'Running out of Water in the UK' will be shared with the congregation. For any one not at the service that would like to view this—please use the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHAZ2qjhsIA>



THE PARISHES OF FAULTS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

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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.

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

Sunday 31st August 2025 Trinity 11



10.30am Tilstock FTW Joint Service

Rev Chris Precious

Rev Pippa White

Service Booklets: Summer Sundays after Trinity

Processional Hymn: 612 Tell out my soul

Gloria/Kyrie: Rizza

Gradual Hymn: 155 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Offertory Hymn: 170 For the healing of the nations

Sanctus: Inwood

Communion Motet: 451 My God, and is thy table spread

Communion Hymns: 383 Let us build a house

264 Here Lord we take the broken bread

Recessional Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded

Voluntary: Smart - Festive March

This is the only service in FTW today

Lichfield Diocese Community of Evangelists Presents

Rev Chris Precious

"Encountering Jesus in a market town"

Wednesday 8th October 2025

12.00-3.30pm in St Alkmund's Church

*Starting with refreshments and ending with a walk
for the more energetic*

To book contact Lynne Mills at lynne@fpe-network.org

7th September - Trinity 12

8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Faults	All Age Worship
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together
11.00	Tilstock	All Age Worship
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PROVERBS 25-6-7

This very short reading must surely have been known by Jesus, for he also taught about taking the humblest place rather than pushing yourself forward.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 112

¹Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.

¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

This letter, complex in many ways, ends simply with some specific instructions about the Christian way of life, which gives praise to God in both word and deed.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

¹³Let mutual love continue.

²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for
by doing that some have entertained angels without
knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though you
were in prison with them; those who are being
tortured, as though you yourselves were being
tortured.

⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the
marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge
fornicators and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be
content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will
never leave you or forsake you.'

⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word
of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of
life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for
ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice
of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess
his name.

¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Jesus' parable is a stern lesson not to think too highly of ourselves but to copy his humility—and also, like him, to give our greatest concern to those in greatest need.

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

¹⁴On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house
of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the
sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of
honour, he told them a parable.

⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding
banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour,
in case someone more distinguished than you has
been invited by your host;

⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and
say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in
disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the
lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may
say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be
honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table
with you.

¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and
those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When
you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your
friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbours, in case they may invite you in return,
and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, and the blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay
you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the
righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.