

Diary September 2025

Mon 8th

11am FTW Rota meeting in church office

Wed 10th

2pm Bible Discussion in vestry

3.30pm Homes Communion at Weston House

7pm Choir practice in St Alkmund's Church

Thur 11th

10.30am Homes Communion at St John's Park

11.15am Homes Communion at Greenfields

7pm Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's Church

Fri 12th

10.30am - 4.30pm Heritage Tower Tours
in St Alkmund's

1pm Lunchtime Recital in St Alkmund's

7pm Tosca Concert in St Alkmund's

Sat 13th

9am-5pm St Alkmund's open for Ride & Stride

10.30am - 4.30pm Heritage Tower Tours
in St Alkmund's

10.30am - 4.30pm St Alkmund's Parish Registers
on display in St Alkmund's

FTW NOTICES

DO YOU LOVE SINGING and encouraging others to sing? Could you be a member of our Care Home visiting team? 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.

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.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: will be recommencing on Wednesday 10th September 2.0pm in Church Vestry when we will be looking at the First Epistle of John chapter 1. All very welcome.



THE PARISHES OF FAULS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Fauls SY13 2AS; Tilstock SY13 3JL; W/ch SY13 1LB
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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 September 2025

Trinity 12

Creationtide

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| 8.00am | Whitchurch | Holy Communion BCP Rev Chris Precious |
| 9.30am | Fauls | All Age Worship Jane Rylands |
| 10.00am | Whitchurch | Worship Together Rev Chris Precious |
| 11.00am | Tilstock | All Age Worship Jane Rylands |
| 6.30pm | Whitchurch | Sung Evensong Rev Pippa White |

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

14th September - Trinity 13

Holy Cross Day

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| 8.45am | Whitchurch | Bubble Church |
| 9.30am | Fauls | Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Whitchurch | Morning Worship |
| 6.30pm | Whitchurch | Sung Evensong |

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY
God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-end

Everyone has one big choice to make, says Moses. Either you acknowledge God, obey his will, and find true life; or you can choose to reject God's ways and go your own way. It is literally a life or death choice.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said:¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 1

¹Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

³Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁴As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

PHILEMON 1-21

This reading gives us almost all the short and moving letter from Paul to a friend in Colossae whose house was the church meeting-place. Philemon's slave had run away; Paul pleads as one Christian to another that Onesimus now be received back as a dear brother.

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Luke 14:25-33

Jesus often makes it clear that to choose his way, bringing joy and life, also has a cost. In this passage he uses exaggerated language to speak about the radical nature of his demands.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶^aWhoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.