

Diary September 2025

Mon 15th

1.15pm Funeral of Patricia Leach at Emstrey Crematorium

Tues 16th

7.30pm Tilstock Church PCC meeting

Wed 17th

2.00pm Time Together outing at The Old Piggery, Prees.

7.00pm Choir Practice in St Alkmund's Church

Thur 18th

7.00pm Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's Church

Fri 19th

9.30am-12 Fairtrade Coffee Morning in Market Hall

7.15pm The Friends of St Alkmund's Quiz & Soup in Bargates Hall

Sat 20th

1.00pm Lunchtime recital 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.

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.

PUB BIBLE STUDY: meets next on the 18th September at 7.30pm, at the Vaults, starting Revelation.

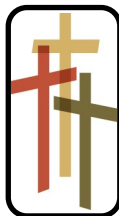
LUNCHTIME RECITAL: The next recital will be on Saturday 20th September at 1pm when we welcome Nicola Tait Baxter - Solo Cello.

LICHFIELD DIOCESE COMMUNITY OF EVANGELISTS: Presents Rev Chris Precious "Encountering Jesus in a market town" on Wednesday 8th October, 12-3.30pm in St Alkmund's Church, starting with refreshments and ending with a walk for the more energetic! To book contact Lynne Mills on email lynne@fpe-network.org

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.

GUILD OF SERVICE MEETING: Sue Wainwright would like to invite all members of the Guild of Service for a meeting on 17th September at 10.45am to discuss going forward with the cleaning. The meeting will be held at Sandstone Brook Care Home, Wrexham road (next to Aldi).

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.



THE PARISHES OF FAULS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

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❖ Donations to:

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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 14th September 2025 Trinity 13 - Creationtide Holy Cross Day

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
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Rev Chris Precious Liz Walsh



21st September - Trinity 14 Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Whitchurch	Confirmation Service

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

NUMBERS 21:4-9

For the third time in the Bible, the Israelites on the pilgrimage to the Promised Land run out of food and water. This time there is no miraculous supply, only some relief from snake-bites when Moses made a serpent of bronze for healing. As Jesus reminded his hearers, whenever people raised their eyes to this sign, their illness was lifted from them.

A reading from the Book of Numbers

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.'

⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.'

⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 22.23-28

²³Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

²⁴For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.

²⁷All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁸For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.

PHILIPPIANS 2.6-11

Paul emphasises the humility of Christ, who although he was God, was obedient even to death on a cross. Therefore, he became our way to God and the focus of our worship, because Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Philippians

⁶Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

JOHN 3.13-17

Three times John's Gospel has Jesus speaking of being 'lifted up', with the double meaning of being raised for execution on a cross and raised to infinite glory. Faith in him means life for us.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death
until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.
Amen