

October 2025

Wed 15th

1.00pm St Alkmund's PCC Meeting in church
2.00pm Time Together in Bargates Hall
7.00pm Wave of Light Service in St Alkmund's
7.00pm **NO** Choir Practice in St Alkmund's

Thur 16th

7.00pm **NO** Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's
7.30pm Pub Bible Study in the Vaults

Fri 17th

7.00pm Nicola Mills Concert in St Alkmund's

FTW NOTICES

WAVE OF LIGHT SERVICE: will be held at 7pm at St Alkmund's Church on Wednesday 15th October. This service is in memory of all the babies that lit up our lives for such a short time. If you would like us to read a name in memory of your special baby who has passed away please email - ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

PUB BIBLE STUDY: on the 1st, 3rd (& 5th) Thursday of each month at the Vaults Pub, please come along and join us at 7.30pm.

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.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES: Please give your box to Rebecca, Church Warden or office as soon as possible. Final date for your donation to be added to this years total is October 26th. Many thanks for your support. Rebecca Sims

TEA & CHAT: sessions are held 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.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the vestry of St Alkmund's. You are very welcome to join us.

JUNIOR EVENSONG: Please note that the Evensong Service on the 19th October will be a Junior Evensong and it will be at the earlier time of 4.30pm.

MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE: will be held at all three of our churches on Sunday 2nd November at the following times: Holy Immanuel, Faults 9.30am, Christ Church Tilstock 11am, and St Alkmund's 6.30pm.

FAULTS CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be on Saturday 22nd November in Faults Church Hall 1-4pm. Start or finish your Christmas shopping or simply have a browse!

SHREWSBURY CHORAL MESSIAH: will be at St Alkmund's church on Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm. For more information please see the notice boards..

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.



THE PARISHES OF FAULTS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Faults SY13 2AS; Tilstock SY13 3JL; W/ch SY13 1LB
WEBSITES: www.holy-immanuel-faults.yolasite.com
www.christ-church-tilstock.yolasite.com
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"This Benefice takes its safeguarding responsibilities seriously"

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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, Faults may be made to: Faults 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 12th October 2025

Trinity 17

8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church Rev Chris Precious Rev Pippa White
9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion Rev Sue Armstrong
10.30am	Whitchurch	Harvest Festival Rev Chris Precious Rev Pippa white
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Jane Rylands

St Alkmund's Harvest Festival
Sunday 12th October—10.30am
St Alkmund's Church
(followed by Harvest Lunch)



19th October—Trinity 18

9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
4.30pm	Whitchurch	Junior Evensong

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief

and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15c

In this well known story of Naaman, we see that Elisha had the power to heal leprosy, as Jesus did centuries later.

A reading from the second book of Kings

⁵Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 111

¹Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

Church leadership is not an easy vocation, says this letter.

But in the words of a Christian hymn, the enduring hope of the Gospel is affirmed.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 17:11-19

To suffer leprosy in Jesus' time meant not only pain and disfigurement, but also social exclusion. Jesus breaks taboos and heals even this severe ailment, but only one in ten says thank you and he was a foreigner.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**