

October 2025

Tues 7th

9.45am Quarter Peal Bell ringing in St Alkmund's
-10.30am

Wed 8th

9.00am Tilstock School Harvest Service in
Christ Church, Tilstock
12noon Rev Chris Precious—Encountering Jesus
-3.00pm in a Market Town
3.30pm Whitchurch Relief in Need meeting in
St Alkmund's vestry
3.30pm Homes Communion at Weston House
7.00pm Choir Practice in St Alkmund's Church

Thur 9th

10.30am Homes Communion at St John's Park
11.15am Homes Communion at Greenfields
7.00pm Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's Church

Fri 10th

11.00am Funeral of Lucy Ridgway in St Alkmund's
1.00pm Lunchtime Recital at St Alkmund's

Sat 11th

10.30am Faults Coffee Morning in Faults Church Hall
-12noon

FTW NOTICES

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.

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.

FAULTS COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 11th October at 10.30am-12pm in Faults Church Hall. We will be having an Edible bring and buy stall so donations of cakes, biscuits, tinned food etc would be welcomed.

ST ALKMUND'S HARVEST SERVICE & LUNCH: The Harvest Service will start at the slightly later time of 10.30am on Sunday 12th October. The Harvest Lunch will follow afterwards in Bargates Hall. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to attend the lunch, the cost will be by donation.

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

QR DONATION CODE: You may have noticed the QR codes that are in the pews, this enable you to make a donation payment if you do not have cash with you. Scanning the code with your phone will take you to the St Alkmund's Dona plate page to make a donation.

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!



THE PARISHES OF FAULTS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

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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 5th October 2025

Trinity 16

8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion BCP Rev Pippa White
9.30am	Faults	All Age Worship Rev Chris Precious
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Rev Pippa white
11.00am	Tilstock	Harvest Festival Rev Chris Precious
4.30pm	Whitchurch	Songs of Praise Rev Chris Precious

Tilstock Harvest Festival
Sunday 5th October—11am
Christ Church,
Tilstock



SONGS OF PRAISE TODAY
Sunday 5th October— 4.30pm
St Alkmund's Church

Bring your singing voice



12th October—Trinity 17

8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church
9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion
10.30am	Whitchurch	Harvest Festival
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

**Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4

This short reading prepares us for the Gospel call to faithfulness. The prophet's appeal to God for justice is coupled with a call to the people to hold their loyalty to their God.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ²I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 37:1-9

¹Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
²for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.
³Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
⁴Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
⁵Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret-it leads only to evil.
⁹For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter begins with some personal touches, then quickly moves to the main theme which is the supreme gift of the Gospel, and the awesome task of those commissioned to serve in Church leadership.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God-whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus often exaggerates-here about what faith can do. Then he tells a parable calling us to a steady faithfulness in service to God.

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

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"
⁸"Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"
⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?
¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

**Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**