

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2025

Mon 27th

11.00am Hospital Chaplaincy Team meeting in St. Alkmund's

Tue 28th *Simon & Jude, Apostles*

Wed 29th

7.00pm Choir Practice in St Alkmund's

Thur 30th

7.00pm **NO** Bell Ringing in St Alkmund's

7.30pm Pub Bible Study in the Vaults

Sat 1st *All Saints Day*

FTW NOTICES

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES: Sunday 26th October is the last date to give your box to Rebecca or the Church Warden so that your donation can be added to this years total. £68 was raised for the Children's Society from the sale of harvest pumpkins.

PUB BIBLE STUDY: will next be on Thursday 30th October in the Vaults at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: will be on Sunday 9th November - 10.45am at the Cenotaph followed by the Service at St Alkmund's at 11.30am. On the 11th November at 11am there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the steps of St Alkmund's.

BOOK LAUNCH AND COFFEE MORNING: On Thursday 13th November in Faults Church Hall 10.30am-12pm—We are delighted to welcome Roger West for the launch and signing of his recently published book 'There's Always a Book on the Shelf'. Roger's book offers a detailed and engaging history of Lower Heath School and its Parish, spanning from the Napoleonic Era to the Cold War. Copies will be available to purchase on the day, with payment by cheque or cash accepted.

ST ALKMUND'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: On Saturday 15th November, 10am-12noon in Bargates Hall. Please join us for a tea/coffee & a mince pie, and look around the various stalls.

WHITCHURCH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: Will be on Saturday 22nd November. St Alkmund's bells will be ringing at the opening of the event at 12noon, and our choir will singing outside the Civic Centre 1.30pm-2.00pm.

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.

TILSTOCK CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: will be on Saturday 6th December. Make sure to put the date in your diary. More details will follow soon.

CRIB FESTIVAL DATES: The dates this year for our Crib Festivals are St Alkmund's Church on the 29th November, Christ Church Tilstock 12th December, and Holy Immanuel Faults on the 20th December.



THE PARISHES OF FAULTS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Faults SY13 2AS; Tilstock SY13 3JL; W/ch SY13 1LB
WEBSITES: www.holy-immanuel-faults.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 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion Rev Sue Armstrong
10.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion <i>With Prayer for Healing</i> Rev Pippa White
12noon	Whitchurch	Holy Baptism Rev Chris Precious
4.00pm	Whitchurch	Brick Church Rev Chris Precious
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Rev Pippa White



2nd November—Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Faults	Memorial & Thanksgiving
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together
11.00am	Tilstock	Memorial & Thanksgiving
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Memorial & Thanksgiving

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-end

This passage links two expressions of public prayer, which are echoed in the Gospel. Both are pleas for God's forgiveness; the first prays for his restoring presence and the second expresses total trust.

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its saviour in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveller turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonour your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 84:1-7

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

Our short series of readings from Paul's two letters addressed to Timothy now concludes as the writer feels near to death, and gives his testimony to the Lord's work through him, and his hope of heaven.

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

⁶I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

LUKE 18:9-14

The familiar parable of the righteous Pharisee and the humble man are a lesson in our approach to our heavenly Father.

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

⁹Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.