

NOVEMBER 2025

Please note the church office will be closed from
Mon 24th Nov until Mon 1st Dec

Mon 24th

11.30am Funeral Margaret Edge at Emstrey Crem

Tue 25th

2pm Funeral of Barry Edwin Chase at St Alkmund's

Wed 26th

11am St Alkmund's PCC meeting

2pm Bible Discussion in St Alkmund's vestry

7pm Choir Practice at St Alkmund's Church

Thur 27th

11.30am Songs of Praise at Greenfields

7pm Bell ringing practice at St Alkmund's

Fri 28th

11am Funeral of Evelyn Calder at St Alkmund's

1pm Lunchtime Recital

Sat 29th

9.30am St Alkmund's Crib Festival in church

-4.30pm

FTW NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: That due to the office being closed w/c 24th November for one week, there will be no pewsheets on Sunday 30th November and no live streaming of the FTW Joint Service on this day.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: Wednesday 26th November at 2pm in the Vestry. We are looking at the Epistle of Jude, and it will be our last meeting until January.

ST ALKMUND'S CRIB FESTIVAL: 29th November 9.30am - 4.30pm. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to help. This will involve talking to visitors and making drinks on the day or helping set up on the Friday evening. Please also donate bought mince pies for this event. If you would like to display your crib at the festival please bring it to church on Friday 28th Nov between 4-6.30pm.

TILSTOCK CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING: will be on Saturday 6th December in Tilstock Bradbury Village Hall. Coffee, tea, mince pies, draw and Christmas stalls. Please come and join the fun.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: at St Alkmund's Church will be on the 7th December at 4pm.

TILSTOCK CRIB FESTIVAL: will be on the 12th December, more details to follow soon.

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

FAULS CRIB FESTIVAL DATE: Saturday 20th Dec in Holy Immanuel Faults Church 10.30am-3.30pm, if you would like to display a crib please bring to church on Friday 19th Dec between 10am-3pm.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS: Please knit or crochet hats, gloves, mittens or hand warmers, any size, any colour. These will be given to those in need or sold to raise money for Shelter and The Shrewsbury Ark, among other charities.

READERS ROTAS: have now been sent out. Hard copies are available in St Alkmund's Vestry.

ST ALKMUND'S COFFEE MORNING: Thank you to everyone that supported the coffee morning. An amazing amount of £1457.20 was raised.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES HELP: is needed, please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to volunteer.



THE PARISHES OF FAULTS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Faults 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, 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 23rd November 2025

Sunday next before Advent

Christ the King

9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion Rev Pippa White
10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion <i>With Prayer for Healing</i> Rev Sue Armstrong
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion Rev Pippa White
4.00pm	Whitchurch	Brick Church (in Bargates Hall) Rev Chris Precious
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Come & Sing Choral Evensong Rev Chris Precious Liz Walsh



30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent

10.30am Whitchurch FTW Joint Service

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

In Jeremiah's prophetic imagination, all those who have suffered from misguided or evil leadership will be gathered into a renewed kingdom. The new and perfect king, to come from the line of David, will carry the title 'Lord of righteousness'.

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah

²³Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

Paul wrote this letter to recall the church from divisive ideas to the centrality of Christ in their lives. He breaks into a great song of praise to Jesus, who was before all creation, the image of God on earth, our redeemer, and for ever supreme over all things everywhere.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

LUKE 23:33-43

On the cross of Jesus, the handwritten sign 'The King of the Jews', may have been intended as sarcasm, or mockery, or insult. But Luke knew, as we know, that Christ is indeed a king, and we are citizens of his kingdom.'

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**