

Diary Dates

Tue 13th

9.00am Toddler Group at St Alkmund's Church
7.45pm Churches Together in St Alkmund's vestry

Wed 14th

2.00pm Home Bible Study at Judy Bellingham's
7.00pm Choir Practice at St Alkmund's

Thur 15th

7.00pm Bell ringing practice at St Alkmund's
7.00pm Faults PCC Meeting

Fri 16th

7.15pm Friends of St Alkmund's Quiz Night at Bargates Hall.

Sat 17th

1.00pm Wedding of Adam Hirst and Bryony Chester at Christ Church Tilstock

FTW NOTICES

HOME BIBLE STUDY: A Bible Course will be starting on Wednesday 14th January, to be held at Judy B's home, 21 Yardington at 2pm. All welcome.

BEAT THE JANUARY BLUES and join the Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch for a quiz night on Friday 16th January from 7pm (Quiz starts 7:15pm) at Bargates Hall. £10 per person includes quiz entry, delicious home made soup and bread roll. You are welcome to bring your own drinks (soft or alcoholic). Tea and coffee will also be served. Max of 6 per team – book as a team or on your own and we will join you with a team. Book with Hilda 01948 667705 hildafroberts@gmail.com.

TIME TOGETHER for those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers: meets next on the 21st January 2026 at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.

FAULTS SUNDAY LUNCH: On Sunday 18th January, £27.50 for adults and £12 for children. Last chance to pre booking today—Sunday 11th January with Pam Benbow (01948 840356) or Joan Thomas (01948 841001).

HISTORICAL PHOTOS WANTED: We are creating a display in St Alkmund's of photos through time featuring Whitchurch and our beautiful parish church. We would love to create a photographic timeline of Whitchurch, from the time our church was built until now! If you have family snaps, photos of community events, or wedding/christening photos spanning the decades, we would love to display them! The launch for this display is the 7th February, so please send us your photos by the end of January - either scan them at home and email them to ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com or feel free to pop in Thursdays 6pm-7pm or Saturdays 2pm-4pm and we will scan them for you. (We will try to display as many photos as possible, but if we are inundated we may have to limit the number of photos shown).

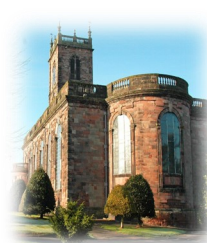
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Joint Prayer Meeting. A Churches Together joint prayer meeting for all congregations will take place on Friday 23rd January at 7:00pm at the Watergate Centre, led by the Beacon Church. This is a key part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



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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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

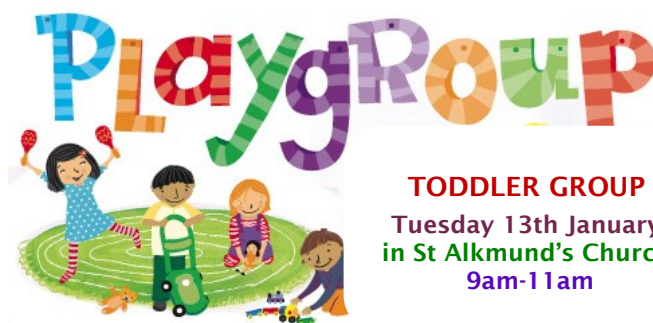
Christ Church, Tilstock may be made to: Tilstock Parochial Church Council, Sort Code: 30-99-58 Account No: 00463523

Sunday 11th January 2026

Epiphany 1

Baptism of Christ

8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church Rev Chris Precious Rev Pippa White
9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion Rev Sue Armstrong
10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship Alex Williamson
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong Jane Rylands



TODDLER GROUP
Tuesday 13th January
in St Alkmund's Church
9am-11am

Sunday 18th January
Epiphany 2
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

For all enquiries please contact the church office:

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COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

ISAIAH 42:1-9

This passage links with the Gospel, where we shall hear a heavenly voice declaring God's delight in his beloved Son. Isaiah had visualised that same delight in a spirit-filled nation, or a person, whose vocation would be to serve God unstintingly.

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

- ⁴²Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 29

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.
³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

ACTS 10:34-43

This reading is a small part of a story. Peter, and some others who share the new resurrection faith, tell a Roman centurion all the events of Jesus' life, and the meaning of it all. For the first time, the Gospel reaches beyond Judaism, and the climax is the surprising conversion of Gentiles.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- ³⁴Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

MATTHEW 3:13-end

Baptism is a new beginning, and the Lord himself comes to the river Jordan to be baptised by John before he begins his public mission. God delights to declare his Son, upon whom his Spirit rests.

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

- ¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**