

## February Diary Dates

**Tue 3rd**

9.00am Toddler Group at St Alkmund's Church

**Wed 4th**

2.00pm Time Together at Bargates Hall

7.00pm

Choir Practice at St Alkmund's

**Thur 5th**

7.00pm Bell ringing practice at St Alkmund's

## FTW NOTICES

**LUNCHTIME RECITALS:** continue at St Alkmund's Church. These free lunchtime concerts, usually twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Join us on Fridays @ ONE for classical music in the beautiful St Alkmund's Church in Whitchurch, In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council.

**HOME BIBLE STUDY** Continues into February, taking place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The next date will be Wednesday 11th February. More details to follow soon.

**TIME TOGETHER** for those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers: meets next on the 4th February 2026 at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall.

**SUNDAY 29th MARCH - BISHOP SARAH** will be joining us on Palm Sunday when we welcome her to St Alkmund's for a Benefice visit. We hope you can join us and please do invite family and friends.

**BRICK CHURCH:** A family church service held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm. This service uses Lego to help families engage with Bible stories visually and playfully. A relaxed and fun service for all ages.

**ST ALKMUND'S 'Little Stars'** is a baby and toddler group held at St Alkmund's Church every Tuesday from 9am until 11am. Toast and drink, free play, stories and songs.

**BUBBLE CHURCH:** A church service for little ones, held on the 2nd Sunday of every month. To book and let us know you are coming please go to [www.bubblechurch.org](http://www.bubblechurch.org) or use the link on the St Alkmund's church website [www.stalkmunds.com](http://www.stalkmunds.com)



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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.

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## Sunday 1st February 2026

### *Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemass*

8.00am	Whitchurch	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> Rev Pippa White
9.30am	Fauls	<b>All Age Worship</b> Caroline Sewry
10.00am	Whitchurch	<b>Worship Together</b> Rev Chris Precious
11.00am	Tilstock	<b>All Age Worship</b> Caroline Sewry
12noon	Whitchurch	<b>Holy Baptisms</b> Rev Pippa White
4.30pm	Whitchurch	<b>Songs of Praise</b> Rev Chris Precious



**St. Alkmund's  
Little Stars**

EVERY TUESDAY

9am-11am  
Baby & Toddler  
Group

## Sunday 8th February Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

## COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
Amen

## MALACHI 3:1-5

*In today's Gospel, Simeon will greet the infant Jesus in the Temple. Malachi speaks of the Lord coming suddenly; he knows, like Simeon, that to encounter the Lord is a mixed blessing because we have to face his testing and purifying.*  
*reading from the prophecy of Malachi*

<sup>3</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 24: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup>Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

## HEBREWS 2:14-end

*Christ became flesh and blood like us, says this writer, and we shall hear how his parents did the same as for every first born child in Israel. Jesus fully shared our human condition, so that he could unite us all to God.*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

<sup>14</sup>Since, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## LUKE 2:22-40

*As the Law requires, Jesus the first born is brought to the Temple with a thanks offering. Two old and holy people, Simeon and Anna, perceived that this child is the fulfilment of ancient prophecies of redemption, but the glory will not be without pain and suffering.*  
*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

<sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Thanks to you, O Christ**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.**  
Amen.