

## March Diary Dates

### Mon 2nd

11.00am SWG meeting in St Alkmund's

### Tue 3rd

9.00am Little Stars Toddler Group at St Alkmund's  
12.30pm Fauls Lent Lunch in Church Hall

### Wed 4th

2.00pm Time Together in Bargates Hall  
7.00pm Choir practice at St Alkmund's

### Thur 5th

10.30am FTW rota meeting in Church Office  
7.00pm Bell ringing practice at St Alkmund's

### Fri 6th

12.30pm Churches Together Lent Lunch in Bargates Hall—hosted by St George's Church

## FTW NOTICES

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

**LUNCHTIME RECITALS:** continue at St Alkmund's Church. These are 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.

**HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS COLLECTION:** Can anyone that has not collected their original photographs—please contact the church office on 01948 667102 to arrange collection.

**VISITING BELL RINGERS:** On the 8th March we welcome a group of visiting bell ringers who will be ringing the St Alkmund's church bells from midday until 12.45pm.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN SERVICE:** will be held on the 12th March at 7pm in St Georges Church.

**FAULS COFFEE MORNING:** On Saturday 14th March in the Church Hall 10.30am-midday.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Service will be held at all three of our FTW churches on Sunday 15th March.

**FTW BEETLE DRIVE:** On Friday 27th March at 7pm in Fauls Church Hall. Join us for a lively, laughter-filled evening at our very first Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch social event of the year. Adults and children are all warmly invited—bring your friends, bring your competitive spirit, and get ready for a brilliant community night out. Refreshments will be served, and plenty of fun is guaranteed.

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

**MAKING PALM CROSSES:** if you would like to take some palm leaves to make Palm Crosses—the leaves plus the instructions are at the back of church. Please return the crosses to church before Palm Sunday (29th March).

**FAULS SUNDAY LUNCH:** Sunday 12th April in the Church Hall—12.30pm for 1pm. £27.50 for adults £12 for children. Hot 2 course meal with a choice of meats, puddings, tea and coffee. Book with Pam Benbow (01948 840356) by Sun 5th April.



# THE PARISHES OF FAULS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

POSTCODES: Fauls SY13 2AS; Tilstock SY13 3JL; W/ch SY13 1LB  
WEBSITES: [www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.com](http://www.holy-immanuel-fauls.yolasite.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.

**Holy Immanuel, Fauls** may be made to: Fauls 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 1st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent



8.00am	Whitchurch	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship
4.30pm	Whitchurch	Songs of Praise

## Lent Lunches



### Holy Immanuel Fauls

in Fauls Church Hall at 12.30pm  
3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March

### Churches Together

Friday 6th March—Hosted by St George's Church  
In Bargates Hall 12.30pm-2pm

Wednesday 11th March—Hosted by St John's Church  
In Watergate Centre 12.30pm-2pm

Wednesday 18th March—Hosted by St Alkmund's  
In Watergate Centre 12.30pm=2pm

Wednesday 25th March—Hosted by Beacon Church  
In Watergate Centre 12.30pm-2pm

## Sunday 8th March—3rd Sunday of Lent

8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

## COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

**Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## GENESIS 12:1-4a

*Last Sunday we heard the sad tale of humankind's first disobedience. This reading is a happier circumstance, with consequences just as far-reaching. God's demand to Abraham is to start anew - to be 'new-born' as Jesus later told Nicodemus. Because Abraham is totally obedient, God's purpose can begin in his chosen people.*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

<sup>12</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## PSALM 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills -  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

## ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

*Paul uses Abraham as an example of complete faith. It is not through obedience to law that God accepted and used him, and it is not our good deeds which justify us. By the sheer grace of God we too are inheritors of God's promises.*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

<sup>4</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

<sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

## JOHN 3:1-17

*Jesus seems to demand the impossible - that we be born again. But he means that faith in his redeeming love brings us spiritual re-birth, into a wholly new kind of living.*

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

<sup>3</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**