

February Diary Dates

Tue 10th

9.00am Toddler Group at St Alkmund's Church
1.30pm Whitchurch School Y1 visiting St Alkmund's

Wed 11th

2.00pm Home Bible Study at Judy Bellingham's
3.30pm Homes Communion at Weston House
7.00pm Choir Practice at St Alkmund's

Thur 12th

9.00am Tilstock School visit to Christ Church Tilstock
10.30am Homes Communion at St John's Park
11.15am Homes Communion at Greenfields
1.00pm Salt Mine production at Lower Heath School
7.00pm Bell ringing practice at St Alkmund's

Fri 13th

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital in St Alkmund's Church

FTW NOTICES

LIVE STREAMING: We are reviewing our Livestream provision and will not be streaming services for the moment. Service times in our churches can be seen on: <https://www.stalkmunds.com/> where any future streaming provision will be notified.

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, In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council. Our next recital is on the 13th February, and we welcome Richard James on the piano.

HOME BIBLE STUDY Continues on the 11th February at 2pm at Judy Bellingham's home.

HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS. Thank you to everyone that has sent in photographs for the St Alkmund's display. The photographs/albums are now ready to be returned to the owners, if you could telephone the church office on 01948 667102 to make arrangements for collection.

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.

LENT LUNCHESES -DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Holy Immanuel Faults—Tuesdays Faults Church Hall

24th February, 3rd March, 10th March,
17th March, 24th March

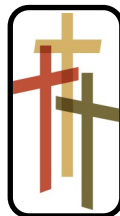
Churches Together Whitchurch—Wednesdays Watergate Centre

4th March—Hosted by St George's Church
11th March—Hosted by St John's Church
18th March—Hosted by St Alkmund's Church
25th March—Hosted by Beacon Church

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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
www.stalkmunds.com

"This Benefice takes its safeguarding responsibilities seriously"



❖ 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 8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

ATC Sunday

'Welcome Air Cadets'

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



**Sunday 15th February
Next before Lent**

9.30am	Faults	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong

WEAR IT WOOLLY

NEXT WEEK

St Alkmund's Church



Our annual Wear it Woolly campaign continues this year when we raise funds for Age UK . On Sunday 15th February at the 10am service just wear a woolly item of clothing and donate £1 to Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin

COLLECT: PRAYER FOR TODAY

**Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ²Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-end

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
²O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
³O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁴who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁵who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁶who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁷who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁸the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
²³It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
²⁴and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures for ever;
²⁵who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
²⁶O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

ROMANS 8:18-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

MATTHEW 6:25-end

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

²⁵Jesus said 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift

**the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:**

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.