

# FTW BENEFICE

FAULS - TILSTOCK - WHITCHURCH



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Immanuel, Fauls  
Christ Church, Tilstock  
St Alkmund's, Whitchurch

## OUR CLERGY & READER

Rev Chris Precious  
Rev Pippa White  
Rev Sue Armstrong  
Rev Beverley Jameson  
Reader - Jane Rylands



## PASTORAL LETTER

**Rev Pippa White**

*Parting is such sweet sorrow!*

*This will be my final letter to you all, as my curacy in Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch draws to an end. It has been so lovely to be in this part of the diocese, which is why leaving really is sweet sorrow! The last two years have been so life-giving, and have made me love my calling to the priesthood even more, so it's safe to say it couldn't have gone any better. But – as a sign that Rev. Chris has done a cracking job as Training Incumbent! – the only way for me to grow now is to find my own patch and start flying solo. This time of moving and transition (spiritually, and literally) has made me appreciate how much Jesus moved around in his ministry: he never stayed in one spot for long. Of course, this meant he could reach as many people as possible – but no wonder we see in the gospels that he needed to stop for a rest every now and then! Arranging removals and say goodbyes have been much more tiring than I thought it would be, and I'm already feeling ready for a rest before I've begun! It's no coincidence, then, that as well as Jesus himself taking rests every now and then, one of our Ten Commandments is this: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. While we often think about what we can do as Christians to spread the Good News and keep our churches going, something just as important is making sure we rest properly. As the saying goes, you can't pour from an empty jug. My final thought for you all, then, is as we continue our work as Christians to become as Christlike as possible, don't forget that means a rest every now and then!*





Come and join us for a  
**'Strawberry Tea'**  
 in the gardens of  
 The Old Vicarage, Church Lane,  
 Ash Magna SY13 4EA courtesy of  
 Mr & Mrs C Noden  
 on Saturday 27 June 2026  
 2pm to 4pm

To book call 01948 667705 or 01270 811889  
 or scan the QR code:



£15 per adult\*  
 £2.50 for under 18s  
 \*£10 per member of The Friends of St Alkmund's

This event is organised by The Friends of St. Alkmund's Whitchurch and funds raised will go towards improvements to St. Alkmund's Church  
 Charity No: 1151968

**Come along and join in with  
 The Shropshire Boatmen**  
 For an afternoon of songs about  
 the sea and our country's canals.  
 Hear about the history behind  
 Sea Shanties and tales of  
 the Canals and Inland Waterways

# Shanties & Canal Songs

**Sunday 21st June 2026**  
**St, Alkmund's Church,**  
**Church St. Whitchurch, SY13 1LB**  
**Concert starts 1.30pm.**  
 All Welcome - Free entrance.

DOGS WELCOME AT  
 ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH  
 Rev Pippa's dog, Freddy is a regular  
 member of our Parish, along with  
 Wallis the Rectory puppy who is in  
 training as a guide dog. You are most  
 welcome to bring your four legged  
 friends with you into the church to  
 look around.



**TALK TO US**

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 Email: ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com  
 Website: www.stalkmunds.com

FTW Benefice Office,  
 St Alkmund's Church,  
 Church street, Whitchurch,  
 SY13 1LP



**What fun we had at Fauls!**  
 After the first game, when players of  
 all ages got to grips with the scoring  
 system, the noise level and excitement  
 rose. Players became desperate to  
 throw that elusive six, only to be  
 frustrated when sixes kept coming and  
 the lower numbers didn't! Moving  
 around caused some confusion but  
 ensured that people, even the  
 unluckiest, met and mingled.  
 After a break for refreshment (cakes of  
 course) the final games took place  
 and prizes were awarded. A really  
 enjoyable evening with players saying  
 we must do it again.

THE MAYOR OF WHITCHURCH, CLLR ROSE HALL  
 PRESENTS

**MUSIC FROM THE SHOWS & MORE**  
 A FUNDRAISING CONCERT



In aid of  
**Lingen Davies**  
 Cancer Fund

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**  
**ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH, WHITCHURCH – 7PM**

BRASS BUTTONS

GUEST SINGERS FROM  
 W.A.O.D.S.

FAULS SINGERS  
 CHOIR

EMILY  
 STEPHENSON  
 SOLOIST

RACHAEL  
 WHITEHOUSE  
 PIANO

DAVID STOKES  
 MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
 AND THE ST ALKMUND'S ORGAN AS  
 YOU'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE!

**TICKETS JUST £10**  
 AVAILABLE FROM GALLERY FLOWERS, WHITCHURCH – OR ON THE DOOR

**AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# IT'S NOT JUST POLICY, IT'S PERSONAL

Building confidence in reporting safeguarding concerns

*"Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."*

- Micah 6:8

We know that reporting safeguarding concerns can feel difficult

[Scan here for resources to help you](#)



*When someone shares a concern, it is important they are listened to and taken seriously. You are not expected to investigate. Keeping people safe and ensuring concerns are recorded and referred appropriately is all of our responsibility.*



**Recognise**  
Be alert to signs or disclosures of abuse.



**Respond**  
Listen carefully and take what is being said seriously.



**Record**  
Make a written record of what has been shared.



**Refer**  
Share the concern with the Safeguarding Officer and relevant authorities.



**CHRIST CHURCH, TILSTOCK  
COFFEE MORNING**

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE  
10AM-12NOON


TILSTOCK BRADBURY  
VILLAGE HALL



**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
with Bishop Sarah

Will be held at St Alkmund's Church  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm

For anyone wishing to be confirmed at  
this service please contact the church  
office on 01948 667102 or email  
[ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com)



**St. Alkmund's**  
\* Little Stars \*

Every Tuesday inside St Alkmund's Church

9am-11am

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE



**TIME TOGETHER**  
for those with dementia  
& their family members.

Food, fun and friendship  
in Bargates Hall at 2pm.

Meets next on  
Wednesday 3rd June.

**BECOME INVOLVED AT  
ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH**

Would you like to become involved with St Alkmund's Church, some of the areas that you could consider -

- Bell ringing
- Choir singers
- Flower arranging
- Sides persons
- Worship assistants
- Music system assistants
- Help with dusting/polishing

For more information contact the church office  
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01948 667102

# LLANDUDNO OUTING

Saturday 11th July 2026

**Ticket Prices**  
**Adults: £15.00**  
**Church Children: (under 16) Free**

**Booking essential**  
**To book:** please either put your name on the list at the back of St Alkmund's Church or ring Sheila Chase on 07714 208178



The coach will leave St. Alkmund's at 9am & leave Llandudno at 4pm



A series of classical music recitals in St Alkmund's Church.

In collaboration with Whitchurch Town Council.

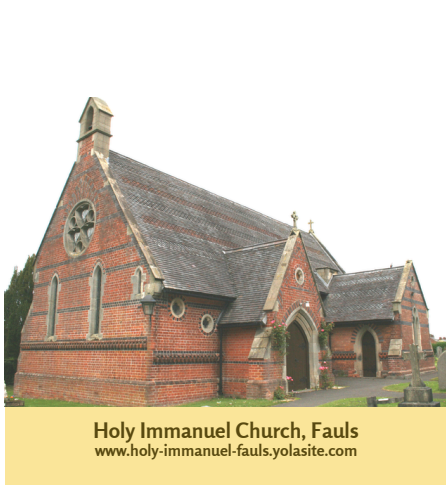
Free lunchtime concerts twice a month.

More information on Facebook [fridays@one](#)

Organised by St Alkmund's Musical Director, James Kellas.

**MAILING LIST**  
 Would you like to go on the FTW mailing list and be notified of upcoming events.  
 Email [ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com](mailto:ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com) to add your name to the list

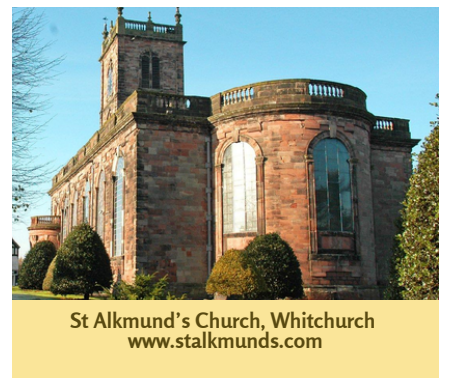
Some of the fabulous flower displays in St Alkmund's church, arranged by our wonderful flower helpers



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 Opening hours Wednesday & Friday 9am-midday

"Thought for the month"

*'I stand before holy ground when I encounter another person'*  
 - from 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams