

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

Well, those of you with sharp eyes – and sharper memories – will remember that the last time I wrote for this magazine, it was all about my leaving! Having checked the archives, my last contribution even starts with the words 'This will be my final letter to you all...'! Howzat for egg on my face!

If the jungle drums haven't been beating where you are, I should explain that my move to the next lot of parishes came to a grinding halt quite soon after I wrote the letter for the June edition. This is because every time us clergy move in the Church of England we need a new DBS check – this is the final step before you pack up your house and move into the next patch. Usually this takes around three weeks. Anything up to six weeks, and you tend to start getting a bit twitchy. I'm sure you can all imagine how I was feeling, then, when mine took 14 weeks!

It's been quite an odd time, really, since I last wrote for this magazine. Everyone has known I'm on my way out, but without the DBS I wasn't able to actually go. It's also been a struggle as I'm the type of person who likes to know what's coming next: I like to have all my ducks in a row, and to know when each of them is planning on quacking. Yet for the last three months, I've had to accept that this DBS will come when it comes.

I'm sure you can all remember a time when your plans have been hijacked – it's incredibly frustrating. Yet I've had to learn to appreciate everything else whilst waiting; there's no point resigning myself to be miserable when there's still other (maybe smaller) things to be enjoyed in life. When we become so concentrated on what we should be enjoying, we blinker ourselves to anything else we could be enjoying. So I've been trying to enjoy all the other blessings in life I've been given in the meantime.

Counting our blessings is an age-old practice. In fact, our Jewish ancestors have a tradition of counting 100 blessings every day. Could I challenge you to try?



RAF AIR CADETS

The first stages of a youngster joining the RAF Air Cadets involves a level of instruction on a variety of subjects covering the Air Training Corps (ATC), its parent Service the RAF, and topics covering Cadet Service, first aid, climatic safety and drill. This week our latest Entry reached the completion of this training and hence, their Induction into the ATC. On the night, our Recruits made their commitment to the Corps under the direction of our Sqn's Honorary Chaplain, Rev Pippa White. Afterwards, all Cadets received their Graduation certificates from the Sqn Commanding Officer, Flt Lt Goddard, along with their St John's Ambulance Essential First Aid certificates which was part of their basic instruction. Afterwards, the Cadets were allocated to their new Flights as recognition of their completion of their basic training within the Trenchard Recruit Flight. Our congratulations to Cds Maddie Barlow, Kaiden Carolan, Oscar Groom and Cailen Rescorla and we look forward to their participation in many more opportunities in the future. 🙌

Our thanks also to the Sqn Staff and Senior Cadets who have brought these Cadets to the necessary standard 🙌



DOGS WELCOME AT ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH

You are most welcome to bring your four legged friends with you into the church to look around.



AUGUST SAW SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

John & Pauline Stokes had their diamond (60th) wedding Anniversary on the 27th August, having married in the same year as England won the World Cup! Receiving a lovely card from King Charles & Queen Camilla.

Wendy and Doug Darter had their Golden wedding Anniversary (50th) on the 28th August.

Helen Clarke celebrated her 70th Birthday on the 28th August.



On the 19th July 2026 at St Alkmund's Church,
we welcomed Bishop Sarah for the
Confirmation Service and the licensing of
Rev Chris Precious as Rural Dean



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

ST ALKMUND'S CHURCH TOWER TOURS

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September

St Alkmund's is the parish church of Whitchurch and is a Grade I listed building. This is an opportunity to mount the many steps to the top of the church tower, exploring each floor as you go. The climb will take you past the ringing room and allow a view of the clock mechanism. Continue past the church bells before reaching the roof. The top of the tower affords a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside.

Booking telephone number: +441948664577

Booking email: info@whitchurch-heritage.co.uk

ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS DISPLAY

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September

9.30am-4.30pm

The parish registers of St Alkmund's Church will be on display throughout the day for visitors wishing to view.



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 on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of every month.

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
ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com
01948 667102

Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls

**Fauls Harvest Lunch****Sunday 27th September**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*Places must be booked with Pam Benbow
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on 9th October
at 7.00pm.
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ONE

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.

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"Thought for the month"

I really do ask God every single day to let me do something, say something, be something that matters to somebody else. To make somebody feel good. To let people see a spark of love. God is love, that's the scripture.