



The Parish Magazine of Whitchurch, Fauls & Tilstock



*Rev Pippa & Freddie with the Shropshire Young
Farmers for the start of their Bed Push outside of
St Alkmund's Church*

June/July 2024

PASTORAL LETTER

Greetings from your new curate! I am writing this almost exactly two months since officially taking up my post, and it's amazing how much I feel at home in Whitchurch within such a short time. I definitely have all the lovely locals to thank for being so welcoming, and for being so patient as I wrap my head around a new parish! The last thing for me to do is to move house very soon, leaving my old set-up behind and relish in not travelling the A495 twice a day!

Of course for many people June is also a month of transition: teenagers across the country are desperately revising and/or taking exams; farmers are changing the landscape, trying to snatch some sunshine for baling; and engaged couples everywhere do last-minute tweaks as the wedding season hits. As all this hub-bub happens in June, and it feels like everyone is starting to accelerate up for the summer, the Church has a different idea - we enter 'ordinary time', where we are neither feasting nor fasting. Stretching from Eastertide up to Advent, it is an almost hilariously long period of time, where one can go slightly 'snow blind' (but green). A time which is marked by consistency, we enter this period being able to slow down, rather than speed up. It gives us the time, frankly, to get on with stuff! Just as a person living a life always celebrating or commiserating would be unsustainable, this is also true for us as a church. As everyone gets nervous, or tired, or excited, as June rolls around and summer begins, we the church settle into a steady heartbeat that will carry on for months now, allowing us time to settle down, to breathe, and to pay attention to ourselves, our neighbours, and our God.

Rev Pippa

D- DAY PARTY IN THE PARK

On Saturday 8th June there was a D-Day Party in the park to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. It was an afternoon of family entertainment, which saw Whitchurch Mayor, Andy Hall, opening the proceedings, alongside St Alkmund's Rector, Rev Chris Precious, holding a moment of reflection with a prayer.



OUR PARISHES' NEWS

SERVICES ONLINE: Our 10.00am and 6.30pm services at St Alkmund's will be live streamed on YouTube via our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@StAlkmundsWhitchurch or via the link on our Facebook page. Also available on our Church Near You Website: www.churchnearyou.com/whitchurch/4623

8.00am BCP COMMUNION SERVICE: In St Alkmund's Church will take place on the first Sunday of each month. The next date will be Sunday 7th July at 8.00am.

ZOOM GATHERINGS: please contact Judy Bellingham on 07427884116, bellinghamjudy6@gmail.com for the link, log in and passwords:
♦Wednesday Morning Prayer at 10.00am
♦Friday Chat over a cup of Tea at 4.00pm
Friday (or last Thursday of the month), prayers at 9.30am. Please contact Caroline Sewry on 01948 841046 or c.sewry@imperial.ac.uk for the zoom link to log in. Link via telephone may be possible for those without computer access.

TIME TOGETHER— for those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Bargates Hall. The next dates will be the 3rd and 17th July.

HOMES COMMUNION: is held monthly at Greenfields Care Home and St John's Park, the next date will be the 11th July. We will also be taking Communion to Weston House on Wednesday 10th July. Please contact Pauline Stokes (663194) or Jill Wallace (666233) for more details.

SIDES PEOPLE NEEDED: If you think you may be able to help as a sides person on a Sunday—please contact Alison Dunne in the office on 01948 667102 or email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com, or speak to the churchwardens.

FAULS PET SERVICE: on 14th July at 9.30am at Holy Immanuel, Fauls. Everyone is invited to bring pets, cats, dogs, rabbits etc — perhaps even a fish in a tank!

DURING JULY 2024: There will be a host of things happening that you can find more details about within the magazine, including the Parish Llandudno trip, Churches Together AGM, Holy Immanuel Fauls Fete, Summer Serenade Concert and Fauls Pet Service.



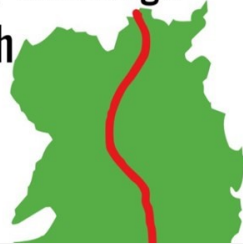
Llandudno Trip

“We’re all going on a Summer Holiday....

Well, some of us are going on a Church Trip to Llandudno on Saturday 6th July, meeting at 8.45am with a leave time of 9.00am from outside St Alkmund’s church, picking a few more up on the way. We are hoping for an afternoon of sunshine!!!, but don’t forget your broolly as we have come to expect the odd shower. Travelling in convoy with two buses we should be at the seaside before midday, leaving everyone free to see what Llandudno has to offer, and not forgetting the obligatory ice cream!!!..and for anyone feeling adventurous there is always the Great Orme Toboggan Run!! The bus will then be returning at 4.00pm prompt for the journey back—no sleeping allowed!!



Shropshire Young Farmers Chairman's Charity Challenge Bed Push



Every year the Chairman of the Shropshire Federation of Young Farmers does a 'Chairman's Challenge', and this year Max Porter decided to do a bed push from Whitchurch to Ludlow! He walked 53 miles over two days: the first day Whitchurch to Berrington, the second day Berrington to Ludlow, with members of each local club joining him on the way. This is all to raise money for Alzheimer's Society, The UK Sepsis Trust, and Shropshire Young Farmers, and Max has the goal of £1,000 for this challenge.

If you would like to donate please visit the JustGiving page:

[Shropshire YFC Charity Bed Push - JustGiving](#)

The bed push commenced from St Alkmund's Church in Whitchurch, with a little help from Rev Pippa and her trusty companion Freddie.





Freddie's ready for the big push!



A Prayer of Thanks

For those who do the flowers each week
 and on those special days
 For those who polish pews and brass
 and chat to those who visit
 For those who lead the singing
 at services each week
 For those who visit care homes
 and the lonely stuck indoors
 For those who put the bins out
 and put the heating on
 For those who buy the milk
 and make the tea and coffee.
 For those who wash the mugs
 and keep the kitchen clean.
 For those who hand out hymn books
 and warmly greet each person
 For those who teach the children
 and those who come to help
 For those who cook the breakfast
 and make the harvest lunch
 For those who bake for all events
 and run stalls of every kind
 For those who raise funds
 in many skilful ways
 For that hidden army
 we give our THANKS dear Lord



By Wendy Darter

SUMMER SERENADE**Saturday 13th July 2024, at 7pm**

St Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch

Bernard Kane

renowned international viola player

James Kellas, organ/piano

and young local musicians

Harriet and Verity Hulse

Music to include works by:

Gershwin, Arlen, Vaughan Williams, Teleman and Elgar

in aid of Dementia UK

Tickets £10 at the door (under 15yr £5)

Further details from Caroline Sewry 01948 841046



Food, fun and friendship
In Bargates Hall
 (behind St Alkmund's Church)

2024

3rd & 17th July • 7th & 21st August
4th & 18th September • 2nd & 16th October
6th & 20th November
4th & 18th December

(The 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon of each month)

2.00 to 4.00pm

Who is it for?

Those with Memory Loss or Dementia and their family members or carers

Why come?

Support and a Listening Ear for Family & Carers

Support and Stimulation for those with Memory Loss or Dementia – social, mental, emotional and spiritual care in a warm and loving atmosphere

What will it include?

A variety of things – but always having food and a cuppa!

There might be craft activities, for those who are able the opportunity to take part in some gentle physical activity, singing, a prayer

Enquiries: Pauline Green on 01948 664769 or paulinegreen056@gmail.com

Forget Me Not
Time Together
Forget Me Not

Everyone enjoys our fortnightly sessions at Time Together, volunteers, those living with memory problems or dementia and their carers. We are supported by Age UK and this month Emma Wilde came to lead a session on the theme of weddings. Several folks brought photographs and were willing to tell us interesting or funny stories about their weddings. Two couples have been married for over 60 years. Emma brought her wedding dress and wore a fascinator. She then showed us how to make beautiful button holes. May Nelson read a poem, 'Yes, I'll Marry You' by Pam Ayres which made us laugh. We finished the afternoon with tea and cake.



Whitchurch town twinned with Neufchatel-en-Bray

Whitchurch town is twinned with Neufchatel-en-Bray in France. The aim of the Twinning Association is to promote friendship between the towns of Whitchurch and Neufchatel-en-Bray, and exchange visits are arranged bi-annually, with it being the turn of our French friends to visit Whitchurch. The most recent visit being in June when they came to have a look around St Alkmund's Church.



Pentecost School Experience



We recently welcomed three Y6 classes into church to learn about Pentecost.

Rev Chris welcomed the students for their final Experience before they move on to their next school. They then went into small groups and went to various parts of the church where the volunteers led discussions and activities designed to help them understand a little about the Holy Spirit.

The youngsters responded well and shared their ideas and asked pertinent questions.

For a finale everyone gathered in the chancel and considered how Christianity had spread around the world and finished by singing 'Jesus' love is very wonderful'.





CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITCHURCH

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 2nd July 2024** at **7.00 pm** at the Watergate Centre - all welcome!



At the Christian Aid service on 12 May we heard how climate change is making life even more difficult for people in the poorest countries.

We are pleased to welcome **Dr Isabel Carter** from south Shropshire, who has wide experience of working with charities and churches on issues about climate change.

This meeting is an opportunity to consider issues such as:

- *Why is climate change important, and specifically for Christians?*
- *What can churches do, separately and together, to help work towards sustainability?*
- *What should we do to inspire us in future?*

Meet the Candidates

A pre-election hustings will take place
on

Thursday 27th June at 7pm

in

St John's Methodist Church

St John's Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1EP

This is an open public meeting which lasts no more than 90mins.
Each candidate will have 5 minutes to outline their priorities
and then the meeting will be open to questions.



The candidates that can be present are as follows....

Simon Baynes—Conservative Party candidate

Craig Emery—Green Party candidate

Helen Morgan—Liberal Democratic Party candidate

Natalie Rowley—Labour Party candidate

Churches Together Group in Whitchurch



Sumptuous Strawberry Tea





£460 was raised at a recent Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch event. The magic ingredient to the fundraising event was freshly picked strawberries with cream, alongside delicious meringues, scones and brownies. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and a wonderful opportunity to sit and relax, catch up with friends and raise some funds (as well as beat the blues from the constant rain showers).

Thank you to Belinda and Rupert Hutchinson-Smith for kindly letting us into their garden.

The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch specifically raises funds to assist with the maintenance of the fabric of the church building. We are a group of people who have a connection to the beautiful grade 1 listed church here in Whitchurch. That connection may be through attending services, family links to the church or simply a love of a beautiful building and a desire to see its splendour maintained for future generations.

New members are always welcome and if you are interested in joining The Friends of St Alkmund's, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or contact Alex Williamson on msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk.



RIDE+STRIDE – 14 Sept 2024

Ride+Stride is an opportunity for YOU to raise money for your Church. Anyone can join in - collect **sponsors**, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or **car** - visit some churches - enjoy the day.
Or go another day if busy on the 14th.

The **sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church** and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels.
So 100% goes to our places of worship. This is definitely a '**Good Thing**'.

'Ride+Stride' is a National event by the National Churches Trust and we, at SHCT, are pleased to support it. The basic idea is twofold:

- (1) Churches try to be open for visitors on Saturday 14 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash; cake maybe).
- (2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish.
Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, or **by car**, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

R+S is **NOT** an event where church visits are centrally organised. The Trust does **not** have a 'central team' that plans any walking, cycling, or car rides. **NO ... It's something that Churches do for themselves.**

September may seem like a long way away, but time flies. You can get a **Sponsorship Form** from our website **www.shropshirehct.org.uk**

Or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed (builders, lack of staff, etc).

The next 'R+S Day' is **Saturday 14th Sept**. **But**, if you can't manage that day, **then you can go out on any other day** – which is what a lot of people do.

It is important to maintain or increase the visiting aspect otherwise the event will cease. **The county raised £37,082 last year**, so we, the Trust, are encouraging it to continue - even in parts of the county where it has fallen 'off the radar' and, at present, there are few visitors to the open churches.

This event has much more potential ... For example, Dorset raised £98,000. This is 260% more than us, and it has a similar population to Shropshire. Well, actually 30% more, but raising so much for their churches is amazing.

Thank you to everyone who helped in previous years, and please 'have a go' this year - **Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.**

David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)
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Full details on SHCT website: **www.shropshirehct.org.uk**

**14TH
SEPT.
2024**

RIDE + STRIDES
for Churches

SHROPSHIRE CHURCHES OPEN DAY



Help keep our Churches & Chapels looking beautiful; and open for the future.

Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

Half your sponsorship goes to your own church and half to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs and improvements (in Shropshire Telford and a few parishes over the border).

In 2023 we raised **£37,082**. Thank you. Let's make 2024 a bumper year!

join us



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Sponsor Forms and more information

Email: dhardham@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 01588 650362

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Find out more at
www.shropshirehct.org.uk

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Years for good.

Day centre



Our Whitchurch day centre offers a friendly day out for older people.

**Join us every Tuesday
10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Kingsway Court
Whitchurch
SY13 1DQ**

Our day centres provide a weekly opportunity to meet friends for activities and a hot meal in a comfortable setting.

For more information please contact us

01743 233 123

email enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk

or visit ageukshropshireandtelford.org.uk

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FTW Diary

Please see pewsheets for timings

25th June	7.00pm	Archdeacon of Salop visitation Service for Whitchurch, Wem & Hodnet Deaneries at St Alkmund's Church, W/ch
27th June	7.00pm	Churches Together Pre Election Hustings at St Johns Church, W/ch
2nd July	7.00pm	AGM Churches Together at the Watergate Centre
5th July	7.00pm	Fauls Summer Fete
6th July	8.45am	Llandudno Day Trip
13th July	7.00pm	Summer Serenade Concert in St Alkmund's Church
14th July	9.30am	Pet Service Fauls church
16th July	10.00am	WIA Year 2 leavers service
18th July	2.00pm	WJA Year 6 leavers service.
29th July	7.00pm	PCC Meeting in Bargates Hall



FROM ST ALKMUND'S PARISH REGISTERS 2024

Funerals



30th April— Richard Thomas Allman—54 yrs
 17th May— Marjorie Muriel Paddock Hyde—88 yrs
 24th May— Edna (Doreen) Evans—91 yrs
 5th June— Ann Elizabeth Molyneux—71 yrs*
 6th June— Margaret (June) Brown—93 yrs*
 7th June— Wilfred Gerald Lyman—92 yrs
 7th June—Carol Speed—73 yrs
 17th June—Vera Evelyn May Young—96 yrs*
 20th June—Barbara Jean Loyd—83 yrs

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep: Romans 12:15

**Crematorium Service*

Weddings



18th May—Harry John Christopher Thomas & Jessica Suzanne Evans

Baptisms



28th April—Daisy-Mai Nichole Elsie Latham
 5th May—Grace Lydia Ann Cornwall
 26th May—Oliver Lesley Williams
 16th June—Isabelle Beatrice Hutchinson-Smith



Sunday Services

First Sundays			Second Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	All Age Worship*	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Worship Together Communion	10.00am	Whitchurch	Morning Worship
11.00am	Tilstock	All Age Worship*	11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Third Sundays			Fourth Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service	8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service
9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion	9.30am	Fauls	Holy Communion
10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion	10.00am	Whitchurch	Sung Communion with Prayer for Healing
11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion	11.00am	Tilstock	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong	6.30pm	Whitchurch	Sung Evensong
Fifth Sundays			Other Services		
8.00am	Whitchurch	No Service			
<p><i>There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details</i></p> <p><i>& the Diary for any variations to regular services</i></p>			<p>Junior Church (2-11yrs) and Sermon Slot (12+)</p> <p>This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the 10am service on most Sundays (apart from the 1st Sunday and School Holidays)</p>		



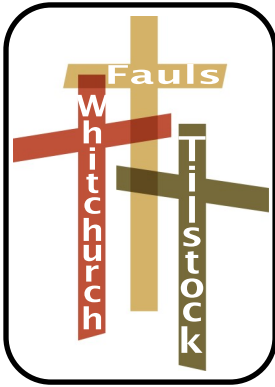
St Alkmund's Vestry

Baptism and Wedding dates can be arranged Tuesday evenings in church, from 7.00pm—7.30pm

The Rector will be in church for 'Rector's Vestry'

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Holy Immanuel Church, Fauls

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Christ Church, Tilstock

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