

FTW BENEFICE

FAULS - TILSTOCK - WHITCHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Rev Chris Precious
Rev Pippa white
Rev Sue Armstrong
Reader - Jane Rylands



BUBBLE CHURCH

Kids & families adventure

Share in song, stories,
puppets & prayer
2nd Sunday of every month
8.45am

PASTORAL NEWSLETTER by Rev Pippa

Perhaps you're feeling like me – that after the Christmas madness, it's oh-so-quiet (whispered in the style of Bjork... although wearing the swan dress is optional). January is notorious for being the grey, dull, sober month we all feel we have to grind through, after the highs and colours of December and Christmastime. And in some cases it is – but is that a bad thing? After all, without any lows, we wouldn't know what the highs feel like. If there are no valleys, there can be no hills. In some ways it can be a relief, can't it? After gorging on heavy meats, rich side-dishes, and sugary puddings, you can come to crave just something simple, a bit plain, and light. I suggest, then, that we see January as more of a palate-cleanser, than a deprivation. A chance to breathe, and enjoy the quiet. In my song analogy, a 'shhhhh!' moment.

Because – cue the trumpets, and shout 'Zing! Boom!' – soon we shall all fall in love, come Valentine's Day! While (like any good saint, in my humble opinion) there are many theories about who Saint Valentine was and what he did as part of his sainthood, there is no general consensus. But that doesn't stop us! I think we can all agree that we all love to celebrate love – on St. Valentine's Day for lovers, but this is also very much what Christmas has become: of course celebrating the love of God through the Christchild, but for many a focus on familial love.

So while – at time of writing – we may feel in the valley of celebrations, fear not because soon it will be time to celebrate love again!

Rev Pippa



REV PIPPA WHITE

MAILING LIST

Would you like to go on the FTW mailing list and be notified of upcoming events. Email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com to add your name to the list



Whitchurch Town Advent Calendar

The town of Whitchurch came together in December by placing Advent Calendar doors at different locations throughout the town, either in windows or inside premises. From the 1st December a different door was opened each day, with a map of the locations being available to show where the doors could be found. Here at St Alkmund's we were given the task of getting Advent door number 24 ready. With lots of help, our special door was in place at the beginning of December, ready and waiting for the 24th. We opened the doors for the big reveal at each of our crib services to reveal our wonderful Nativity crib with a few extra additions reflecting -

Love, Joy, Hope and Peace.



Articles for the magazine - Do you have an article that you would like included in the next magazine? Please email ftwstalkmunds@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd January 7pm at St John's Church, Churches Together Christian Unity

8th February 10am-12noon Christ Church Tilstock Coffee and Cake at Tilstock Bowling & Tennis Club

5th March 7pm at St Alkmund's Church FTW Joint Ash Wednesday Service

9th March - National Remembrance Day for Covid

11th March 12.30pm Holy Immanuel Fauls Lent Lunch & short service in Church Hall

15th March 10.30-12pm Fauls Church Hall - Holy Immanuel Fauls Coffee Morning

18th March 12.30pm Holy Immanuel Fauls Lent Lunch & short service in Church Hall

22nd March 2pm-4pm Christ Church Tilstock Spring Fair at Tilstock Village Hall

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 -

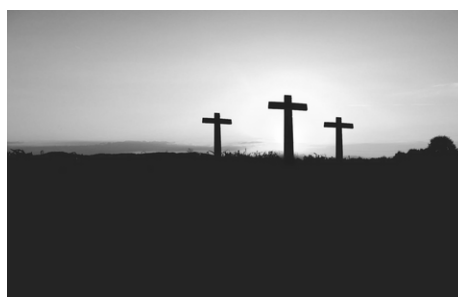
- Bell ringing
- Choir singers
- Flower arranging
- Sides persons
- Worship assistants
- Music system assistants

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Discussions around the Bible
 Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Bargates Hall, or the Church Vestry, Whitchurch.
 Come along and join us

Pub Bible Study!

A short course perfect for people who have never read the Bible before (or who have lots of questions!)

Pub Bible Study
 Old Town Hall Vaults, St. Mary's St.
 7-8pm
 28th Jan, 11th & 25 Feb



“Bubble Church has commenced”

Our Bubble Church service commenced on the 12th January in St Alkmund’s Church. We were joined by children and their parents who were settled into bubbles to enjoy a 30 minute service of free puppet packed, Jesus centred fun, with coffee and croissants for the adults and refreshments for the little ones. This service is aimed towards babies, toddlers and primary school age children, who will share in song, story, puppets and prayer. These services will run on the second Sunday of each month, with the next one being on 9th February. If you would like to come along then please let us know by filling out the short form on our website - www.stalkmunds.com or at bubblechurch.org.

“We look forward to seeing you soon”

ST ALKMUND’S PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

- 20th November - Freda Hayes - 95 yrs
- 21st Nov - Marianne Hughes - 88 yrs
- 27th Nov - Sandra Powell - 62 yrs
- 28th Nov - Lyn Harding - 62 yrs
- 4th Dec - Chloe Jones - 25 yrs
- 7th December - Peter Sayer - 88 yrs*
- 11th December - Patricia Clutton - 79 yrs
- 16th December - Jacqueline Hodson - 81 yrs*
- 20th December - Pauline Green - 83 yrs*
- 23rd December - Helenora Roberts - 95 yrs*
- 15th January - Roy Elson - 74 yrs
- 17th January - Brenda Williams - 83 yrs

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

*Crematorium Service

FOOD BANK UPDATE - The following is a summary of the report for Whitchurch Foodbank that was given at the Churches Together meeting in January: Those involved with the Foodbank (trustees, management and volunteers) are currently engaged in a period of review as plans for the future are considered. Alan Scutt, the chair of Trustees and Manager of the Foodbank, together with his wife, Chris, intend to step down from July. They have both been hugely involved in the running of the Foodbank since it opened in 2013, so many decisions regarding its future are being seriously considered. Whilst the demand for food and support continues, donations in supermarkets are down, necessitating the purchase of more items. The churches Together committee were responsible for the setting up of the Foodbank two years before it opened and so maintaining this important part of our community is vital. We therefore would ask everyone to keep the Foodbank in your prayers during this period of change.

Time Together

For those with memory loss or dementia and their family members or carers: meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2pm in Bargates Hall.

Enquiries:

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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](https://www.facebook.com/fridays@one)

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



DOGS WELCOME AT ST ALKMUND’S CHURCH

Rev Pippa’s dog ‘Freddy’ is a regular member of our Parish, and you are most welcome to bring your four legged friends with you into the church to look around.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FAULS, TILSTOCK & WHITCHURCH

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Services at Fauls, Tilstock & Whitchurch

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First Sundays			Second Sundays		
8.00am	Whitchurch	BCP Communion	8.45am	Whitchurch	Bubble Church
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		
There is often a Joint service at one of the three churches, so please see notice boards and pewsheets for details.			Please see church notice boards		
			Junior Church (2-11yrs) and Sermon Slot (12+)		
			This takes place at St Alkmund's W/ch during the 10am service on most Sundays (apart from the 1st Sunday and School Holidays)		



“Thought for the month”

"Learning to love God and our neighbour as ourselves" is the vision of the Whitchurch Infant and Junior School. As winter slowly makes way and the first snowdrops and spring flowers bring colour and joy, how can we share in this vision and be a blessing to our communities?