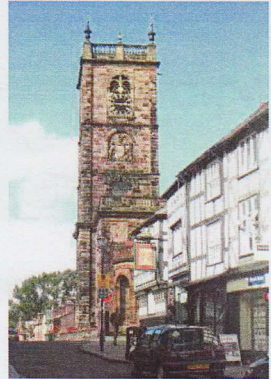


THE FRIENDS OF ST ALKMUND'S WHITCHURCH

Registered charity number 1151968
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For much more than Sunday services

The Parochial Church Council of St Alkmund's aims to ensure that all residents and visitors can have easy access to the church building and feel welcome to come in for quiet prayer, services and many other events. The church is open between 10.00am and 5.00pm every day.

Why become a Friend?

Many people feel that St Alkmund's, with its fine church building, grounds and parish hall, is important for the whole community and should not fall into disrepair. Several projects are now underway or being planned to improve the buildings. Please join us in safeguarding the future of St Alkmund's.

What work have the Friends funded so far?

1. Scaffolding and repairs to the Porch Roof
2. An access ramp to Bargates Hall
3. Repair of the North Steps

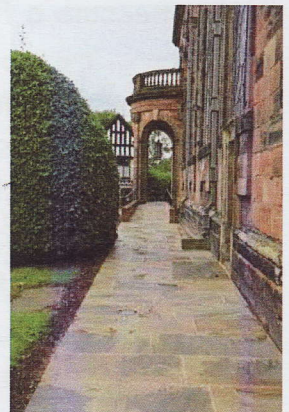
4. Repair & Conservation of the central and side East Windows

The improvements to the windows and their colours are amazing and greatly appreciated

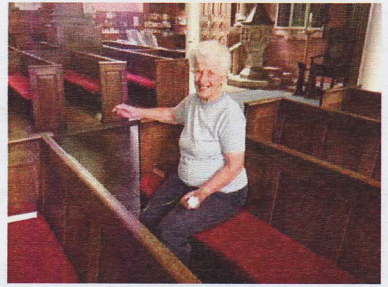


5. Access Ramp to the church - assisting the PCC with the cost of this

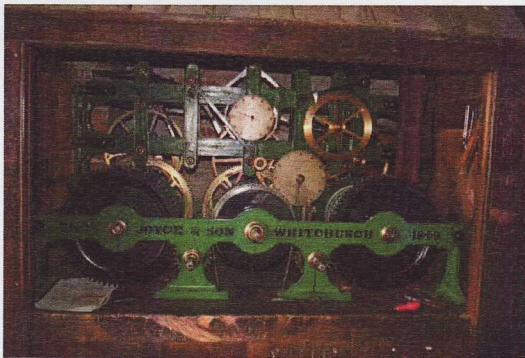
6. Contributing towards the cost of new bell ropes



7. Cushions for the pews arrived
in Summer 2019



8. A new Auto-regulator for the tower clock
in Spring 2021



What urgent work still needs to be done on the
church building?

Repairs to another window; approx. another further
£100-200,000

What else would we like to do?

Help with the costs of further improvements to the church
building: *e.g.* disabled access toilet, facilities for refreshments
and flower arranging, more flexible space at the west end of the
church.

Use by the community

- At special times of need, people come into St Alkmund's, sensing that it is a place where reflection and prayer can take place and comfort be found.
- The Civic Remembrance Service is held in St Alkmund's each November, with hundreds of people present.
- St Alkmund's hosts concerts, and organises special events such as the Crib Festival.
- The Crib Services on Christmas Eve are attended by more than 900 people each year.
- Most funeral services and baptisms in Whitchurch take place in St Alkmund's, as do many weddings. Generations of Whitchurch families have had these services and therefore have strong links with St Alkmund's.
- These links are also present through the Junior and Nursery / Infant Schools and Sir John Talbot's School which use the church regularly, as do other schools in the town.

Visitors

- The number of visitors is considerable: in 2022, 462 people signed the Visitors' Book and only a fraction of visitors do so.
- These people also use the shops, pubs and cafés in the town and so are important for our economy.

For reasons such as these, we hope that you will consider becoming a Friend and helping to secure St Alkmund's church building, grounds and parish hall for the future.

To enrol as a Friend for a minimum annual outlay of £15 for an individual, £25 for a family or £50 for corporate membership, please complete the form inside and return as detailed.

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