

**Trinity United
Reformed Church
Wigan**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity United Reformed Church, Wigan, seeks to offer and extend the love of God, spiritually, emotionally, supportively and caringly to all people and by doing so to make a positive difference to our neighbourhood and the wider world.

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Dear friends

I recently went to my niece's 50th birthday celebration held at the Copper Tap in Orrell. Her husband had arranged it all and a large number of friends and acquaintances were invited along with the family. As it was a surprise party, everyone was asked to arrive before my niece, and friends were asked to move to the back of the venue out of sight, with just family near the entrance when she arrived, and they were all to come out and surprise her once she had greeted the family.

When I arrived the place was packed and there was no-one there that I knew as the rest of the family had not yet arrived. But whilst I was waiting to be served at the bar, I noticed a young man with his partner, and he looked very familiar, but I could not for the life of me recall why or where I knew him from. I kept discreetly glancing over and I don't think they noticed me looking but I was feeling very frustrated because I just couldn't figure out where I recognised him from.

After a while the penny finally dropped, and I realised that he works at the butcher's in Pemberton where I regularly buy my meat. Furthermore, he took my order for a Christmas turkey, and when I gave him my details for the order, he told me that his daughter's name was Isabel – yet another reason why I should have remembered him.

It struck me later that because I saw this young man in a completely different setting from usual I didn't recognise who he was, and it reminded me of the bible stories when Mary Magdalene and the disciples met Jesus, after his death on the cross, but failed to recognise him. The Bible does say that later their eyes were opened and they did recognise him.

I have hitherto always found these stories rather hard to believe as they had been so close to him and spent so much time with him, even though they thought he was dead. But the experience at the party made me realise how this could be possible and made me wonder how many times I have met God when I was out and about on my usual daily routine, when I wasn't particularly expecting to meet with Him, and I hadn't recognised Him just because I wasn't in the familiar setting of, say, church, where I regularly come to meet with Him. Or maybe I don't recognise Him because He is not who or what I expect? I pray that, like the disciples, my eyes will be opened so that I will recognise Him wherever and however I meet Him.

Yours in love

Isabel

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APRIL 2024

April 3 rd	11.00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
April 7 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev. Geoff Felton
April 14 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Bill Wright
April 21 st	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife
April 28 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Rev. Stuart Radcliffe

WEEKLY & MONTHLY CLUBS/GROUPS

APRIL

Mondays	9.30- 11.30 a.m.	Little Fishes Toddler Group <i>(In school term time)</i>
Tuesdays	2.00 - 3-00 p.m.	Cuppa and Chinwag
Tuesdays	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.	Closeknit Craft Club
Wednesdays	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Trinity Junior Players
Thursdays	8.00 – 9.00 p.m.	Church Choir Practice

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROTA FOR ELDERS AND HELPERS

APRIL 2024





Date	Lead Elder	Hymn Books and Offertory
April 7th	C. Mangham Communion	K. Peet Service
April 14th	K. Peet	P. Harman
April 21st	L. Lowe	C. Garforth-Fife
April 28th	L. Lowe	G. Lowe

**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
DO THE DUTY ON THE ABOVE DATE.**

THANK YOU.



CHURCHES' PARTNERSHIP (WIGAN N.W.) PRAYER DIARY 2024

<p>APRIL 7th</p>	<p>Those volunteers who listen to individuals who have problems or seek advice including Child line, the Samaritans, Victim Support, Citizens Advice, and Age UK</p> 
<p>APRIL 14th</p>	 <p>The Vicar, congregation and activities at St. Anne's and St. Andrew's Churches</p>
<p>APRIL 21st</p>	<p>The members of the local Fire Brigade and ambulance crews who risk their lives to save others.</p> 
<p>APRIL 28th</p>	 <p>The officers, soldiers and activities At the Salvation Army Citadel</p>

Prayer Partners 2024

'Prayer Partners 2024 explores through prayers based around 'Life giving faith, defiant hope and generous love' - our new strapline.'



APRIL

Prayer for Bangladesh

By Rev. Margaret Nilanjana Ali

Dear God,

We pray for Bangladesh, a country that is bursting at the seams with more than 169 million people crammed within its borders.

We continue to remember Bangladesh in our prayers fervently. Because of its location between the foothills of the Himalayas to the north and the Bay of Bengal to the south, Bangladesh is prone to natural disasters.

Monsoon flooding is almost an annual event and storms and cyclones routinely make life miserable for the people of this country. Corruption is endemic and deeply rooted, so we pray for just, transparent and effective governance.

We pray for the binding of the powers of darkness operating in religious, social and ethnic realms. We pray that constitutional freedom allowing all to practise and propagate their own religions might be maintained.

Amen.



This prayer has been produced by Commitment for Life. www.cforl.org.uk

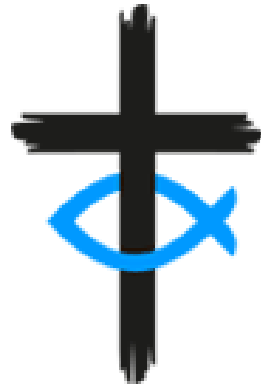


Palm
Sunday

MESSAGE ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

Thank you to Martin and all the choir members for the Palm Sunday Service. We are very blessed at Trinity to enjoy wonderful music to enhance our worship and it is much appreciated.

Glenda.



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