

# **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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## **Renewal and Hope: Welcoming Spring with a Grateful Heart**

‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Revelation 21:5

As winter fades and the first signs of spring begin to emerge, we are reminded of God’s promise of renewal. The once-barren trees start to bloom, the days grow longer, and the air fills with the songs of returning birds. Spring is not only a change in seasons but also a reflection of God’s grace, His power to bring life from death, and His faithfulness to restore what was once dormant.

**A Season of New Beginnings** Spring is a time of new life and fresh starts. Just as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, we too are called to embrace renewal in our hearts and faith. It is a season to let go of the burdens of the past and step into the hope and joy that God provides.

As flowers push through the soil and trees bud with new leaves, we see a beautiful parallel to the resurrection of Christ. Just as Jesus rose from the grave, conquering death, we are invited to experience spiritual rebirth. Through Him, we are made new, just as the world around us bursts into life.

**Growing in Faith** Spring also reminds us of growth. Farmers and gardeners begin planting seeds, trusting that in time, they will yield a harvest. This is a powerful lesson in faith, what we plant in our spiritual lives today will bear fruit in the future.

Are we sowing seeds of kindness, love, and patience? Are we tending to our relationship with Christ through prayer, worship, and reading His Word? As Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9, ‘Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.’

**A Time to Rejoice** Spring is a season of joy. It reminds us that no matter how long or dark the winter may be, God’s light always breaks through. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate triumph of light over darkness, life over death, and hope over despair. As we celebrate Easter this season, let us embrace the beauty of spring as a reflection of God’s unending love and faithfulness.

**Embracing the Season with Gratitude** As we step into this new season, let’s take time to thank God for His blessings. Whether it’s a walk through nature, the laughter of loved ones, or the simple beauty of a blooming flower, let’s be intentional about seeing His hand at work.

May this spring be a season of renewal, hope, and deeper faith for us all. Let us rejoice in God’s creation, embrace His promises, and walk forward with hearts full of gratitude and joy.

Blessings

Malcolm

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS**  
**FEBRUARY 2025**

<b>February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Communion and the Elders Induction led by Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife</b>
<b>February 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Elders' Meeting</b>
<b>February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship led by Trish Reilly Service to be followed by the Church Meeting</b>
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship led by Rev. Barbara Bridges</b>
<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship led by the Elders with Rev. James Booth preaching. This is a joint service at Trinity with The Baptist Church</b>

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY CLUBS/GROUPS**

**FEBRUARY**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>9.30- 11.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Little Fishes Toddler Group</b> <i>(In school term time)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2.00 - 3-00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cuppa and Chinwag</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2.00 – 3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Malcolm's Valentine's Singalong</b> <i>(Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February)</i>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>7.00 – 9.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Closeknit Craft Club</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6.30 – 7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Trinity Junior Players</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Discussion Group</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>8.00 – 9.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Choir Practice</b>

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP ROTA FOR ELDERS, HELPERS AND CHILDREN'S CORNER**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lead Elder</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Children's Corner</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>L. Lowe</b>	<b>K. Peet</b>	<b>G. Mangham</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>K. Peet</b>	<b>L. Heys</b>	<b>G. Lowe</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>G. Lowe</b>	<b>L. Lowe</b>	<b>T. Reilly</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>T. Reilly</b>	<b>K. Peet</b>	<b>G. Mangham</b>

**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 2025

**FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**All those in our town who are homeless and those who help them, remembering especially the work of the Brick and the Salvation Army and we pray for the unemployed.**

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Parish Priests,  
congregations and activities at  
St. Mary's and St. John's Churches



**FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>**



**The Chaplains, doctors, nurses, and other staff working for Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Hospital Trust**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Ministers, congregations and  
activities at Whitley Methodist  
Church





## Prayer Partners 2025

‘Prayer Partners 2025 explores through prayers based around ‘Life giving faith, defiant hope and generous love’ - our new strapline.’

Commitment  
for Life

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

## FEBRUARY

### **Pray for Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.**

- 1) Pray for an end to violence and the de-escalation of tensions across IoPt.
- 2) Pray for the work of Christian Aid and its partners as they seek equality and justice for Palestinians and Israelis.
- 3) Pray for the safety of our partner staff as they work.
- 4) Pray for wisdom and compassion in the hearts of the political and social leaders to see a just peace realised in IoPt.



These prayers have been produced by Commitment for Life. [www.cforl.org.uk](http://www.cforl.org.uk)

## **HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

As stated in the précis of the Elders' Meeting Minutes, Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife will be happy to serve Communion to Trinity's members and/or adherents in their own home should they wish to receive it. He will be accompanied by one of the Church Elders.

Please contact Malcolm or one of the Elders if you would like to take part.



### **THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA**

I know that it is late, but I do wish to say 'Thank you' to our Choir and to Martin for the wonderful singing on Advent Sunday on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and the Carol Service on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Both services were very enjoyable. It certainly makes you realise how fortunate we are here at Trinity.

Sylvia



## **BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE IN FEBRUARY**

Hilary Chesney

Hannah Parker

Chris Garforth-Fife

David Clucas

Sarah Grady

Maisie Picton

Polly Seddon

Martin Geunther

Lynne Austin



*To those who celebrate their birthdays during February, we send our greetings.*

## **FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY**

(Arranger Joan and Alyson Ashcroft)

2<sup>nd</sup> Alyson Ashcroft in memory of her  
Parents

9<sup>th</sup> Ken Alker in memory of his parents  
and Bessie Griffiths

16<sup>th</sup> Joyce Davies for Alex and Charlie

23<sup>rd</sup> Marjorie Sharp in memory of Alex



## **RETIRING COLLECTION**

The Retiring Collection on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February will be for 'Green Fingers'.

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## Milton Grove

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#### Winter Warmers

- \* Every **Monday** to the end of February 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.
- \* Home-made soup and a sandwich, tea and coffee in a warm space
- \* Free of charge, donations accepted



Warm Hubs  
Greater Manchester

# Cuppa & Chinwag

**Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife will be entertaining those at Cuppa & Chinwag on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February by singing a variety of songs for St. Valentine's Day.**

**Do come and join in at 2.00 'til 3.00 p.m. on the day.**

**Hot drinks with biscuits/cake will be served – donations accepted.**



Happy  
Valentine's  
DAY