

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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Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance

Proverbs 1:5

A big welcome to all from Mersey Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Many churches in the Synod have recently gone through a vision process, seeking to understand what they are being called to in the future. In Mersey Synod we call this process Being Church. We ask questions like what will church look like in 10 years time, what is the purpose of church, how can we look outwards into our community and help people to discover the reality of a god who loves them and wants them to know him?

Part of the process has involved a significant amount of listening. Conversations with neighbours about what they think church is, conversations with each other in the church and time spent in prayer listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This process of listening for vision has made me wonder how difficult we find it in an age of noise and distraction to listen for the voice of God and to listen to each other?

Listening to each other is such a valuable exercise and so much conflict happens when we don't listen. To truly listen is to show people respect and value. Listening involves giving time and concentration put aside for the individual we are listening to. Listening means we can truly understand each other and what is on each other's heart.

When we listen for the voice of God we are urged in the New Testament to not just listen to God but to act on what he says. Listening should lead to action and transformation. This is where our Synod theme for 2025/26 is so appropriate. Our theme is Living Faith and we hope to encourage each one of us across the Synod to not just talk about faith or to read about faith but to live faith in the day to day of life.

I pray this month that you at Trinity Wigan URC may carve out time to listen to God and listen to those around you as you open yourselves up to be transformed by the power of God.

God Bless.



Geoff Felton.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 2025

Sunday 4th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife
Wednesday 7 th	11.00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
Sunday 11th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Lesley Lowe
Sunday 18th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Mary Foley
Sunday 25th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Steven Mitchell

WEEKLY & MONTHLY CLUBS/GROUPS

May 2025

Mondays 9.30- 11.30 a.m. Little Fishes Toddler Group
(In school term time)

Tuesday 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 MORNING WORSHIP ROTA





Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
4 th May	L. Lowe	G. Lowe	S. Ledwidge
11 th May	T. Currie	B. Inglis	G. Lowe
18 th May	J. Watson	I. Hitchen	G. Mangham
25 th May	K. Peet	L. Heyes	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 2025

MAY 4 th	The Health Centres and General Practitioners, nurses and other staff who work in them	
MAY 11 th		Pray for young people in education especially those who are about to take exams and for their teachers
MAY 18 th	Those who administer justice in the town – the judges, magistrates, solicitors and the probation service	
MAY 25 th		The Rector, congregation and activities at All Saints

Prayer Partners 2025

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



MAY

Prayer for Debt, Prosperity and Peace

By Sue Richardson

Just Money Movement Life-giving God, we are held by you between gift and obligation. We thank you for your abundant gifts in our lives. These we do not deserve and cannot repay except by loving others as you have taught us. We live in your world, however, between loan and debt. Our lending to others seeks a material return which is not always faithful to the needs of our borrowers and heedless of their security as we seek our profit. The bond of mutual obligation becomes the chain of indebtedness. Teach us to live in interdependence, building links of peace and prosperity for all through the breaking of the fetters of debt. Help us to see that the most valuable return on our giving is a world of mutual enrichment, that we can know our own security most fully when peace is enjoyed by the most vulnerable among us. Amen.



MESSAGE TO TRINITY FAMILY

Thank you from Joan, Stephen, Martin and family for all the love and kindness shown to us during the last two difficult months. You have all helped us to cope and it has been wonderful to have the support of our caring Trinity family.

MESSAGE FROM TRISH

Thanks very much to everyone for their cards and good wishes as I continue to recover.



BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE IN MAY

Sandra Garston

Ian Dyer

Katrina Peet

Ida Smith

Christine Grundy

Denise Currie

Josie Martlew

Martin Ashcroft

Sophie Mather

Philip Maiden



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

FLOWERS FOR MAY

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)

4th Sandra Garston - in memory of
Peter Garston

11th Anne Fitzhenry - in thanksgiving

18th Marion Buckley in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman

25th Martin, Angela and Adam Ashcroft



RETIRING COLLECTION IN MAY

The Retiring Collection in May is for Derian House.

COFFEE ROTA

4 th May	L. Lowe	J. Ashcroft	Q. Dieu Nguyen
11 th May	S. Winstanley	D. Currie	
18 th May	L. Heys	G. Mangham	
25 th May	M. Buckley	S. Chesney	





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