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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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September 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” as Keats described autumn and those days are coming soon: with bursts of sunshine before changes in the weather occur. It is also Harvest time with all its bounty in abundance and our own Harvest Service.

So, a time of thanksgiving during which to ponder: what are we thankful for?

I am sure everyone has their own reason to be thankful for something: perhaps the sunny days experienced over summer; the joy of meeting friends; spending time with families and, of course, the fellowship shared by being a member of our congregation here at Trinity. Some of us may be grateful for improving health; others for the support shown when circumstances are difficult.

Our Harvest Service on Sunday September 14th provides an opportunity to express our thankfulness with a meal together celebrating this. Also, a time to ensure those in need of help with food are supported with our gifts.

In our time of vacancy, thanks go to all who give of their time and energy to keep us together as a part of God’s community – the Elders, The Management Team, Group leaders, coffee makers and the inclusion of members from our local community.

As it says in Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 16-18: ‘Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ’.

Throughout this month, let us be mindful in our prayers of all things mentioned for which we are indeed filled with gratitude and may it enable us to continue God’s work here at Trinity.

Using the chorus of the hymn, ‘We plough the fields and scatter’ which shows we do indeed have much to be thankful for:

**“All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all his love.”**

With every blessing to you all,

Trish

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3 rd	11.00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
Sunday 7 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev. Bill Wright
Sunday 14 th	10.45 a.m.	Harvest Festival led by Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife <i>(The service is to be followed by a soup meal for all. Please see list of suggested items to bring for the Brick.)</i>
Sunday 21 st th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Katrina Peet
Saturday 27 th	10.00 a.m. 'til 12.00 noon	MacMillan Coffee Morning <i>(Please see advert)</i>
Sunday 28 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Trish Reilly

WEEKLY & MONTHLY CLUBS/GROUPS

September 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

(Malcolm's Singalong will be on 23rd September)

Tuesdays 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Closeknit Craft Club

Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Trinity Junior Players

Thursdays 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. Church Choir Practice

(Choir will be restarting on Thursday 25th September.)

Sunday Worship Helpers' Rota for September

Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
7 th Sept.	Glenda	Lesley	Sue
14 th Sept.	Katrina	Isabel	Gill
21 st Sept.	Lesley	Glenda	Glenda
28 th Sept.	Tony	Bob	Sue

Coffee Rota

7 th Sept	Lynn Heyes	Lesley Lowe
14 th Sept	Marion Buckley	Susan Chesney
21 st Sept	Lesley Lowe	Joan Ashcroft
28 th Sept	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie



CHURCHES' PARTNERSHIP PRAYER DIARY (NW)
SEPTEMBER 2025

September 7th



For the staff and students
at Wigan and Leigh College
and for those young people
leaving home to go to university

September 14th

**For peace in Palestine
and Israel and the other
Middle East countries**



September 21st



For the Macmillan and
Marie Curie nurses,
the Wigan Leigh Hospice staff
and those caring at home
for the sick

September 28th

**The Vicar, congregation and
activities at St Anne's Church**



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Prayer Partners 2025

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



SEPTEMBER

Action Prayer with Greta – Bangladesh Clothes Equipment – clothes. Bangladesh is a country where many clothes are made and are sold in the UK. As you look through your cupboards and drawers, see how many of them are made in Bangladesh. (It should say on the label) and ask God that the clothes we wear will be ethically made. Pray that factory owners will create safe working places and be compelled to pay their workers well.

Prayer - Dear God, we thank you for our clothes. We pray for the women in Bangladesh that work in poor conditions and for very little pay to make the clothes we wear. We pray that you may hear their cries for better working conditions and pay, and bless them. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE IN SEPTEMBER

Ann Pickering	Lesley Lowe
Graham Chesney	Elizabeth Smyth
Paul Maiden	
David Grady	
Isabel Hitchen	

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



FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

(arranger Sandra Garston)

- 7th Malcolm and Chris Garforth-Fife-Wedding Anniversary flowers
- 14th Isabel Hitchen in memory of Gwladys Richardson
- 21st Trish, Jen and Ros in memory of Mrs. Margaret Walters
- 28th Bob and Sylvia Inglis



RETIRING COLLECTION

The Retiring Collection on September 7th is for Air Ambulance.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH



Another beautiful display of flowers – our Church Family are very lucky to have such lovely arrangements created every week. I hope those who work behind the scenes know how grateful we are.

Pat Harman received flowers and a card in recognition of her many years of service to Commitment for Life, linking to Trinity, and has now stepped down from this role. This is Pat's reply.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and card that were brought to me on behalf of the Elders and fellowship in Trinity. It was such a lovely surprise and much appreciated. As you can see they are still flourishing.

Remembering you all in my prayers
Pat



Music List from June, July and August

Organ Voluntaries

1 June

Organ Episcopal March Merryn Wynn Jones

8 June

Organ

Chorale Prelude BWV651 "Komm Heiliger Geist" J S Bach

15 June

Organ Chorale Improvisation on Nun Danket S. Karg-Elert

29 June

Fantasia in G Minor BWV542 J S Bach

6 July

Trumpet Minuet Alfred Hollins

13 July

Fugue in A minor BWV543 J S Bach

20 July

Fantasic in C Minor BWV562 J S Bach

27 July

Processional William Mathias

3 August

Toccata for Flues Pietro Yon

24 August

Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne in C BuxWV137 D Buxtehude

(Thank you to Martin for providing Trinity with this enriching organ music.)

REMEMBER THIS?



Yes it's the burning bush that we gave to the Parkers when they were leaving Wigan. It has been flourishing in Wellingborough and has now been replanted in Bracknell. Best wishes in your new home (and pastorate, Chris) Chris, Ruth and Julia.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th September

Please bring items for the Brick

The Brick food bank needs dried foods, cereals, tinned foods and toiletries. Suggested items are:

- toiletries
- tinned meat
- tinned fish
- tinned potatoes
- mash sachets
- curry sauces / cook-in sauces (but not pasta sauces)
- biscuits
- cereal
- tea
- coffee

THE BRICK

Cuppa & Chinwag



Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife will be entertaining those at Cuppa & Chinwag on Tuesday 23rd September by singing a variety of folk songs old and new.

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.



LET'S DO A MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Come along and help us do
whatever it takes to support
people living with cancer.

PLACE: Trinity URC Milton Grove, Wigan

DATE: Saturday 27th September

TIME: 10.00 a.m. 'til 12.00 noon

- Refreshments ~ hot drinks and toasted tea cakes
- Cake Stall
- Food and Drink Hamper Raffle



**PLEASE HELP US PREPARE FOR OUR MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING**

Our raffle will be for one prize –

A Food and Drink Hamper.

Please donate if you can. Suggested donations: –

chocolates	wine
biscuits	craft beer
crackers	tea
premium nuts	premium coffee
olive oil	premium tea
cheeses (check the date)	drinking chocolate
jars of sauces	fruit juices
jars of pickle	
<i>(Plus anything else you think would be suitable.)</i>	
Please give hamper items to Tony or Denise before September 27 th .	

CAKE DONATIONS-

Homemade or bought, cakes are always a good seller.

(Cake to sell can be brought on the day.)

Thank You.



LITTLE FISHES TOY CLEANING DAY

Thank you to the LF's helpers for joining the Toy Cleaning Day over the holidays and for their help during school term time when the club is open to visitors.



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Family Quiz Friday 7th November at 7 pm



Light refreshments served at interval, BYOB

Entry: £5 per adult, children free

Recommended maximum team size: 6 adults, unlimited children



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