

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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(Should anyone need to contact Trinity, the Church Secretary and the Elders will be happy to respond. Ed.)

Trinity's Facebook page <http://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/Trinity-United-Reformed-Church-Wigan/298023660250351>

CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

October 1 st	11.00 a.m.	Elders' Meeting
October 5 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion led by Rev. Bill Wright
October 12 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Gail Rose
October 19 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Trish Reilly
October 26 th	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by David Gent

WEEKLY & MONTHLY CLUBS/GROUPS

October 2025

Mondays	9.30- 11.30 a.m.	Little Fishes Toddler Group <i>(In school term time)</i>
Tuesday	2.00 - 3-00 p.m.	Cuppa and Chinwag <i>(Malcolm's Singalong will be on Tuesday 14th October.)</i>
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

Sunday Worship Rota for October

Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
5th October	Glenda	Lesley	Sue
12th October	Katrina	Glenda	Glenda
19th October	Lesley	Judith	Gill
26th October	Tony	Katrina	Sue

Coffee Rota

5th October	Lynn Heys	Gill Mangham
12th October	Marion Buckley	Susan Chesney
19th October	Lesley Lowe	Joan Ashcroft
26th October	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie

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Please arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable on any of the dates above.

Précis of September Elders' Meeting

1. Pulpit Supply and Elders' Services

We are ok until the end of the year. Thanks for everyone who has stepped up to help.

We discussed the problem with the microphones and it was decided to use stand

microphones until the new ones are delivered.

It was also suggested that when Mary Foley preaches in the future that she is asked

whether it would be better if she did not use the pulpit for safety reasons.

Trish has covered some services for next year.

Thanks given to Trish for all her work in contacting possible preachers.

2. Church Profile

This will be going live now. It was delayed until the minister at Cross Lane retired.

3. Elders' Election Papers

Malcolm, Lesley, Trish, Glenda have another year to serve. Katrina finishes this time

after doing an extra year. Letters to be returned by the 19th October.

4. Thanksgiving Letters

Letters to be given out on 19th October and returned by the 2nd November.

5. Service at The Baptist

The service went well, although there were not many people attending from either

church. There is a meeting on the 12th September at Trinity, 10.30 a.m. to discuss any

further services.

6. Preparation for Harvest

Judith and Sandra have volunteered to decorate the Church. We have 6 volunteers to

make soup.

7. Being Church

It is important that people are involved in the church. We need to look at how we can

encourage people to be more involved.

This is to be discussed at future meetings.

8. Safeguarding

Lesley is to attend a zoom meeting on 15th October with regard to changes from Good Practise 6.

Lesley

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT TRINITY



Thank you to Judith and Sandra for decorating the communion table so beautifully Sunday you also to baking the service was soup meal homemade our Church The photo the



for our Harvest Service. Thank Katrina for bread. The followed by a and cake, both by members of family. below shows donations for

the Brick. They were very appreciative and grateful for all the donations (17 bags altogether) and pass on their thanks to everyone at Trinity.
Thank you to everyone for making this a special day.

ORGAN MUSIC PLAYED IN SEPTEMBER 2025

31st August

Toccata Op.43 Flor Peeters

14th September
Improvisation on
Op.65 Karg-Elert

21st September
from Four
Whitlock

28th September
Circumstance No.4
Hesford



Choral
Nun Danket

Fanfare
Extemporisations

Pomp &
Elgar tr. Bryan

October 5 th	The officers, soldiers and activities at the Salvation Army Citadel 
October 12 th	For all those who work with people with mental

CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP (WIGAN N.W.) PRAYER DIARY 2025

		and physical disabilities
October 19 th	The congregation and activities at Trinity United Reformed Church	
October 26 th		Those involved in Transforming Wigan and the Gateway Church at St George's

‘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

OCTOBER

We choose a world of justice,
where resources are not hoarded,
but equally distributed;
in which we work
for a world made fit for future generations,
caring for one another in peace.
We choose.

We choose God, for God is justice.

We choose a world of peace
in which people no longer destroy one another
and all are respected for their uniqueness.
We choose.

We choose God, for God is peace.

We choose a world of love
in which God’s love for all is known,
where each person is accepted and celebrated,
through whom God’s purpose for the world is fully revealed.
We choose.

We choose God, for God is love.

We choose a world of joy
where the joy of God in all creation is fêted,
where the goodness within all is gladly known,
where we join creation’s song of praise.
We choose.

We choose God.

[This prayer was taken from the Commitment for Life Website](#)

BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE IN OCTOBER

Gerald Fishburn

Colin Mather

Ruth Parker

Chris Parker

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



FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)

5th Daphne Pollock in memory of Bill

12th Family flowers in memory of Betty
Donn

19th The family of Elsie Hull in her memory

26th Jane Boast in memory of Val Walters



SILVER SAVER SCHEME

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have donated to our new Silver Saver Scheme which has taken over from the Mite Scheme.. I have been able to send a cheque worth £100 to INICEF UK.k

Right now millions of children are in danger. They are facing violence, hunger, disease and the chaos of war and disaster. With your support we can help to make sure some of the world's children are fed and vaccinated, educated and protected.

Thanks again.

(Thank you to you too Paul for supervising this collection at Church. Ed.)

Cuppa & Chinwag



Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife will be entertaining those at Cuppa & Chinwag on Tuesday 14th October 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.



**LYNN AND MATT DO THE LIVERPOOL BRIDGES WALK
FOR KIDNEY RESEARCH**



Thank you to all the people who sponsored me on the Liverpool Bridges Walk for Kidney Research.

We started at the Pier Head in front of the Mersey ferries, over the Swing Bridge, the Kings Parade Bridge, the Keel Wharf Bridge, the Gower Street Bridge and the Hartley Bridge, all in the Royal Albert Dock area, also passing the Wheel of Liverpool, the Beatles statue and the Royal Liver building, and then back to the Pier Head.

Matt came home for the weekend and walked with me, which was a real treat.

The rain held off and we were the 1st finishers after walking about 5km!

I collected over £700 - a huge amount!

I'm so very thankful for your kindness and generosity.

Lynn Heys





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