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Wigan**

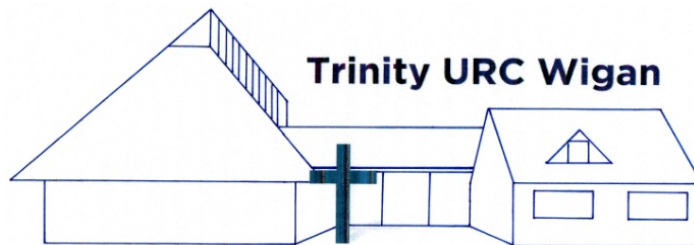
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November 2025

Our Mission Statement

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



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November Newsletter

Dear Friends

What an amazing autumn it has been. The trees have been cloaked in golds, reds and browns; the ground has been a carpet of acorns and conkers. We are told that the long, dry spell during spring and summer has encouraged the trees to bear more fruit and brought out more vivid colours.

This reminds me of what Jesus said, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds'. (John 12 v 24)

At this time of the year we remember those who have given their lives for their country in times of war. Their sacrifice paid for our freedom.

On Remembrance Sunday we give thanks to God for them. At the same time we remember those who have paid the price in different ways through their service in the Armed Forces, and our retiring collection this month will be in support of them.



We will remember them

Saturday 1st November is All Saint's Day, a time to pause and reflect on those people of faith who have gone before us and who have been an example or an encouragement to us.

We remember them

Jesus used the example of the grain of wheat falling to the ground as a picture of his own life; his suffering and death that would lead to new life through resurrection. He died that our sins may be forgiven and we might have the opportunity of a fresh start.

The illustration of the grain of wheat is also a challenge to us: do we lay down our lives in service, so allowing God to work through us and produce fruit. Or do we live for ourselves and remain fruitless.

‘The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.’ (John 12 v 25)

May we continue in God’s service even when it seems hard, tiring or thankless. May we trust that in His time God will bring a harvest of new faith, new fervency and new followers.

Season’s greetings

Chris



Church Family News

We give thanks for those who continue to recover after a period of hospitalisation, and we pray for those who are currently in hospital.

We remember those who are not able to join us for Sunday worship, but who remain an integral part of our fellowship. If anyone would like to celebrate communion at home, this can be arranged by speaking to one of the elders.

Congratulations and best wishes to Hannah, Tom and Rory McGailey on the birth of Connie Rose on Monday October 6th.

A new granddaughter to Fiona and David Grady, great granddaughter to Bob and Sylvia Inglis and niece to Sarah and Adam.

The family appreciates all the love shown at this wonderful time.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning, which raised a wonderful £409 for the charity. Here are some pictures of the refreshments team, the cake stall team and the hamper raffle winner.



Calendar of events for November

Sunday 2nd November	10.45am	Morning Worship with Communion Celebrating our Church Anniversary led by Rev Malcolm Garforth-Fife To be followed by a faith meal for all
Monday 3rd November	from 12pm	Winter Warmers (warm hub) [and subsequent Mondays]
Tuesday 4th November	7pm	Management Meeting
Wednesday 5th November	11am	Elders' Meeting
Friday 7th November	7pm	Family Quiz Night
Sunday 9th November	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Worship led by Rev Malcolm Garforth-Fife followed by Church Meeting
Sunday 16th November	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Leo Roberts
Sunday 23rd November	10.45 a.m.	Morning Worship led by Pat Cansfield
Saturday 29th November	12pm to 2pm	Christmas Fayre
Sunday 30th November	10.45 a.m.	Advent Carol Service led by The Choir

Regular Weekly Groups

Monday	9.30am – 11.30am	Little Fishes Toddler Group <i>(In school term time)</i>
Monday	12pm – 2.30pm	Winter Warmers (warm hub)
Tuesday	2pm – 3pm	Cuppa and Chinwag
Tuesday	7pm – 9pm	Closeknit Craft Club
Wednesday	6.30pm – 8pm	Trinity Junior Players
Thursday	8pm – 9pm	Choir Practice

Sunday Worship Rota for November

Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
2 nd November	Katrina	Lesley	Glenda
9 th November	Lesley	Katrina	Gill
16 th November	Glenda	Lesley	Sue
23 rd November	Tony	Judith	Glenda
30 th November	Trish	Glenda	Gill

Coffee Rota

2 nd November	Lynn Heys	Lesley Lowe
9 th November	Marion Buckley	Susan Chesney
16 th November	Lesley Lowe	Joan Ashcroft
23 rd November	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie
30 th November	Lynn Heys	Gill Mangham

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable

Organ Music Played In October 2025

12TH October

Choir: Let us with Gladsome mind (Nicholson)

Organ: Crown Imperial (William Walton)

19th October

CHOIR: Immortal Invisible (Thiman)

Organ: Alleluyas (Simon Preston)

26th October

Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 545 (J S Bach)



Churches Partnership (Wigan NW) Prayer Diary 2025

<p>November 2nd</p>	<p>For the staff and volunteers who work at Fur Clemt and The Brick</p> 
<p>November 9th</p>	<p>For those who help ex service personnel and their families. We also pray for serving service personnel and their families.</p> 
<p>November 16th</p>	<p>For the unemployed, the homeless and those living in poverty</p> 
<p>November 23rd</p>	<p>For all youth organisations in the borough</p> 
<p>November 30th</p>	<p>On this first Sunday in Advent that Christians might reflect on the birth of the Christ Child, and bring the message to the wider community.</p> 

Zimbabwe 2025

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A family business – Tendani Masendu

A loan of just US\$200 dollars from her village bank gave Tendani Masendu the chance of security and confidence for her family's future. Like many in Masendu ward, Tendani is the head of the household, as her husband lives and works permanently in South Africa. With many children to look after, the irregular monies from her husband mean she needs extra income.

Through Christian Aid partner, Institute of Rural Technologies (IRT), Tendani trained in retailing and was given a loan to start a shop, selling clothes and other goods she bought in Botswana. She was determined to make this work, so was delighted to expand into the shop next door and increase her stock. At one point, she even sold car tyres.

"I used the loan to start selling second hand clothes. With 6 children, 1 orphan and 12 grandchildren, I needed the money. I bought small things at first and resold. My brother gave me a small space where I could sell children's books, salt and other things. I make enough money to pay for school fees and food."

Tendani is part of a village bank. Village banks started helping small businesses in 2008 with contributions from women. At that time, there was no money. The village bank started as a means of pooling money together for people to go to workshops. This changed when IRT, with funding from CA, started lending to the women's groups. The system is credit union style money lending with the village group having responsibility for the fund. They were taught how to identify good projects and monitor progress, so when people come to the committee with a proposal, they can decide if this is a worthwhile project. If approved by the group, then IRT will match fund the local offer and give appropriate training.

If someone defaults on a loan, they are taken to the traditional court. If they have not paid because their circumstances have changed and they are vulnerable, then the debt will be cancelled. If they have not paid because of lack of effort or they have used the money for other purposes, then they are asked to work off the amount owed in community service

Today, Tendani employs two people and her standard of living has increased. Her daughter has received training in marketing and booking, so it can now be called a family business.

"I feel I am free in life because I can feed myself. I am self-sufficient. I am not going to lose sleep thinking." What a wonderful testament to the work of IRT.

Image: Tendani (with hat) and another member of the village bank



Birthdays To Celebrate In November

Jenna Gay
Alyson Ashcroft
Emma Geunther
Tony Smyth



To those who celebrate their birthdays during November, we send our best wishes.

Flowers For November

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)

- 2nd Friends of Trinity for all lonely people
- 9th Family flowers in memory of Stuart Donn
- 16th Friends of Trinity for those people who are unable to attend church
- 23rd Tony and Denise Currie in memory of Tony's mother
- 30th TBC



Trinity URC Wigan

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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



The 2025/26 Season

Rose McLachlan ~ Piano
Recital



Rose is a prize winning pianist and will play popular pieces by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin, Faure and Debussy.

Saturday 8th November 2025

2:30 pm for 3 pm Start

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Cash or Card at the door or Tickets On-Line

Members £10 Guests £15 or scan the code below.



Further details at : www.wiganmusic.org.uk

Cuppa & Chinwag



Rev. Malcolm Garforth-Fife will be entertaining those at Cuppa & Chinwag on Tuesday 18th November by singing a variety of songs.

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.



Trinity's Christmas Fayre

12pm – 2pm on Saturday 29th November 2025

*Young People's Lucky Dip, Cake and Craft Stalls, Raffle
Refreshments: Hot drinks, Bacon or Sausage Barm Cakes
and Mince Pies*

plus

Meet Father Christmas

(Tickets sold in advance at £5.00)



Do come along for some festive spirit.

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