

**Trinity
United Reformed Church
Wigan**

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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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June Newsletter

From Rev Peter Lyth, Interim Moderator

Dear friends

On 16th May, I achieved one of my lifelong ambitions by being passed out as a Guard on the Ribble Steam Railway in Preston. The job is quite involved, it includes preparing the coaches before they emerge for the day's work, supervising the shunting into the platform and later into the carriage shed, acting as brakesman and climbing down on to the track to put on a tail light on the train. The bit that everyone sees is the waving of a green flag and the blowing of a whistle, but there's more to it as you can see. My first turn was Bank Holiday Monday – obviously I am a glutton for punishment as it was the hottest day of the year! Nonetheless, it was a good day.

Our railway also has a museum that tells the story of Preston docks, as well as showing a number of industrial locomotives and wagons. There is also an activity centre and a café. It's a good day out.

However, it got me thinking. The railway runs for 1.5 miles through the former Preston docks before ending in a siding beside Strand Road. The train then returns with the full complement of passengers because there is no station there. They have 3 miles of steam train travel, but end up where they started. The aim of a railway is normally to get people from A to B – in this case, the railway is the end in itself.

Can churches become like this? Our purpose is to bring people to an encounter with the living God through Jesus Christ. Yet often we get bogged down with the church itself – the headaches of the rotas, whether the building is OK. Then there is the thorny question of taste in worship. All these things can, if we are not careful take centre stage. A healthy church is not one that takes us on a journey to nowhere, instead it is one that enables us to journey with Christ. It is with this in mind that you are in the vacancy process as you seek a new minister.

I pray that you will, before long find a minister who can be the guard for your journey.

God Bless

Peter

Church Family News

We remember in our prayers those who are currently in hospital and those who are unwell.

We remember also those who are not able to join us for Sunday worship, but who are part of our fellowship.

If anyone would like to celebrate communion at home, this can be arranged by speaking to one of the elders.

From the Editor

Thanks to Rev Peter Lyth for preparing our June newsletter, and to everyone who has provided rotas, information and lists for inclusion in the magazine.

We are a bit light on articles this month, so if we have any budding poets, creative writers, owners of recipes that need sharing, tips and hints for life in general, I would be delighted to receive them for inclusion in future editions of our magazine.

Chris M

Calendar of events for June

Wednesday 3rd June	7pm	Elders Meeting
Sunday 7th June	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Lyth, Interim Moderator
Sunday 14th June	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Dr Emma Howarth
Sunday 21st June	10.45am.	Morning Worship led by The Elders and Worship Group
Sunday 28th June	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Trish Reilly

Regular Weekly Groups

Monday	9.30am – 11.30am	Little Fishes Toddler Group <i>(In school term time)</i>
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 June

Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
7 th June	Lesley	Trish	Sue
14 th June	Chris	Jen	Gill
21 st June	Glenda	Lynn	Sue
28 th June	Jen	Bob	Glenda

Coffee Rota

7 th June	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie
14 th June	Lynn Heys	Gill Mangham
21 st June	Marion Buckley	Nina
28 th June	Lesley Lowe	Joan Ashcroft

Little Fishes Rota

1 st June	No Little Fishes – Half Term Holiday
8 th June	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Lynn
15 th June	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Paul, Gill
22 nd June	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Glenda, Anne
29 th June	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Christine

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable

Retiring Collection

Our retiring collection for June will be for UNICEF, date to be announced by email after the June elders meeting.



The work of UNICEF

We focus on:	We work across the world, including:	We're working with:
Nutrition and life-saving food	Afghanistan	The UN Convention on Children's Rights
Education	Gaza	Our celebrity supporters
Emergency relief for children	Myanmar	Corporate partners
Protecting children	Sudan	Sport partners
Climate change	Ukraine	
Water, sanitation and hygiene	Yemen	
Vaccines	In the UK	
Child poverty		

STOP PRESS: EBOLA RESPONSE

KINSHASA/DAKAR, 28 MAY 2026 – More than 100 metric tons of urgently needed and lifesaving humanitarian supplies have started to be airlifted and delivered by UNICEF to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as part of the overall emergency response to the escalating Ebola outbreak, with support from the European Union.

The emergency cargo – including personal protective equipment for frontline health workers, medicines, hygiene materials, and medical supplies – was airlifted from UNICEF's global supply and logistics hub in Copenhagen via a specialized humanitarian air service supported by the European Commission's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), and is aimed at containing the spread of the virus in affected communities.

"We are in a race against time to contain this outbreak. The situation remains highly concerning and dynamic. These emergency supplies are critical to help protect frontline workers and support affected communities, including children," said John Agbor, UNICEF Representative currently in Bunia, DRC.

The supplies are expected to support nearly 100,000 people, including children and families living in communities already facing a fragile humanitarian situation marked by population displacement, conflict, and limited access to basic social services.

Organ Music Played In May 2026



3 May

Tiento de Batalla

Juan Cabinilles

10 May

Choir Judge Eternal

Malcolm Archer

Organ Presto from Organ Concerto No.5

G F Handel

24 May

Choir Come my Way, my truth, my life

Archer

Organ Trumpet March (for royal wedding of 1981) Geoffrey Bush



Churches Together Prayer Diary, June

7 th June	Street pastors who help those in need in Wigan town centre and those who support them in prayer 
14 th June	The Wigan Youth services and all those in youth groups in the town, and churches who are working with young people including uniformed organisation leaders 
21 st June	The congregation, minister and activites at St Andrew's church 
28 th June	For those working with the deaf and visually impaired 

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Action for Fairer Tea – Brew it Fair

Do you enjoy a cuppa? How do you like it – with sugar? Strong? With milk?

Apart from water, tea is the world's most popular drink.

However, it is more than a drink, it's a daily ritual,

a comfort, enjoyed during a break or while catching up with loved ones. In Britain we drink over 100 million cups of tea every day!

However, behind every cuppa lies an untold story – the people who carefully pick the tea leaves and carry up to 30 kilograms on their backs at a time. They face poverty, unsafe working conditions and climate change, leaving them unable to plan for their future.

Fairtrade



[Do it Fair: Campaigning for Change in the Tea Industry](#) are asking the UK government to Brew it Fair. Act by signing their petition [Sign | Fairtrade](#)

[Foundation](#) and calling on the government to take stronger action in the tea industry. In addition why not purchase Fairtrade Tea?



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Since 2017, nearly a million Rohingya refugees fleeing persecution in Myanmar have moved to Cox's Bazar, a coastal city in Bangladesh, creating the largest refugee camp in the world.

Facilitating water, sanitation, and hygiene services in the refugee camps is a core focus of *Commitment for Life's* humanitarian response partner. In Camp 15, the largest and most densely populated camp in Cox's Bazar, the organisation has installed a sewage treatment plant, repaired and installed latrines, wash cubicles and solar-run water points, and provided solid waste management, impacting the lives of nearly 71,360 people.

Being a hilly and densely populated area, Camp 15's demand for water is high. Through Christian Aid, *Commitment for Life* provides the means by which water can be supplied to around 9,500 people. Every day, around 12,000-14,000 litres of treated drinking water is supplied through the solar-run water system to residents.

To manage this water distribution, we follow a 'Community-based distribution approach' to create ownership among the refugees. In each sub-block, user committees are formed, comprising five members (all are women) to manage the water collection points. These committees manage the water distribution schedule, maintain the tap stands and spread awareness messages about waterborne diseases to the community. The success of the waste management plant serves as an example for other camps, demonstrating that sustainable waste management practices not only help to keep the environment clean but also provide economic opportunities for the local community.

Birthdays To Celebrate In June

Stephen Ashcroft
Judith Watson
Frances Clucas



Many happy returns to those who celebrate their birthdays in June.

Flowers For June

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)



7th TBA

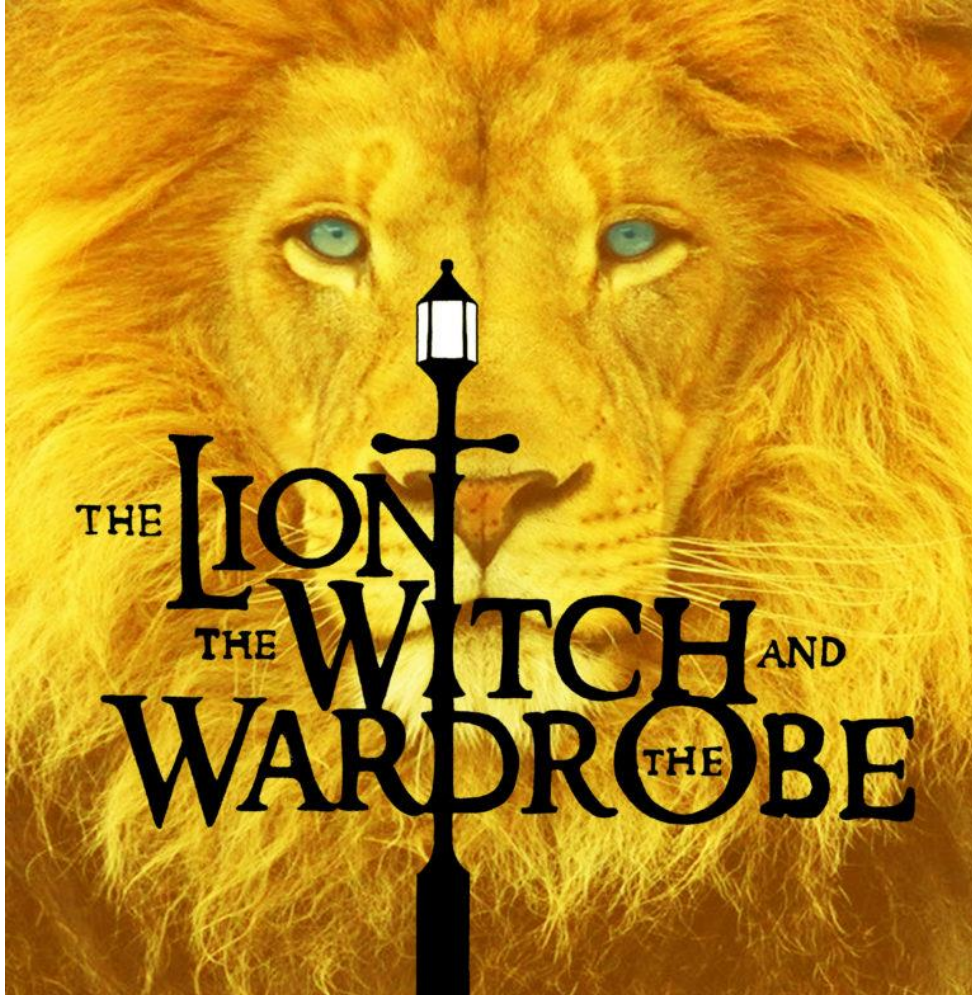
14th Sue and Daphne, in appreciation of all our friends at Trinity

21st Trish, Jen and Ros, in memory of Valerie Walters

28th Joan Ashcroft, in memory of Walter



*TRINITY JUNIOR PLAYERS
PRESENT*



By

C.S. Lewis

Adapted by Glyn Robbins

Friday 19th June @ 7.00pm and Saturday 20th June @ 2.30pm and 7.00pm

Trinity United Reformed Church, Milton Grove, Wigan. WN1 2PG

Tickets £5 – available from Sarah on 07900 883976 or pay on the door

Cuppa & Chinwag



**Rev. Malcolm Fife will be entertaining those at Cuppa & Chinwag on Tuesday 16th June by singing a variety of songs
Do come and join us, 2pm to 3pm on the day**



**Hot drinks with biscuits/cake will be served
No charge but donations accepted**



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