

Trinity United Reformed Church Wigan

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July / August 2026

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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July / August Newsletter

Dear friends

I've been watching the world cup, more specifically the England team, with their moments of attacking brilliance and nail-biting episodes of defensive errors. One noticeable difference about this world cup, apart from the sheer number of teams and the early morning (our time) kick-offs for some matches, is the introduction of hydration breaks, about half way through each period of play. This break is for the welfare of the players after their physical exertions in the heat of the Americas.

We are now at the half way point of the year and approaching the start of the school summer holidays, a time when we can take a break from routines. Taking a break is not just for footballers, it is a good therapy for all of us, both physically and mentally. Without breaks we can get run down by the pressure of 'to do lists' and we may even become resentful of things that we used to enjoy.

The creation story in Genesis describes six days of God's creative activity and then a day of rest and reflection. The cycle of work and rest is a founding principle of God's creation. Sunday was culturally our traditional day of rest: a day for family time, a day for refreshing the spirit and soul. However, in recent years, for much of our society, Sunday has become no different from any other day of the week.

The gospels don't give us much detail about the weekly routine of Jesus, but he is likely to have laboured as a carpenter for six days of the week, with the Sabbath day as time to spend at the synagogue, listening to the teachers and learning from the scriptures.

At about thirty years of age, when Jesus began his ministry of teaching and healing, he sometimes took himself away from the crowds, on a mountainside or across to the quiet side of a lake in order to pray and to reflect. This was a deliberate choice of action, a necessary intervention amidst the pressures of life.

Whatever your circumstances, I hope that you will be able to have a break this summer. It doesn't have to be an exotic holiday to a far-off place, but simply a change of scenery, a change of pace, or opportunity to connect with nature and rediscover the rhythm of life.

Let's pray for those who need a break: students and pupils, teachers and lecturers, support staff and volunteers, those caring for family members or neighbours, attendees at Little Fishes and Trinity Players, and others we may know - that they might be refreshed over the summer months.

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11 v 28).

May God bless you with a restful summer

Chris

Church Family News

We were saddened to hear of the death of Terry Fitzhenry at the end of June. We send our love and sympathy to Anne and the family.

We were pleased to hear that Marion is now out of hospital and recuperating at her son's home. We send our best wishes for a continued good recovery.

We also remember in our prayers those who are currently in hospital, those who are unwell, and those caring for family members, especially Isabel and Lesley.

We pray 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 everyone who has provided rotas, information and lists for inclusion in the magazine.

This magazine is a double issue; the next magazine will be published at the beginning of September. Items for inclusion should be with the editor by 28th August.

Wishing you a restful summer,

Chris M

Calendar of events for July / August

Wednesday 1st July	7pm	Elders Meeting
Sunday 5th July	10.45am	Morning Worship with communion led by Rev Malcolm Fife
Wednesday 8th July	7pm	Elders Meeting
Sunday 12th July	10.45am	Morning Worship with baptism led by Rev Malcolm Fife
Sunday 19th July	10.45am.	Morning Worship led by Rev Andrew Turton
Sunday 26th July	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Leo Roberts
Sunday 2nd August	10.45am	Morning Worship with communion led by Trish Reilly
Sunday 9th August	10.45am	Morning Worship led by Rev Bill Wright
Sunday 16th August	10.45am.	Morning Worship led by Gail Rose
Sunday 23rd August	10.45am	Morning Worship led by The Elders
Sunday 30th August	10.45am	Morning Worship at Wigan Baptist Church, Joint Service (no service at Trinity)

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 July / August

Date	Lead Elder	Helper	Children's Corner
5 th July	Glenda	Chris	Sue
12 th July	Trish	Bob	Gill
19 th July	Jen	Lynn	Summer break
26 th July	Judith	Trish	Summer break
2 nd August	Tony	Jen	Summer break
9 th August	Glenda	Trish	Summer break
16 th August	Jen	Bob	Summer break
23 rd August	Trish	Lynn	Summer break
30 th August	At Wigan Baptist Church	At Wigan Baptist Church	At Wigan Baptist Church

Coffee Rota for July / August

5 th July	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie
12 th July	Lynn Heys	Gill Mangham
19 th July	Marion Buckley	Nina
26 th July	Joan Ashcroft	Lynn Heys
2 nd August	Susan Winstanley	Denise Currie
9 th August	Lynn Heys	Gill Mangham
16 th August	Marion Buckley	Nina
23 rd August	Joan Ashcroft	Lynn Heys
30 th August	At Wigan Baptist Church	At Wigan Baptist Church

Little Fishes Rota

6 th July	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Lynn
13 th July	Katrina, Angela, Jen, Judith
20 th July	No Little Fishes (Summer break)
August - No Little Fishes (Summer break)	
7 th Sept	Autumn Term Starts

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unavailable

Retiring Collection

Our retiring collection for July and August will be for DIAS. This will be taken after the service on 5th July.

The work of DIAS

DIAS is a Wigan Borough organisation working with victims of domestic abuse, offering confidential help, free of charge, to those who need it.

Organ Music Played In June 2026

14 June

Prelude in C “The Great” BWV547 J S Bach

21 June

Choir : How good is the God we adore

Organ: Come sing and dance David Bednall



Churches Together Prayer Diary, July

5 th July	The congregation, deacons, and interim moderators at Wigan Baptist Church 
12 th July	Ambulance crews, paramedics and North West air ambulance crews 
19 th July	The Parish Priests of St John, St Mary Churches and their congregations and activities 
26 th July	For those in local government who maintain our highways, collect our refuse and work in the towns libraries 

Churches Together Prayer Diary, August

2 nd August	The Vicar congregation and activities at St Michael and All Angels Church 
9 th August	For those who are homeless in Wigan and for those who left school in July and remain unemployed 
16 th August	For those in education teachers and children, especially those children starting school or preschool 
23 rd August	The Minister of Spencer Road Methodist Church, its congregation and activities 
30 th August	The Rector, curate, congregation and activities at Wigan Parish Church 

Birthdays To Celebrate In July and August

July

Lilian Pollard

Lauren Parker

Daniel Gay

Pam Wheal

Jennifer Ashcroft



August

Joyce Davies

Gill Mangham

Adam Ashcroft

Sylvia Inglis

John Grundy

To those who celebrate their birthdays during July and August, we send our best wishes.

Flowers For July

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)

5th Denise and Tony Currie and family in memory of Irene Lloyd

12th Lesley and Graham Lowe, family memories

19th Flowers in memory of Ida Smith

26th Martin, Angela and Adam Ashcroft

Flowers For August

(Arranger Glenda Lowe)

2nd Pat Harman in memory of her parents

9th Marion Millar and family in memory of John

16th TBA

23rd John, Philip, Paul and Andrew Maiden in memory of mother and father

30th TBA



**Trinity URC Wigan
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Is hosting



**Wigan Young Musician of the Year
2026 Concert**

Friday 3rd July at 7pm

Performances by students of the Wigan Music Service

Free Entry

Interval with light refreshments

