

*This month's headlines and information from Church Wigan to keep you in the know*



This month Britain honours those who lost their lives in war, on Armistice Day, 11th November, and Remembrance Sunday, 10th November. Our churches and schools will be

holding special services locally to commemorate this, so please come and join in.

### **Remembrance in Wigan Town Centre**

#### **Remembrance Sunday 10th November**

Procession from Wigan Town Hall 10.30am parading to the Parish Church War Memorial for a 2 minute silence at 10.58am followed by laying of wreaths and church service.

**Armistice Day, 11am, Monday 11th November**

Act of Remembrance by the war memorial.

### **Final session! Living the Psalms V**

#### **Psalms to pray 'Your kingdom come'**

**Sat 2 Nov, 9.30am-1pm, St Francis Kitt Green**

Book your free place via the website or by using the QR code: [www.buytickets.at/churchwigan](http://www.buytickets.at/churchwigan)  
Alternatively call 01942 705260



### **Cutting costs by working together**

Linda Shuttleworth, Property Officer for Church Wigan, continues to work hard to reduce costs and improve compliance. Since starting her role in 2022 Linda has helped many churches reduce their costs for gas and electricity through using the services of an independent broker. This is a direct benefit of working together. So far, eight of our thirty churches have made savings in excess of £15,000 with some saving up to 40% on their previous deals.

Contact Linda to find out how you can reduce costs for your church or ask any other building-related question. Tel 07722 050559 or email

[Linda.shuttleworth@churchwigan.org](mailto:Linda.shuttleworth@churchwigan.org).

Have any news for 'At A Glance'? Send to [david.sixsmith@churchwigan.org](mailto:david.sixsmith@churchwigan.org)

### **Free training in Chaplaincy**

**Starts Mon 11 Nov for 4 weeks, 7pm, at St Luke's Church, Orrell**

Rev Sam Nicholson will provide a discovery course on chaplaincy, helping you understand what chaplaincy is, its underlying theology, and where it might fit into your local context to help people discover the love of Christ. It is informal, easy to engage with, and its mix of content and discussion is proven to help people grow in confidence to try out this important ministry. Those who've completed the course now offer chaplaincy in churchyards, retail premises and on the street.

More info: [sam.nicholson@churchwigan.org](mailto:sam.nicholson@churchwigan.org)

## Announcement



**Dave Cosslett** will be ordained next July, serving his curacy in Town Centre and Central Hubs. His calling is to be a 'distinctive deacon,' an ancient and vital order of ministry

focusing on mission in the community. In this he will join Rev Alison Brown who was ordained distinctive deacon this year, and is another way that Wigan is embracing new ministry roles in the diocese. An important part of his role will be to grow our outreach out to younger people, building on his good work while on placement in Chapel-fields, where he is a leader of the Come and See Next Generation worshipping community.

Dave is married to Catherine, team vicar in Wigan North West, and they have three boys. He works as a business manager for an IT company but has been involved in church all his life, doing everything from youthwork to treasurer. Dave is really excited about joining the Town Centre and Central team and discerning where God is at work. Please pray for Dave as he prepares for this new role.

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## **The Start Course**

**Tuesdays, 7.00-8.15pm, 29th Oct-10th Dec  
St Luke's Church, Stubshaw Cross**

Revs Sandra Jones and Sue Fulford from South Hub will host The Start Course. This established and accessible course helps people, including those with little religious background, explore spirituality and discover God. **Open to everyone.** Any questions Rev Sandra **07598 847391**.

## **Urgent: Help set people free from debt**

Our Wigan CAP Debt Centre is transforming lives and has now written off over £120,000 of debt for clients. In order that this great work can continue we urgently need CAP volunteers. Please prayerfully consider if you can help and contact Christiane Cook for more information - tel **07479 707309**

## **The Well, Sun 3 Nov, 7pm, St Mark's**

Following last month's great time with Bishop John, in November we welcome celebrated bible teacher Ven Kevin Roberts of ReSource who will help us grow in confidence in using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Don't miss!

## **Mothers Union - Rise Up Campaign**

On Monday 25th November Mothers Union members from Wigan Deanery will join other members from Liverpool Diocese in the Lady Chapel at Liverpool Cathedral at 12pm for the 16 Days of Activism service. The service this year is based on the Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse campaign and is open for anyone to attend. Wigan Deanery Mothers Union have supported the Rise Up campaign by raising awareness of domestic abuse and by continued support and action for women's refuge and DIAS (supporting men), and is a cause they have supported for many years. For more info about what your local Mothers Union group is doing in the campaign, or if you are interested in joining, please contact **01942 705260** to connect you with your local branch.

## **Bless Wigan prayer & praise meeting**

**Fri 15 Nov 7.30pm St Marks Newtown.** Organised by Wigan House of Prayer to seek renewal in our town and communities. Everyone welcome.

## **The Beatitudes Course**

**Wednesdays from 13 Nov to 18 Dec, 7-9pm, St Paul's Goose Green.** Led by Rev Sam Swan, all are welcome.

## **Lifted Prayer Evening**

**Mon 25 Nov, 7.30pm, St Francis Kitt Green**

## **Growing Hope - worshipping in creation**

**Sat 9 Nov, 10am, Newtown Community Garden.**

Activities for all ages, stories about Jesus, helping in the garden.

## **'Big Quiz' Sat 16 Nov, 7.30pm, Aspull**

**St Elizabeth's Parish Hall** contact Sheila 01942 832369

## **Christmas Fairs**

Many will be taking place in November & December; here are a few we've been told about. For others, check your local notices.

### **St Thomas Ashton Christmas Fair**

**Sat 16 Nov, 11am-2pm**

### **St James w. St Thomas Poolstock Christmas Fair**

**Sat 23 Nov 12 noon - 4 pm**

### **St Francis Kitt Green Christmas Fair**

**Sat 23 Nov, 2pm**

## *Advance notices*

**Ashton Lights switch on Sun 1 Dec, 6pm.** Stalls on Garswood Street car park.

**Silver Line Choir - Christmas Concert** Wed 4 Dec Christ Church Ince, 1pm. Free, donations welcome.

**Christmas By Candelight - Victor Michael and The Sopranos, Fri 6 Dec, 7.30pm** St Michael's Church Contact 01942 235900 for tickets (£13).

**Diocesan Mothers Union Carol Service** St David's Haigh, Sat 7 Dec, 2pm