

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

Welcoming the Bishop of Wigan



The new Bishop of Wigan, Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, who will serve as interim diocesan bishop in Liverpool, is commissioned at 3pm, Sat 3 May, at Liverpool Cathedral. Bishop Ruth has already been active in the diocese and is looking forward to coming to Wigan - more details about this will follow through local church notices. You can find more stories on the Diocese of Liverpool website.

Church Times Article, 4 Apr 2025

Following a visit to Wigan in March, Madeleine Davies of the Church Times, the Church of England's national newspaper, wrote an article entitled 'Road to church growth in Wigan not short.' Described as raw, honest yet hopeful, this article featured voices of many people of Church Wigan. Click QR code to access.



VE Day 80th Anniversary

Wigan Parish Church - Thu 8 May, 11am
Service in church and at the war memorial

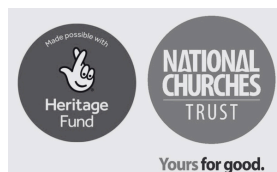
St Peter's Hindley - weekend of FREE events

History exhibition, crafts and 40's afternoon tea -
Sat 10 May 10am-4pm and Sun 11 May, 1pm-5pm

Eucharist service, Sun 11 May, 10am

Proms style brass concert, Sun 11 May, 7.30pm
free flags & hats, featuring Golborne Brass Band
See St Peter's Facebook page for more info

Grant award for Christ Church



Christ Church Ince have recently received a grant of £10,000 for funding to carry out vital repairs to the roof and guttering of the Choir Vestry / Prayer room. They are very grateful to both the National Churches Trust and The Heritage Fund and also to Matthew Maries (Cherish Project Support Officer), for his help and support.

Kick Academy

Transforming Lives Through Sport and Faith

In Church Wigan we are investing in young people to create opportunities to grow in both faith and skills. Our new KICK Football Academy is a place where boys and girls in year groups 7-9 can play football and learn important life values in a positive and empowering environment. Where - Laithwaite Park, Scot Lane, WN5 OUE
When - Weekly on Wednesdays 5pm
Scan the QR code to book your place or for more information.



The Shed - At 'Inspire 25'

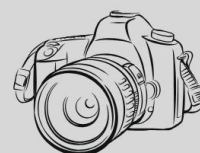


In March members of The Shed were invited to speak at the latest Inspire conference, held at St Paul's Church Widnes. Inspire brings together leaders and core teams of New Worshipping Communities and it was a great honour for our men to share what's happening here in Wigan. The Shed have over 70 members and meet together on the 1st Sat of the month at St Matthews Hall - 9.30am. If your interested in joining or for more info contact Neil Meadow at: nsmrock@icloud.com

Advance notice

CREATING PSALMS

Photography with
Peter Whittington & Mike Fulford



Whatever your camera or smatphone we will explore how photography can help us pray scripture and express our prayers. No previous photography skill required.

To book go to:
www.buytickets.at/churchwigan
or scan the QR code



Sat 19 Jul 25 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

St Andrew's Parish Centre, Waterloo Street
Wigan WN6 7NA

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Walking Days

Sun 1 Jun, Haigh & Aspull Churches Together
Assemble at St David's Church, Haigh at 1.30pm for 2pm start. Finishing at Aspull Methodist

Sun 8 Jun, Chapelfields and Hindley Churches
Starts 2pm at Hindley Business Centre, Atherton Road, Hindley, concludes with service at All Saints Church at 3.30pm and BYO picnic.

Sun 29 Jun, Bryn begins at 2pm (arrive 1.30pm). Bryn St Peter's School marks its 150th Anniversary with a community celebration walking day. Schools, nurseries and churches are invited to take part. Conclude with a short service & picnic.

Church Annual Meetings

Our Annual meetings (APCM) take place in May each year. The meetings receive reports on parish activities, mission and financial matters. We encourage everyone to attend their parish meeting

Town Centre - 8 May, St Mark's Church, 7.30pm

Central - 14 May, St Catherine's School, 7pm

North East - 21 May, St Stephen's Church, 7pm

North West - 27 May, St John's Church, 7.30pm

South - 7 May, St Thomas Church, 7.30pm

West - 28 May, St Paul's Church, 7.30pm

Chapelfields - 19 May, St Peter's Pavilion, 7pm

Please make sure that you have completed your Electoral Role application forms, available from Electoral Role officers.

Another award for our Mothers Union

The Mother's Union Ashton Branch earned a Gold Award for their work for Domestic Abuse **RISE UP** campaign—(Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite, Pray). The Ashton Branch encourages us to pray for five people to know the love of God. Find details via their Facebook page **Mothers' Union – Ashton in Makerfield**, or contact **Revd Sandra Jones** on 07598 847391.

New Appointment



David Blissett-Williams

We are so pleased to welcome David to our Support Services Team as our **Property Officer**.

David is the newest member of CW Support Services, bringing vast experience from roles in law, facilities management, and environmental work as a deputy operations manager. He has won several prestigious awards in this field and holds a NEBOSH Health and Safety certificate. David also served for 13-years in the Army with postings all over the world. He is excited to join Wigan Deanery Trust and Church Wigan, and eager to make a positive impact in his new role and in supporting the community.

Learning to pray for others

Wed 14th May onwards St Francis Kitt Green 7pm

Rev Clive Doran/North West Hub will be running this six week course designed to help people pray for others. Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

Don't Forget

Guided Prayer Retreat

Sat 10 May, 9.30am-12.30pm, St Luke's Orrell

'All Who Are Thirsty - Come To The Table'

To book contact Carol Foster by emailing: prayer@churchwigan.org

Alpha Course

Each Wed from 23 Apr St Marks Church

Newtown at 7pm. It's not too late to join. More info please contact: suesixsmith@yahoo.co.uk

The Well 'The power of forgiveness'

with Fr Harry Wood, Associate Archdeacon

Sun 4 May, 7pm, St Mark Newtown