

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

Urgent appeal: School Counsellors

We need your help to continue providing counsellors based in The Deanery and Byrchall High Schools. The social/emotional wellbeing of our children is under great stress and health services are overwhelmed; it takes months to get an appointment. The counsellors we provide step into this gap, providing a lifeline to hundreds of suffering children. Two thirds of those who've received help from our counsellors report improved wellbeing. Yet the impact is even greater: school staff are strengthened and peer support groups have been set up to help those who live with anger issues, self harm and eating disorders.

Despite all this, it is becoming harder to get grants from funders. We have a solid base of funds but need your generosity to safeguard this crucial ministry into the future. Here's how you can make a difference:

- £25 funds one counselling session
- £100 covers a month of support for one student
- £500 will support one student for an entire term

Of course, all contributions directly help our children. You can give securely at <https://gofund.me/99084130>. Alternatively call Christiane on 07479 707309 or email christiane.cook@wigandeanerytrust.org.

Watch the short video at <https://wigandeanerytrust.org/success-stories/school-counsellor-project/>

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.

Archdeacons Visitation

Wed 25 Jun, 7pm, St Thomas' Ashton

Each year churchwardens are admitted to office at this service - a legal requirement. If you are a warden please put this in your diary or let your hub leader know asap if you cannot make it.

Confirmation services in our parishes

South - Tue 17 Jun, 7pm - St Thomas Ashton

North East & Chapelfield - Sun 29 Jun 3pm venue tba
Town Centre, Central & The Deanery High School
Tue 8 Jul, 7pm - All Saints Wigan

North West & West - Wed 9 Jul 7pm St Luke Orrell

Greenhouse - new dates available

If you lead a team, or a part of one, that's growing a 'fresh' worshipping community, or you work on a mission activity, then Greenhouse is for you! These workshops are full of resources to help you discern what God is saying and start to plan your next steps.

Mon 23 Jun, 7.15pm Christchurch Ince

Sat 28 Jun, 9.30am St Stephen's Whelley

Tue 1 Jul 7.15pm, Christchurch Ince

Thu 3 Jul, 7.15pm, Christchurch Ince

Please arrive 15mins earlier for refreshments.

To sign up for any of these dates please email: frances.shoesmith@churchwigan.org

Ordinations

Sat 7 Jun, 3pm, Liverpool Cathedral

Andrew Turton will be ordained priest and will celebrate his first Holy Communion on 8 June, 10am, St David's Haigh, followed by bring-share lunch in the Church Hall. please contact Peter at peter.walker@churchwigan.org / 07745 665206 if you're coming to help with planning.

Sat 21 Jun, 3pm, Liverpool Cathedral

Adam Archer & David Cosslett will be ordained deacon. See local notices for more info.

The Well: Sun 1 Jun, 7pm, St Mark Newtown

A very special edition featuring Ben Tarbuck, Leader of Way Church in Wigan, who will help us reflect on how we encounter God's presence.

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Prayer Corner

- For the funding we need to secure the future of our school counsellors.
- For the appointment of a team vicar to serve God and the people of Chapelfields parish.
- For those being ordained or appointed to important lay office.
- For the Holy Spirit to enliven and refresh us.

Outdoor Prayer Trail – Can you help?

The Deanery CE High School is planning an Outdoor Prayer Trail, 30 Jun to 2 Jul. Prayer activities will take place in The Glebe, a former wasteland transformed into a nature habitat. An outdoor Chapel in this space will be at the heart of the activities and this will be a wonderful opportunity to nurture the faith and spirituality of the students. Rev Helen Deegan, school chaplain, is forming a team of guides for the event and seeks volunteers to assist on a rota basis. Please get involved! To do so, contact Helen at SDeeganH@deanery.wigan.sch.uk

Organist Required

St John's Pemberton are looking for an Organist / Choir Director to lead a 9 member robed choir (6 Sopranos, 1 Tenor and 2 Bases). For more info about requirements and job description please contact Rev Clive Doran on 07769 773366 or email clive.doran@churchwigan.org.

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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

Dates for the diary

Worm Charming Championship

Sat 7 Jun, 12.30pm, St Elizabeth's Parish Hall
Bolton Road. Truly unique, with stalls and fun.

Women's Conference

14-15 Jun, 4pm, St John Hindley Green

Led by Aurelie, wife of Pastor Egide, leader of the Congolese Christian congregation who worship each Sunday at St John's. After Sunday's session there will be food and fellowship.

Start Course

Thur 19 Jun at St Stephen's Whelley 7pm

A six week course helping people discover the basics of the Christian Faith. Contact Steve for info: steve.beck@churchwigan.org / tel 07706 790825

Wigan Community Choir

Fri 27 Jun, 7.30pm, St Paul's Goose Green

20 year anniversary concert. Adults £10.00
children £3.00, to book and for further info
contact: wigancommunitychoir2022@gmail.com

Lifted Worship and Prayer Evening

Mon 30 Jun, 7.30pm, St Aidan's Billinge

'Lifted' is our network of social justice ministries. Join our next Worship & Prayer evening to hear good news stories, find out what's happening, and support this vital mission in prayer.

Surfstage 25, 4-6 Jul, Parbold

The Surf Stage Festival is a growing and vibrant handmade celebration of music, arts, food and fun which flows out of faith - a great day out. The venue is the field behind the Wayfarer Pub in Parbold. For more information and info about how to volunteer, visit www.surfstage.co.uk.

Music For A Summer's Evening

Sun 6 Jul, 4pm, St Matthew's Church

Age UK Silver Choir Summer Serenade

Wed 9 Jul, 1pm, St Paul's Goose Green

Free concert in St Paul's Community Cafe with donations going to Age UK. Cafe open from 11am.