

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

Easter Events

We often hear 'I wish I had known about that!' In Church Wigan there are many activities beyond the great local work we see each week, which we can enjoy ourselves or which might inspire us to try out in our own church. We can't list everything, sadly, but here are some you might find interesting.

Events for the community

EXPERIENCE EASTER Thu 21 March, 3.30-7pm
St John Hindley Green Enjoyable all age experience open for all, which tells the Easter story through interactive stations. Come and see how this is being used successfully in schools.

Experience Easter also offered at St Andrew Springfield, Good Friday 10am.

ASHTON EASTER TRAIL Sat 23 March, 10.30am, starting at The Card House & Balloon Room An Easter egg hunt finishing at St Thomas' with crafts and activities pointing to the Easter story.

ASPULL EASTER TRAIL Sat 23 March, drop in from 2-4pm in Aspull Library for crafts and refreshments, then on to the trail helped by Dotty the Donkey.

MUDDY CHURCH Sun 24 March, 11am, starts outside St Thomas Church Hall, WN9 4PL A creative outdoor celebration of Palm Sunday. Bring rain gear if wet.

OLIVET TO CALVARY by J H Maunder, Sun 24 March, 6.30pm, St Matthew Highfield Special Easter choral concert.

EASTER FAMILY DAY, Sat 30 Mar, 2.30pm on, The Banner pub, Hindley, WN2 3QS Games, kids activities, concluding with food at 5pm and Vigil service at the firepit in the beer garden.

WALK THROUGH EASTER prayer stations
At various times from Tue 26 - Thu 28 March churches from Town Centre/Central will be open for private prayer using reflective stations. Call 07881 792451 for more info.

Vigils & special services

TENEBRAE

Wed 27 March, 8.15pm, St Michael Swinley
A candle lit service moving from light to darkness, with music and readings.

Good Friday, 29 March

PSALMS FROM THE CROSS

Wigan Parish Church

12-2pm Echoes of the psalms at the cross
2-3pm Choral Good Friday liturgy

LAST HOUR AT THE CROSS, 2-3pm

Vigil at St Stephen Whelley

Walk of Witness, St Barnabas Marsh Green to St Francis, with reflections at the cross.

Holy Saturday, 30 March

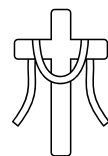
PASSION PLAY, 4pm, St Luke Orrell

A unique dramatisation written in verse by our own Christine Keeley - don't miss!

PRAYER WALK starting 3pm Good Shepherd

Bamfurlong, concluding with a Vigil at 6pm around the firepit at The Banner pub Hindley.

SERVICE OF LIGHT with renewal of baptismal vows, 6pm, St David Haigh, WN2 1PA.



Sunrise Services



Easter Morning, Sun 31 March, 6.30am*

Parbold Hill, opposite Miller & Carter Marsh Green, outside St Barnabas church
Three Sisters, Ashton, meet at the carpark
Whelley, outside St Stephen's church

* Clocks go forward going into Easter Day

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Clive Doran becomes the New Hub Leader for Wigan North West

On 3 March, 3pm, the Rev Clive Doran will be licensed as Interim Hub Leader for the Parish of Wigan North West, which includes St John Pemberton, St Luke Orrell, St Francis Kitt Green and St Barnabas Marsh Green. Clive is a born and bred Wiganer who brings a wealth of experience, having ministered in Maghull, Huyton and latterly as Rector of the Parr Team in St Helens. Before that he was area manager for an engineering company in the northwest. Clive will provide leadership and pastoral care at a crucial time over the next 18-24 months.

'Drink Deeply' prayer and fasting together in March

Many of us are involved in the Lent activities of our local churches. Our House of Prayer (those people who have committed to pray regularly for our town and villages) invites

you to complement this by joining in with a focused time of prayer and, if you can, simple fasting for the last three weeks before Holy Week. The theme is 'Drink Deeply' and is about helping us and our neighbours connect with the refreshing presence of God, so that we can be renewed in joy and faith following a time that has been exhausting for many in both church and community.

There are different ways to get involved:

- Get the daily devotions sheet to guide your own prayer or that of your small group.
- Join themed online prayer, either Church Wigan 9am morning prayer on Facebook or Zoom prayers on Thursdays (see below).
- Attend the Night of Prayer on 22 March - always wonderful occasions!

Email prayer@churchwigan.org for your devotions sheet containing all info you need.

If you have any questions, or seek further info about anything on this news sheet, speak to your local church leader or call 01942 705260.

DRINK DEEPLY

PRAYING FOR REFRESHING IN THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY
4-22 MARCH

GET A DAILY DEVOTIONS SHEET

email: prayer@churchwigan.org

JOIN ONLINE PRAYER

MON-FRI 9AM, FROM 4-22 MARCH CHURCH
WIGAN FACEBOOK

PRAYERS ON ZOOM

THU 7, 14 21 MARCH, 7.30-8.15PM
email prayer@churchwigan.org for link

IN PERSON NIGHT OF PRAYER

FRI 22 MARCH, 7.30-9.30PM
ST ANNE BEECH HILL, WN6 7TA



*With joy you will draw water
from wells of salvation.*

ISAIAH 12.3