

CHURCH DIARY Events & Activities October 2026	
Thursday October 1 st	School Harvest Festival in church
Sunday October 4 th Trinity 18 th	Harvest 10am United Service with Church Parade
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am Midweek Communion
Thursday 8 th	11.00am – 1.00pm Warm Welcome Lunch 7.30pm The Open Door (See inside)
Sunday October 11 th Trinity 19 th	9.15am Informal Worship 11am Holy Communion
Thursday 15 th	11.00am – 1.00pm Warm Welcome Lunch
Sunday October 18 th Trinity 20 th	Shoe Box Appeal Launch 9.15am All Age Holy Communion 11am Choral Communion
Thursday 22 nd	11.00am – 1.00pm Warm Welcome Lunch
Sunday October 25 th Trinity 21 st	9.15am Informal Worship – Breakfast Church 11am Morning Prayer

HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR CLERGY & CHURCH OFFICERS		
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Newsletter Items to Mike Foster by midday Wednesday and also to have this Newsletter sent by email m.foster.hpc@gmail.com

Warm Welcome summer sessions will end the last week in September. There will be no Warm Welcome on October 1st due to School Harvest. From October 8th onward we will be resuming our weekly Thursday lunches in church from 11am to 1.30pm. All free and all welcome. Offers of help with soup and cake making or in the kitchen will be welcome. Any queries please contact Margaret on [01204 690283](tel:01204690283) or mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com

Below the Pike – The magazine of the Team churches, available in each of our churches and submissions always welcome. Please speak to a member of the Editorial Team (details page 2 of magazine) or the editor at mbroadfoot283@btinternet.com Tel 01204 690283.



Holy Trinity Church

To be a worshipping, growing a transforming presence at the heart of the town of Horwich



Newsletter

Sunday September 27th, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



Holy Trinity

If you are visiting for the first time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please stay for refreshments after the morning services – we look forward to meeting you. Information Leaflets about church are in the Leaflet Rack or speak to the Clergy or Churchwardens. See back page calendar for weekly events.

Sunday's Services
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am All Age Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Churches Together Prayer & Praise

Sunday Services Bible Readings
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32



In your Prayers this week, please ask for God's healing: Grenville & Eileen Hartley, Vince McGeever, Gwen Haslam, Jessica Forrest, Paul Wiggins & Joyce Wiggins.

And for God's Comfort: for those recently bereaved especially the family of John Bailey & Jenny Dagnall.

Please consider donating to the work of Holy Trinity Church, either through standing order, by using the card reader in church or by using this QR Code
Thank you for your Contributions.



Midweek communion will continue to be the first Wednesday in the month. Next one Wednesday 7th October 9.30am



The Open Door

The next Open-Door meeting will
be at 7.30pm October 8th
Subject 'The Repair Café'

ALL WELCOME- In church

£5.00 per Evening including Refreshments

Tower Appeal: It's great to see the scaffolding has now come down after so long, but we still need to raise £61,500 to pay for the work that has been done. We urgently need to raise this money and wonder if anyone has any ideas about how we might do this and would be willing to help. If you are able to help, please speak to Susan Preston or email susan.preston8@hotmail.com

Harvest – October 4th Our harvest festival celebration will once again be a United Service at 10am. All gifts – monetary and food will go towards the work of Urban Outreach's foodbank as will the gifts from Horwich Parish School.

Don't forget that the grub tub is always in church and donations are always appreciated. The BOGOF deals are not as readily available and as a lot of people used to give the freebie to Urban Outreach, this has had a significant impact on the foodbank supplies.

One tin or packet makes a huge difference.

Thank you for your support.

Baptism Preparation usually takes place 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church – open to all those wanting their babies or children baptised, this is also open to adults who would like to be baptised. The next one will be on Tuesday 13th October.



PCC Meeting

At its meeting on 14th September 2026, the PCC: was updated by the chair about the proposed sale of the private nursery business based at the Parish Hall. Wiggle Tots and the uniformed organisations are operating normally

- approved the third instalment of the 2026 Parish Share
- approved the Parish Share agreement for 2027-2029 and noted the significant decrease in the 2027 Parish Share figure which was the result of negotiations at the meeting with the diocese
- approved the PCC's three representatives on the Team Council
- approved the Church Maintenance Plan for 2026-2027
- noted the work for each church which would follow the implementation of Martyn's Law in 2027
- noted the work which had been carried out following the flood in church and discussed possible future action
- was updated on future social events
- was informed about the issue with the microphone at the 11am service on 13th September

St Elizabeth's Church – will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning With lots of Cake, plus, coffee and a raffle on Saturday 26th September 10.30am -12.30pm. Please support this great charity if you can.

Ruby Rose Fashion Show,
which is to take place on Friday 30th October, tickets can be purchase from Susan Preston or directly from the shop.

