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Trafford Circuit Preaching Plan September—November 2026



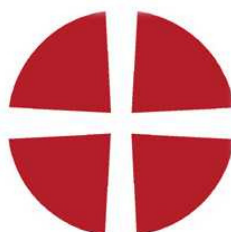
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Superintendent's Pastoral Letter – September 2026 Welcoming, Inclusive and Justice Seeking Church

Dear friends,

Please find included in this plan details of our services which cover the beginning of our new connexional year 2026 - September - November.

Beginnings and Endings are common to each of us and I think autumn (my favourite season) highlights that - the back to school vibe always excited me - (especially as a stationary addict) - pens and pencils, notebooks and folders, ready for a new season of learning and I was ready for it.

A new season lies before us, in which we have much to explore, and learn, and discover, as we seek to grow in and share the amazing love of God for us and for the world. We welcome Louisa and embrace our responsibility and calling in supporting her and also Glayne as she reduces her working to .49 time. May we enter this season with open and expectant hearts, spirits and minds, and with the knowledge and assurance that our God goes before us.

We give thanks for our worship leaders, local preachers, visiting preachers and all who lead LA services and give of their time - especially those in training and who this year celebrate 40 years and 25 years of preaching (Gwyn And Colin).

During this plan there are many opportunities for worshipping together leading to a circuit service on 22 November at The Village.

May God bless you that we may bless others.
In the name of Christ

Rev Jackie

**All requests for the Trafford Circuit plan— December 2026 - February 2027
please send to Rev Jackie by 16th October please —thank you**

If you are unable to fulfil your preaching appointment please speak to Rev Jackie - please do not cease an act of worship without speaking to Jackie

Next Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting - Wednesday 9th September @ 7.30pm -Chapel in the Fields

Lectionary Readings— September—November 2026

September 2026 (Year A)

6th September— Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20
13th September - Exodus 14: 19-31 Psalm 114 or Canticle: Exodus 15: 1b -11, 20-21
Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35
20th September - Exodus 16: 2-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16
27th September - Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32

October 2026 (Year A)

4th October - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3: 4b -14
Matthew 21: 33-46
11th October - Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 22: 1-14
18th October - Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22
25th October - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 22: 34-46

November 2026 (Year A)

1st November - All Saints 1 Nov Revelation 7: 9-17 Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12
8th November - Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13 OR
Rememberance - Isaiah 25: 1-9 or Isaiah 52: 7-12 or Micah 4: 1-8 Psalm 9: 9-20 or
Psalm 46 Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 or Revelation 22: 1-5 Matthew 5: 1-12 or Matthew
5: 43-48 or John 15: 9-17 ✦
15th November - Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30
22nd November - Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46
29th November (Advent Sunday) - Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37 ✦



Different Types of Worship

Breakfast Church—1st Sunday @ 9.30am
Sevenways Methodist Church

Story Church - 1st Sunday @ 10am
The Avenue Methodist Church

All In - 2nd Sunday @ 10.30am
The Vine Methodist Church

New Song Café—1st Sunday @ 7pm
Altrincham Methodist Church

Looking Deeper—2nd Sunday @ 6.30pm
The Vine Methodist Church



Breakfast Church - 3rd Sunday @ 9.30am
Altrincham Methodist Church

Parade Service—3rd Sunday @ 10.45am
Cornerstone & Sevenways Methodist Church - Alternate



Messy Church - 3rd Sunday @ 10.45am
The Village Methodist Church



Lego Church - 3rd Sunday @ 4pm
Timperley Methodist Church

Telugu Fellowship - 3rd Sunday @ 5pm
The Village Methodist Church

Zoom Services - 2nd and 4th Sunday Evening

Evening Worship

Zoom Gathering - 2nd and 4th Sunday Evening @ 7pm

Contact Rev'd Glayne for the zoom code

New Song Café—1st Sunday @ 7pm

Altrincham Methodist Church

An evening of worship with coffee and cake—

Learning new songs with a live band.

Looking Deeper—2nd Sunday @ 6.30pm

The Vine Methodist Church

Delving into and studying scripture together

September - Hosea

October - Habbakuk

November - Jude

Lego Church - 3rd Sunday @ 4pm

Timperley Methodist Church

Fun for all ages—creative, engaging and fun

Telugu Fellowship - 3rd Sunday @ 5pm

The Village Methodist Church

Worship, fellowship and food.

A very warm welcome is extended to all who

visit the Telugu fellowship



Trafford Circuit Ministry Team

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Rev'd Dr Raj Patta (One day per week) - Telugu Fellowship

Supernumeraries

Rev Ian Golding and Rev Margaret Valle (currently not active)

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Circuit Leadership Team

Circuit Stewards

Senior Circuit Steward - Graham Axford,

Circuit Stewards—Rita Borgan, Mani Gundugollu,
Gill Holden, Liz Harwood and
Liz Jeremy

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

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Circuit Treasurer

Graham Axford working with TCC

Line Manager Representative

Rhona Carter



**Trafford Circuit aims to be an inclusive, justice seeking,
welcoming church.**



We will enable this by:

Being a church for everyone

Telling our Story

Putting Mission First

Living as Christians



Praying for Our Trafford Circuit

**You are encouraged each week to pray
specifically for the following:**

Week Commencing

**6th September - The Vine Church, its work with people seeking asylum
and The Makers Nook**

13th September —The Village Church and Telugu Fellowship

**20th September —Timperley Methodist Church and its
redevelopment, guides and musical memories**

27th September - All local preachers and worship leaders

4th October - Cornerstone Methodist as its brigades and chatty cafe

**11th October - Sevenways Methodist Church and the Boys
Brigade**

**✧18th October — Partington Methodist Church and
its community outreach**

25th October - Our Methodist church and circuit lay workers

1st November —Bowdon Vale and its community engagement ✧

8th November - The Avenue and its mission to its room users

**✧15th November - Altrincham, its working with people seeking asylum, its
café, Brigade's and uniformed organisations**

22nd November - Our ministers Rev Jackie, Glayne, Louisa and Raj

**29th November —Circuit Leadership Team—Graham, Liz H, Rita,
Liz J, Mani, Gill, Rhona and Sue** ✧

Additionally please pray for our District and the Senior Leadership Team

James, Caroline, Alan, Heather, Phil, David, Sharon, Katie

During Rev Jackie's sabbatical she spent some time reflecting on the psalms - you can read more by visiting the Trafford Circuit Website

The psalmists include some of the most beautiful phrases in scripture. Prayed over for last 3000 years they bring comfort, challenge and praise. They lift us, offer lament and level us. They are a source of solace and inspiration flowing from the human heart and experience. We read the New Testament alongside the Hebrew scriptures - things make sense when we read biblical texts and the relationship between the two.

Psalms - King David was 30 when he became King.

Did you know that 22 of the Psalms do not appear in the lectionary cycle? - these are 3, 7, 21, 28, 38, 55, 58, 59, 61, 76, 83, 87, 94, 101, 102, 109, 110, 115, 117, 134, 140 and 149

Psalm 1 -

not just the first (though not the first written) it is almost an introduction to the Psalms - in a few earlier editions this Psalm was unnumbered and sat almost as a preface before the remaining Psalms. This Psalm 1 didn't just happen to be placed at the beginning of the book - as highly edited it was intentional. Psalm 1 offers a contrast between the way of the righteous and the way of the ungodly reminding us by not doing certain things brings happiness - it seems a negative approach but wisdom oozes. As social creatures (just like Jack the alpaca) we are influenced by our environment - good and bad. if we want to dwell within the light of God - a righteousness life - be careful where you hang out. Be mindful of who influences minds and hearts. In the Psalmist words turn toward the positive - what are the places, the people, the activities that guide us towards goodness, righteousness and love? and be grounded - They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. Psalm 1

But Paul reminds us that it's even wider than that. "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Phil. 4:8)

Psalm 100

5 Verses - a psalm of thanksgiving and the only one entitled as that.

It invites us to use this as a call to worship. Yahweh invites us to turn up the volume, shout, worship, enter, praise, bless. taken together these commands are such an invitation for the community to engage in singing in the long procession to the temple. Imagine the scene - all singing and proclaiming - not hidden behind closed doors. Yet amidst all of this is the intimate invitation to "know that the Lord is God" -it is not a superficial knowing but one of ultimate dependence and reliance - like the sheep with the shepherd.

At a time of fracture in the world we need to shout this psalm. perhaps try singing it yourself.

For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Daily readings of the Psalms

September

Psalm 1

Psalm 8

Psalm 23

Psalm 35

October

Psalm 46

Psalm 58

Psalm 65

Psalm 84

November

Psalm 100

Psalm 121

Psalm 139

Psalm 142

Psalm 150

As you read - try reading in the following way

Quietly and slowly

Out loud

Quietly pickking one verse

repeat the verse

repeat the verse again

What is God saying to you?

Our Church Locations

Methodist Worshipping Churches

Altrincham— Barrington Road, Altrincham, WA14 1HF

The Avenue—Wincham Road, Sale, M33 4PL

Bowdon Vale— Priory St, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 3BQ

Cornerstone—Hayeswater Road, Davyhulme M41 7BL

Partington - Warburton Lane, Partington, M31 4NL

Sevenways - Barton Road, Stretford, M32 9RD

Timperley✧ Stockport Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 7UG

The Village - Northenden Road, Sale, M33 2PP

The Vine - Hale Rd, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9HL ✧

New Place for New People Projects

Makers Nook—please contact Rachel Foster

Tech Lab - coming soon ✧

Telugu Fellowship—please contact Rev Dr Raj Patta

District Project

Chapel in the Fields—Sinderland Green Methodist Chapel,
Sinderland Lane, Dunham Massey, Altrincham WA14 5SS