North West England District Weekly News

13 October 2026

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District News

Prayer for the appointment of a new District Chair

The Chairs Nominations Committee have met and prepared the paperwork needed for a new District Chair to be appointed from September 2027. Please keep all involved in your prayers at this time as we get ready to submit the advertisement for this role.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the North West England District, its mission and ministry since its beginning, and the people called Methodists. We give thanks for the wealth of volunteers and staff whose dedication sustains our work, recognising that every single person matters and plays a vital part in who we are.

Guide us as we appoint a new District Chair to serve your people. Give wisdom and discernment to all who share in this decision, and help us to listen for your voice with open hearts.

We pray for the person you are preparing: strengthen them in faith, fill them with compassion and courage, and equip them to speak your word, care for your people and lead with humility and grace.

As a District may this appointment bring hope, unity and renewed vision to our churches and communities.

Amen.

Advent 2026 Reflections

We are getting ready to launch Advent 2026! The theme for this year is: 'Don't

be afraid'. As with previous years, we are looking for people to contribute to our daily reflections. If you are interested in writing one of the reflections, please email Carole at: jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk who will provide further information.



District Online Worship Recording

The recording of our October Online District Worship, which marked Prisons Week, is now available.

Watch the recording here



Safeguarding Policy Templates

For all those currently in the process of updating church and circuit safeguarding policies, the most up to date draft versions can be found below.

In section **h) Complaints procedure** of the church safeguarding policy please use the following where the details of the District Chair are requested:

If the complaint is against the Superintendent, it should be sent to Heather Fergusson, District Secretary for Administration & Compliance: fergussonh@nwedmethodists.org.uk. She will then inform the relevant Deputy Chair / Mission Area Lead.

Model Church Policy

Model Circuit Policy

Baby Loss Awareness Week

The Baby Loss Alliance begins its annual campaign on 9 October to raise awareness of the impact of pregnancy and baby loss, the importance of bereavement support and of the vital work that is needed to improve pregnancy outcomes. We share a prayer from Anna Malnutt, Community Development Coordinator at Thrum Hall Methodist Church, Rochdale, and Deputy Chair of the Methodist Church's Connexional Council.

A Prayer for Baby Loss Week

Creator God,
Who loved us before the world began and knit us together in the womb.
We know each and every life you create is precious to you.
We remember all who have been loved, and, especially this baby loss awareness week, those whose memories we cherish.
Be with all who grieve, wherever they are in their journey.
Help us to share our stories, and remember the babies forever carried in our hearts
In your loving name
Amen.

Find out more about Baby Loss Awareness Week here

Training

Safeguarding Foundation Training Sessions

There is availability on the below sessions. To book on either, please contact: Paula Collins FM Trainer on pcollins@manchestermethodists.org.uk

- Saturday 9 January 2027 from 10.00 - at Whalley Range Methodist Church, 51 Withington Rd, Manchester M16 7EX
- Tuesday 19 January 2027 from 19.00 – via Zoom

Events

European Methodist Lecture Program (EMLP) 2026

Blessed are the Peacemakers? Struggling for Peace in Uncertain Times
Dates between 13 October - 10 December | Online

This is an online programme with speakers from across the world presenting on peacebuilding and democracy from a Methodist theological perspective.

Find out more here

Greater Manchester Plus

Reparative Justice Consultation

Friday 23 October | 7pm | Heaton Moor Methodist Church, SK4 4HL

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and the ongoing impact today? Join us for an opportunity to explore the history, hear different perspectives, reflect on what it means for us today, and consider what meaningful action might look like.

This event is for anyone connected with our church, the wider Methodist and URC churches and communities who would like to learn more, listen to different experiences and contribute to shaping the Church's response.

Register your attendance here

Telugu Methodist Fellowship Harvest Festival

Saturday 17 October | 10am-5pm | The Village Methodist Church, Sale Moor, M33 2PP

Download the poster here

Methodist Women in Britain Butterfly Service of Thanksgiving and Affirmation

Wednesday 25 November | 11am | Goose Green Methodist Church, Wigan, WN3 6QU

Download the poster here

Hope Gathering: Still Hope Film Screening

Thursday 15 October | 6.30pm-9.30pm | Central Hall Manchester, M1 1JQ

Still Hope draws on the real stories of trafficking survivors, offering a powerful insight into the realities of exploitation while highlighting the hope that can be found through recovery and restoration.

Find out more and book your place here

Lancashire

Hope, Resilience and Action: Stories from South Sudan

Christian Aid Autumn Roadshow | Friday 16 October | 7pm | Lancaster Priory, LA1 1YZ

Download the poster here

Liverpool Plus

Manifesto for Hope Community Conversation

Thursday 22 October 2026 | 7pm-8.30pm | The Marquee, Hotel Anfield, 23 Anfield Road, Liverpool L4 0TE

A reminder that you are warmly invited to join this community conversation to reflect, listen and build hope as we explore how the Manifesto for Hope can help address inequality in Liverpool City Region.

Find out more and book your place here

Good News Stories

Trafford Circuit Weekend Away

Over 90 people aged between 14 and 92 attended a wonderful weekend at Hayes Conference centre in Derbyshire at the end of September.

Our theme was Telling our Story. The teaching, wonderfully led by Holly Adams from the Evangelism and Growth Team, was based on The Woman at the Well which offered meaningful reflective and encouraging moments. We were asked to think of our life as a continuing story and examine where God may have appeared in it.

Comments from participants ranged from “absolutely amazing”, “I didn’t want it to end”, “a precious moment in time to just be”, and “this is what God has done for me.”

News from Connexion

3Generate

3Generate continues to grow from strength to strength. Last weekend (3–4 October), 1,800 young people, alongside 500 group leaders and 350 volunteers, gathered at the NEC Birmingham for the annual Methodist Children and Youth Assembly. Young people aged 8–18 from across the Connexion came together for a jam-packed weekend of worship, learning and fun.

Watch the highlights here

The Well News: October 2026

Vacancies

Internal:
The North West England Methodist District is looking to recruit a Pioneer Innovator to work in the Cumbria Methodist Circuit. For more details click here.

Find all current internal vacancies listed here.

External:

In Lancashire, the Gather Movement Mapping Project are looking to recruit paid volunteers, who can commit 4-8 hours per week for 3 months, to support the project with contacting churches to complete survey questionnaires. Further information is available here.

Contact Us

Have something to share?

One of the best parts of District life is hearing what God is doing in our churches. If your church has a good news story, an upcoming event or a resource that could benefit others, we'd love to hear from you!

The deadline for sending your stories and events in to us is 12pm every Tuesday. Please send all content to admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk

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