



North West England District Weekly News

24th February 2026

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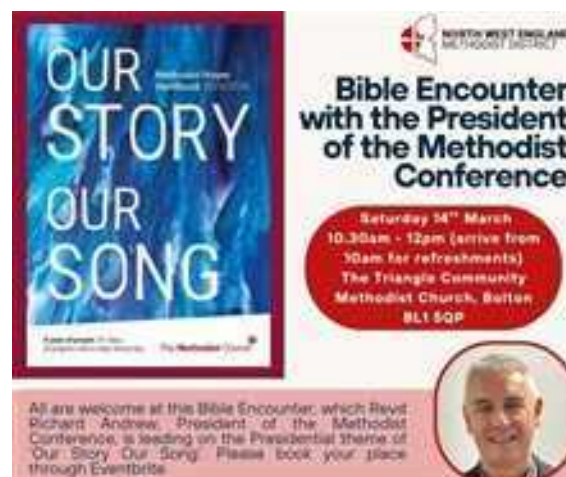
District News

Presidential Visit to the District

The President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Richard Andrew, and Vice President Matt Forsyth, are visiting the District from Saturday 14th to Tuesday 17th March 2026. As part of this visit, the following events are open to all to attend.

Bible Encounter, Saturday 14th March

Taking place at The Triangle Community Methodist Church, Bolton, BL1 5QP. Revd Richard Andrew is leading on the Presidential theme of 'Our Story Our Song'. Arrive from 10am for refreshments, with the Bible Encounter taking place from 10.30am-12pm.



[Book your place through Eventbrite here](#)

District Online Worship Sunday 15th March at 6.30pm

This month's Online Worship is taking place on the third Sunday of the month, not the usual second Sunday. Revd Richard Andrew will be preaching. For the Zoom code, which remains the same, please email

prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or
direct message us on [Facebook](#).



We are looking for new members to join committees in the Administration & Compliance Hub

Are you seeking to use your skills, expertise and gifts in a new way, or are you interested in learning more about a particular area? Learn more about how you could make an important contribution to the life of the District [here](#).



District Online Update

We are hosting an NWED Online Update on Thursday 19th March at 7:30pm.

Come along to this information evening and hear the updates on the progress being made within the North West England District.

Further details and Zoom link to follow.

District Stationing Briefings for 2026-27

Bookings for the District Stationing Briefings are now available. Please find further information [here](#).

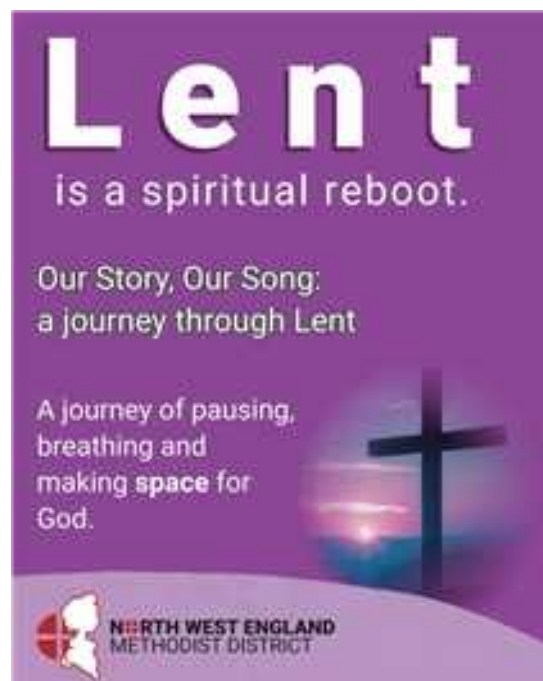
Replacement Boilers and Net Zero Guidance

Read the latest update from the District Property Team [here](#).

Our Story, Our Song: A Journey Through Lent

This Lent, we're joining the Connexional invitation to see the season as a journey of pausing, breathing and making space for God.

Through Lent we are sharing reflections on the theme, 'Our Story, Our Song: A Journey Through Lent', exploring how the hymns and worship songs can guide us more deeply along the road to the cross.



Each week, a different contributor will reflect on a hymn or worship song of their choosing, sharing what it means to them personally and how it connects with their own faith journey.

This week's reflection, from Stephanie Roux, is now available to read via the links below. We would like to encourage you not only to read it, but to share your thoughts, respond to the questions, or tell us what hymn or worship song is speaking to you this Lent in the comments on Facebook.

[Website link](#)

[Facebook link](#)

Training

North West England District Safeguarding Conference 2026: Trauma-Informed Practice

Join us for this year's Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 16 May 2026, focusing on trauma-informed practice and its importance in safeguarding work.

Where: Leyland Methodist Church, 9 Turpin Green Lane, Leyland PR25 3HA

When: Arrival from 9.30am | Conference runs 10.00am – 4.00pm

The day will include contributions from Karen Jobson, a workshop led by the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group, and a Q&A session with Tim Carter, Director of Safeguarding for the Methodist Church. For further details and to book, [click here](#).

Events

Greater Manchester Plus



Peake Trust Lecture 2026

The Peake Lecture will take place Saturday 21st March 2026 at Nazarene Theological College, Dene Rd, Manchester, M20 2GU. 9.30am to 4pm.

'From Miriam to the Magdalene: Women Witnesses in the Bible and Beyond'

Lecture by Dr Siobhán Jolley and Dr Samuel Hildebrandt. For further details and to book, [click here](#).

To download the flyer, [click here](#).

Upcoming Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) Events

Pastie and Praise this Friday 27th February at Harwood Methodist Church, Bolton, BL2 3HX - [find out more here](#)

Spring Gathering on Saturday 21st March at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester, M1 1JQ - [find out more here](#)

Lancashire

Manifesto for Hope in our City Region: Online Sessions

Faith in the City is a landmark report, which the Church of England published in 1985, that challenged the Church and government to tackle the root causes of urban poverty.

40 years on, the Manifesto for Hope in our City Region was launched in November 2025. Following this, join Together Liverpool and CTMR for an online exploration of the Manifesto.



These Zoom sessions are designed for faith leaders, policymakers, and community advocates across the Liverpool City region to move from vision to practical action.

What to expect:

- Revisiting the core themes and commitments of the Manifesto.
- Considering how faith communities and civic leaders can collaborate for the good of others and play an active role in shaping public life.
- An open space for discussion and questions.

Dates & Registration

Tuesday, 17th March 2026 | 10am – 11am

Tuesday, 31st March 2026 | 2.30pm – 3.30pm

[Register here](#)[Read the Manifesto](#)

Daniel and the Detectives

This March, Leyland Methodist Music and Drama are performing their original show, Daniel and the Detectives.

You can find further information and book your tickets [here](#).



Good News Stories

Voices for Haiti Prayer Campaign: Bolton sends a Prayers Video for Haiti



In response to the Voices for Haiti Prayer campaign St Andrew's Methodist Church, Bolton has produced some artwork with the children, craftwork with their adults Company Group that has been used in services in the month, and prayer cards to take home weekly. They have also made a video prayer film, which you can watch above, and have sent it to London to send on to Haiti.

Resources

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March is the World Day of Prayer. This year, the theme is 'I will give you rest' written by members in Nigeria.

Find your local World Day of Prayer service here

Lent Resources

Please find below resources shared by a circuit, that they have made with the Methodist Church Lent Liturgy for 2026.

Lent Liturgy PDF

Lent Liturgy Presentation

Other Resources

Single Friendly Church

Rural Hope Winter / Spring 2026:
Top 5 Updates

Vacancies

[Find current internal vacancies listed here.](#)

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