



North West England District Weekly News

2 June 2026

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District News

Renters' Rights Act: Update for Circuits and Churches

Following the recent emails shared across the District, property stewards are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the implications of the Renters' Rights Act, particularly where manses or other residential properties are involved.

Where applicable, it is important that the Government Information document is issued to tenants, in line with current requirements. Further guidance and details can be found on the TMCP website [here](#).

If you are unsure whether a tenancy falls within these requirements, or need support with circulation or next steps, please contact your District Property Secretary (DPS):

Stephanie Roux – rouxs@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Graeme Potts – pottsg@nwedmethodists.org.uk

John Ream – john@ream.org.uk

New Places for New People / Pioneer Safeguarding Surgery

Saturday 13th June 10am - 12 noon (zoom)

Are you part of the leadership of an NPNP, Pioneer community, Church at the Margins or simply exploring different expressions of church? These communities will be varied in their approach and contexts but establishing good safeguarding is vital.

This Safeguarding Surgery offers a space to meet with some of the Regional Officers for Safeguarding, to explore any specific questions in your context and to talk about some of the wider safeguarding issues and practices in new communities. Come along for the whole conversation or pop in for a short time.

For zoom details please contact Alison at hulsea@methodistchurch.org.uk

District Testimony Service

Taking place on Sunday 7 June at 4pm at Stricklandgate Methodist Church. The service is for Rev Michaela Barker and Deacon Samm Morris, who have been recommended for ordination. We will also be joined by guest preacher, Rev Christine Dutton. The service will be live-streamed.

[Click here for the livestream link](#)



The poster features two circular portraits of Rev Michaela Barker and Deacon Samm Morris at the top left. To their right is the North West England Methodist District logo. The title 'Testimony Service' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, it states the service is for Rev Michaela Barker and Deacon Samm Morris, who have been recommended for ordination. A red circular badge on the left provides the date, time, and location: Sunday 7th June at 4pm, Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Windermere Road, Kendal, LA9 4QJ. A text box at the bottom right explains that this is a special service for District Probationers recommended for Reception into Full Connexion and Ordination at the Methodist Conference, where they can share their journey and give thanks to God. It also mentions that Rev Christine Dutton will be the guest preacher.

HMRC Approved Mileage Rates

You may be aware that HMRC has announced an increase in the mileage rate for the use of personal vehicles on business travel from 45p per mile to 55p per mile, for the first 10,000 miles of business use, backdated to April 2026.

Whilst HMRC will now allow this rate to be used without incurring income tax liability, it is not automatically the case that this rate should be applied. Methodist Conference confirms the rate that should be used by all Methodist entities (Circuits, Districts etc.). The rate does normally mirror the HMRC approved rates, so this is likely simply

to be a timing issue. A request has been made to the Connexional Team for clarification and we expect a response shortly.

Pending authorisation by Conference (or the Connexional Finance Team) the higher rate should not be implemented. This is to ensure that there is no discrepancy of treatment of staff due to some bodies implementing and others not.

District Wellbeing Days

Sustainable Ministry: Facing the Challenges Together

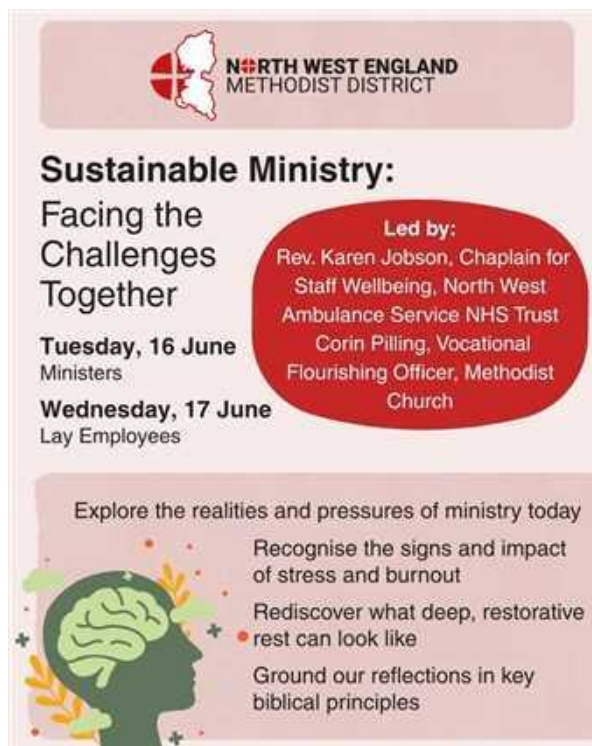
We are pleased to invite you to book onto one of our Wellbeing Days:

Tuesday 16 June for Ministers

Wednesday 17 June for Lay

Employees from the District, Circuits or Churches

Venue: Lune Valley Methodist Hub,
Brookhouse, Lancaster, LA2 9NY
(if a lift from and to Lancaster mainline train station would be helpful, please contact jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk, and we will endeavour to arrange this)



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**Sustainable Ministry:
Facing the Challenges Together**

Tuesday, 16 June
Ministers

Wednesday, 17 June
Lay Employees

Led by:
Rev. Karen Jobson, Chaplain for Staff Wellbeing, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Corin Pilling, Vocational Flourishing Officer, Methodist Church

Explore the realities and pressures of ministry today

- Recognise the signs and impact of stress and burnout
- Rediscover what deep, restorative rest can look like
- Ground our reflections in key biblical principles

Timings of the day: arrive from 9.30am for a 10am start. Finish at 3.30pm.

Please book your place by emailing Carole Jones by Friday 12 June:

jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Monthly Property Support Meeting

Tuesday 9 June, 10.30am - 11.30am on Zoom

Please accept our apologies; the date circulated in last week's newsletter was incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday 9 June.

The District Property Team warmly invite anyone involved in church or Circuit property matters to join these new monthly support meetings. Each

session will focus on current “hot topics”, practical guidance and shared learning to help churches better understand and navigate the often complex world of Methodist property. Our hope is to create a supportive and welcoming space where people can ask questions, gain confidence and feel better equipped to plan sustainably for the future.

[Download the poster here](#)

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**Monthly Property
Support Meeting**

Tuesday 9 June, 10.30am on Zoom

A new monthly online meeting for anyone involved in church or Circuit property matters, including ministers, superintendents, property stewards and local church officers.

These sessions provide practical guidance, support and updates to help people better understand and navigate the often complex world of Methodist property.

Topics for the June meeting include:

- New property guidance and resources being added to the NWED website
- Mission planning and the sustainable use of property
- Renters' Rights Act updates
- Preparing manses for new ministers
- Net Zero, energy audits and grant funding opportunities

Zoom Details

Meeting ID:
991 9076 0467

Passcode:
120761

This meeting is being led by
Graeme Potts and Stephanie Roux
District Property Secretaries for the NWED District

If you have questions you'd like answered during the meeting, please email us your questions in advance.

Graeme Potts
potts@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Stephanie Roux
roux@nwedmethodists.org.uk

June District Online Worship

Taking place on Sunday 14 June at 6.30pm, with Revd Alan Bradley preaching. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.

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**District
Online
Worship**

Sunday 14th June at 6.30pm

With Revd Alan Bradley,
Mission Area Lead for
Greater Manchester Plus
& Deputy Chair preaching.

District Online Worship is held on the second Sunday of every month. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.

Superintendent Days for Circuit New Places for New People Friday 19 June, 10am - 3pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub, LA2 9NY

The Connexional Growth and Evangelism Team are offering a day in the District to encourage Circuits to start, develop and embed New Places for New People (NPNP). A small group from each Circuit is invited to attend, including the Superintendent and other key people.

There will be opportunity to celebrate where you have got to, assistance with next steps, and help with any concerns or challenges. It is recognised that Circuits will be at very different stages but the hope is that this will be a day that will energise and equip us all for what comes next.



SUPERINTENDENT DAYS FOR CIRCUIT NEW PLACES FOR NEW PEOPLE

**FRIDAY 19
JUNE 2026**

10AM - 3PM
(ARRIVE FROM 10AM FOR A 10.30AM START)
LUNE VALLEY METHODIST HUB, LA2 9NY

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Bible Fun Day Postponed

Originally planned to take place on 4 July at Leyland Methodist Church, this day has unfortunately been postponed until the autumn. A new date will be confirmed soon.

Events

Farewell Service for Revd. Canon Ian Rutherford - 14 July at 11.30am at Central Hall Manchester

Celebrating the ministry that Revd. Canon Ian Rutherford has brought to Methodist Central Hall MCR and the Greater Manchester City Region.

Ian's Farewell Service will begin at 11:30am, during which we will share in Holy Communion. The Revd. Canon Dr. Jennifer Smith will be our preacher for this service.

A light lunch will be served immediately afterwards, and will give time to catch up with old friends, and say farewell to Ian. For information about getting to Central Hall MCR, please click [here](#).



Book your place for this celebration [here](#)

What Do You See?

Do you ever think about how the way we view life differently to others affects our behaviour and belief systems? If so join the Your Space team on 11 June for our online session "What Do You See?", an online experience of perspective, perception and possibility. In a relaxed and open virtual space, you'll connect with others as we explore how perception shapes reality— personally, socially, and creatively.



Event Details:

11 June, 8-9pm

Online (link provided after registration)

Limited spots available

Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and discover... what do you see?

[Sign up here](#)

Greater Manchester Plus

'What's on Guide for Summer' at Victoria Hall, Bolton

[Download the guide here](#)

Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit Service and Retreat Day

Click on the photos below to download a copy with further details.



The **Methodist Church**
Alderley Edge & Knutsford Circuit

Circuit Service

Sunday 26th July '26
commencing at 5pm

held at **Knutsford Methodist Church**

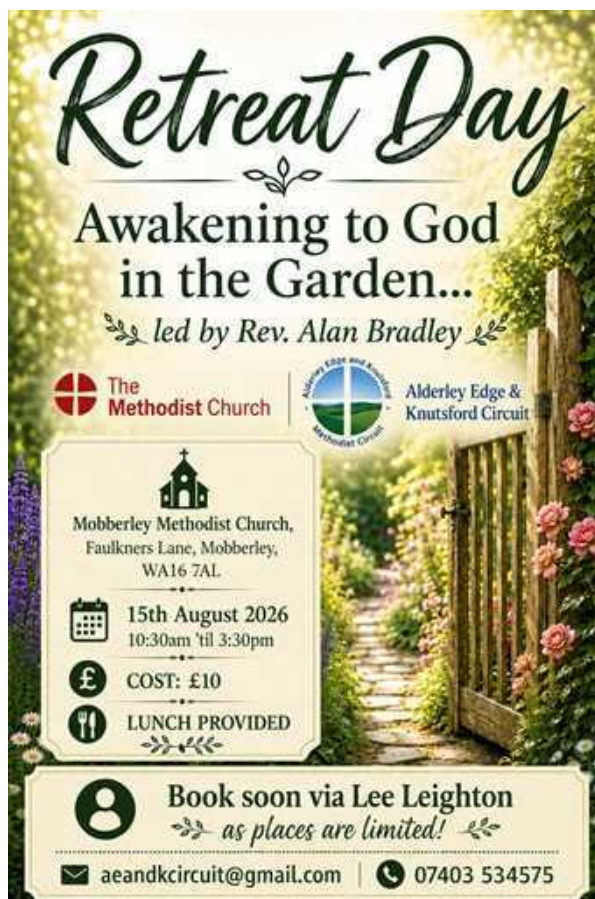
led by the **Zimbabwe Pilgrimage Team**,
and will be their way of sharing
what they learned during the trip,
and what God is telling them
about the future

If you need more info., contact
the Circuit Manager on
aeandkcircuit@gmail.com & 07403 534575.

OUR CIRCUIT VISION... We believe that the Christian faith is fostered in communities of love where Christ is at the centre. We have a desire to work with God's Spirit to see our Churches grow in order to foster new communities of faith and to enable passionate worship, intentional faith development, loving service, and caring mission.

"Go and make Disciples." Matt 28:19

The Methodist Church
WORSHIP | LEARNING & CARING | SERVICE | EVANGELISM



Retreat Day

Awakening to God in the Garden...

led by Rev. Alan Bradley

The **Methodist Church**
Alderley Edge & Knutsford Circuit

Mobberley Methodist Church,
Faulkners Lane, Mobberley,
WA16 7AL

15th August 2026
10:30am 'til 3:30pm

COST: £10

LUNCH PROVIDED

Book soon via Lee Leighton
as places are limited!

aeandkcircuit@gmail.com | 07403 534575

Lancashire

An evening with Tony Vino
Saturday 13 June at 7pm at Bamber
Bridge Methodist Church

Spend an evening being entertained by Comedian Tony Vino! Tickets are £5 and refreshments will be available.

Buy your ticket here



Liverpool Plus

Bread and Wine

A North Liverpool and South Sefton

Circuit Service

Sunday 12 July at Moor Lane

Methodist Church from 5.30pm

Bread and Wine is a musical written by Superintendent Minister Revd Darren Garfield, where Holy Communion is shared during the service, accompanied by songs sung by the Circuit Choir.

We warmly invite our friends from the District to join us.



Training

Thriving Under 5s

Monday 15 June 2026, 9.45am – 12.15pm on Zoom

A free, inspiring session on how children aged 0–5 can encounter God through play, rhythm and gentle faith practices.

[Find out more here](#)

Resources

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) resources:

[Summer Newsletter](#)[Prayer Diary](#)

Good News Stories: Greater Manchester Plus

An update from Methodist Women in Britain

A massive thank you to our friends at Bedford Methodist, Leigh who hosted a coffee morning for us at the beginning of May - and what an excellent time together it was! Our theme was 'New Zealand' and we raised £160 and sent a donation to MWiB towards costs for sending someone to the World Seminar in August.



Our next opportunity to meet together is at 6.30pm on Friday 10 July at Connections Church, Bolton, when we will have an evening of 'International' fellowship and music with our Swahili choir amongst others, and the opportunity to sample some cuisine. More details will follow soon.

News from Connexion

The Conference Agenda

The Agenda Volume 1 for the Methodist Conference 2026 has been published. The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

This year the Methodist Conference will be meeting in Telford from 25 June – 1 July.

[Access the agenda here](#)

Vacancies

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

Contact Us

The deadline for sending your stories and events in to us is 12pm every Tuesday.
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