North West England District Weekly News

6 October 2026

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District News

Feature your Church or Circuit in our new District Video!

We're creating a new promotional video to showcase the life and ministry across our District, and we need your photos! We would love to feature images that show your Church or Circuit in action, such as:

- Community outreach
- Team events
- Youth groups / ministry

Please send any high resolution photos to admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk, noting that the deadline is **9am this Thursday, 8 October 2026**.

Please provide written consent in the accompanying email that any people in the photo (or parents / guardians for children) are happy for this to be used for District promotional purposes.

Re:Source

We are currently planning a District Event / Celebration with further details to follow.

This will form part of the weekend visit of the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference to the District and will take place on **Saturday 1 May 2027**, venue and exact timings (daytime) to be confirmed.

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.



Christmas Card Competition

We are delighted to launch our annual District Christmas Card Competition, giving children and young people from across the District the opportunity to have their artwork featured on this year's official District Christmas card.



The winning design will become the front cover of the Christmas card sent by members of the District Senior Leadership Team to churches, partners and organisations across the District at Christmas this year.

Click here for more details and to download an entry form

District Online Worship

Our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 11 October. We will be marking Prisons Week - including reflections from Prison Chaplains and others.

For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.



Have Your Say: District Children and Youth Strategy

We're developing a District Children and Youth Strategy, and your voice matters! We want to hear from those who work with children and youth, alongside the voices of children and young people themselves. Please take a few minutes to fill out the forms below and help shape our strategy.

Form for adults

Form for young people

Admins Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13 October, 11am - 11.40am

Formally the group led by Kristie Eve and now facilitated by Michael Brennan, this is a space for admins to chat, share advice and receive mutual support. The zoom details are:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456412208?pwd=IwVi2iqbsQl8ctKc1rawWZnoRZIXF4.1
Meeting ID: 754 5641 2208
Passcode: 8BUdGN

Monthly Property Support Meeting

Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 10.30am | Online via Zoom

Join the District Property Secretaries for our October Monthly Property Support Meeting.
This month we'll be looking at:

- Missional use of property
- Fire risk assessments for manses
- Boiler season
- Annual property returns
- Housing Memorial
- Asbestos and record keeping

There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and learn from others across the District.

Download the flyer and view the Zoom details here

Digital Digest

Could your next online meeting be 'Zoom bombed'?

We are aware that a number of recent Zoom meetings have been disrupted by uninvited participants who have shared explicit and inappropriate content. This week's Digital Digest looks at some simple steps you can take to make your meetings much harder to 'Zoom bomb'.

Read the Digest here

Events: Liverpool Plus

Manifesto for Hope Community Conversation

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

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. This 90-minute interactive session is about:

- Exploring the Manifesto’s priorities
- Sharing experiences and perspectives
- Offering a welcoming environment where every voice matters
- It is an invitation to reflect, listen and build hope together.

Find out more and book your place here

Good News Stories

Methodists Join Time to Act Liverpool Walk

Methodists responded to the call to take action for peace in the Middle East by attending the Just Peace Coalition's 'Time To Act' walk in Liverpool on Sunday 27 September, during the weekend of the Labour Party Conference, which was being held in the city. Revd Caroline Ainger, District Secretary for Mission and Mission Area Lead and Deputy Chair for Liverpool Plus, was in attendance.



Read the story here

Resources

Tackling Homelessness

The Revd Canon Ian Rutherford, Chair of both the Housing Memorial Group and the Connexional Economic Justice Working Group, shares his insights on what is needed to reduce homelessness.

Read more here

A Prayer for Black History Month

The Revd Dr Kennedy Gondongwe, Superintendent Minister of Oldham Circuit, shares a prayer to mark the start of Black History month.

Read the prayer here

Reparative Justice - have your say

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and the ongoing impact today?

Find out how to have your say here

Themed Sundays and Special Sundays

Following a vote at the Methodist Conference 2026, 'themed Sundays' don't have a set date and can be celebrated at any time of the year at the discretion of local churches and circuits. Several days now remain as Special Sundays, which are celebrated on particular dates throughout the year.

Find out more here

Methodists for World Mission (MWM) News and Resources

Please click the links below for the latest information. Further information about MWM can be found here.

Prayer and Care Handbook Autumn 2026

President's Letter September

Autumn Webinar Information

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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