



North West England District Weekly News

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District News

Introducing Co-Supervision Implementation Plan (SIP) Holder, Revd Yvonne J Pearson

I'd like to introduce myself to you. I am a supernumerary minister living just outside of Preston. I have been appointed as the Co-Supervision Implementation Plan (SIP) Holder, alongside Revd Phil Gough. I will be working on the SIP and with those who Supervise along with all who have supervision.



My aim is to support you, to communicate updates with you, and to get as many as need it, into supervision as we are able. I will get in touch with you as and when there is a need, however, if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email at yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Watch out for future news on Supervision and Continuing Development Training Opportunities. I hope to meet some of you at Synod, see you there.

District Stationing Update

The District Stationing Group are hosting a second briefing for those involved in Stationing 2026-27. This will be on Zoom on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7.30 – 9 pm.

Members of the group will present relevant information at this stage in the process regarding supplying indicative lists and the arrangements around visits. There will also be opportunity to ask any questions.

The invitation is to Circuit Stewards and representatives from Circuits who are in stationing to hear or be reminded of information that you may find helpful at this stage. It won't need all the members of the Circuit Invitation Committee, or necessarily all members of the Circuit Steward teams, but it may be helpful for a couple of representatives to attend.

Ministers in stationing would also be most welcome to attend if you might find it helpful, or particularly if it is your first time in the process.

Please book to attend the briefing here: [NWED Stationing 2026-27 - Visits Briefing](#) and the Zoom details will be emailed ahead of the date.

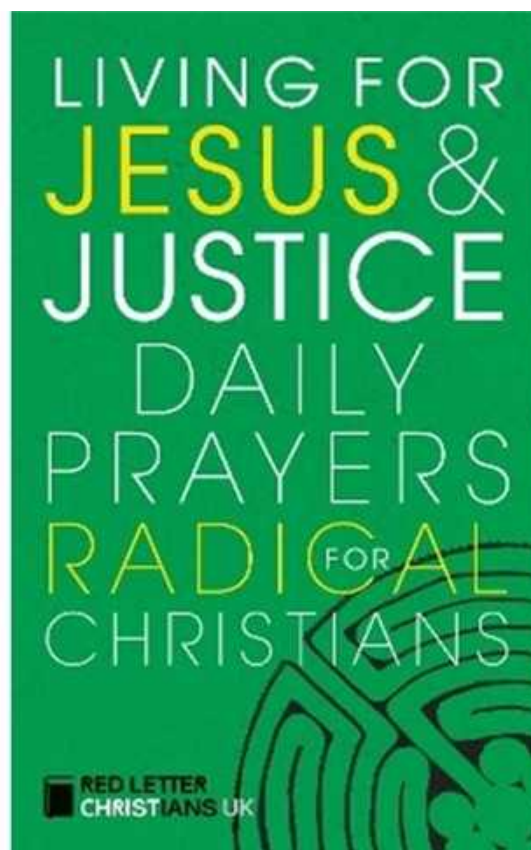
Please raise any queries via Carolyn Dickinson (District Administrator):

dickinsonc@nwedmethodists.org.uk

NEW RESOURCE, NEW GROUP

Following the launch of the new resource book, 'Living for Jesus and Justice - Daily Prayers for Radical Christians', we have ordered a quantity available for people in the NWE District at a reduced price. Rather than £16.99 (rrp), we have them available at £13.50 (generous discount from a Christian bookseller).

The book contains a justice-seeking rhythm of morning, noon and evening prayer for each day of the week, daily readings for each day of the year, focusing on an individual, an



organisation or a cause in the social justice area.

Finally, there's a really helpful section of 'occasional prayers', following many of our themes of justice and equality, and written by a diverse variety of social justice Christians.

Copies will be available at Synod, or you can place your order via emailing goughp@nwedmethodists.org.uk

If you would like to be part of an online group in the District journeying through the year, we are launching a new NWE District online prayer half-hour on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 - 8.30am, via Zoom, starting on **Tuesday 15 September**. Feel free to join us weekly or whenever you can. Phil Gough, Sharon Read and Jenny Jones are the initial host team but are keen to build a strong team to enable this weekly prayer time to develop and grow.

If you would like to join the Tuesday morning Zoom prayer time, please do get in touch with Carole Jones, jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk or Phil Gough (as above).

Safeguarding: DBS Update

Regulated activity: removal of the supervision exemption (comes into force 1 September 2026)

Please find below an update from the safeguarding team.

[Read the update here](#)

NPNP / Pioneer Safeguarding Surgery

Wednesday 16 September 10am - 12 noon on zoom

Are you part of the leadership of an NPNP (New Places for New People), 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

September District Online Worship

We next meet on Sunday 13 September at 6.30pm, with Revd David Newlove, Mission Area Lead for Cumbria and Deputy Chair, preaching on the theme of Creation Justice. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.



Digital Digest: The Power of a Good Photo

A good photograph can make all the difference on social media: it can stop someone scrolling.

In this edition of the Digital Digest, we look at why photographs are such a powerful tool for churches and how a simple photo can often say more.

[Read the digest here](#)

Annual Connexional Service at Central Hall Manchester



It was a joy to gather today with friends and colleagues for the annual Connexional Service at Central Hall Manchester, with The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Mark Slaney and Caroline Stead.

[Read about the service here](#)

Events

Greater Manchester Plus

Farnworth and Worsley Circuit Evening Service

13 September, 7pm at Christ Church, Little Lever

Join us in the candlelight as we share together in the singing of the beautiful and simple chants of Taizé, interspersed with periods of shared silent prayer and meditation.

Lancashire

Women for Peace Burnley invite you to come and hear Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian farmer from the Tent of

Nations Farm in the West Bank, on
Monday 28 September at 6.30pm.

[Download the poster here](#)



Liverpool Plus

Time to Act Gathering in Liverpool

Sunday 27 September 2026

The Methodist Church and All We Can are endorsers of the [Time to Act Campaign](#). As the Labour Party Conference opens in Liverpool, the campaign will bring together church leaders, activists, supporters and members of the public for a visible and prayerful witness calling for justice, peace, and hope in the Holy Land.

The proposed timetable for the day is as follows:

- 14:30 Gather at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
- 15:00 Choral Evening Prayer
- 16:00 Walk of Witness along Hope Street led by Bishops Ruth and Tom
- 16:45 Panel presentation on Time to Act in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral
- 18:30 Gather outside the LEX Convention Centre for Vigil
- 19:30 Close

Resources

Methodist Church Online Worship Toolkit

Whether you are thinking about livestreaming your services for the first time, or your church has been worshipping online for years, this toolkit is here to help.

It brings together clear, practical guidance on copyright, equipment, platforms, consent and accessibility – all in one place, and written for ordinary churches rather than technical experts.

[Access the resources here](#)

Churches Together: Expression of Interest for a meeting around creation fest

At a recent Churches Together in Merseyside and Cheshire Ecumenical Officers' meeting there was significant discussion around "creation fest" – looking at our ecological responsibility with a liturgical focus. There was enthusiasm to develop this as a shared focus for Churches Together in Cheshire as we journey forward.

We are offering a gathering for interested parties in both Cheshire and Merseyside to see whether there would be wider support for an initiative in this direction. The event details are:

Date: 13 October 2026, 2-4pm

Venue: Saughall Methodist Church, Church Road, Saughall, Chester, CH1 6EN

Please email office@ctmr.org.uk to express your interest.

News from Connexion

Housing Memorial Group September 2026 Update

The Methodist Conference in June received an interim report from the Connexional Economic Justice Working Group which sets out the process to bring a final report to the Conference in 2027. This will include recommendations from the Housing Memorial Group on how to tackle the barriers that currently limit the use of Methodist land and buildings for genuinely affordable accommodation, emergency provision, and supported housing.

Please find below the September Update on the work of the Housing Memorial Group. It also includes details about opportunities to support and inform the work of the

group, including how to register for the online gathering on the 16 September at 10am. Please send any questions or feedback to the group by email: housing@methodistchurch.org.uk.

[Read the update](#)

Don't be Afraid! Christmas Resources are Coming Soon

This year's Advent and Christmas resources from the Methodist Church help us share with our churches and communities the angel's words: "Don't be afraid". Together we recognise the presence of God amid frightening times. Yes, the world is a scary place. Yes, life is hard. We are not alone.

You can sign up for a webinar on 8 September or 15 October to find out about the digital and print resources available this year to help you share Jesus during Advent and Christmas.

[Preview the resources](#)

[Sign up for a webinar](#)

[God for All update: September 2026](#)

[Global Relationships News: September 2026](#)

Vacancies

[Find current internal vacancies listed 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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