

North West England District Weekly News



11 August 2026

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District News

Conference Representative Nominations

Nominations are now being invited for those wishing to attend Methodist Conference of 2027 as a representative of the North West England District (NWED). Conference runs from 24 June for Presbyters and from 26 June for Deacons and Lay representatives until 30 June 2027.

If you are a member of the Methodist Church in NWED and are interested in attending, please complete a nomination form (click below). The closing date for nominations is 4 September 2026. Voting will take place at Synod on 12 September 2026.

[Nomination form](#)

National Day of Prayer for Schools

Ahead of the [National Day of Prayer for Schools](#) on Wednesday 9 September, we're aiming to match each of the 30 Methodist and Methodist / Anglican primary schools within our District with someone who will pray for them. We'd love to hear from people willing to hold students and staff in prayer on the day, and from people who would be willing to prayerfully support one of the schools in an ongoing way. If you'd like to commit to pray for a school, please get in touch with Phil Gough or Carole Jones by email:

goughp@nwedmethodists.org.uk
jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Solar Eclipse

Is your church taking part in the solar eclipse Day of Outreach tomorrow? We would love to hear your stories! Please send any photos and stories of the day by email to admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Reflections

Revd Katie Smith, Mission Area Lead for Greater Manchester Plus and Deputy Chair, shares her reflections here.

[Read the reflection here](#)

Rev. Dr. Raj Patta shares his reflections from an Indian Christian living in a post-secular Britain.

[Read the reflection here](#)

District Events and Committee Dates

The District website is kept up to date with details of events and committee dates throughout the District.

[View the calendar of events](#)

Events

Greater Manchester Plus

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly
The Quiet Revival



14 October, 6.30pm-9pm at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, M3 6DP



There will be a keynote address from The Bible Society and a Q&A, followed by sessions on engaging with young people, and engaging with children. Click the image above to download a copy of the agenda.

Resources

August Eco Tips

Looking after wildlife in the heat

Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation.

[Find more warm weather tips here](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 resources

18 – 25 January 2027

The theme is: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

[Access the resources](#)[TCC August eBulletin](#)

News from Connexion

Take Part in our Christmas Film

“Last year our Christmas film and content reached over one million people.”

The middle of a sweltering summer may seem like a strange time to be talking about Christmas but, in fact, we start our planning in January. This year we’re producing a short film highlighting the real lives and activities of Methodists living out their way of life in our communities – maybe they are running a warm space, providing for the local community or hosting a Christmas event.

If this is you, or someone you know, we’d love to hear from you. The people we film will need to be active members of a local Methodist church or New Places for New People project, be willing to share their personal testimony on camera and be filmed in various activities and locations for a day in October.

Please email Ben Lawrence, our Digital Content Producer:

LawrenceB@methodistchurch.org.uk

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.

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