

North West England District Weekly News



15 September 2026

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District News

UPDATE ON THE HEALTH OF OUR CHAIR OF DISTRICT

Please find below an update on our Chair of District, Revd Dr James Tebbutt. As previously this information can be shared more widely within churches and circuits as appropriate, but you are asked not to include details on social media, thank you.

[Read the update here](#)

Monthly Property Support Meeting – Thursday 17 September, 10.30am on Zoom

These meetings are an opportunity to share information, explore some of the issues that come with managing our property, and help everyone keep up to date with requirements and good practice.

[Download the September flyer here](#)

District Ordained Ministers' Retreats 2026/27

There are still spaces available at all the retreats arranged for Ordained Ministers in this Connexional Year as follows:

Retreat 1. November 24th-26th 2026 with David Goodall - **16 spaces**

Retreat 2. February 1st-3rd 2027 with Nick & Petra Baker - **8 spaces**

Retreat 3. February 3rd-5th 2027 with David & Kathleen Wood - **4 spaces**

Please see the link below for more details and contact Carole Jones (jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk) to book. **Please note bookings for the November**

retreat must be made by 30th September at the latest, after which any unfilled rooms will be released from our group booking.

[Click here for more details](#)

Save the Date: District Wellbeing Day on Tuesday 1 December 2026

Sustainable Ministry: Facing the Challenges Together

We are pleased to invite you to save the date for our upcoming Wellbeing Day on Tuesday 1 December 2026. This session is a repeat of our June sessions held at the Lune Valley Hub, near Lancaster, so if you missed out in June, this is a great opportunity to attend. To make it more accessible for others, we are aiming to host this gathering in a venue in the southern half of the District. Keep an eye out for further details and booking information in the coming weeks.

September District Online Worship Recording Now Available

[Watch the recording here](#)



[Click here to read TCC's September eBulletin](#)

Training

Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Study Day

Whose Reading Counts? A Study Day in reading the Bible with other eyes led by Jasmine Devadason, on Saturday 17 October at Warton Methodist Church, LA5 9QJ.

[Find out more here](#)

Safeguarding

DBS Update

1. 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](#)

2. The DBS are reducing their fees on 5 October 2026.

[Find out more here](#)

Events

North West Eco Church 10th Anniversary Celebration Service and Event in Liverpool

Saturday 3 October, 1pm-4pm at Christ Church Toxteth Park, Liverpool, L17 3BE

Join A Rocha UK for a special ecumenical service and event to celebrate 10 years of Eco Church.

[Find out more and book your place here](#)

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) Events

[Lancashire Half Day](#)

[Cumbria Residential](#)

Greater Manchester Plus

Vishala Hrudayam (a Methodist Fellowship of Telugu Christians in Greater Manchester) invite you to their service at The Village Methodist Church, Sale



Moor on Sunday 20
September at 5pm.

Lancashire

Christian Aid Autumn 2026 Roadshow

Hope, resilience and action: Stories from South Sudan

[Download the poster here](#)

Good News Stories

Methodist Minister Braves the Shave to Raise Funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

On 6 September 2026, Rev Raj. Patta, from the United Stockport and Trafford Methodist Circuits, shaved his head to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. As of 13 September, he has raised an incredible £2,108.

[Read Raj's reflections here](#)



5,000 meals and counting at Layton Larder

Layton Larder has recently reached a lovely milestone— 5,000 meals provided through their recipe packs in their first year. For £3, people can pick up a pack that makes four meal portions, with the ingredients and an easy recipe included.



The packs sit alongside the Surplus Food Stall, where they also share good-quality food that would otherwise go to waste.

[Read the story](#)

At the Heart of the Neighbourhood

The Revd Canon Ian Rutherford, former City Centre Minister at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester has told an influential parliamentary group of the essential work of churches in local communities following the publication of a ground-breaking new report.

[Read the story here](#)

Politics in the Pulpit

Revd Jo Cox Darling, Superintendent of the Manchester Methodist Circuit, was the guest on last week's Politics in the Pulpit, and will be hosting the next 8 weeks or so of the podcast.

[Listen to the podcast here](#)

Resources

Responding to anti-migrant protests

With a rise in anti-migrant protests and populist expressions of “Christian nationalism”, how should we respond? This guidance from the Methodist Church offers resources and responses based on the experiences of Methodist churches, and some upcoming events on this subject.

[Access the resources here](#)

Disability Sunday - 27 September 2026

This year's theme is 'One body, many parts', based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Two short videos are available for churches featuring Triona Brading, a young autistic Christian, giving a greater understanding of autism and neurodiversity. A free pack is available including the videos, Bible reading, prayers, activity ideas, suggested hymns and songs, and notes for speakers.

[Request the pack here](#)

Church Action on Poverty Sunday

Resources for Church Action on Poverty Sunday on 18th October are now available. The theme this year is Food, Faith and Fellowship, and more than 120 churches have registered so far. Available resources include art resources; suggested hymns, prayers and sermon notes; posters; and tabletop conversation cards and placemats for churches hosting lunches.

[Access the resources here](#)

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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