



North West England District Weekly News

21 July 2026

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District News

We are saddened to report the death of the Revd Ruth Kershaw. We give thanks to God for Ruth and for her ministry in Cumbria, and we hold her family in our prayers. Ruth's funeral has been arranged for a Memorial Service on Monday 27 July, 12:30pm at Brampton Methodist Church, CA8 1RS. This will be preceded by a short service at Carlisle Crematorium.

2026-27 Welcome Services

We are pleased to share with you details of the upcoming Welcome Services for Ministers. We will continue to update this list and will share it again in due course.

[Welcome Service details](#)

Save the Date: District Property Support Meeting

The next Property Support Meeting will take place on **Thursday 17 September**. Details will be circulated nearer the time, and we hope you'll be able to join us.

Conference Business Digest

The Conference Business Digest for the 2026 Methodist Conference has been published, providing a summary of the key decisions and actions of the Conference.

[Read the Digest here](#)

Conference Representatives

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](#)

Communications Group Chair – Could This Be You?

We're looking for a volunteer to chair the North West England District Communications Group. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum to generate ideas and offer positive challenge and support to those involved in the Communications life of the District (including our Communications Officer and Digital Enabler), with the aim of making District Comms as effective as possible.

If you have an interest in communications, strategic thinking and helping the District share its story well, we'd love to hear from you. For more information or to express an interest, please email: admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Digital Digest

Why Every Church Needs Multiple Administrators for Digital Accounts

As Digital Enabler, I am regularly contacted by Churches that have lost access to websites or social media accounts that were controlled by a single individual. In this week's Digest I explore why it is important to have multiple administrators on your Church's digital accounts.

[Read the Digital Digest here](#)

Safeguarding Information

Important DBS change for working with children from 1 September 2026

The Crime and Policing Act 2026 is changing the definition of Regulated Activity relating to Children. From 1 September 2026, the 'supervision clause' is being removed from legislation which means that sufficient supervision by someone else in regulated activity with children will no longer be a factor when determining whether certain activities are regulated activity.

Who is affected?

In Regulated Childcare Settings (Schools, Academies, PRUs, Nurseries, etc):
Volunteers who work in regulated childcare settings at least once a week or more, or 4+ times in any 30 day period, or overnight (2am-6am), with the opportunity for contact with the school children in the course of their duties, will be in Regulated Activity regardless of whether they are supervised.

Outside of Regulated Childcare Settings: Volunteers and paid staff who teach, instruct, train, care for or supervise children at least once a week or more, or 4+ times in any 30 day period, or overnight (2am-6am), will be in Regulated Activity regardless of whether they are supervised.

Please consider, before the change comes into force, whether a new check may be required for some of our volunteers.

DBS has launched Series 2 of its [podcast](#) to support safer recruitment across the UK. These podcasts cover:

- How DBS Checks Support Safer Recruitment
- Levels of DBS Checks – Working with Children
- Levels of DBS Checks – Working with Adults
- How Police Consider Disclosing Information on Certificates
- How Employers Should Consider Information Disclosed on Certificates
- Your DBS Questions Answered

You can listen to the podcasts here:

[Spotify](#)[YouTube](#)[Amazon Music](#)

Events

Join us at 3Generate

3Generate 2026 is back at the NEC this October and we would love to encourage you to volunteer to be part of the Delivery Team. Across the North West England District children, young people and their leaders are already looking forward to their 3Generate experience. To support the weekend and to be part of something special, why not think about volunteering? There are all sorts of roles available and training and support is provided.

This year's theme, On The Way, reminds us that everyone—children, young people and adults—are travelling with God. By volunteering, you help create the welcoming, faith-filled spaces where those journeys begin and continue. As a volunteer, you'll make a real impact, as you support children and young people as they explore faith in accessible ways, and experience the joy, energy and community that make 3Generate so special. Step out On The Way with us—volunteer at 3Generate 2026 – and walk with children and young people as they take their next steps on their way with God.

[Find out more about volunteering and sign up!](#)

Greater Manchester Plus

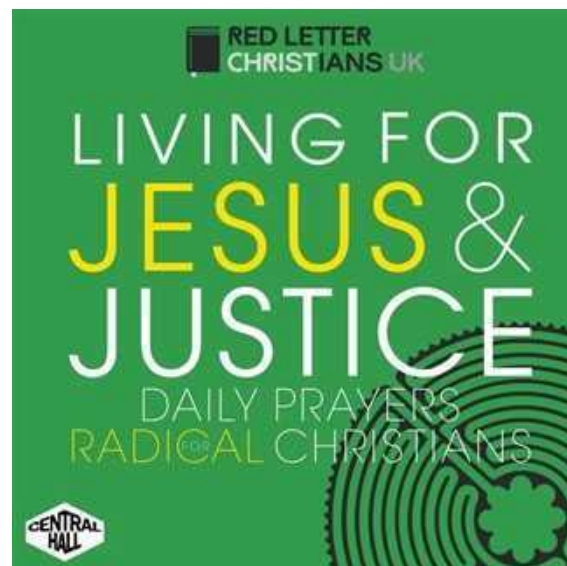
Living for Jesus & Justice: Daily Prayer for Radical Christians

The Greater Manchester Launch of the new book from Red Letter Christians UK

Tuesday 28 July 2026 at Methodist
Central Hall Manchester
Refreshments at 6:30pm, to start at
7pm

This new liturgy brings the words of
Jesus into our contemporary world,
providing a cycle of daily prayer,

occasional prayers by activists for activists, and a daily glimpse of a saint or an event that has had an impact on social justice.



At this event, you'll hear from some of the writing group and be able to get your own copy of this new liturgy.

To book your place at the event, click [here](#). For information about getting to Central Hall, please click [here](#).

Lancashire

Eclipse Encounter 2026

Trinity Clitheroe is hosting an **Eclipse Encounter** on Wednesday 12 August from 4-8pm, where the church family can invite friends and neighbours to share a short worship time, on-screen eclipse information, a choice of indoor craft, writing or art activities and prayer stations, a bring-and-share tea, free eclipse-viewing glasses, and outdoor viewing. If weather is unfavourable we will run video coverage of the eclipse provided by Royal Museums Greenwich!



If your Church is interested in hosting a similar event, you can find out more from the Methodist Church [here](#).

Resources

Need a laptop for your Church work? We've made it simple.

Choosing a laptop can feel confusing, especially if computers aren't really your thing. We've made it easier. We've partnered with a trusted UK company called **Scan Computers** to help you get a good laptop at a fair price – without the stress.

Rather than choosing from hundreds of options, we've asked Scan to suggest just **one or two laptops** that work well for church roles. If you already know what you need, or you're looking for something a little different, you can ask them for a package to suit you. Your contract and support is directly with Scan and they will manage your order.

This service is open to **everyone** in the Methodist community – including ministers, church officers and volunteers.

To find out more or request a quote, click this link: [Laptop advice and quote service](#)

With warm wishes, The Methodist Connexional Team

Connexional News

Invitation to be part of The National Conversation: have your say on the country you want to see

This is a unique opportunity to hear what Methodists across the Connexion think, value, and hope for their local communities. Our colleagues at the **Together Coalition** have created a unique participation link specifically for the Methodist community.

By sharing your views, you will help shape future work to support local mission and ministry. Your contribution will also form part of a wider national project exploring people's attitudes, hopes, and aspirations for the future.

Please note the survey will only be available for the next **three weeks**. Thank you for your time, your insights, and your continued ministry.

Share your views here

Economic Justice

Can you help to build more economic justice across the Methodist Church?

A working group looking at how the distribution of resources for Mission and Ministry can be fairer and more in line with our justice-seeking across the Connexion is hosting online listening sessions to hear your thoughts. Sign up to join the first one on Thursday 23 July from 4-5pm.

[Sign up here](#)

[New Churches Update - July 2026](#)

Vacancies

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

Contact Us

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