North West England District Weekly News

22 September 2026

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District News

Spotlight: Meet Revd Grace Cauldwell



Hi, I am Grace, the newly appointed NPNP (New Places for New People) Lead for NWED, aligned to Cumbria. I have a background in pioneering leadership, and missional development. I am here to offer support and guidance for people looking to reach their community in different ways. The vision (with funding available) is to develop new Christian communities across the Connexion, supporting local people to hear God's call, to reach people not already part of church, and share God's love and build community alongside them.

There's a particular call to those who are on the economic margins, and I can offer support, encouragement, and guidance - to individuals or teams looking to try something new. There's more information about New Places for New People here.

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.



Invitation to join the District Communications Network

We're excited to announce that we are creating a District mailing list to encourage, equip and connect those involved in communications across the District. This is coordinated by Tori and Sam, the District Communications Officer and Digital Enabler.

Any emails from us will:

- Provide you with updates from us as the District Communications Team
- Provide you with opportunities to develop your skills, share good practice, explore new ideas and gain mutual support
- Send you resources to use in your communications, such as resources for Advent

Join the network here

Weekly Tuesday morning District Prayer

We are launching a new NWE District online prayer half-hour on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 - 8.30am, via Zoom. 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. Please message our Facebook page, or email admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk for the zoom link.

Digital Digest: How to Take Better Photos for Social Media

You don't need an expensive camera to take photographs that work well on social media. A few simple changes can make a big difference. Read this week's digest to learn more!

Read the Digest here

Caleb Community Steering Group

At Caleb Community we support, encourage, help and enable New Places For New People (NPNP) to become new worshipping communities. If this is something that you're interested in, then we'd love to invite you to be part of our Steering Group Team. We meet online about every 3 months for 1/2 hours. We review existing projects and how we are supporting them, look at new applications, and also look at new projects who are also interested in training, coaching and being part of a wider community. Please contact Rev Paul Welch for an informal chat: pwcaleb24@gmail.com

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Creationtide: Pause, Reflect, Restore

8 October 2026, 19.30-20.30, Online

Feeling the need to slow down, breathe and reconnect? Join the Your Space Team for a gentle 60-minute online wellbeing session exploring the connection between faith, wellbeing and God's creation.



Training

Supervision Training Opportunities

Revd Yvonne Pearson, Co-Supervision Implementation Plan (SIP) Holder, tells us about training opportunities available for both supervisors and supervisees.

Find out more here

Events

Reflect Northern Retreat

The Reflect Northern Retreat, 'Creation to Salvation' will be held November 3-5 at the Briery, Ilkley.

Find out more and book your place here

Methodist Sacramental Fellowship Online Gathering

30-31 October 2026

Find out more here

Cumbria

World Day of Prayer 2027 Preparation

2027 celebrates 100 years of the World Day of Prayer movement. Find out more about Cumbria's preparation day for this here.

Greater Manchester Plus

Black History Month Public Lecture

Speaking Back to Power: Anti-Imperial Approaches to the Gospel

Saturday 24 October, 2-4pm at Whalley Range Methodist Church, M16 7EX.



Download the PDF of the poster here

Victoria Hall Bolton: What's On Guide for Autumn

Liverpool Plus

Manifesto for Hope Community Conversation

As part of the Faith in the City 40th Anniversary Programme across the Liverpool City Region, we warmly invite you to join this Manifesto for Hope community conversation. Bringing together people from across Liverpool City Region, this session will explore the importance of working together, recognising the shared responsibility of both churches and local communities in building stronger, more connected, and flourishing neighbourhoods.

DATE: Thursday 22 October 2026
TIME: 7pm - 8.30pm
LOCATION: The Marquee, Hotel Anfield, 23 Anfield Road, Liverpool L4 0TE

Find out more here

Breathe

8.30-9pm on the last Sunday of every month

A monthly ecumenical worshipping community for parents and carers of autistic children, young people and adults.



Click here for further information about Breathe

Download the poster here

Resources

On the Way

On The Way is a short course for people who want space to explore Christian faith, connect it with everyday life, and ask honest questions together.

Find out more

Order resources

Church Action on Poverty Sunday

Resources for Church Action on Poverty Sunday on 18 October are now available. The theme this year is Food, Faith and Fellowship, and more than 120 churches have registered so far.



Access the resources here

Single Friendly Church Week

27 September - 4 October 2026

Find resources for churches here

Methodist Insurance September News

Methodist Women in Britain Resources

Diary dates

Events related to Palestine and the West Bank

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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