



31st March 2026

## District News

## District Online Update Recording

Thank you to everyone that attended the NWED Online Update on Thursday 19th March. If you missed the session, it was recorded and can be viewed via the link below.



## Ministerial Retreats Feedback

We are currently reviewing Minister's retreats as we plan for the coming year.

This short survey for Ministers will only take a few minutes and will help us understand what worked well at this year's retreats, what we can do better and what you would like to see at retreats in the future. The survey will close at 12pm on Wednesday 15th April.

[Complete the survey](#)

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## District Online Worship: Sunday 12th April at 6.30pm

With Revd Chris Duffett, Baptist Minister (former President of the Baptist Union), who is an evangelist, artist and teacher. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email [prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk) or direct message us on Facebook.



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## District Safeguarding Conference 2026 Trauma-Informed Practice: Learning, Reflecting, Growing Together

We are delighted to announce our first in-person conference as a new district!

[Download the flyer](#)

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## Peake Trust Lecture 2026 Recordings

The annual Peake Trust Lecture took place on Saturday 21st March.

### 'From Miriam to the Magdalene: Women Witnesses in the Bible and Beyond'

The lectures delivered by Dr Siobhán Jolley and Dr Samuel Hildebrandt focused on two pivotal female witnesses in biblical narrative, Miriam at the Red Sea and Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb, exploring how their testimonies underpin foundational moments in Christian tradition.

If you were unable to attend, the recordings can now be viewed here:

Dr Samuel Hildebrandt: <https://youtu.be/5BkzGF9I218>

Dr Siobhán Jolley: [https://youtu.be/KUGbigNV\\_lw](https://youtu.be/KUGbigNV_lw)

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## District Stationing Briefings for 2026-27

A reminder that bookings for the District Stationing Briefings are now available. Please find further information [here](#).

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## Our Story, Our Song: A Journey Through Lent

During Lent we have been joining the Connexional invitation to see the season as a journey of pausing, breathing and making space for God.

As we journey together through Holy Week, we are inviting you to take an active part in this series by sharing the hymns or worship songs that help you reflect upon the events of Holy Week. It might be a lyric that captures the sorrow of the cross, the stillness of waiting, or the hope of resurrection.

Please feel free to comment your thoughts, reflections and the songs that are speaking to you this week, in the comments of the Facebook post linked below. We look forward to hearing the words that are speaking to you this Holy Week.

Facebook link

## Connexional News

### Eclipse 2026: A Methodist Day of Outreach

Save the date! On Wednesday 12th August between 18:00 and 20:00 the UK will experience a solar eclipse, the likes of which won't be seen again until 2090.

Churches across the Connexion are invited to host community viewing events, during which they can meet new people, have a shared experience of awe and wonder, and engage in gentle, authentic faith-sharing. Resources to support churches in planning and hosting viewing events will become available in the coming months.

Find out more and express your interest here

# Training

## Youth Essentials: Youth Ministry Training Course

Sessions are being held on Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm on the following dates: 22nd and 29th April; 6th, 13th and 20th May; 3rd and 17th June.

Plus, a session from 10am-4pm on 13th June at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2NL.

[Book your place here](#)



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3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

plus 10am-4pm Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
@ Central Methodist Church  
Lune Street Preston Lancashire

For further information please go to:  
[cyp.boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com](mailto:cyp.boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com)  
or follow the QR to reserve a place

**All are welcome!**

**The Methodist Church**

## Reimagining masculinity: Creating safer spaces for all

Monday 20th April, 7pm-9pm on Zoom

[Find out more here](#)

## Becoming an Intercultural Church

Tuesday 12th May, 7pm-9pm on Zoom

[Find out more here](#)

# Events

## Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) Events

### **Reaching Out in Love - CTBI Interfaith Toolkit & Training Launch Event: 13th April 2026, 11am-12.30pm**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have recently produced a toolkit to help better equip people for interreligious dialogue.

Register for the launch event  
here

Find out more about the  
training programme here

### **Church of Sanctuary Online Workshop: 21st April 2026, 10-11.30am**

The workshop, with Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal, is aimed at local ecumenical leaders.

Find out more here

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### **Connecting and strengthening rural voices on poverty – online round table: Thursday, 21st May 2026, 10.30am-12 noon**

This event is for those in churches working to address rural poverty, who would like to connect with others addressing similar issues around the UK.

Find out more and sign up here

## **Cumbria**

### **Argentina Day: Tuesday 21st April, 10am-3pm**

A day of celebration and sharing with the women in the Methodist Church in Argentina, hosted by Cumbria Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB).

Find out more here

## **Lancashire**

## Romans and the First Easter: an Easter play

Trinity Drama Group will be performing on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm at Trinity Church Sanctuary, Clitheroe, BB7 2JY. The play is free to attend and no tickets are required. Refreshments will be available after the play.



## Liverpool Plus

### News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region (CMTR)

**Liverpool's faith communities' Food & Faith Forum: Monday, 20th April 2026 at Liverpool Hope University**

Open to all, the event welcomes anyone interested in addressing food insecurity and supporting positive change in our local communities. The deadline for registration is Friday 10th April.

[Find out more here](#)

[Register here](#)

### Kids Matter Training Events: 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st May 2026

[Kids Matter](#), who partner with local churches across Merseyside to support parents and families, are putting on an in-person training event in Liverpool. The event is an ideal opportunity for churches to train team members to run Kids Matter parenting groups locally. If you want to get involved, please email Northwest Engagement Partner Lynne Ryder on [lynne.ryder@kidsmatter.org.uk](mailto:lynne.ryder@kidsmatter.org.uk).

## Good News Stories

### The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way Launch

A group of Cumbrian churches has created a near 30-mile-long pilgrimage route to promote the rich Christian heritage of their area.

[Read more here](#)

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## Messy Easter

Warton Methodist Church, in the Lancashire Mission Area, hosted their Messy Easter event last weekend. The children took part in activities based on the events that happened in the final week of Jesus' life, including making palm branches and creating edible Easter Gardens.



## Resources

### Easter Offering 2026

The Easter Offering 2026 service focuses on freedom. Jesus talks about God's kingdom as a place of release from captivity, and this year's Offering, ***Unbound: a gospel that breaks barriers***, tells stories of how this is true.

[Find out more and access the materials here](#)[Download the Order of Service here](#)

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## A Million Acts of Hope: 13th - 20th May 2026

A Million Acts of Hope seeks to drown out negative and hateful noise with a call to people to highlight and celebrate the good things that are happening.

Find out more

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## Thy Kingdom Come: 14th - 24th May 2026

This increasingly ecumenical annual season of prayer is held from Ascension to Pentecost each year.

Access the resources

## Connexional Newsletters

New Places for New People:  
March 2026

Sign Up for Newsletters

Learning and Development: final newsletter. Details included on how to stay connected

## Vacancies

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

### External vacancies:

[Operations Pastor, Frontline Church Liverpool](#)

[Church Community and Engagement Outreach Officer, Elmwood Avenue URC](#)

Flame Radio Business Development Manager (one year, part time). For further details, email [flameccr@gmail.com](mailto:flameccr@gmail.com).

## Contact Us

The deadline for sending your stories and events in to us is 12pm every Tuesday.  
Please send all content to [admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk).

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