



North West England District Weekly News

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Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

District Online Worship

Our next Online Worship is taking place on Sunday 8th February at 6.30pm.

Revd Dr James Tebbutt, District Chair, will be preaching.

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email:

prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk



District Online Update

We are hosting an NWED Online Update on Thursday 19th March at



7:30pm.

Come along to this information evening and hear the updates on the progress being made within the North West England District.

Further details and Zoom link to follow.

A 25th Anniversary Reflection on the 2001 Foot and Mouth Outbreak

2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the 2001, foot and mouth outbreak, which deeply affected communities in Cumbria. Revd David Newlove, our Mission Area Lead for Cumbria, Superintendent Minister of the Cumbria Circuit and Agricultural Chaplain has written a reflection on this milestone, which you can read [here](#).

Regional Officer for Safeguarding (Cumbria)

The Methodist Church is seeking to recruit a Regional Officer for Safeguarding, to be aligned to the Cumbria Mission Area within the North West England District. Please feel free to share the details of this job advert.

For details and to apply, [click here](#).

Events

Methodist Women in Britain: Coffee Morning

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB), Coffee Morning on Zoom. Every fortnight there is an MWiB coffee morning held on Zoom. The next one is on 7th February. From 11.00am until 12noon. All are welcome. If anyone is interested, please contact Deacon Jane Harper (deaconjane@btinternet.com) for the code.

Mental Health Support Training

Would you like to:

- Feel more confident having conversations about mental health
- Learn practical skills to support someone in a moment of need
- Understand how to signpost onto professional services that can continue to help

Lancashire Mind are offering free training, [click here](#) to find out more.

Cumbria

Circuit Service and more...

The Cumbria Circuit is holding a Circuit Service on Sunday 8th February at 3:30pm at Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal. For more information on this and other updates from the Cumbria Circuit, [click here](#), to download the Circuit News.

Lancashire

'God's Love' - a Children's Church Celebration Event

This event on Saturday 14th February, 3-5pm is for children aged up to 11 years (recommended age) accompanied by an adult, is being hosted by Church Road Methodist Church, Lytham St Annes, FY8 3NQ. A variety of crafts and activities are included, plus worship accompanied by live music, and refreshments.

Just turn up and be welcome! More details from Janette Farley (Senior Steward) janettefarley63@gmail.com

Good News Stories

Greater Manchester Plus

Voices for Haiti Continues - St Andrew's Methodist Church

St Andrew's Methodist, Bolton continues it's weekly prayers and involvement with the Voices for Haiti campaign. More to come as information is rolled out each Monday.



Liverpool Plus

Christmas Shoe Box Collection

Up Holland Methodist Church, Lancashire West Circuit, fill Christmas shoe boxes each year to be distributed by International Aid Trust.

In 2025 they filled 282 bags & boxes. They collect donations throughout the year from the congregation and community members and pack in September/October. This is a great effort from all their congregation. One of their elderly members is virtually housebound but covers all the boxes; others make bags, pack, or give financial donations for transport. Groups who hire the hall also give donations, as do parents/carers who attend the free weekly toddler group we run. Members of the village pack their own boxes or donate items. It is growing year on year.



Lancashire

Listening, Mapping, and Imagining God's Future Together

What a joyful and encouraging day it was as around 80 people from nine Methodist churches across the Blackpool and South Fylde Circuit gathered at The Drive Methodist Church for our Mission Growth Planning Day. Using the Methodist Church

resource Our Church's Future Story, the day was filled with energy, openness, prayer, and a shared desire to listen for where God is leading us next. Read more [here](#).



Training

Foundation Module Safeguarding Sessions – Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

A number of Foundation Module training sessions have been organised by Circuits in Greater Manchester, with dates across January, February, March and April and a mix of in person and online sessions taking place. Please [click here](#) to see further details.

North West England District Safeguarding Conference 2026: Trauma-Informed Practice

Join us for this year's Safeguarding Conference, focusing on trauma-informed practice and its importance in safeguarding work.

Saturday 16 May 2026

Leyland Methodist Church, 9 Turpin Green Lane, Leyland PR25 3HA

Arrival from 9.30am | Conference runs 10.00am – 4.00pm

The day will include contributions from Karen Jobson, a workshop led by the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group, and a Q&A session with Tim Carter, Director of Safeguarding for the Methodist Church. For further details and to book, [click here](#).

Creating Safer Space - Foundation Module

The Foundation Module is now available as online-only training, with the module also available in person within circuits and via Zoom within circuits and the district.

It is anticipated that the course will take between two and three hours to complete. This module is not recommended for those completing Foundation training for the first time, as some content may trigger difficult memories. If at any stage you find the material distressing, you are encouraged to pause or stop the training and seek pastoral support by contacting your minister or another trusted person.

The overall aim of the training is to increase safeguarding awareness, enabling the Church to exercise its duty of care to all: its members, office holders, and anyone who is part of the church community. We create a safer Church by developing understanding of, and confidence in, safeguarding processes and each individual's role within them.

Please access the Foundation Module 2024 via MCBX using the following link:
<https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/creating-safer-spaces-foundation-module/>

Resources

District Global Relations

Our District has a link with Phakamisa project at Pinetown Methodist Church, South Africa

Please [click here](#) to download a Lent fundraiser with prayer points for each day as we journey through Lent, and opportunity to support financially if able to do so. This is one option and other similar type Lent exercises and resources offered or available from other sources, but this does relate to one of the District's Global Relations partnerships and initiatives, so it is shared in case anyone (individually or churches) would like to engage and support it (and some might recall that Zethu visited the September Synod). If you would like any further information on this project, please [click here](#).

Connexional Newsletters

Property Matters - [download here](#).

Vacancies

Internal

Regional Officer for Safeguarding (aligned to the Cumbria Mission Area):

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

External

Youth Pastor

The Burnley and Pendle Methodist Circuit are seeking to appoint a new Youth Pastor. [Click here](#) for more information.

Vacancies can be viewed on the District website [here](#).

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