



North West England District Weekly News

6th January 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

Stationing Briefing Information 2026-2027

The District Stationing Briefings are for circuits and ministers who may be involved in a reinvitation process, contemplating a move, or looking for a new minister. They are designed for circuit stewards, superintendents and other members of Circuit Invitation Committees, and for ministers and their partners, who are involved in Stationing Matching in the next cycle, beginning in May 2026 and leading to appointments that may be extended, or which will begin in September 2027. For more information, including the dates, times and venues of upcoming briefings,

[Stationing Briefings](#)

District Online Worship

Our next Online Worship is taking place on Sunday 11th January at 6.30pm. Our Online Worship in January will be a 'District Covenant Service' with Holy Communion. Revd Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations will be preaching.

The Methodist Church is currently in a period of discernment regarding online celebrations of Holy Communion, and we will be following their guidance during this service.

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email:
prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk



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District Advent Reflections

Thank you to everyone that contributed and shared in our District Advent reflections and resources.

We would really appreciate your feedback on our Advent campaign and resources. [Click here](#) to complete a short survey.

Voices for Haiti

The Methodist Church is promoting a campaign from the Global Relationships team calling on us to pray for and to have Haiti at the forefront of our thoughts in the coming weeks. You can find out more details [here](#).

Events

Liverpool Plus

Churches Together in Cheshire

You are warmly invited to gather for the Churches Together in Cheshire Ecumenical Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Date: Sunday, 18th January 2026

Time: 5pm

Venue: Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh, Chester CH1 2DY

Preacher: Rt Revd Kenneth Nowakowski

This service brings together Christians from many traditions to worship, pray, and seek God's light for our shared witness with scripture, music led by the Salvation Army band, a sermon from Rt Revd Kenneth Nowakowski, the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London.

We shall also be joined by the Chester Taizé Choir and prayers will be offered by representatives from across our Christian family.

Refreshments will be served at the end.

Greater Manchester Plus

Save the Date - Peake Trust Lecture 2026

Saturday 21st March 2026 at Nazarene Theological College, Dene Rd, Manchester, M20 2GU. 9.30am to 4pm (exact time tbc).

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

Lecture by Dr Siobhán Jolley and Dr Samuel Hildebrandt. For further details, [click here](#).

GM Live Well Faith and Belief Summit 2026

Join together with the faith communities of Greater Manchester at the GM Live Well Faith and Belief Summit on 4 February 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a buffet lunch.

The Summit will involve everyone in discussions on faith centres as Live Well centres, spaces and offers, incorporate Weaving Trust, and include sessions on migration, cohesion, and community dialogue. Please register for the event [here](#).

Places of Worship and Communities Counter Terrorism Workshop

Counter Terrorism Policing North West in partnership with National Counter Terrorism Office and Wigan Council are delivering an interactive workshop for places of worship and communities to raise awareness of the ongoing threat from terrorism.

The workshop is taking place on Thursday 22nd January at The Edge, Riverside, Wigan, WN3 5AB from 9:30am - 1:30pm. For more information and details on how to book, [click here](#).

Lancashire

Lancashire Movement for Recovery summit – 20th January 2026

With over 700 settings across Lancashire, the faith sector plays a major role in meeting acute need and tackling loneliness and isolation. While this support is vital, creating truly healthy and hopeful neighbourhoods requires deeper, systemic change – addressing wider factors such as poverty, employment, housing, and education, and strengthening collaboration across sectors. To support this vision, a regional summit will be held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2026.

The event is aimed at Faith leaders AND public sector and civic partners, with the intention of:

- Sharing what provision faith groups in Lancashire are already offering to support neighbourhood health and wellbeing, particularly through the offer of hospitality
- Explaining how to make use of faith action mapping to identify activity across places
- Exploring opportunities for collaboration and partnership working
- Offering guidance and support to faith leaders in working for systemic change.

The day includes an initial keynote from Dr Andy Knox (acting medical director, ICB), workshops on faith action mapping, case studies of partnership working, the potential of social prescribing, the role of faith leaders.

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

Good News Stories

Christmas Knitting in Didsbury

United Didsbury Methodist Church knitted their way through Advent, creating a Christmas tree from bobble hats. We were helped by the local Brownie pack making some colourful pompoms (these worked like baubles on the tree). Having stood in the community hall corridor in December, the tree was brought into church for our Carol Service and then the hats were donated to our local food bank to distribute to those in need.



Vacancies

Internal

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

External

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