

North West England District Weekly News



9th September 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

District Online Worship

At our next District Online Worship we will be celebrating Education Sunday, taking place on Sunday 14th September at 6.30pm.

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.

**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
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**District
Online
Worship**

**2025
LOST AND FOUND**
cte.org.uk/educationsunday2025

**Celebrating Education Sunday
14th September at 6.30pm**

District Online Worship is held on the second Sunday of every month. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook

Creating a Social Media Policy:

Designing a clear approach for our social media

The Methodist Church encourages all churches that use social media, whether they are registered as a charity themselves or not, to create and maintain a social media policy to ensure best practice is being followed. This enables churches to set a clear approach to their social media use, including having shared aims and tone of voice. It helps identify the processes needed to support the policy, and what to consider if something goes wrong.

The connexional Digital Team have released the following guidance to help churches define their own policies around social media.

If you would like any help or advice on creating a social media policy, our Digital Enabler can be contacted via email: rimmers@nwedmethodists.org.uk

[Read the guidance here](#)

Training

District Lay Employee Gatherings

Bookings are now open for the upcoming lay employee gatherings:

[Our stories, our songs. Lay employee gathering, Leyland Registration, Mon 24 Nov 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#) Or

[Our stories, our songs. Lay employee gathering online Registration, Wed 26 Nov 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Our stories, our songs:
A gathering and resourcing day for lay employees in the
North West England District

10am-3pm

[Mon 24th Nov Leyland](#)

or [Wed 26th Nov online](#)

Click on chosen date above to book
For more details contact Kristie on evek@methodistchurch.org.uk

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 **The Methodist Church**
Learning Network

Learning Network

The next online coffee zoom for administrators/comms workers is at 11am on Monday 15th September.

<https://zoom.us/j/95450555110?pwd=cmcyRXBoLytpSFF1RFBnMzN0ajV1dz09>

Meeting ID: 954 5055 5110

Passcode: 142266

Events

Methodist Women in Britain

The Autumn newsletter is now available alongside the prayer diary and two Adverts for upcoming opportunities with the World federation – do prayerfully consider all this content. To read the newsletter, click [here](#). To access the prayer diary, click [here](#).

Applications are invited for the position of World Federation Area Vice President 2026-2031. For more information, click [here](#).

The Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship is a 5 year leadership development programme for young women aged 18 – 30. Applications are now open and more information can be found [here](#).

An MWiB coffee morning is taking place this Saturday at Bedford Methodist, Leigh – 10-12 – it would be lovely if people can support this as we meet up with our Leigh ladies again and share news about MWiB both nationally and locally.

Finally – we will be on Zoom on Friday at 10am for half an hour fellowship and friendship – All Welcome – Zoom link is 469 598 2388 – password 123456.

Events: Greater Manchester Plus

BBC Songs of Praise recordings at Victoria Hall in Bolton

If anyone is interested the tickets for the Songs of Praise recordings at VH, can be ordered through the links below – 2 separate events on Fri 10th and Sat 11th October.

✦ 🎄 BBC Songs of Praise Christmas Special – Bolton! 🎵 ✦

We're thrilled to announce that Aled Jones and some very special guests will be at the historic Victoria Hall, Bolton for a BBC Songs of Praise Christmas concert recording! 🎥 🎵

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of classic carols and traditional hymns – don't forget your singing voice and your favourite Christmas jumper! 🎤 🎶

📅 Friday 10th October 2025

🕒 Doors open at 5:00pm

📍 Victoria Hall, 37–39 Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS

🎫 Free tickets available!

<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1398>

THE BIG SCHOOL ASSEMBLY SINGALONG

Come along to **The Big School Assembly Singalong** where we take a nostalgic trip back to primary school days. Hosts **Aled Jones and Kate Bottley** will be joined by viral-sensation **James B Partridge** who has led singalongs of school assembly favourites from TikTok to Glastonbury. Come and enjoy belting out the bangers accompanied by a special choir and on-stage band at the Victoria Hall in Bolton in this Songs of Praise special.

WHEN:

Saturday 11th October - doors at 4:00pm

Age restriction: there is no minimum age for entry, but children aged 17 and under should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1399>

Caleb Information Zoom Meeting

If you would like to know more about the Caleb, New Places for New People project which is helping to start new worshipping communities across the Manchester+ mission area, you would be most welcome to attend an information and update zoom meeting this coming Thursday 8-9pm, hosted by Rev. Anthony Clowes, our Church Planting Officer.

Here's the zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://zoom.us/j/9910253725?pwd=xqFYEcyeYXHALNba5y6hOWgH2cFZCZ.1&omn=98327583012>

Meeting ID: 991 025 3725

Passcode: sRKL8H

Songs of Peace

Week of Prayer for Peace in
Palestine Israel

24th September at 7pm - Dialstone
Methodist Church, 161 Dialstone
Lane, Stockport, SK2 7LQ.

For more information, contact,
raj.patta@methodist.org.uk or
roy.joanna@btopenworld.com



Theos Annual Lecture 2025

In conjunction with Theos and [CCLA](#), the Theos Annual Lecture 2025, will take place on Thursday, 9 October, at Methodist Central Hall, Manchester.

For more information and to book tickets, please click [here](#).

Events: Liverpool Plus

West Derby Eco Event

♣️ Calling all eco-champions, community groups, and green-minded businesses! 🌍

Join us for the West Derby Eco Event on Saturday 11th October, 10am–1pm at St Andrew's Church, Clubmoor.

We're bringing together local people and places of worship to celebrate climate action, share ideas, and inspire change.

Want to get involved? You can host a stall, run an activity, or do both—it's free, and we'll provide everything you need. Let's make sustainability fun, practical, and community-powered 💚

Contact Zarah by 12th September at zarah@faiths4change.org.uk Phone: 07511 869 659

Or simply mark the date in your diary and attend the event!

Englesea Brook Event - Friday Forum Theatre

THE WINDOW

A mother waits at the window for the return of her sons from the Great War. The chapel and streets are festooned with flags now there is peace. How will the chapel and community welcome them back – one a soldier...one a conscientious objector? Join us for a dramatic reflection on the tension between duty to nation and Christian pacifism, with opportunity for audience discussion following the performance.

Friday 12th September, 7-8.30pm
Tickets £8. Pay on the door.



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Scan the QR code to find us.
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Englesea Brook Lane, CW2 5QW
(Not suitable for under 12s)
www.engleseabrook.org.uk. Registered Charity No. 1132237



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Friday
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Theatre

Resources

Sanctuary & Soul

We are excited to announce the launch of Sanctuary and Soul, a new online community providing space for people to explore faith and spirituality and bring new people into the church.

Please click on the link below to learn more and make sure that you follow them on social media and help spread the word about the good work that is being done!

[Learn more about Sanctuary & Soul](#)

Churches Together Information

12th – 14th September 2025, 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea – Nicaea Then and Now

Honest Disagreement in Love: Nicaea Then and Now, Blackburn Cathedral, in partnership with Churches Together in Lancashire, is hosting a three-day event that will reflect on the enduring legacy of Nicaea. The event will bring together theologians and ecumenical leaders to explore how the principles of honest disagreement and loving engagement can help address the challenges we face today—with both passion and compassion. Please click [here](#) for further information.

Call to prayer for peace in the Middle East, Sunday, 21st September 2025

Churches Together in England invites you to support the call to prayer for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, 21 September 2025. A coalition of Christian agencies is coordinating this act of visible, united Christian witness—one that speaks to a shared commitment to peace, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people. The call to churches across Britain to pray for peace on Sunday 21st September, coincides with UN World Peace Day and the global call to prayer from the World Council of Churches.

What your church can do on 21st September

- Please include a prayer for peace in your services on or around 21st September
- Consider holding a minute's silence in the service
- Join the #FastforGaza action

Visit [here](#) more information and additional resources including a Prayer from the Holy Land written by the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026, 18th - 25th January 2026 - Resources

Resources from the World Council of Churches are available in English. To access them, please click on the link [here](#). The theme for the week is: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

Applications open for 2026–2027 academic year at Ecumenical Institute at Bossey

The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, part of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and attached to the University of Geneva, is now accepting applications for its 2026–2027 academic programs in ecumenical studies. These internationally recognized programs offer unique opportunities for theological formation, intercultural exchange, and ecumenical engagement. To read more, please click [here](#).

Youth address eco-anxiety through prayer, music—and clarion calls to action

During this year's Ecumenical International Youth Day, observed over 2 days, 12 and 13 August, young people from across the world explored the theme "Rooted in Hope: Nurturing Faith and Mental Well-being in the Face of Climate Crisis (Eco-Anxiety)." Please click [here](#) for more information.

Vacancies

Internal

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

External

Regional Safeguarding Team Coordinator - North West Region. View [here](#).

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