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North West England District Weekly News



13th May 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

District Testimony Services

You are invited to the District Testimony Service this coming Sunday, 18th May, for Rev Sarah Hooks (from the Bolton Methodist Circuit), who has been recommended for Reception into Full Connexion and ordination at Methodist Conference at the end of June.

The service is at Harwood Methodist Church (Bolton, BL2 3HX) in the Bolton Circuit, at 6pm.

The guest preacher is Rev Leslie Newton, Chair of the Yorkshire North and East District.

The service is being live streamed on the District YouTube channel and can be viewed [here](#).



A poster for a Testimony Service. It features a circular portrait of Rev Sarah Hooks, a woman with dark hair wearing a clerical collar. To the right of the portrait is the North West England Methodist District logo, which includes a red and white map of the region. Below the logo, the text 'Testimony Service' is written in a large, bold, blue font. Underneath that, in a smaller black font, it says 'For Rev Sarah Hooks who has been recommended for ordination.' At the bottom right, a light pink rounded rectangle contains the text: 'This is a special testimony service, where Sarah can tell her story and give thanks and praise to God for her call and journey to this point.' On the left side, a red circle contains the text: 'Sunday 18th May 6:00pm Harwood Methodist Church, Bolton, BL2 3HX'.

Testimony Service

For Rev Sarah Hooks who has been recommended for ordination.

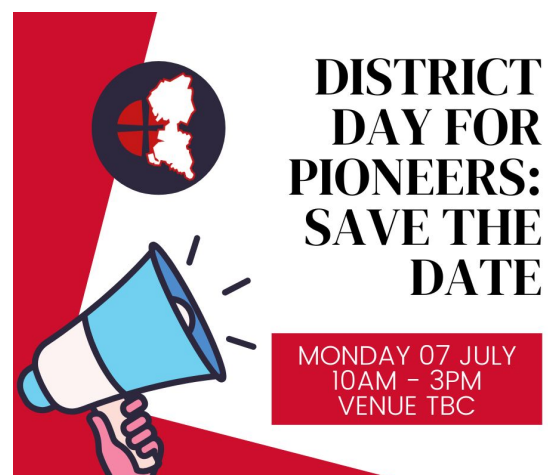
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Sunday 18th May
6:00pm
Harwood Methodist Church, Bolton, BL2 3HX

District Day for Pioneers: Save the Date

Monday 07 July 2025, 10am - 3pm

We are planning an event for anyone involved in pioneering within the District. Further details will be circulated soon, but for now please do save the date and inform anyone who may be interested.



A poster for District Day for Pioneers. It features a large red background with a white megaphone icon on the left. Above the megaphone is a circular logo with a red and white map of the North West England region. To the right of the megaphone, the text 'DISTRICT DAY FOR PIONEERS: SAVE THE DATE' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this text, a red rectangle contains the text: 'MONDAY 07 JULY 10AM - 3PM VENUE TBC'.

DISTRICT DAY FOR PIONEERS: SAVE THE DATE

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VENUE TBC

NWE District Community of Practice for Circuit EDI Officers

You are invited to the first of our NWE District Community of Practice gatherings for Circuit EDI officers across the District.

It is a Zoom meeting on Monday 2nd June 2025, from 7.00p.m., to finish no later than 8.30p.m.

The Zoom link for the meeting is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/95647413889?pwd=rBPS9BrZBaDJERtf9ccZ39R3MVwWyA.1>

Meeting ID: 956 4741 3889

Passcode: 442906

This initial meeting will be to introduce ourselves to each other, to share news of training and support being offered, and a conversation about how best we encourage and support our EDI / JDS strategy and ethos in all Circuits across the District.

Please contact Carole Jones, Ministry & Vocations Hub Administrator (jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk), to advise of your availability for the gathering and to notify the group of any questions you may wish to raise before or during the meeting.

Thanks, and blessings on behalf of the District EDI/JDS Group.

Revd Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry & Vocations and Revd Glayne Worgan, Convenor.

Weekly Spotlight: GDPR

In the UK, data protection is governed by the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018, which set out strict principles to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of both an individual and an organisation is protected. The legislation sets out how personal information is collected, stored and processed and used by organisations.

Under the regulations, the Methodist Church is duty bound to protect the data it is entrusted with at all levels of its operation, including letting individuals know what the church needs their data for, what is done with their data and how it is held. This is disclosed in the TMCP Privacy Notice: <https://www.tmcpc.org.uk/about/data-protection/managing-trustees-privacy-notice>

In addition, data should only be obtained for a necessary purpose and never shared or publicised without the expressed consent of the individual in writing, which must be renewed every 2 years.

Further details regarding GDPR can be found at: <https://www.tmcpc.org.uk/about/data-protection/resources/standard-documents-and-forms/data-protection-annual-checklist>.

Our district, circuits and churches are required to complete an annual data protection checklist, through which they confirm that data is being held, stored and processed lawfully and correctly under the regulations. This year, the deadline for the submission of the checklists to TMCP is **31st May 2025**.

The 2025 online checklist can be found at: <https://forms.gle/ZarShZniTWNGSqVY6> or versions in a paper format are available from the NWED GDPR Team.

The team cover each Mission Area as follows:

Cumbria: Carolyn Dickinson

GM plus North: Viv Lowe

GM plus South: Nigel Neary

Lancashire: Heather Fergusson

Liverpool: Joanna Ortiz

The GDPR Team can help you complete data protection checklists or answer any queries you may have around data protection matters, and can be contacted at: gdpr@nwedmethodists.org.uk

District Digital Digest: Canva

Our Digital Enabler, Samuel Rimmer is producing a 'Digital Digest' which is released in our newsletter fortnightly. This provides helpful suggestions and advice for churches and circuits as they engage in online communication.

The 'Digest' this week is focused on **Canva**.

One of the challenges churches and circuits often face is the need to produce high quality graphics and art for use online, without purchasing expensive software or needing someone with a degree in creative design.

If this is a problem you are facing, Canva is a great, easy to use platform for creating eye-catching church graphics, social media posts, sermon slides, and event posters.

The platform has a huge library of templates, fonts, and images; and it enables churches and circuits to maintain a professional and engaging online presence.

Canva offers a free 'Pro' account to non-profit organisations, including churches, which provides unlimited access to templates, brand kits, stock media and much more.

To find out more about obtaining a free Canva Pro account, please click [here](#).

Applying for a free Canva Pro account is straightforward and will be immensely beneficial for your church or circuits digital presence. With Canva's powerful tools, you can create engaging and professional designs for you to share with your congregation and local community.

If you need help getting started on Canva, a brief training video can be found [here](#) which has been produced by Methodist Church Resources.

If you have any questions about using Canva, our Digital Enabler, Samuel Rimmer can be contacted by email: rimmers@nwedmethodists.org.uk or by telephone: 01772 372160 (ext: 130).

Resources

Working out Worship is being offered by the Learning Network in June. This is for anyone looking to be more creative or intergenerationally inclusive in their worship, is looking to become involved in leading worship or wants to learn more in preparation for Local Arrangements. Find out more [here](#).

Single Friendly Church Network are a Christian charity supporting churches to welcome and value single people at every stage of life. They are research-based and provide free resources and training for churches and leaders. Further information can be found [here](#).

Springs Dance Company are touring their popular Christmas production again this advent. ***Journey of the Magi*** is a professional family production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. Now available for churches to book between 21st November – 22nd December 2025. Find out more [here](#).

Prayer for Peace in India and Pakistan

Rev. Dr. Raj Patta has shared the following prayer.

Prayer for Peace in India and Pakistan

God through whom, for whom and
from whom peace emanates,
We uphold the situation of
India-Pakistan into your hands,
let your peace and reconciliation
flow through these lands,
May there be restraint from all ends,
bringing an end to attacks,
counterattacks, violence & bloodshed.
De-escalate the tensions and
de-weaponize the conflicts.
Help us to realise revenge, retaliation and war
are not the solutions.
Grant the leaders wisdom and knowledge
in making peaceable decisions,
in seeking peaceful resolutions, &
in prioritizing dialogue and diplomacy,
so that peace is restored, and life is celebrated.
Help us to act for peace
in our troubled & terrorised world
by defeating hatred and building bridges of love
among people, communities and nations.
In Jesus, the Prince of peace's name we pray.
Amen. @rajpatta, 07.05.2025

Events

TONIGHT: Pray for Myanmar

This evening (13th May) between 8-9pm Global Relationships will be offering a space to pray for Myanmar. This is as part of The Methodist Church in Britain's Wholehearted Monthly event. The talk will be held online in the Global Relationships break-out room during the second half of the Wholehearted Monthly event, following a main session address from Chine McDonald. [To register for Wholehearted Monthly please follow this link.](#)

Cliff Festival 2025 – 23-26 May

Join hundreds of Christians from around the country at Cliff College at the end of May for a weekend of worship, Bible teaching and encountering the living God together. Book your tickets now, either for the whole weekend (there are a limited number of camping pitches still available) or just for a day. Find all the details on the Cliff College website [here](#).



Events: Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

Racial Justice Our Dreams, Our Hopes & Our Actions: A Time to Reflect and Recommit.

It's been five years since the murder of George Floyd. Join us as we reflect on what has changed, what still needs to change, and how we can continue to turn our dreams for justice and equity into lasting action. This is a space for hope, healing, and collective action.

Stockport Multifaith Network
Stockport Race Equality Partnership

invites you to join for a Day of Remembrance
commemorating the 5th anniversary of George Floyd's murder
as we reflect on the theme:

RACIAL JUSTICE: OUR DREAMS, OUR HOPES & OUR ACTIONS

**4PM ON SUNDAY
25TH MAY 2025
DIALSTONE LANE
METHODIST CHURCH,
STOCKPORT
SK2 7LQ**

COME LET'S STAND TOGETHER

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aba@srep.co.uk

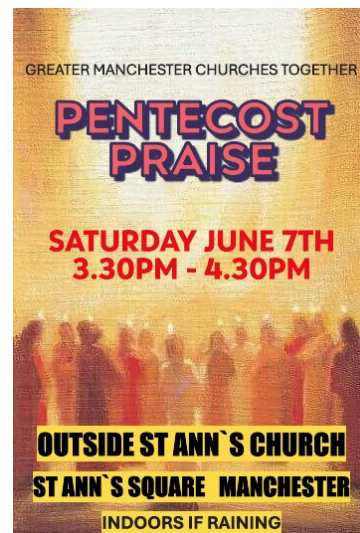
4pm on Sunday 25 May 2025 at
Dialstone Methodist Church, Stockport,
SK2 7LQ.

Methodist Women in Britain Summer Gathering and Induction of New President

At Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road, SK10 1BX on Saturday 14th June, 2pm-5pm, with speaker Rev Su McClellan on 'Embrace the Middle East'. Contact lizstuartlp@aol.com for travel directions.

**Greater Manchester Churches
Together: Pentecost Praise**

Saturday 7th June 3.30pm - 4.30pm
outside St Ann's Church, St Ann's
Square, Manchester



Events: Lancashire Mission Area

Junior Royal Northern College of Music: Music For All

Taking place on Saturday 21st June 2025
at 7.30pm, at Torrisholme Methodist
Church, Norwood Drive, Torrisholme,
LA4 6LT.

Tickets are £10 (free for students) and
can be paid at the door.



MUSIC FOR ALL
A varied & exciting programme of music
given by students of the
**Junior Royal Northern
College of
Music**
Saturday 21st June 2025
at
7.30pm
TORRISHOLME METHODIST CHURCH
[Norwood Drive, Torrisholme LA4 6LT]
Pay at the door £10
(students free)
Including refreshments
Ring: 07920326307 for more information

The poster features a light green background with a musical staff and notes at the bottom. The text is in various colors (red, black, green) and fonts, emphasizing the event details.

Events: Liverpool Plus Mission Area

Celebration of Pentecost / 2 Cathedrals Walk, 8 June 2025, 3-5pm - Pilgrims of Hope

On Sunday, 8th of June at 3pm, walk
with us in a powerful celebration of
Pentecost, as we journey together
between Liverpool Cathedral and the
Metropolitan Cathedral. Starting at
Liverpool Cathedral this symbolic walk
unites all communities in faith,
reflection and joy. Come and be part of
this special tradition! The celebrations
will begin with a short act of worship at
Liverpool Cathedral and include the
story of Pentecost, hymns and stalls on



**PENTECOST
CELEBRATIONS**
Two Cathedrals Walk
Join us for a powerful celebration of Pentecost as we
walk together in unity and hope!

8 JUNE 2025 | 3:00 PM
Start at Liverpool Cathedral

Scan me for more
information!

 **Liverpool
Cathedral**  **CHURCHES
TOGETHER**
in Merseyside  **Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

The poster has a light orange background with a silhouette of a cathedral at the top. It includes a photo of a group of people in a circular frame and a QR code for more information.

the piazza of the Metropolitan Cathedral. The choirs of both cathedrals and a Salvation Army Band will be involved. All are welcome!

Training

Property Thursdays in May

Taking place on Thursdays in May from 2pm to 3pm on Zoom. Each week will have a topic for discussion and then an open time to ask any questions.

15th May: Consent: When is consent needed for property projects? How can we draw down funds held at TMCP?

22nd May: Circuit Property Strategy: what to consider when using property for mission.

29th May: Compliance: Quinquennials and other inspections.

The link below can be used to join each week in May.

<https://zoom.us/j/93834150451?pwd=qAQSDsVB6Cf62RLB9AaDUwbeAhnzjf.1>

Meeting ID: 938 3415 0451

Passcode: 821258

Vacancies

Internal

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

External

Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistant, Keele University - more details are available [here](#).

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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

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