



North West England District Weekly News

23rd December 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

Newsletter Notice

This will be the final edition of our District newsletter this year. Our next edition will be sent out on Tuesday 6th January. Thank you to everyone from across the District for reading, contributing to and sharing our newsletter over the last year.

District Advent Reflections

We are posting daily Advent reflections on the District Facebook [page](#).

The reflections and our Advent resources are also available on the District website [here](#).

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



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

The poster is for the District Online Worship, specifically the District Covenant Service. It features a maroon and white color scheme. On the left, a maroon speech bubble contains the text: "I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things. Covenant Prayer". Below this is a photograph of a loaf of bread and a chalice. To the right of the speech bubble is the North West England Methodist District logo, which includes a map of the region. The main title "District Online Worship" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, "District Covenant Service" is written in bold, with "(with Communion)" in smaller text. The date and time "Sunday 11th January at 6.30pm" are highlighted in a red rounded rectangle. At the bottom, it says "with Revd Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations preaching." A small text box at the bottom right provides details about the Zoom code and contact information: "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".

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Covenant Prayer

**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

District Online Worship

District Covenant Service
(with Communion)

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Safeguarding Update - Cumbria

As you may be aware, Julie Paterson, the Regional Officer for Safeguarding (ROS) in the Cumbria Mission Area, has left us to embark on a new venture. Although she will be sadly missed, the other ROSs will continue to offer support until the recruitment process is complete.

If you email Julie at patersonj@methodistchurch.org.uk this will be automatically forwarded to the safeguarding team shared inbox for a time. However, this is the preferred email address to use and it will be monitored daily:
nwedsafeguarding@methodistchurch.org.uk

If you telephone Julie's mobile number, this will be automatically diverted to her Connexional Team number and be picked up by one of her colleagues.

For further details and information relating to contacting the safeguarding officers over the Christmas period, please [click here](#).

Christmas Greetings Video and Prayer points for Phakamisa (A ministry of Pinetown Methodist Church in South Africa)

We give thanks for Zethu's visit to the UK in September and her time with us at Synod.

The story of Phakamisa is one of resilience and hope and the commitment of staff and supporters, both in the UK and in South Africa, remains at the heart of everything accomplished.

We pray for the project, and its shortfall in funding, and hope the new year brings new opportunities for this work to continue and many more lives and communities to be transformed and uplifted.

More information can be found via: www.phakamisa.org

View the video below of a Christmas Greetings from the children in one of the creche's.

[View the Video](#)

Message from Action for All

Having received a card from our North West England Methodist District team, we received this acknowledgement, thanks and Christmas greeting from Action for Children, recognising that many of our churches and Circuits will collect for Action for Children during Advent and Christmas services and events:

"Thank you so much. What a beautiful and heartfelt way to send Christmas wishes. Our thanks to the North West England Methodist District for their support and amazing impact over the years. I'm always so proud of our Methodist roots and strong bond till today.

Blessings,

Karis Kolawole

Faith Partnerships Lead, Action for Children"

Events

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](#).

Good News Stories

Greater Manchester Plus

Songs of Praise

The Songs of Praise, Christmas Special episode was broadcast on Sunday 21st December at 13:15 on BBC One. The episode was recorded at Victoria Hall, Bolton and can be viewed on the iPlayer [here](#).

Resources

Connexional Newsletters

[Called to Worship Newsletter](#) - A resource for Ministry, Vocations and Worship Team

[Learning and Development Newsletter](#)

Vacancies

Internal

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

External

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