

# North West England District Weekly News

24th March 2026

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## District News

### NWED District Safeguarding Conference 2026

#### Trauma-Informed Practice: Learning, Reflecting, Growing Together

We are delighted to announce our first in-person conference as a new district! This year we will be focusing on Trauma-Informed Practice, with a rich programme designed to inspire, challenge, and equip all who work to create safer environments across our district. Join us for a day of insight, conversation, and shared learning, featuring contributions from:

- Karen Jobson, returning after highly valued sessions at the 2025 and 2026 Connexional Safeguarding Conferences
- The Methodist Survivors Advisory Group, delivering a dedicated session
- Q&A with Tim Carter, Director of Safeguarding for the Methodist Church
- Facilitated table discussions throughout the day
- Regional Officers for Safeguarding, available for support, questions, and conversation

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn together, hear lived experience, explore good practice, and strengthen safeguarding culture across the district.

Event details:

**Saturday 16 May 2026, 10:00am–4:00pm** (arrivals from 9:30am)

**Leyland Methodist Church** (9 Turpin Green Lane, Leyland, PR25 3HA)

**Help Us Spread the Word**



Please share the event poster widely in your churches and circuits, include it in newsletters, distribute the QR code/link, and display it in local churches. Your support helps us welcome as many people as possible to this important day.

Download the flyer

Book your place

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## District Stationing Briefings for 2026-27

A reminder that bookings for the District Stationing Briefings are now available. Please find further information [here](#).

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## District Testimony Service 2026

This service is planned to take place at 4pm on Sunday 7th June 2026 at Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Windermere Road, Kendal, in the Cumbria Circuit.

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## What's Happening in the District?

Our website calendar is kept updated with the wide variety of events and meetings that take place across the District.

View the calendar

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## Lent 2026: Week 6

Through Lent we are sharing weekly reflections on the theme, 'Our Story, Our Song: A Journey Through Lent', exploring how the hymns and worship songs can guide us more deeply along the road to the cross. Each week, a different contributor will reflect on a hymn or worship song of their choosing and its connection to the themes of Lent.

This week's reflection, from Revd Caroline Ainger, Liverpool Plus Mission Area Lead, is now available to read via the links below. We would like to encourage you not only to

read it, but to share your thoughts, respond to the questions, or tell us what hymn or worship song is speaking to you this Lent in the comments on Facebook.

Website link

Facebook link

## Training

## Online Train the Trainer for Foundation and Advanced Safeguarding Training

We are planning to run three half-day sessions to train people for delivering safeguarding training. The sessions on offer will be:

- **Facilitation skills** – for anyone who has never delivered the Foundation or Advanced course before
- **Foundation: Train the Trainer**
- **Advanced: Train the Trainer**

All sessions will be delivered via Zoom and will run as half-day modules. This should mean that people won't need to repeat the facilitation element, and those who have already completed the Foundation Train the Trainer will be able to become Advanced trainers more easily. These sessions will be planned and delivered in conjunction with the Learning Network.

We now need to understand how many people would like or need to complete the training and begin building a database so we can contact them. If you are interested in becoming either a foundation or advanced trainer, please do get in touch with your local Regional Officers for Safeguarding, or contact the NWED Safeguarding Email if you are in Cumbria.

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We hope to hold the sessions over the summer.

## Events

### Methodists in World Mission (MWM) Annual Conference

This year’s conference takes place at Cliff College from 29–31 May with the theme: **How does the Church engage in mission in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh?**

The keynote speakers will be the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal and the Revd Dr Raj Patta, along with speakers from the Orissa Christian Theological College of North India.



Find out more and register here

## Liverpool Plus

### Community Afternoon Tea and Pop-Up Food Bank hosted by Next Level Youth Club

**WHEN:** Sunday 26th April, 4pm

**WHERE:** St James’ Church Hall, Woolton

**COST:** £3 per person (Please communicate any dietary needs in advance)

This event has been organised to put into action the group’s learning about ‘Jesus Feeding 5,000’. All proceeds will go towards the youth activities, and food bank donations will be given to Princes Park Methodist Church to support the wonderful work they do in their community.



To book, please contact Marrissa, communicating any dietary needs in advance:

[marrissa.circuitryouth@outlook.com](mailto:marrissa.circuitryouth@outlook.com)

**Could you help?**

If you are able, we would welcome any donations towards the event. The donations list is just for guidance; any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please let Marrissa know if you are able to bake/give something.

## Good News Stories

### Palm Sunday Themed Forest Church

Fulwood Methodist Church had a fun-filled Forest Church session on 22nd March, focusing on the Palm Sunday story.

[Read more here](#)



## Resources

### Easter Offering 2026

The Easter Offering 2026 service focuses on freedom. Jesus talks about God's kingdom as a place of release from captivity, and this year's Offering, ***Unbound: a gospel that breaks barriers***, tells stories of how this is true.

[Find out more and access the materials here](#)

[Download the Order of Service here](#)

## Connexional Newsletters

Property Matters: March 2026

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## Vacancies

[Find current internal vacancies listed here.](#)

### **External vacancies:**

[Executive Officer, Beginning Again](#)

### **Volunteering:**

Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum are looking for volunteers to join their team. [Find out more here.](#)

## 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](mailto:admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk).

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