

# North West England District Weekly News



26th August 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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## District News

### Scam Alert

An anonymous caller is contacting individuals, in particular clergy and claiming to be a police officer. They use the name Jeffery Johnson, giving collar number SC6621.

The caller tells the individual they are under arrest. They then seek to access their IP address on the computer.

If you are contacted by this person, do not give them any information or agree to them gaining access to your computer. You should end the call immediately.

These calls should be reported to [Action Fraud](#) or the police via 101.

If you require any support in relation to this matter, please contact the Connexional Safeguarding Team on 020 7467 5819 or [safeguarding@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@methodistchurch.org.uk)

*Shared from Signpost for Ministry*

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## Conference Representatives 2026

Nominations are now being invited for representatives from the North West England Methodist District to the Methodist Conference 2026.

This is an open invitation to anyone who is a member of the Methodist Church within the North West England District. Please share this information widely and as quickly as possible, as the **deadline for receiving nominations is Saturday 6th September 2025**. Voting will take place at Synod on 13th September.

A nomination form is accessible via the link below and any further queries can be directed to the Synod Secretary, Carolyn Hothersall, via the contact details below:

**Email:** [hothersallc@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:hothersallc@nwedmethodists.org.uk)

**Tel:** 01772 372160 ext: 127

[Nomination Form](#)

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## Action for Children focus groups

Action for Children are holding some focus groups on 8th and 11th September. The aim is to understand their Methodist supporters better so that they can:

- Improve how they steward and communicate with supporters, and
- Provide fundraising and campaigning tools that they find engaging and workable.

Action for Children would like a diverse group of people from across the Methodist districts and would like two volunteers from the North West England District please.

About the focus groups:

- Facilitated, open and candid discussion on 2 or 3 key themes.
- Two groups: 12-1:30pm on 8th September and 5-6:30pm on 11th September.
- Groups will be made up of 8 – 12 people who have supported or are aware of Action for Children to any degree.

If you are interested, please contact Chris Pritchard who is the District's Action for Children champion. His email is [cn.pritchard@btopenworld.com](mailto:cn.pritchard@btopenworld.com)

## Events



**3Generate: Donkeys, rabbits and more at 3Generate - 2 weeks left to buy tickets!**

A new venue, full of furry friends, is coming to the NEC this October! Our new outdoor venue, Animal Magic, gives children and young people the chance to get up close with a range of animals, and also enjoy some valuable time in the outdoors.

Tickets are still available for our biggest 3Generate yet, with 9 new venues and an even bigger stage for collective worship! Find out more of what to expect at this year's 3Generate and buy tickets at the 3Generate [website here](#).

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## Resource! Refresh! Remember! A day for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Wednesday 24th September, 10am - 3pm

Lunch included

£15 per person (bursaries available)

Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum, Crewe, CW2 5QW

[Find out more](#)

## Events: Greater Manchester Plus

### Creationtide Bible Study



Download a copy of the poster by clicking on the image.

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### **Phakamisa meal at Glazebury**

Phakamisa is a charity based at Pinetown Methodist Church in South Africa which lifts and empowers people from impoverished communities. For many years has been the District link with the former Bolton and Rochdale District. Cumbria and Lancashire also have overseas links, and we will hear more from them in due course.

This September, Zethu, the Director of Phakamisa, is making a UK visit. She will be with us in the NWE District and will be attending our Synod on 13th September. As part of her visits around the circuits there is to be a meal at Glazebury Methodist Church, Warrington Road, Warrington WA3 5LD on Friday 12th September at 7.00pm, which will be a range of African dishes. The cost is donations of £12 or over.

To book, please contact Delia Caswell by telephone on 01942 671938 (can leave a message), or email at [pndcas2@gmail.com](mailto:pndcas2@gmail.com).

## **Events: Liverpool Plus**

### **Sankey Valley Circuit Service**

On Sunday 7th September 2025, there is to a Sankey Valley Circuit Service at 10:30am at Padgate Methodist Church, Padgate Lane, WA1 3DU. The service is being led by Revd Caroline Ainger, Deputy Chair and Mission Area Lead. It will include a welcome to Revd Pat Brown who is joining the circuit ministerial team.

The service is being live-streamed to all churches in the circuit on the circuit YouTube channel. Anyone from the District is welcome to attend or join us. The service will be followed by lunch, provided by Padgate and St Martin's churches.

Sankey Valley YouTube channel

## Vacancies

### Internal

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

### External

Faith Rooted Community Organiser, Sheffield District - view [here](#).

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