North West England District Weekly News

28 July 2026

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District News

Save the Date: District Wellbeing Day on Tuesday 10 November 2026

Sustainable Ministry: Facing the Challenges Together

We are pleased to invite you to save the date for our upcoming Wellbeing Day on Tuesday 10 November 2026. This session is a repeat of our June sessions held at the Lune Valley Hub, near Lancaster, so if you missed out in June, this is a great opportunity to attend. To make it more accessible for others, we are aiming to host this gathering in a venue in the southern half of the District.

Keep an eye out for further details and booking information in the coming weeks.

District Directory 2026-27

Emails have been circulated to Superintendents and Circuits Administrators requesting updates from each Circuit for the District Directory. Please can you check these have been received, with a reminder for all updates to be made by **31 July**. Thank you.

Please inform the District Admin Team by email once you have completed your Circuit update or if you need any assistance at admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk

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Could you use your talents as part of the District Scrutiny Committee?

The District Scrutiny Committee plays a vital role in supporting the District Policy Committee (DPC). Before DPC considers any item requiring a decision (that isn't grants or property related), the Scrutiny Committee reviews it and carries out a detailed analysis to ensure all the necessary information is included and is in line with District process. They then present this to the DPC along with a recommendation for a decision, which DPC then exercises its own informed judgement on.

Is this an area of work whereby you could use your talents? It involves about 4 meetings a year, which are usually by zoom.

Please contact Graham Pegg, a member of the Scrutiny Committee, for an informal conversation. Tel: 01925 756730 or email: grahamcpegg@btinternet.com

2026-27 Welcome Services

We are pleased to share with you revised details of the upcoming Welcome Services for Ministers. We will continue to update this list and will share it again in due course.

Welcome Service details - revised version

Conference Business Digest

The Conference Business Digest for the 2026 Methodist Conference has been published, providing a summary of the key decisions and actions of the Conference.

Read the Digest here

Conference Representatives

Nominations are now being invited for those wishing to attend Methodist Conference of 2027 as a representative of the North West England District (NWED). Conference runs from 24 June for Presbyters and from 26 June for Deacons and Lay representatives until 30 June 2027.

If you are a member of the Methodist Church in NWED and are interested in attending, please complete a nomination form (click below). The closing date for nominations is

4 September 2026. Voting will take place at Synod on 12 September 2026.

Nomination Form

Events

Greater Manchester Plus

Solar Eclipse Viewing

At The Triangle Community Methodist Church, Bolton

Download the flyer here

Remember to Forget
A MET:Revive Local Tour

Join Oldham Circuit on Friday 18 September for an event open to anyone who is passionate about biblical ministry, prayer, and revival in our churches and local communities. Guest speaker, Rev Dr David Hull, is a minister in Full Connexion with the Methodist Church and lead pastor of Freedom Church in Bristol. Serving as the ambassador for MET:REVIVE (formerly Methodist Evangelicals Together), David brings over two decades of ministry experience.

Download the poster here

Resources

Disability Awareness Sunday 2026 ‘One Body, Many Parts’

Methodist Churches are invited to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday 2026 on 27 September (or another date that works for you). This year's theme, ‘One Body, Many Parts’, celebrates the truth that the Church is not complete without people with

disabilities. A free service resource filled with creative ideas is available to download from the charity Through the Roof.

Download the resource

Updates to Themed and Special Sundays

Following a vote at the Methodist Conference 2026, several observances have been redesignated as **Themed Sundays**. These no longer have fixed dates and can be celebrated at any time of the year at the discretion of local churches and circuits. *(Note: JDS Sunday should be observed as a themed day on a locally agreed date across the Connexion.)*

A smaller group of observances remain as **Special Sundays**, which continue to be celebrated on specific dates. These are:

- Action for Children
- Bible Sunday
- Conference Sunday
- Methodist Homes Sunday
- Racial Justice Sunday
- Vocations Sunday
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Chapel in the Fields available for day hire

Chapel in the Fields is located in a rural setting and is fully equipped. The venue offers a large meeting room, kitchen and dining. If the Chapel is providing catering, the

venue can hold a maximum of 18 people. If arranging your own catering, the venue can hold 50-60 people in concert style seating.

For further information, contact Vicky by email at vicky@chapelinthefields.org.uk

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Bolton Christian Community Cohesion Signposting Information - August 2026

News from Connexion

Pensions and Housing Webinars - Important Updates

Please note that the Pensions and Housing Webinar that was due to take place on 28 July has been **postponed** to 29 September, 14:00-16:00.
This webinar is an opportunity to discuss options around pensions and housing in retirement, to get an overview of what's on offer in terms of the Methodist Ministers Housing Scheme and also a general understanding of the pensions provision. You can come at any point in the lead up to retirement and more than once if that's helpful.

Please complete the signup form below if you would like to attend:
29 September – Fully Booked
24 November – 2pm-4pm: https://forms.office.com/e/xjP73tNu5Q

The Well News - July 2026

Good News Stories

Lancashire Community Champion Awarded Honorary Doctorate

In recognition of the decades of contribution he has made to community engagement and social justice, North West England District Justice-Seeking Advocate Peter Lumsden has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University

of Lancashire. The degree celebrates his transformative regional impact as a champion of civic engagement, interfaith dialogue, and social justice.

Adding to his recognition, Peter was also appointed this summer as one of the University's first Community Fellows. The District extend our warmest congratulations and thanks to Peter for his ongoing commitment to community engagement and social justice across Lancashire.

Read the story here

Heroes in Training!

Continuing a tradition spanning over 50 years, local churches across the Western Dales in Cumbria recently hosted their annual ecumenical summer holiday club. Over 60 children took part in games, crafts, and fundraising for families in Uganda, supported by an intergenerational team of volunteers.

Read more here

Vacancies

Find current internal vacancies listed here.

External:
Finance Officer, St. Peter's C of E Church, Halliwell - click here for further information.

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