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# North West England District Weekly News



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Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter! In this week's edition:

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- Events
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- Job Opportunities

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### **District News**

#### **District Vacancy: District Property Secretary**

The North West England Methodist District (NWED) is seeking to appoint an additional District Property Secretary. The role is home-based, with travel throughout the District.

The District Property Secretaries will work in collaboration with the churches and circuits within the District, and provide oversight of the properties owned by the District.

For more information and to apply click here.

We would be grateful if details of this vacancy could be shared by churches within the District.

#### **District Mission Gathering Day - Last Chance to Book!**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - 10am to 3pm - Walkden Methodist Church

'A day to inspire, encourage and equip us for mission in our local contexts. There will be opportunity to make connections, celebrate good news stories, and share learning. Bring your whole selves and be energised with ideas and practical information to be make mission happen.'

For booking, please contact: ortizj@nwedmethodists.org.uk Further details can be found <u>here.</u>

#### **District Online Worship**

Our next Online Worship is taking place on Sunday 9th November at 6.30pm - Remembrance Sunday.

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook.



# District Christmas Card Competition

Our District Christmas Card competition is now open to entries!

The competition is be open to all children and young people that attend churches across the District or attend messy churches, forest churches and

church affiliated uniformed organisations.

For further details click <u>here</u>. To download the entry form, click <u>here</u>.

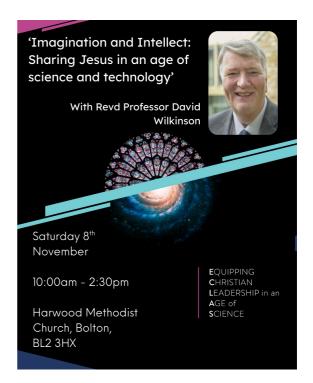


# Continuing Development in Ministry Training Day

We are thrilled to have Revd Prof David Wilkinson returning to the North West, under the organisation 'Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science'. David is leading sessions on:

'Imagination and Intellect: sharing Jesus in an age of science and technology'

For more information and to book, click <u>here</u>. The deadline for booking is Thursday 6th November.



#### **Annual Returns**

The annual returns for 2025-26 are open and can be submitted here.

The key property management and mission data and information collected is used as both a monitoring tool and a means of assessing needs and priorities, and, as such, we would encourage churches and circuits to complete the return. A separate email will be sent directly to circuits with further information.

We can also report that Statistics for Mission for 2024 have now been released and can be viewed <u>here.</u>

#### All We Can: Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal

All We Can and the Methodist Church in Britain are raising funds for Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal. They are working with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, to support those who have been affected.

An appeal page has been set up where you can donate, along with resources that can be used in your church. View the <u>page here</u>.

#### **Events**

#### **Rural Mission & Ministry Course**

The Arthur Rank Centre are hosting a number of Rural Mission and Ministry courses on 6th - 8th Feb 2026 at Cliff College, S32 3XG and 19th - 20th May 2026 at Yarnfield, ST15 0NL. For more information and to book, click here.

# **Greater Manchester Plus**

#### **Living Faith in the City**

You are warmly invited to an event to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Faith in the City* Report. This will be held at Manchester Cathedral on the 14 November from 12-1.30pm.

Good news stories from a number of projects will be shared and there will then be an opportunity for wider reflections on the impact of Faith in the City both as a historical event and on the shaping of our role as church in serving our communities and neighbourhoods and in working for justice.

# Lancashire

#### **Leyland Christmas Concert**

A Christmas concert is being held at Leyland Methodist Community Centre on Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked <u>online here</u> or via the ticket hotline number: 07375 773245

# **Good News Stories**

#### **Court Hey Methodist - Clothing Bank**

Court Hey Methodist Church we have partnered with Leukaemia & Myeloma Research by having a Clothing Bank installed in our car park.

The bank is for use by the church and the local community.



### Resources

#### **Lancashire Faith Partnership Briefing**

A faith partnership 'Briefing Note' has been put together - Methodist churches in Lancashire can find information relating to winter provision like 'warm spaces', how churches can help create 'Healthy Neighbourhoods' and more. Read more here.

#### **Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have shared resources for the <u>'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026'</u> and <u>'Gospel Music Against Poverty - Uniting Nations with Praises'</u>.

# An Invitation: Methodist Women in Britain, Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

Never heard of Methodist Women in Britain? Well, here's your chance to learn more about us on a fully catered weekend away in the beautiful setting of the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick.

Thanks to the generosity of the North West England District we can offer 3 free places, (preferably to younger women!), to the MWiB Conference in April 2026. The only qualification needed is for you to be a woman, a Methodist, and that you haven't been before. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Liz Stuart by 15th November at: <a href="mailto:lizstuartlp@aol.com">lizstuartlp@aol.com</a> or by phone: 07821 190322.

#### **Volunteers in Ministry Opportunity**

Volunteers in Ministry are currently looking for a team to visit North Macedonia to help with a children's camp next year. The camp runs from Wednesday 17th - Saturday 20th June. To facilitate jet lag, visits etc they are planning an arrival on Saturday 13th June and departure on Tuesday 23rd or Wednesday 24th June. They are wanting a team of between 3 and 6 people.

If you think your church might be interested, please contact <a href="mailto:JMoore@umcmission.org">JMoore@umcmission.org</a> to discuss details.

#### **Churches Together in Cheshire**

Churches Together in Cheshire will be hosting an 'All Ecumenical Representatives' event on Wednesday,18th March 2026 from 10am - 3pm at Foxhill House & Woodlands, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB

Further details will be shared as soon as they become available.

## **Vacancies**

#### Internal

Vacancies can be viewed on the District website here.

#### **External**

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Youth Worker - Southport Methodist Circuit. View details here.

Children & Families Worker - Southport Methodist Circuit. View details here.

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