



# North West England District Weekly News

7th April 2026

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## District News

### Notice Regarding Singing the Faith Hymn 245

Following recent notification from within the District, the safeguarding team wanted to make you aware Methodist Connexion are advising that StF Hymn 245 should not be used, due to its association with the composer David Haas, who has been the subject of serious and widely reported allegations of abuse. This decision has been made out of respect for survivors and with a commitment to ensuring that our worship spaces are safe, compassionate, and attentive to the needs of all. We recognise that music can hold deep meaning, and this action is not a judgement on past worship, but a pastoral response rooted in care, safeguarding, and sensitivity.

We remain thankful for the rich breadth of hymns and songs available to us and will continue to choose worship material that reflects our values of dignity, justice, and pastoral care.

If this decision raises questions or feelings for you, or if you would like to talk further, please know that support is available. You are welcome to speak confidentially with someone from your church congregation, community or Church Safeguarding Officer.

Our prayers remain with all survivors, and we reaffirm our commitment to listening, learning, and acting responsibly as part of our ongoing safeguarding journey.

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## Events

### Online Coffee for Administrators and those working in Communications

Kristie Eve from the Learning Network is facilitating the next online coffee on Monday 13th April at 11am on Zoom. Contact Kristie if you need the Zoom link on [evek@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:evek@methodistchurch.org.uk).

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### The Arthur Rank Rural Mission and Ministry Roadshow:

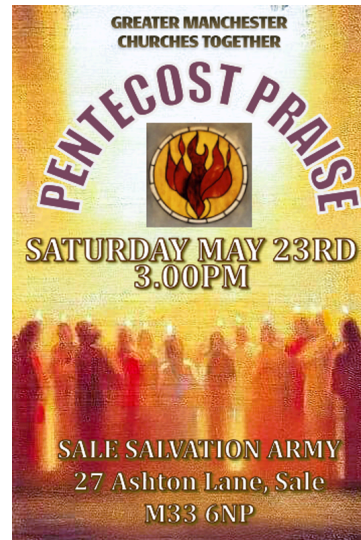
As part of The Arthur Rank Centre’s ongoing mission to support, train, resource, and nurture connections with all Christian leaders, they are hosting their first “Rural Mission and Ministry Roadshow” in Bakewell on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (10am-2pm).

[Find out more](#)

## Greater Manchester Plus

### Greater Manchester Churches Together (GMCT): Pentecost Praise

Saturday 23rd May, 3pm at Sale  
Salvation Army, 27 Ashton Lane, Sale,  
M33 6NP.



## Lancashire

### **PHARISEE: an Easter Musical by Roger Jones**

Presented by a choir brought together from across Preston Ribble Circuit, telling the story of Nicodemus and his encounters with Jesus.

Taking place this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm, at Hope Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, New Longton, PR4 4AA. Refreshments will be available afterwards.



## Good News Stories

### **Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2 "A mark to make"**

Revd Jo Cox-Darling, Superintendent of the Manchester Circuit, spoke on BBC Radio 2 on the theme of 'My Personal Sacrifice'.

[Listen here](#)

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## Glossop and Tameside Circuit: Easter at Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy

As part of the journey towards Easter, the whole school community of 400, including the teachers and teaching assistants, attended a service led by Chaplain Rev Rob Balfour.

Rev Rob also visited the Reception class, and used "Easter in a box" to help them explore and share the Easter story with their families. The young people were fascinated with the box and the story and enjoyed the time exploring the Easter story.



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## Easter in Cumbria Circuit

Churches from across Cumbria Circuit have shared photos from their Easter services. The photos below show the Sunrise Service and Walk of Witness at Kirkby Stephen, and the service outside Orton Methodist Church.



## Resources

### **From Easter to Pentecost: a seven-week online reflection course by Cliff College**

Often as churches we can focus on Lent and leading up to the crucifixion but there is also a significant journey that takes place from Easter to Pentecost. With a weekly release of reflective materials and teaching from a range of different voices, this is a new online course for 2026. The cost of the course is £10.

[Find out more here](#)

### **A Million Acts of Hope: 13th - 20th May 2026**

A Million Acts of Hope seeks to drown out negative and hateful noise with a call to people to highlight and celebrate the good things that are happening.

[Find out more](#)

## Thy Kingdom Come: 14th - 24th May 2026

This increasingly ecumenical annual season of prayer is held from Ascension to Pentecost each year.

[Access the resources](#)

## Vacancies

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

## Contact Us

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