

# North West England District Weekly News



7th October 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

In this week's edition:

- District News
- Training
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- Job Opportunities

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## District News

On behalf of the North West England Methodist District, we extend our prayers to all those affected by the attack on the Jewish Community at Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue.

Though our communities may differ in many ways, our common humanity is founded on the truth that all people are created in the image of God, a God whose love is for all.

Click [here](#) to read the statements from the Manchester Methodist Circuit, the Bury Methodist Circuit and a joint statement from the GMCA Faith and Belief Advisory Panel and Greater Manchester Faith Community Leaders.

We hope that you will share in the prayer offered by Rev'd Jez Hackett – Superintendent of Bury Methodist Circuit – for healing, for peace and for love.

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## District Online Update

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NWED Online Update on  
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7:30pm.

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- An update from the  
Cumbria Mission Area
- An update from the  
Caleb Communities
- Q and A session



The poster for the NWED Online Update features the North West England Methodist District logo at the top, which includes a red cross and the text 'NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT'. Below the logo, the title 'NWED ONLINE UPDATE' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the title is an icon of a person with arms raised, surrounded by a clock, a laptop, and a person icon. Below the title, a red box contains the text 'Weds 8th October'. To the right of this box, the text 'ONLINE EVENT' is written, followed by 'HOSTED ON ZOOM' and '7.30 - 8.30PM'. Below this, it says '(ARRIVE FROM 7.20PM FOR A 7.30PM START)'. The main body of the poster contains the text 'Come along to this information evening to hear updates on the progress being made within the North West England District. This evening will include:' followed by a list of activities: Devotions, An update from each hub, to hear developments on various areas in the new District, An update from the Cumbria Mission Area, An update from the Caleb Communities, and Q and A session. Below the list, it says 'To Join:' followed by the Zoom link 'https://zoom.us/j/98395346174?pwd=qRS6YnostSxHeuPrLyO8YtEd9Aiw6D' and the Meeting ID '983 9534 6174' and Passcode '967461'. At the bottom, a red box contains the text 'IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE EMAIL ADMIN@NWEDMETHODISTS.ORG.UK'.

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## District Online Worship

Our theme for our next Online Worship, taking place on Sunday 12th October at 6.30pm is "Safeguarding: May I".

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email

[prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk) or

direct message us on Facebook.



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND  
METHODIST DISTRICT**

### District Online Worship

**Sunday 12th October at  
6.30pm**

**Safeguarding: May I?**

With Jack Watson and Helen Bolton  
(Officers for Safeguarding)

District Online Worship is held on the second Sunday of every month. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email [prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk) or direct message us on Facebook

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## All Are Welcome!

With tensions rising in communities across the UK, the Methodist Church has released a new recording of the hymn 'Let us build a house where love can dwell', known to many as 'All Are Welcome'. More than 140 Methodist churches contributed their voices to the project.

Rev David Newlove, Cumbria Mission Area Lead, spoke to BBC Radio Cumbria to discuss the hymn and the need to let people know that everyone is welcome in our communities.

Listen from 02:10:15: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002jr8j>

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## District Christmas Card Competition

It might only be October, but we are excited to launch our District Christmas Card competition!

It's only 79 days to Christmas, not that we're counting...

The competition will 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.

The winning design will be the cover of the District Christmas card, sent out our District Chair and other Senior Leadership at Christmas.

For further details click [here](#). To download the entry form, click [here](#).

We are also on the lookout for people to join our judging panel. So if you think that you have the Christmas spirit in abundance and think you know what makes a great Christmas Card, please email: [admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk) with a line explaining why you would like to be on the judging panel.

## Training

### Safeguarding Training Opportunities

#### Advanced Training

If you need to complete **Advanced Safeguarding Training** this year, please visit our Eventbrite page for available dates across the District, Mission Areas, and online: Book Advanced Training on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/nwed-advanced-safeguarding-training-3606929>

### Foundation Training (Online)

We are grateful to colleagues in the **North Lancashire Circuit** for supporting the delivery of online **Foundation Training** sessions.

**Booking:** via Microsoft Forms

**Capacity:** 20 places per session

### Upcoming Dates:

- **21 February 2026, 10:00 AM** – Book Here  
<https://forms.office.com/e/3YUfQsrXDF>
- **21 May 2026, 7:00 PM** – Book Here  
<https://forms.office.com/e/QVDi9zkhBW>

## Events

### Events: Liverpool Plus

#### Eco Climate Event 2025

 Saturday 11th October |  10am–1pm

 St Andrew's Clubmoor, Adshead Rd, Liverpool, L13 0HL


Join us for a FREE community event with workshops, stalls & activities on climate action, eco-living & caring for creation 🌱

☒ Local eco projects

☒ Faith-based climate action

☒ Eco-friendly businesses

☒ Practical tips to save money & help the planet

 Plus: café, marketplace, and great conversations!

Open to ALL 💚

## Next Level Youth Club

On Saturday 6th December, 'Next Level' youth clubs are hosting a 'Christmas Coffee Afternoon' (1pm – 3pm) at St Mary's Church, Halewood. You can expect hot drinks, music, Christmas cheer, and a warm place of welcome.

The young people have been working really hard to put this together, with the hope that members from all the circuit churches will be able to attend and share some Christmas fellowship...and hot chocolate!

We would be most grateful if you could advertise this within your churches and emphasise that this is ran by the Circuit's youth. We understand that Christmas is a very busy time, but attending this afternoon would be a great way to show your church's support in our young people's endeavours.

If you have any young members at your church (aged 11 – 18) that you think would like to get involved, then please



do let me know – they are most welcome.

We will be meeting to continue our planning at 'Next Level: Trinity'. This will start on Wednesday 5th November (4.30pm – 6pm) at Trinity Church and will be a weekly youth club, alongside 'Next Level: St Mary's' on a Monday. This will include games, crafts, and snacks too!

## Good News Stories

### Lancashire

#### **Travelling Storyteller Project**

Several members of the Travelling Storyteller Project travelled to Clitheroe Pendle Primary School on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Having collected the resources to set up the space, 3 team members; Anne Baker, Elizabeth Davis and myself travelled by car and met a fourth team member of the team; Hylda Emsden at the school in Clitheroe. We shared the story of Creation with around 100 children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1, Year ½ and Year 2). This is the fourth time we have been reinvited to the school and each time the children remember that we have been before.

One of the teachers commented on how calm the session was and that neither the teachers nor the children get much time to be calm in the day.

The team received the following message from the RE co-ordinator:

'Thank you so much for today's visit, superb as always. We love our visits from the Godly Play Team. You and your team of ladies are fantastic and we cannot wait to see you again soon'



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## Tent of Nations

As a District, we were privileged to hear Daoud Nassar of the Tent of Nations on Mon 22nd Sept by Zoom and in person at Hapton Methodist Church, Pendle and Burnley Circuit. The Nassar family received the Methodist Peace Award in 2017.

Daoud shared the powerful story of their educational, ecological farm, surrounded by 5 Illegal settlements. We saw and heard how the farm stands as a statement of resilience and non-violent resistance. A humbling story to listen to, of the family's Faith, courage and unwavering commitment to justice based on their motto 'We refuse to be Enemies'.



As church leaders and the Methodist Church in the UK, Daoud emphasized the importance for the need to advocate for the Tent of Nations and speak out at the political level, encourage official church delegations and church members to visit the Tent of Nations if they plan a trip to the Holy Land. International presence is the only remaining protection for the Tent of Nations.

You can learn more about the Tent of Nations on [www.tentofnations.com](http://www.tentofnations.com) and contact the UK friends of Tent of Nations at [tonfriendsuk@gmail.com](mailto:tonfriendsuk@gmail.com) to know more how to support and become a friend of Tent of Nations.

Please continue to pray that God will continue to bless the family and hold them close to himself and pray for their safety. Thank you.

Bea Foster

Regular visitor as a Protective presence on the Tent of Nations. 07875517043  
Pendle & Burnley Circuit

## Resources

### Learning and Development Newsletter

[Download Here](#)

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### All are welcome

Many of us have been concerned about the rise of anti-migrant sentiments expressed by England and Union flags being hoisted all over the place. St John's Methodist Church, Hayfield, in the High Peak Circuit, is displaying a banner designed to give a

different message: 'All are welcome in this place' (from Marty Haugen's hymn, 'Let us build a house') surrounded by colours of flags from around the world. You can download a copy of the banner [here](#).

We would be very happy to make this banner available to other churches in the District. It can be produced in custom shapes and sizes (depending on how it is going to be displayed), with eyelets if necessary, at a reasonable cost. It can also be produced in poster form. If you would like to discuss this, please contact Rev Stephen Jay at [Stephen.Jay@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.Jay@methodist.org.uk).

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## **Fund for Human Need**

The latest newsletter from Fund for Human Need is available [here](#) and along with it comes our thanks for all of you who fundraise for us or promote us in any way.

We are pleased to announce that our running costs are now being met by the Cupalt Foundation meaning **100%** of donations go to those in need

If there is any way you can spread the news by circulating /forwarding copies of the newsletter or if you can pass on the details to any local news outlets (parish / circuit magazines etc.) please do so.

With thanks from us all for your continuing kind support.

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## **Methodist Worship Book**

We have over 50 used copies available of the Methodist Worship book. Anyone interested please contact Graham Pegg. Email: [grahamcpegg@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamcpegg@btinternet.com) or Telephone: 01925 756730

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## Prayer in the Context of the Manchester Synagogue Attack

### Prayer in the context of the Manchester synagogue attack

God of Shalom, Salaam, Shanti & Peace,  
We are shocked and saddened by the horrific, abhorrent  
attack on the Jewish worshippers  
as they gathered to celebrate Yom Kippur  
at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Manchester.  
We uphold the families of those people who died,  
those injured and those traumatised by this incident  
in our prayers, seeking your peace at a difficult time like this.  
Help us as communities to stand  
shoulder to shoulder with our Jewish friends,  
stretching wide our arms to embrace and receive them in love.  
May we stand united in our diversities, affirming & testifying  
that there is no place for hatred  
in Greater Manchester, Britain and in our world,  
condemning any form of violence against any person,  
committing ourselves to strive for  
peace, justice, respect and dignity for all in our midst.  
Let divisiveness, hostility, and all forms of fear be driven away,  
Let love bind us together and let compassion flow into our  
neighbourhoods. Amen.



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@rajpatta, Stockport Multifaith Network, 02.10.2025

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## Churches Together Information

We have been asked to share the following:

- a Statement from CTE Presidents RE Community cohesion: [click here.](#)
- a Statement from CTE Presidents RE Manchester synagogue attack: [click here.](#)

Also, below please find information about:

- how to take part in sharing your perspective in connection with the Faith in the City Anniversary – the survey is still open
- an Evening of Spoken Word and Performance with Testament at Liverpool Cathedral
- Springs Dance Company touring Journey of the Magi and how bookings can be made for your church

### Faith in the City Anniversary Survey

As part of the Faith in the City 40th anniversary project CTMR/Together Liverpool are developing a manifesto that will be presented to civic leaders at a 40th anniversary event taking place in November 2025. That manifesto will be developed by asking people to contribute their perspectives through a brief survey. Please see the link(s) below. Thank you in advance for your time. <https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/faith-in-the-city-survey/>

### Testament to Truth: An Evening of Spoken Word and Performance with Testament

20th October | Doors 19:00 | Performance 19:30 | Liverpool Cathedral

Testament, an acclaimed poet, rapper, and beatboxer, is coming to the Cathedral to perform an original show that combines all of these mediums whilst exploring the themes of community, race, and inclusion and faith. Please use the Eventbrite link to book attendance: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/testament-to-truth-tickets-1642407096839>

## **Springs Dance Company touring Journey of the Magi and can be booked for your church**

A much-loved, family-friendly, festive frolic with a profound message, a professional production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. A family show: accessible for all, fun and thought-provoking full of warmth, an opportunity to reflect and refocus during advent. Touring nationally from 21st November – 22nd December 2025. Find out more at [Springs Dance Company](#)

## **Vacancies**

### **Internal**

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

### **External**

Coffee Bar Assistant - Altrincham Methodist Church. View [here](#).

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## **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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