



Good afternoon,

6th May 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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District News

District Testimony Services

This week two District Testimony Services are taking place on Sunday 11th May, for Hayley Edmondson (from the South Lakes Methodist Circuit and South West Cumbria United Area) and Rev Ruth Dowson (from the Wirral Methodist Circuit), who have been recommended for Reception into Full Connexion and ordination at Methodist Conference at the end of June.

The service for Rev Hayley Edmondson is at Ulverston Methodist Church (Hartley St, Ulverston LA12 0AN), in the South Lakes Methodist Circuit, at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

The guest preacher is Rev Dr. Nicola Price-Tebbutt, NWE District Probationers' Secretary.

The service is being live streamed on the Ulverston Methodist Church YouTube channel and can be viewed [here](#).

The service for Rev Ruth Dowson is at Hope Farm Methodist Church (Ellesmere Port, CH66 2LF), in the Wirral Methodist Circuit, at 4pm.

The guest preacher is Rev Noel Sharp, Superintendent Minister of the Wirral Circuit.



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METHODIST DISTRICT**

**Testimony
Service**

**For Rev Hayley
Edmondson who
has been
recommended for
ordination.**

Sunday 11th May
10:30am
Ulverston Methodist
Church, Hartley St,
LA12 0AN

This a special testimony service,
where Hayley can tell her story
and give thanks and praise to
God for her call and journey to
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District Online Worship - Sunday 11th May at 6.30pm

Our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 11th May at 6:30pm - at the start of Christian Aid Week.

This month our speaker is Zoe Abernethy, a Christian Aid Church Engagement Officer in the North West.

The Zoom link can be accessed [here](#).

Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645

Passcode: 543701



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

**District
Online
Worship**

Launch of Christian Aid Week

**Sunday 11th May at
6.30pm**

With Zoe Abernethy
A Christian Aid
Church Engagement
Officer for the North
West

Christian Aid Week
11th - 17th May 2025

Christian aid

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 or direct message us on Facebook

The Bible on the Move: Postcolonial Theologies of Migration

Join us for this timely and thought-provoking conference as we explore the Bible in contexts of movement, exile, and hybridity.

As migration reshapes identities and faith, the Bible itself becomes a text in motion—continually reinterpreted by those on the margins.

You can find more information and booking details [here](#) or in the image on the right.



The Methodist Church Learning Network

2025
**ASIAN
THEOLOGIAN-UK
Conference**

on the theme of

**THE BIBLE ON
THE MOVE:
POSTCOLONIAL
THEOLOGIES OF
MIGRATION**

Saturday, 14th of June 2025
9.30AM - 4 PM

Heaton Moor
United Church,
Stanley Road,
Stockport SK4 4HL

For details contact:
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inderjitbhogal153@gmail.com

3Generate

Tickets are now on sale for 3Generate, you can buy tickets [here](#).

3Generate volunteer sign-ups are also now open – and what better way to find out more than from past volunteers sharing their experience from last year!

There truly is a place for everyone to volunteer at 3Generate, no matter your experience, skills, or ability. We have a wide range of roles including working directly with young people in venues, stewarding, and registration.

Find out about all the available roles, and sign up [here](#).

Resources

Christian Aid Week Videos

[Christian Aid Week Advert](#)

[Christian Aid Week 2025](#)

[80 Years of Hope](#)

Methodist Newsletters

The Methodist Church produces a number of newsletters on specific areas of work such as property, learning and development and global relations. To find out more and to sign up, click the link [here](#).

Events

Praise on the Lake

On Sunday 22nd June, Praise on the Lake will be taking place, sailing from Lakeside at 6:30pm.

The event is being hosted by the Bible Society and tickets can be booked by calling 015394 41324.

Further details can be found in the image on the right.

PRAISE ON THE LAKE
Sunday 22nd June 2025

Sailing from Lakeside
(Boarding from 6.30pm)
Tickets £10.00

The joy of the Lord will be your strength
Nehemiah 8:10

BIBLE SOCIETY

TICKET SALES 015394 41324

Guest Speaker: Mrs Leanne Long, Bible Society
Live Performance: Celebrating 25 years of Open the Book
Preston Salvation Army Band Musical Director: Mr Darren Highton
Preston Salvation Army Choir
Promotion and Organisation: C & D Reilly, Coniston



Schools Ministry Training

The Scripture Union are hosting a number of workshops across the North of England aimed at school's workers and church-based youth and children's workers.

For further information and to book onto a workshop, please click [here](http://www.su.org.uk/training).

Training

District Safeguarding Webinar

A District Safeguarding Webinar is being held on Saturday 17th May from 10am - 12pm, online via zoom.

This webinar is open to all, but specially to those who are interested in safeguarding such as Church and Circuit Safeguarding Officers, Ministers, Children, Family and Outreach Workers etc. The webinar will offer updates and information about supporting those within our faith communities who may experience mental ill health or dementia issues. For more info and to book click [here](#).

Property Thursdays in May

Taking place on Thursdays in May from 2pm to 3pm on Zoom. Each week will have a topic for discussion and then an open time to ask any questions.

1st May: Sales: How to start, what to consider and getting going again when it feels like you're stuck.

8th May: Leases: What steps to take? What to consider? What are the responsibilities for churches?

15th May: Consent: When is consent needed for property projects? How can we draw down funds held at TMCP?

22nd May: Circuit Property Strategy: what to consider when using property for mission.

29th May: Compliance: Quinquennials and other inspections.

The link below can be used to join each week in May.

<https://zoom.us/j/93834150451?pwd=qAQSDsVB6Cf62RLB9AaDUwbeAhnzjf.1>

Meeting ID: 938 3415 0451

Passcode: 821258

Lay Orientation Training Day - 19th June at 10am

A day for new Lay Employees to meet, explore their role, understand Methodism and get to grips with key employment practices and much more! For further details and to book, click [here](#).

Good News Stories

Lifetime Achievement Award

Rev Martin Abrams has been honoured with a Sefton Lifetime Achievement Award, further details can be found [here](#).

Vacancies

Internal

District Property Secretary

We are recruiting an additional District Property Secretary, details for which are available [here](#).

We would be grateful if churches within the District could make their ecumenical & community links aware of this vacancy and send the vacancy details out in their weekly notices.

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

External

United Reformed Church – Mersey Synod: Synod Safeguarding Officer

Further details [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