



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

NWED Weekly News

Your weekly newsletter from the North West England District.

8th January 2025

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District News

Key District Contact Information

We have a number of shared email addresses and phone numbers that can support you in contacting who you need to. Please make these widely available around your churches and circuits:

- **Admin Team** admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk, phone number 01772 372160 ext 300

- **Property** Team property@nwedmethodists.org.uk, phone number 01772 372160 ext 124
- **Safeguarding** Team safeguarding@nwedmethodists.org.uk phone number 01772 372160 ext 301
- **Mission Area Leads** (MAL Team) mal@nwedmethodists.org.uk phone number 01772 372160 ext 302

Please **save the date** for our upcoming webinar on Thursday 27th March on zoom, 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Similarly to the equip series from last year, this webinar will provide key updates following the launch of our District. There will also be a time for questions.

The zoom details are as follows.

To Join:

<https://zoom.us/j/92628597645?pwd=JRGkH54xtvg4MSVlpeAcvz5jEiSok8.1>

(Meeting ID: 926 2859 7645 Passcode: 814479)

To access via phone dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow prompts.

Advent and Lent Reflections

Thank you to all who contributed, commented or engaged with our recent Advent Reflections which were based on the theme of 'Hush the Noise'. We're pleased to announce that we will shortly be sharing information about a series of Lent Reflections, and how to be involved - watch this space!



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NWED UPDATES



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MARCH
2025

ONLINE EVENT

HOSTED ON
ZOOM

7.30 - 8.30PM

(ARRIVE FROM
7.20PM FOR A
7.30PM START)

Come along to this information evening and hear the updates following the launch of the North West England District. This evening will include:

- Devotions
- An update from each hub, to hear developments on various areas in the new District
- Q and A session

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE
EMAIL ADMIN@NWEDMETHODISTS.ORG.UK

Safeguarding 2025 Calendar

Happy New Year from the Safeguarding Team!

We are pleased to share a PDF containing key safeguarding dates across the district, country, and globe. This includes universal events such as **Child Abuse Awareness Day** and the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**, as well as church-specific dates like **Safeguarding Sunday**, which will take place this year on **Sunday, 16th November**.

Additionally, the calendar highlights North West District-specific events, including the **District Safeguarding Conference** on **Saturday, 17th May** and **Odd Socks Day** on **31st October**, organised by the Church Action on Sexual Abuse Issues (CASAI). Odd Socks Day focuses on raising awareness of the challenges faced by individuals, particularly those affected by ritualistic and satanic abuse, during the Halloween and fireworks season.

We encourage you to save these dates in your diary, especially the District Safeguarding Conference.

We look forward to connecting with you soon!

[Access a PDF of the calendar here.](#)

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2025		NETS WEST ENGLAND DISTRICT
Jan 11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	
Feb 3 rd – 9 th	Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week	
Feb 3 rd – 9 th	Rape Crime Awareness Week	
Feb 6 th	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	
Feb 15 th	Safe Internet Day	
Mar 1 st	Self-Harm/Injury Awareness Day	
Mar 6 th	Young Carers Action Day	
Mar 18 th	Child Sexual Exploitation	
Apr 7 th to 11 th	National Stalking Awareness Week	
May 17 th	NWED Safeguarding Conference	
June 15 th	World Elder Abuse Day	
Jul 14 th	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Honour Based Violence	
Aug 15 th	World Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Day	
Sept 16 th	World Suicide Prevention Day	
Oct 1 st	Domestic Abuse Awareness Month	
Oct 1 st	International Day for Older Persons	
Oct 10 th	Anti-Stalking Day	
Oct 11 th	CSA/COI Socks Day	
Nov 16 th	Safeguarding Sunday	
Nov 17 th – 21 st	National Safeguarding Adults Week	
Nov 20 th	Careers Rights Day	
Nov 25 th	30 Days of Action against Gender-Based Violence	
Dec 10 th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day)	
Dec 10 th	Human Rights Day	

Events

Learning Network

1. **District Lay Employee Gatherings:** an opportunity for lay employees from across the North West England District to connect and be resourced. Taking place 10.30am - 3.30pm on the following dates

Wednesday 26th March, online - [book your place here.](#)

Tuesday 1st April, Leyland Methodist Church - [book your place here.](#)

2. **Change, Transition and Conflict:** a space to consider the process of change and transition, offering insights for navigating well through conflicts that might arise. This workshop runs over two sessions - the mornings of Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th February 2024. [Find out more here.](#)

3. **Save the Date: The Gospel of John Training Day** is taking place on Saturday 15th March, 10am - 3pm.

4. [Encounter 2025:](#) A Methodist exploration of discipleship and vocation. Find out more and book a taster session [here.](#)

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

1. Trafford Methodist Circuit have organised a Reflective Line Manager Day with the Learning Network on Friday 31 January, which is open to anyone from our District to

attend. This is a free, one-day course for first-time or long-time line managers of Lay Employees in the Methodist Church. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

2. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service:** You are warmly invited to a 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service' with Andy Flannagan on Sunday 19th January 2025 at Hoole United Reformed Church, Hoole Road, Hoole, CH2 3NT. The service will take place at 3pm and will be followed by some refreshments. All are welcome! To find out more about Andy Flanagan please follow this [link](#).

Cumbria Mission Area

Children, Youth and Families Network: taking place 11am - 1.30pm on 14th January at Rheged Centre Coffee Shop, CA11 0DQ. A time to meet, share advice, resources, and spend some time together in fellowship.

[Find out more here](#).

Cliff Festival 2025: 24-27 May at Cliff College in Derbyshire

We're looking forward to gathering at Cliff Festival 2025 for a weekend of worship, learning, prayer and fellowship. This year our Bible studies will be taught by Ben Pugh, and we're excited to welcome evening preachers including Andy Fyall, James Alaradin and Rachael Heffer. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more – and, as always, entry to Cliff Festival is free for under-18s. Read more [on the Cliff College website](#).



Resources

Thank you to Rev Darren Garfield for sharing [this New Year reflection](#).

Good News Stories

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

It's been great to see some Christmas photos from Harwood Methodist Church Crocheters, putting on nativity post box toppers and putting Christ into Bradwood's Christmas!

Liverpool Plus Mission Area

Hope Journey is a series of 12 modules based on the RE syllabus for Primary schools and each module is aimed at a specific year group. It was created by, and overall management is with, the Wirral Circuit.

At Lymm we present 3 of the modules each year. - Christmas, Easter and Parables (Reception class). The Christmas story is for year 2. There are 5 primary schools in the Lymm catchment area so approximately 200 children attended during the day, plus teachers and support staff. This is a marvellous outreach tool and very enthusiastically received by the children and adults.

You can view photos from the event [here](#).







Job Opportunities

Is God asking something new from you? Could one of these roles be it?

Current Circuit vacancies can be viewed [here](#).

External vacancies:

[Assistant Chaplain, NHS Foundation Trust Manchester University](#) (full time).

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.