



# NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

## NWED Weekly News

Welcome to your weekly newsletter.

2nd October 2024

### In This Issue

Every week, we will be sending you a newsletter to ensure you can keep up to date with news and events from around our District. This week's newsletter includes:

- **District News and Updates**
- **Christian Aid Update**
- **Events (Retreats, and an event in Greater Manchester Plus)**
- **Other News**
- **Circuit Job Opportunities**

### Eco Bronze Award

'Where is God at work?' ask the adults and church leaders...'Here!', is St Andrew's reply, 'among our children, pushing and challenging, acting prophetically for justice and having faith in their God, of whom they learn week by week, and who holds our future.'

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*St Andrew's Methodist Church Tonge Moor, in Bolton, has been awarded its Bronze Eco status by the charity A Rocha.*

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Read more about the award, and the initiatives the church have implemented, [here](#).

## Lay Supervisors



*1 - In this video, Rev Phil Gough interviews Peter Lumsden, who is a Local Preacher and Lay Supervisor in our District. Peter speaks about what being a supervisor entails in this video, along with the benefits and rewards it brings to both supervisor and supervisee.*

What difference could you make in this role?

Training to be a supervisor is open to both lay and ordained individuals. If you're thinking about becoming a supervisor yourself, we encourage you to speak to any of the following people:

-Your minister

-Your Superintendent minister

-Rev. Phil Gough, the District Secretary of the Ministry and Vocations Hub, which supervision forms part of.

## Christian Aid: new Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer

Christian Aid is delighted to welcome a new Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer for the Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Lancashire areas. Zoë Abernethy has stepped into the role in the North West in place of Darren Staunton, who has moved to a management post. Anyone who would like to speak to Zoë can get in touch on 020 7523 2493 or [zabernethy@christian-aid.org](mailto:zabernethy@christian-aid.org).

## Upcoming Retreats

Reflect Retreats have the 2 upcoming retreats:

- Reflect Open Day Conference with the President of the Methodist Conference, 2nd November 2024 at Coventry Central Hall
- Retreat for Local Lay Pastors, 25-27 February 2025

Further details for both of these are available at [www.reflectretreats.co.uk](http://www.reflectretreats.co.uk)

## Upcoming Events: Greater Manchester Plus

- The National Methodist choir, the **British Methodist Choral Society**, are performing at Marple Methodist Church on the 16th November at 7pm.

- Further information can be found [here](#).

## Other News

- Constitutional Practice and Discipline (**CPD**), comes in two volumes, both of which are now available as free downloads [here](#).
- The latest news from **Fund for Human Need** can be accessed [here](#).

## Circuit Job Opportunities

Is God asking something new from you? Could one of these roles be it? Please click on the hyperlinked roles below to find out further information.

- [Circuit Safeguarding Officer, North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit](#) (5 hours per week).
- [Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre Manager, Oldham Circuit](#) (16 hours per week).
- [Buildings Support Officer, Manchester Circuit](#) (20 hours per week).

## 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).