



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

NWED Weekly News

Your weekly newsletter from the North West England District.

18th December 2024

Please note the next newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, 8th January 2025. We wish you all the very best for this Christmas and New Year season, and we will see you in 2025!

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This week's newsletter includes:

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[Good News Stories](#)

Cumbria Mission Area

Last week, there was a major fire in Kirkby Lonsdale. As a result, the Methodist Church was turned into a Reception Centre. They have played a major part in the support of the community, and share the following prayers as a response.

For any who have been injured:

we pray God's peace.

For the rescue workers - fire, police, medics:

we pray God's strength.

For the local community, offering comfort and help:

we pray God's compassion.

For those who are grieving loss of any kind:

we pray God's comfort.

For the people of Kirkby Lonsdale and the deep sadness they feel:

we pray God's light in our lives.

In the midst of the sadness, we give thanks for every sign of the resilience of the human spirit; every act of kindness and compassion; every gesture of sympathy; every offer of help. Be with us, our Lord Jesus, you who bear our sorrows, and in whom nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Amen.

Greater Manchester Mission Area

Faith leaders from across Stockport were joined by Stockport Council, GMP, Sector3 and Community networks at a Peace Lunch to celebrate diversity across the borough and discuss opportunities to further work together to drive community cohesion. Convened by Rev Dr Raj Patta, Chair of Stockport's Multi-Faith Network, the event showcased the strong cross-

faith and community relationships following racist and Islamophobic incidents and civil unrest across the UK this summer. [Find out more here](#).

Advent Reflections

Week 3 of our District reflections, which link to the Connexional 'Hush the Noise' theme, can be found [here](#). They are also posted daily on our [Facebook page](#). To receive week 4 by email, please be in touch with Tori at allent@nwedmethodists.org.uk by no later than the evening of Thursday 19th December.

Revs David Newlove, Katie Smith and Phil Gough spoke on UCB1 radio this week on what it means to them to be Known, Seen and Loved by God.

You can listen to the reflections [here](#). All are available in the Talking Point show:

David's is available on 13th December at 3:12:10

Katie's is available on 16th December at 3:10:06

Phil's is available on 17th December at 3:07:09

Other News

1) **Bus for Sale!** Market Drayton Methodist Church (Chester and Stoke-on-Trent Methodist District) have a 1988 Volvo B10 Double Decker bus, that has been converted to a community project vehicle that is no longer required. If you know of any projects that may be interested in procuring such a vehicle for community outreach, then please send enquiries for further information to circuitadmin@mdmc.org.uk.

2) The latest **Churches Together in Cumbria newsletter** is available [here](#).

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.

- [Centre Development Manager, Ambleside Parish Centre](#) (full time).
- [Pioneer Innovator, South West Cumbria United Area](#) (full time).

External

- [Learning and Development Officer, Connexional Team](#) (full time). Aligned to the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent and Isle of Mann Districts.
- [Finance Worker, Transforming Churches and Communities](#) (full time).
- [Manager, Biddulph Methodist Church Victoria Centre](#) (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.