



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

NWED Weekly News

Your weekly newsletter from the North West England District.

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[District News](#)

Digital Enabler Joins The District Team

We are excited to announce that Sam Rimmer joined the District team on Monday, who is our new Digital Enabler. Further information will be made available over the coming weeks on how Sam can support you, your church and your circuit with all things digital!

Safeguarding News

Full day face to face Advanced Safeguarding Module

Wednesday 5th February 2025 at Hurst Methodist Church, Stanhope St, Ashton Under Lyne, OL6 9QZ

Starting at 10.00 promptly and will be finished by 16.00 at the latest.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Helen Bolton, DSO at boltonh.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk giving their name, role, email address, contact telephone number, church and circuit. Helen will then confirm the booking and send further details.

Train the Train - Advanced Safeguarding Module

If anyone is interested in exploring how they could support facilitation of the Advanced Safeguarding Module please Helen Bolton, DSO at boltonh.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk as a **Train the Train - Advanced Safeguarding Module** session will be made available soon.

For more information, please speak with the DSO aligned to your Mission Area. Remember, attending the session does not commit you further, although it would be great to have more facilitators available across NWED!

Connexional News

We're currently recruiting for new members of the Faith and Order Committee and the Liturgy and Worship Subcommittee (including a new convener). We need creative, theologically minded Methodists who might be interested in volunteering for these groups and would be very grateful for your help in encouraging people from your circuit who might be interested and suitable to apply. The adverts, with more information, are available [here](#). The Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee (the Revd Dr Mark Rowland, faithandorder@methodistchurch.org.uk) is available for conversations about the roles or to answer queries. Personal encouragement makes all the difference and we are keen to enable the widest range of Methodists to participate in this work.

Events

Connexional Networks

1) Methodist Housing and Homelessness: this event will take place **in-person** on **Thursday, 27 February 2025** from **11am** at **The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX**. It will be an all-day event with a range of speakers who will share their experiences and knowledge of working with those who are experiencing homelessness and also on using church property for affordable and supported housing. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to meet/network with the host and fellow attendees. Please register your attendance [here](#).

2) Methodist Church Eco Community Network: a network for people passionate about faith and the environment; for those exploring climate justice, and those already taking action. The next gathering is taking place online at 7pm on Monday 10 February 2025. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

For any lay employee within the North West England District:

Calling all lay employees! Come refill your cup...the Learning Network are hosting opportunities for lay employees from across the North West England District to connect and be resourced, both online and in person. Find out more details here:

ONLINE, Wednesday 26th March: [click here](#).

ONSITE at Leyland Methodist Church, Tuesday 1st April: [click here](#).

Liverpool Plus Mission Area

Marriage and Ministry with Nicky and Sila Lee: 10am-4pm on Saturday 25th January 2025. From the creators of the Marriage Course, an inspiring new series of talks designed specifically for couples in ministry at St Barnabas Penny Lane, Smithdown Place, Liverpool, L18 1LZ. [Find out more here](#).

Lancashire Mission Area

The National Methodist Youth Brass Band at Lytham Methodist Church, FY8 5LU on Friday 8th February at 7pm (concert) and Saturday 9th February at 10.30am (service). Admission is free.

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

1) Inspire - Saturday 29 March 2025, 9am - 1pm at St Paul's Church, Widnes, WA8 7QU. Booking is now open for Inspire, a morning for leaders and core teams of new Worship Communities with guest speaker Jonny Baker and Eunice Attwood. Book your free place [here](#).

2) Film showing of The Silver Screen Dreams Cafe at Wythenshawe Methodist Church, Saturday 1 February 6.30pm - 9.30pm. The locally made feature film was shot at St Andrews Methodist Church cafe in Wythenshawe, and has given opportunities to Wythenshawe residents to be in front of and behind the camera and has been nominated at an International Film Festival. Come and watch the movie, find out how the actors got involved and how it's been a huge community affair! Find out more [here](#).



1 - Inspire

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The Methodist Church
Learning Network

Come refill
your cup...

10.30am
-3.30pm

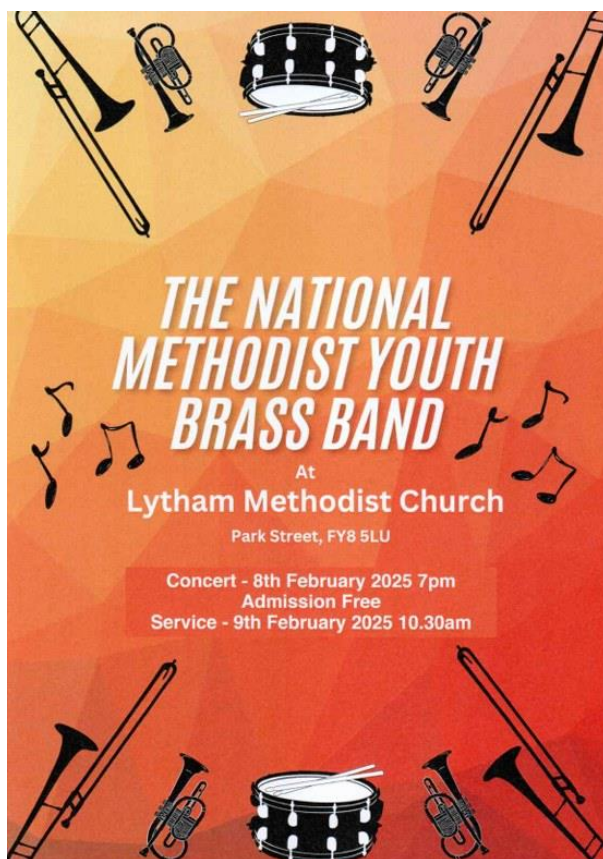
**Lay employee
gatherings**

**Weds 26th
March
online**

**or Tues
1st April
Leyland MC**

Click on chosen date above to book
For more details contact Kristie on evek@methodistchurch.org.uk

2 - Lay employee gatherings



3 - The National Methodist Youth Brass Band upcoming events in Lancashire

Resources and Retreats

Reflect Quiet Morning (via Zoom) on Friday 7th or Saturday 8th February 2025. Find out more [here](#).

Spring retreat at Cliff College – Saturday 1 March 2025

The Cliff College site is an ideal space for a retreat - surrounded by God's creation and with a sense of peace and stillness. The upcoming day retreat on Saturday 1 March 2025, a few days before the beginning of Lent, is an opportunity to reflect on the past and to prepare for what the season of Easter might hold. The cost of £50 includes lunchtime and evening meals – [book now on the Cliff College website](#).

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

Eco Church Offers Bereavement Support: In the Bolton Circuit, St Andrew's Methodist, an Eco Church with the bronze award, is reaching out to those recently bereaved or recovering from major illness. All are welcome to join the group doing craft activities and enjoying fellowship over tea or coffee.

Lancashire Mission Area

Pilgrimage Retreat - Bigger and Wilder, Life, Loss and Learning to be a Pilgrim

Saturday 22nd February 2025, 9.30am - 3pm at Chorley Methodist Church

We will explore elements of pilgrimage such as departure, journey, sacred centres, endings and transformation. We will be led by Jill Baker, former Vice-President of Conference and a self-described "reluctant pilgrim" via video. There will be times of discussion and times for creative reflection. To register your interest please contact Ellen Monk Winstanley on monkwin@btinternet.com. There will be an opportunity for a donation towards the cost of the day.



4 - Eco Church Offers Bereavement Support



5 - Lancashire Pilgrimage Retreat

Good News Stories

We've had some lovely good news stories sent in from the Lancashire Mission Area this week, which are wonderful to read about! A huge thank you to all who continue to share their news and stories with us.

1) The iLLUMIN8 youth group from Poulton le Fylde Methodist, in the North Fylde Circuit, has been involved with All We Can-uary raising funds for All We Can. Firstly they held a Bake Sale, aligned with a church coffee morning. The group gathered on the Friday evening to bake cakes and cookies, followed by a sleepover, and then sold the cakes on the Saturday morning. Not content with that, and picking up on an idea from one of the young people following 3Generate, the group did a 5K roller skate, scoot, go cart, tap dance etc. along Blackpool Promenade finishing at the Comedy Carpet in front of Blackpool Tower. So far, they have raised over £500 for All We Can. A brilliant result from a small youth group.

2) Rev Kathy Flynn set off on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm in winds of 54mph feeling like she had definitely lost the plot to be going out on an evening like this! She set off in a high vis jacket to stand in the middle of a flooded field next to a fir tree, desperately trying to

hold onto a box of laminated carol sheets, but God is faithful and soon people began to join her. Here, she shares with us: "soon the voices of over 70 all age people, from toddler to granny, filled the sky with carols singing of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christmas story was told in an interactive way and a prayer and a blessing shared. All stayed for fellowship for at least another hour after the service. This was my final Pioneer Carol Service here on Calderstones Park in the Clitheroe Circuit. When I came here 4 years ago, God put on my heart the word 'intentional'. I have done my upmost to be faithful to that call to share the Gospel with those who do not know him. There are no words that can adequately describe how humble I feel to have such a calling and the joy of seeing the Holy Spirit at work in the community here at Calderstones Park."



6 - All We Can-uary



7 - All We Can-uary



Job Opportunities

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

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.