



# North West England District Weekly News

2nd December 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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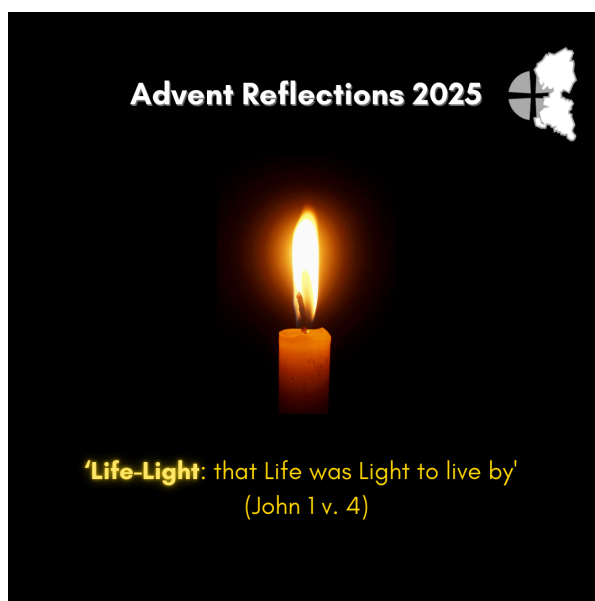
## District News

### District Advent Reflections

We are posting daily Advent reflections on the District Facebook [page](#).

The reflections and our Advent resources are also available on the District website [here](#).

We hope that these daily reflections are a source of spiritual nourishment for you in the run up to Christmas.



### District Online Worship

Our next Online Worship is taking place on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm.

Revd Caroline Ainger, Mission Area Lead for Liverpool Plus will be preaching.

For the zoom code (which remains the same), please email:  
[prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk)



**North West England Methodist District**

**District Online Worship**

**Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm**

**Third Sunday in Advent**  
 with Revd Caroline Ainger, Mission Area Lead for Liverpool Plus preaching.

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](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk) or direct message us on Facebook

## Prayer for Hong Kong

Following the devastating fire in Hong Kong, Rev Dr Raj Bharat Patta, Presbyterian, United Stockport Circuit, has shared the following prayer.



**A Prayer for Hong Kong**

God our help and God our refuge,  
 Our hearts go out to the residents of Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, Hong Kong  
 following a devastating fire where several lives have been lost,  
 left several injured, with many still missing, with casualties on the rise,  
 and many more traumatised.

Embrace them with your peace and envelop them with your love  
 as they grieve the pain and sorrow of this tragedy.

We pray for the firefighters and emergency services  
 for their tireless rescue efforts.

May your spirit surround the people of Hong Kong  
 offering care, support, help and hope at this difficult time.

Be with the people of the city in their resilience and  
 in their recovery from this catastrophe.

Trusting in your love and looking unto your grace,  
 We pray in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Events

### Brian Beck Memorial Lecture

You are warmly invited to join either *in-person* or *online* for the second Brian E Beck Memorial Lecture on **Thursday 22 January 2026**.

The lecture will focus on how perfecting love might inhabit the public sphere as an expression of Wesleyan social ethics for a fractured world. For further details and to book, [click here](#).

## Cumbria

### Carol Services in Cumbria

To help advertise carol services across Cumbria, the Diocese of Carlisle has created a [website](#) which details carol services across the region.

The website will be supported by paid social media advertising and Google advertising aimed at people across Cumbria, encouraging them to find their nearest carol service and landing at this [website](#). You can submit service details to the site [here](#).

## Lancashire

### A Time to Remember

On Sunday, 14th December, at 2pm, Calder Vale Methodist Church at 2pm Calder Vale Methodist Church, PR3 1SQ, are hosting "A Time to remember", led by Deacon Jane Harper.

A time of quiet reflection as we remember those no longer with us. All welcome to light a candle. No pressure – Just come and be. For more details, contact Edith Gorst: 01995 602078

## Good News Stories

## Greater Manchester Plus

### Youth President Visit

On Sunday 30th November, our Youth President visited Wilmslow Methodist Church, to present the Dodgeball Trophy to the winning team from 3 Generate.

Read more [here](#).



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## Marple Methodist - Advent Journey

During Advent, Marple Methodist Church are taking part in a live interactive Advent experience called the Journey to Bethlehem Eco Community Challenge. You can read more about what the church are getting up to and how you can get involved [here](#).

## Liverpool Plus

### Faith in the City

'Whatever you did for one of the least of these you did for me... whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me' (Matthew 25:40, 45)

Forty years ago the Faith in the City Report was a landmark example of the Church speaking out on social justice and it seeded thousands of local projects.

Churches Together in Merseyside and Region (CTMR) celebrated this report and its legacy at a wonderful event at the Readers Mansion in Calderstones Park, Liverpool, on Tuesday 25 November.

At the event, the Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham, was presented with a new Manifesto of Hope declaring a renewed vision of human society and a collective commitment to making this vision a reality for the Liverpool City Region. For more details of the manifesto, [click here](#) and for a prayer for for the City region [click here](#).

## Resources

### Fund for Human Need

The Fund for Human Need have produced some church service resources, which are downloadable from their resources page [here](#).

If anyone needs anything to go with the service, leaflets posters etc they can get in touch with Gill on [fundhumanneed@gmail.com](mailto:fundhumanneed@gmail.com)

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## Church Action on Poverty

As Christians, we are called to seek justice and challenge injustice. But making that a regular part of church life isn't always easy. To help, Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty have jointly launched the "26 in 26" project: an interactive poster with 26 ideas for churches to try next year.

It includes suggestions for new prayer, reflection or worship materials; ideas for engaging with community groups; and ways to speak up about topical issues effectively and justly. Posters are free to order [here](#).

## Cumbria

### Seat to Street Podcast

Our District Chair, Revd Dr James Tebbutt recently appeared on the Seat to Street podcast. The episode focuses on examples and patterns of ecumenical working in Cumbria. The podcast can be listened to [here](#).

## Liverpool Plus

### Faith in the City Anniversary 2025

A podcast (2 episodes) has been produced to highlight the enduring impact of the 1985 report and to share the hopes for commemorating this significant occasion. [Click here](#) to access the podcasts.

## Vacancies

### Internal

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

## External

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