



North West England District Weekly News

9th December 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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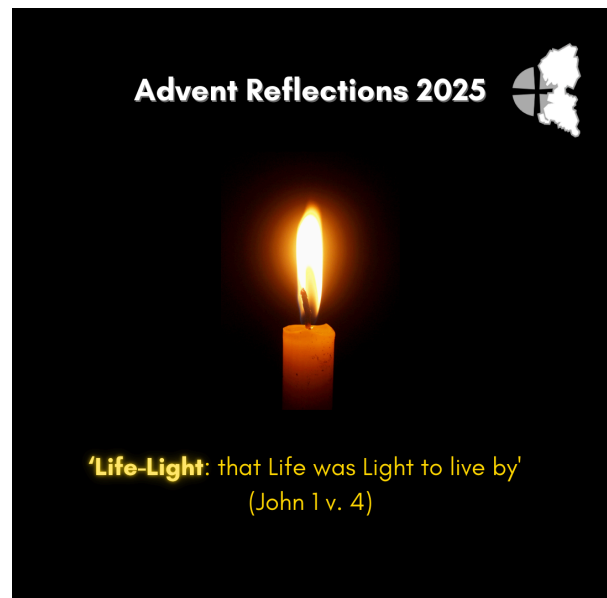
District News

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



Third Week of Advent

Life-Light of Joy

Third Sunday in Advent

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

District Online Worship

Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm

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 or direct message us on Facebook

Caleb Communities

In Macclesfield, with the support of the Caleb - New Places for New People project, Angela Bourne and her team have started a circuit wide new worshipping community for families. Hear some of their story by clicking on the link below.

[Watch Video](#)

Events

Lancashire

Light up the Village Initiative

This year Wheatley Lane Methodist Church in the Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit supported by the District have organised a community 'Light Up the Village' project.

Each day during Advent a different window in the village is lit up with a stain glass design and then shared on social media for those unable to get out at this time of year. It's been a great success with the Methodist

primary school, the pre-school, residents, local businesses & the other two churches in the village all taking part.

Follow Wheatley Lane Methodist Church [Facebook Page](#) to see the rest of the displays as they go live daily.



Good News Stories

Lancashire

Warton Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone who came to our Messy Christmas. We had such a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed a wide variety of Christmas crafts, including decorating angel cakes, making woolly sheep, and creating paper plate angels. During the afternoon, everyone also made a Christingle.

At the end of the session, Rev Linda told us the story of the first Christmas: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, and how they spent the night in a stable where Jesus, the Son of God, was born. We ended the session by lighting our Christingles while singing Away in a Manger. We then held our Christingles high as we sang Shine Jesus Shine, reminding us that we are called to shine our lights for Jesus by sharing His love with everyone we meet.

A big thank you to all the leaders and helpers who gave so much time and effort to make this event such a success. We would also like to thank Tesco in Carnforth for generously donating the oranges for the Christingles.

Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 15th February from 4–6 pm. Meanwhile, we would like to wish all our parents, children, and helpers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Watch the Video

Liverpool Plus

Emmanuel Methodist Church - Christmas Tree Festival

Emmanuel Methodist Church in Ormskirk recently hosted a Christmas Tree Festival: It is a great example of the warmth of welcome we extend beyond our Church walls, building community in our area and beyond.

Each week on a Thursday the Church is open to the Community for folks to come in and receive a warm welcome. They offer free tea, coffee and cake and always have time for conversations, to listen and to help where we can.

Some of the trees, and a beautifully knitted Nativity are available to view below.



Training

Canva Training (Online)

We are hosting an online Canva training session on Wednesday 7th January from 10am - 12:30pm.

You will need access to a Canva account. To sign up for a free account, use the link [here](#). For details of the training and to sign up, [click here](#).

Foundation Safeguarding Module

An in person Foundation Safeguarding Module training is being held at Spencer Road Methodist Church, Wigan, WN1 2QR, on Saturday 21st March 2026 at 2:00pm.

Bookings can be made via the Circuit Safeguarding Officer at:

viv.lowe@blueyonder.co.uk

Resources

All We Can's Extraordinary Christmas Gifts

'Are you looking for a gift with meaning this Christmas?

With every Extraordinary Gift, you will receive a card to pass on to your loved one, showing them the difference their gift could make. All the proceeds from Extraordinary Gifts go to wherever the need is greatest across our work.

You have until Thursday 18th December to secure your Extraordinary Gifts in time for Christmas! Let's make this Christmas Extraordinary! Order your Extraordinary Gifts now: allwecan.org.uk/exgifts/

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Internal

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External

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