



# North West England

# District Weekly News

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20th January 2026

Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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## District News

### Statistics for Mission - Important Update

We have received notice that the launch of the new Connexional Online Suite has been delayed. The Connexional team had hoped that this year's Statistics for Mission could be entered in the new system but with the delays, they have decided to use the old system for this year.

The old system has been configured so that information from the October count can be entered in. [Click here to enter in your stats](#). **The deadline for entering the information is Monday, 16 February 2026.** We realise that this is shorter notice than normal for this and have received apologies from Connexion for the short deadline.

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### Presbyteral Synod

Presbyteral Synod will take place on Tuesday 17th March will be at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, Preston PR2 8EA.

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### Representative Synod

Please email us on: [admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk)

- If you would like to offer to be part of the music group for Representative Synod
- If you have any topics that you would value a workshop to be run on at Synod. Over time we will run various workshops and any suggestions will guide us in our future planning.

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## NPNP: Caleb Stories

The Telugu Indian Fellowship, supported by the Caleb project, is a growing Christian community in Manchester. Vibrant worship, hospitality and fantastic food encourage over 100 people of all ages to attend the monthly worship service and in 2026 we expect to see this vision and ministry expand. Please pray for the Caleb project, and the local Telugu leaders. Click on the link below to learn more.

[Watch Video](#)

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## District Diary

A reminder that all dates in the District diary can be found on our website:

<https://nwedmethodists.org.uk/nwed-events/>

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## Introduction to Computer Security for Churches

Is your church prepared for the digital risks that come with modern ministry? As churches increasingly rely on online tools for communication, finance, and data management, it's vital to understand how to protect your church from cyber threats. This course provides practical, easy-to-understand guidance on how to safeguard your church's digital assets—from websites and emails to sensitive financial and personal information.

This course is run by ACAT (Association of Church Accountants & Treasurers) and is designed for church trustees, administrators managing digital records, and any staff or volunteers involved in church finance, communication, or IT.

[Click here to book.](#)

The Methodist Church has a block membership agreement in places for all churches.  
[Click here to find out more and to download the membership letter.](#)

## Events

### Greater Manchester Plus

#### **The Bridge Centre, Smithy Bridge Methodist Church**

During February half term, the church is hosting a holiday club for children aged 5 - 10 years. This is the 3rd year they have run the holiday club and look forward to welcoming new and returning children once again. [Click here](#) for more information

The church are also looking for volunteers to help at The Bridge Centre in Smithy Bridge - a community cafe and charity shop through which they run their community mission events as part of Smithy Bridge Methodist Church. [Click here](#) for more information.

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#### **Inspire 2026 - 'Fruit That Will Last'**

Are you ready for Inspire 2026? Come and meet with the leaders and planters of New Worshipping Communities from across the North West region.

Welcome to Inspire 2026! Join us at St Marks Church, Haydock for a morning of inspiration, learning, and connection. This FREE, in-person event is your opportunity to meet with people from across the North West who are leading or interested in starting a New Worshipping Community. We will worship together, hear stories from local planters, and be challenged by our guest speaker - Bob Jackson. Whether you're looking to ignite your creativity, expand your knowledge, or simply network with others, Inspire 2026 has something for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you there! [Click here](#) to book.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9am - 1pm St. Mark's Church, Haydock, WA11 0AX

Book your place today! (use QR code or link below)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inspire-2026-fruit-that-will-last-tickets-1977887521821?aff=oddtdtcreator>





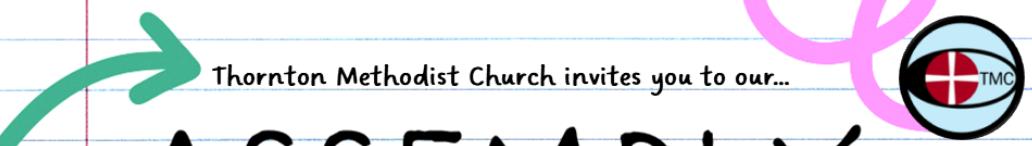
**Inspire 2026**  
**'Fruit That Will Last'**

Join lay planters from across the north west and guest speaker Rev. Bob Jackson (church growth and planting researcher)

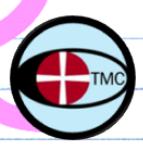
  

## Lancashire

### Thornton Methodist Church: Assembly Bangers



Thornton Methodist Church invites you to our...



# ASSEMBLY BANGERS

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7 - 8 pm

Come along to sing all your favourite School Assembly songs  
like One More Step Along the World I Go, Shine Jesus Shine  
Autumn Days, and many many more! Includes refreshments!

All are Welcome!



Thornton Methodist Church  
Loving God, Loving All People  
Victoria Road East, FY5 5HQ

## Liverpool

### Liverpool South Circuit: 'Monday Mix-Up'

A new event will be touring around churches in the Liverpool South Circuit. The 'Monday Mix-Up' is an intergenerational event intended to bring people together in

discipleship through games, food, drama, crafts, music, sport and much more. For more information, [click here](#).

## Good News Stories

### Voices for Haiti Commences - St Andrew's Methodist Church

At St Andrew's Methodist Church, Bolton, prayer cards for 'Voices for Haiti' promoted by the Global Relationships team, were distributed to all members. The church also carried out craft work to complement the prayers in the campaign Voices for Haiti. Watch this space...displays, posters and prayer cards prepare the way for this surge of prayer.



## Training

### Forthcoming Foundation Module Safeguarding Sessions – Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

A number of Foundation Module training sessions have been organised by Circuits in Greater Manchester, with dates across January, February, March and April and a mix of in person and online sessions taking place. Please [click here](#) to see further details.

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## Learning Network

The Learning Network exist to equip and resource churches and are currently offering a wide range of courses and training, [click here](#) to find out more.

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## MA in Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy

Wesley House, Cambridge are offering an MA in Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy course. The course will give you an in-depth understanding of Pastoral Theology as it relates to the goals of chaplaincy and care in contemporary settings. The course is delivered online so as to enable maximum flexibility and taught part time over two years. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Resources

### Connexional Newsletters

Property Matters: January 2026 - download [here](#).

Wholehearted Monthly, The Well Circuit Community and other January reminders from The Well - download [here](#).

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### Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

The CTMR Ecumenical News Brief 2026 can be downloaded [here](#). With news from Merseyside (p 10 onwards), Churches Together in England (p 5 - 10) and Britain and Ireland (p 4) and also from the World Council of Churches (p 2 - 3). For those who are preparing for Thy Kingdom Come, please note that on page 10 there is information about an online workshop to equip and inspire for Thy Kingdom Come. It will take place this Thursday, 22nd January and there is a link to book onto this.

The Week of Prayer Pamphlet produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland with reflections, prayers, etc. can be downloaded [here](#).

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### Gas Boiler Parts

The £700K refurbishment project at Lymm has commenced. Part of this work involves replacing the gas boiler (Evomax 80) with an electric air to air heating system and highly efficient and easily managed air source heat pumps. The boiler is 8 years old and might be useful for spares for any church that has a similar boiler.

Anyone interested please contact Paul Thompson Email: [paulthompson1571@gmail.com](mailto:paulthompson1571@gmail.com) or Graham Pegg Email: [grahamcpegg@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamcpegg@btinternet.com) Telephone: 01925 756730.

## Vacancies

### Internal

#### **Regional Officer for Safeguarding (aligned to the Cumbria Mission Area):**

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

### External

#### **Children, Youth and Families Worker:**

Trinity Church Cheadle (Methodist and United Reformed Church) and Gatley United Reformed are looking for a Children, Youth & Families Worker to lead mission and outreach to children, youth, schools and families to explore new ways of sharing God's love and the Christian faith. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

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