North West England District Weekly News

NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

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A PDF downloadable copy of this newsletter is available here.

District News

Revised District Expenses Claim Form

A revised expenses claim form is now available on the finance page of the District website to download. Anyone who has previously received an expense form will need to replace it with this revised version. Please note that all claims should be submitted within 3 months. Thank you.

Download the form

Conference Representative Nominations

Nominations are now being invited for those wishing to attend Methodist Conference of 2027 as a representative of the North West England District (NWED). Conference runs from 24 June for Presbyters and from 26 June for Deacons and Lay representatives until 30 June 2027.

If you are a member of the Methodist Church in NWED and are interested in attending, please complete a nomination form (click below). The closing date for nominations is 4 September 2026. Voting will take place at Synod on 12 September 2026.

Nomination form

National Day of Prayer for Schools

Ahead of the National Day of Prayer for Schools on Wednesday 9 September, we're aiming to match each of the 30 Methodist and Methodist / Anglican primary schools within our District with someone who will pray for them. We'd love to hear from people willing to hold students and staff in prayer on the day, and from people who would be willing to prayerfully support one of the schools in an ongoing way. If you'd like to commit to pray for a school, please get in touch with Phil Gough or Carole Jones by email:
goughp@nwedmethodists.org.uk
jonesc@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Digital Digest

Your church website is often the first impression someone has of your church. But is it helping people find what they need, or accidentally putting them off? This edition looks at some of the most common website mistakes and simple things you can do to make your church's digital front door more welcoming.

Read the Digest

Good News Stories

Solar Eclipse Day of Outreach Draws Huge Crowds Across the District

Local Methodist churches across the District saw huge turnouts as hundreds gathered to watch the solar eclipse on Wednesday 12 August 2026. Churches hosted watching parties inviting their local communities, reporting overwhelming numbers with people of all ages attending to watch the rare event.

Read the story here

Events

Time to Act Gathering in Liverpool

Sunday 27 September 2026

The Methodist Church and All We Can are endorsers of the Time to Act Campaign. As the Labour Party Conference opens in Liverpool, the campaign will bring together church leaders, activists, supporters and members of the public for a visible and prayerful witness calling for justice, peace, and hope in the Holy Land.

The proposed timetable for the day is as follows:

14:30 Gather at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral
15:00 Choral Evening Prayer
16:00 Walk of Witness along Hope Street led by Bishops Ruth and Tom
16:45 Panel presentation on Time to Act in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral
18:30 Gather outside the LEX Convention Centre for Vigil
19:30 Close

Resources

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) Autumn Newsletter

News from Connexion

Online Suite Update

We are writing to update you on the refreshed Methodist Online Suite. The most visible change for users will be a refreshed look and feel. The interface has been redesigned to be cleaner, more consistent and easier to work through — particularly for annual returns, property consents and Statistics for Mission. Alongside the visual refresh, we have made a significant number of back-end changes to improve performance, security, and reliability, and to provide a stronger platform for future development.

Going forward, improvements to the Online Suite will be delivered in rolling 3-month blocks of work, rather than as occasional large releases. Each block will focus on a prioritised set of fixes and enhancements informed directly by user feedback. To support transparency, we will:

Publish a list of requests received from churches, circuits and districts.
Confirm the items committed to the next 3-month block.
Share progress updates as work is completed, via the Online Suite roadmap page.

If you encounter any issues once the refreshed site is live, or would like to suggest a feature, please submit your feedback via our feedback form. All submissions will be reviewed, added to the request list, and considered for a future block of work.

For any queries, the Online Suite team can be contacted at onlinesuitesupport@methodistchurch.org.uk.

We are grateful, as ever, for your continued support and for the work of colleagues across the Connexion during this transition. We very much hope you will find the refreshed Online Suite an improvement, and we look forward to your feedback.

Need a laptop for your church work? We've made it simple.

Choosing a laptop can feel confusing, especially if computers aren't really your thing. We've made it easier. We've partnered with a trusted UK company called Scan Computers to help you get a good laptop at a fair price — without the stress.

Find out more here

Missional Use of Property Consultation

An opportunity for members of the Methodist Church to share their thoughts on the Missional Use of Property.

There will be three online consultations held on the following dates:

- 16th November, 2pm to 4pm
- 17th November, 7pm to 9pm
- 26th November, 2pm to 4pm

Each of the three sessions will be the same, so you only need to register for one.

Find out more and book your place here

New Learning Events from Place for Hope

As part of Place for Hope's new strategy, they are offering a host of new learning events, free to partners, which means free to members of the Methodist Church!

Find out more here

Vacancies

Find current internal vacancies listed here.

Contact Us

Have something to share?

One of the best parts of District life is hearing what God is doing in our churches. If your church has a good news story, an upcoming event or a resource that could benefit others, we'd love to hear from you!

The deadline for sending your stories and events in to us is 12pm every Tuesday. Please send all content to admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk

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