



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

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Your weekly newsletter from the North West England District.

8th April 2025

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[District Spotlight: Meet Samuel Rimmer](#)

Digital Enabler for the North West England District

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Samuel joined the District Team in January, with the goal of providing digital support and training to churches, circuits and projects within the District and helping bridge the digital divide between churches and society.

Working alongside Tori, Samuel forms part of the District 'communications team' – helping shape our District website, social media presence and overall digital strategy.

Samuel has a legal background, starting out in corporate law before working in Parliament, where he gained experience in creating digital marketing material, shaping campaigns, digital engagement and much more. He has a lot of experience setting up and managing social media accounts and creating digital content, experience which he has already started to share within the District.

Our Digital Enabler is the go to person if you have any questions or want support with your churches digital presence, need advice about what approach to take online, want to start creating better social media content or you want to set up a digital presence and you don't know where to start.

Outside of work, Samuel can often be found watching football, helping out at his local Scout group and spending time with his wife Helen and nine month old son, William.

Starting next week, Samuel will be producing a fortnightly 'Digital Digest', which will be included in this newsletter, providing helpful suggestions and advice for churches and circuits as they engage in online communication.

If your church or circuit want to learn more about being more effective online, creating better online content or even just have some brief questions you want answering - please get in touch with Samuel.

Samuel can be contacted by email: rimmers@nwedmethodists.org.uk or by telephone: 01772 372160 (ext: 130)



District News

Lent 2025 Reflections

We are posting daily Lent reflections on our [Facebook page](#). The reflections for week 6 of Lent are also available on our [website here](#).

District Online Worship: Sunday 13th April at 6.30pm

Following a successful launch in March, our next District Online Worship will take place on Sunday 13th April at 6:30pm. This month our preacher is the Rev Phil Gough, District Secretary for Ministry and Vocations. The Zoom link is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/97923125645?pwd=L656LDUauCGtv46fg2PoKXxwI24E8a.1>

Meeting ID: 979 2312 5645

Passcode: 543701

District Safeguarding Webinar

Please see below a poster for the District Safeguarding Webinar, happening on Saturday 17th May from 10am until 12pm online via zoom.

This webinar is open to all, but specially to those who are interested in safeguarding such as Church and Circuit Safeguarding Officers, Ministers, Children, Family and Outreach Workers etc. The webinar will offer updates and information about supporting those within our faith communities who may experience mental ill health or dementia issues.

To book in please either scan the QR code or click [here](#). A downloadable copy of the flyer can be accessed [here](#).

The District Safeguarding Team looks forward to seeing you at the webinar!

NWED Updates Webinar

Thank you to everyone that attended the Updates Webinar on Thursday 27th March. If you were not able to attend, the webinar was recorded and we will be making the recording available via the District Youtube channel shortly.

Methodist Conference 2025

Tickets are now available to book online for this year's Methodist Conference events - Opening of Conference and the Induction of the President and Vice President of Conference; the Conference Worship and Reception into Full Connexion and the Ordination Services.

Methodist Conference is being held at Telford International Conference Centre from Saturday 28th June 2025.

Do book early to avoid disappointment. People can follow this link to order their tickets.

[Tickets - The Methodist Church](#)



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**District
Online
Worship**

Palm Sunday

**Sunday 13 April at
6.30pm**

With preacher Rev
Phil Gough, District
Secretary for
Ministry and
Vocations

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



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT
SAFEGUARDING
WEBINAR**



**SATURDAY
17TH MAY, 2025
10:00AM – 12:00PM
ONLINE**

Open to all interested in safeguarding (Church and Circuit Safeguarding Officers, Ministers, Children, Family, Outreach Workers, etc.)

We will be offering some updates and information about supporting those within our faith communities who experience mental ill health or dementia issues

REGISTER NOW

Book via Website, Eventbrite or QR code above
www.nwedmethodists.org.uk/safeguarding

District Events

Cumbria

An exhibition of modern art comes to Kirkby Stephen Methodist Church from the 14 – 29 April 2025.

The exhibition is free to visit and open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at weekends. Special arrangements can be made for groups. Details of the exhibition can be found at www.ksaandtcircuit.org.uk or Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay Methodist Circuit Facebook [page](#). Full details of the Collection can be found at www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection

Liverpool Plus

'Crafting and Conversation in Holy Week'

A session for survivors organised by CASAI (Churches Action on Sexual Abuse Issues)

Tuesday 15 April, 11:00am-3:30pm

The Gateway, Warrington, 89 Sankey Street, WA1 1SR

For more information or to book in advance, please contact Joanne McMahon, CASAI administrator: mcmahonj@nwedmethodists.org.uk

Greater Manchester Plus

Holcombe Brook Methodist Church – Art Exhibition

As part of their on-going 150th anniversary celebrations, Holcombe Brook Methodist Church in Ramsbottom are hosting an Art Exhibition on the theme, "Christ in Ramsbottom". Local schools, artists and craft clubs are exhibiting their interpretation of gospel events set in and around Ramsbottom. The entries demonstrate budding artists in the making, along with imaginative submissions from pre-school, primary and secondary school pupils and from adults, including a stunning knitted display featuring Peel Tower, a local landmark (see photo). The exhibition is free and is open from 10am to 5pm and from 7pm to 8pm, up until 5pm on Saturday 12th at Holcombe Brook Methodist Church, Bolton Road West, Ramsbottom, BLO 9QZ.



Resources

Methodists for World Mission: [Methodists for World Mission - MWM](#)

2025 Conference: The World is my Parish – Celebrating World Mission in Methodism’s past and exploring God’s Mission in the future.

Friday 30th May – Sunday 1st June 2025 at Cliff College, Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield S32 3XG [Conferences | Methodists for World Mission - MWM](#)

Methodist Church Eco Community Network

The next online gathering of the Eco Community Network is on Wednesday 21st May at 7pm on Zoom. Register to attend below.

A network for people passionate about faith and the environment; for those exploring climate justice, and those already taking action.

For more information contact Revd. Ian Rutherford, Co-Chair of the Connexional Environment Priority Collaboration Group on ianr7@hotmail.co.uk or 0754 8846173

Register on this link: [Methodist Church Eco Community Network Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Training

Cumbria – Mental Health First Aid course: in-person in the Cumbria Mission Area. The course takes place over two days on the 2nd and 3rd June. Further details can be found [here](#).

Youth Essentials Youth Ministry Course 2025

This is an exciting course to equip and strengthen anyone working with or ministering to young people in churches and community projects. For further information please see the image below or contact cyp.boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com



The Methodist Church  

“Youth Essentials” Youth Ministry training course

An exciting course to equip and strengthen anyone working with/ministering to young people in churches and community projects.



St Johns Methodist Church
Victoria Road, Horwich, Bolton BL6 5P
Saturday 7th June 2025 10am-4pm (Sessions 1-3)

Followed by 5 weekly sessions on Zoom

- Wednesday 11th June 7pm-9pm (Session 4)
- Wednesday 18th June 7pm-9pm (Session 5)
- Wednesday 25th June 7pm-9pm (Session 6)
- Wednesday 2nd July 7pm-9pm (Session 7)
- Wednesday 9th July 7pm-9pm (Session 8)



& Saturday 12th July 10am-4pm (Sessions 9 and 10)
@Tebay Methodist Church 1 Woodend Cottages,
Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3XB



For further information and to reserve a place
Please contact:
cyp.boltonmethodistchurches@outlook.com

Good News Stories

Cumbria - A New Places for New People Pioneer Story

Morgan Tebb-Roger from The Lake District provides an update on the Woodland Collective. See link to video below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EZ4wgNoZ2/>

Job Opportunities

External:

Circuit Administrator for the Farnworth and Worsley Circuit: available to view [here](#).

Parish Nurse, Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport: available to view [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.