



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

NWED Weekly News

Your weekly newsletter from the North West England District.

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Bible Month

The theme for Bible Month 2025, which will take place in June, is the Gospel of John. **Save the date** for the Bible Month training day on 15th March - more information will be released in the New Year.

Good News Stories

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

1) A huge congratulations to The Ridge Methodist Church in the United Stockport Circuit, who have recently achieved their silver Eco Church award!

2) Bramhall Methodist Church hosted a **Time Travellers Escape Room** experience, with 300 children visiting the experience. Read more about it [here](#).

3) News from Bolton Circuit

Hawkshaw Methodist Church held a Christmas Tree Festival over the first weekend of Advent, with 24 trees adorning the church and hall.

Alongside this, the team from Company, a Coffee and Craft group at St Andrew's Methodist created an Eco Christmas tree with the theme of Recycling to celebrate their recent Bronze Eco Award. They utilised an artificial tree salvaged from Edgworth Methodist church, which had ceased to worship, and decorated it with angels, lanterns, scrolls, trumpets, paper chains, gifts and labels all made from the pages of carols from old hymn books. Each told the good news of the coming and birth of Jesus.



Advent



There are lots of wonderful events happening in our District across Advent and New Year, which we are compiling into a 'What's On' poster. To view the poster and find events in your Mission Area, [click here](#).

If you have a festive event in your Circuit, please do send them in to us. We will be sharing an updated version of this poster throughout Advent.

Advent Reflections

- 1) Week 2 of our District reflections, which link to the Connexional 'Hush the Noise' theme, can be found [here](#). They are also posted daily on our [Facebook page](#).
- 2) A **reflection** for the 3rd Sunday of Advent by Rev Darren Garfield, based on Philippians 4: 4-7, is available [here](#).

Events

Mental Health and Christianity Conference – Saturday 22 March 2025 at Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1UD from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Find out more [here](#).

Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area

1. Trafford Methodist Circuit have organised a Reflective Line Manager Day with the Learning Network on Friday 31 January, which is open to anyone from our District to attend. This is a free, one-day course for first-time or long-time line managers of Lay Employees in the Methodist Church. Find out more and sign up [here](#).
2. **January Prayer:** throughout January, Methodist Central Hall Manchester will be holding a time of prayer every weekday for the city, from 12pm-1pm. All are welcome! This initiative is coordinated by a number of Manchester Churches including Central Hall.

Cumbria Mission Area

The latest version of the digital newspaper, 'The Way', for the ecumenical county of Cumbria can be found [here](#).



Job Opportunities

Is God asking something new from you? Could one of these roles be it? Please click on the hyperlinked roles below to find out further information.

- [Pioneer Innovator, South West Cumbria United Area](#) (full time).

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.