

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Methodist Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit



SUNDAY SERVICES 3rd May

Birchdale Road - 11am- Rev Strain
Fazakerley- 10:45am- Rev Whitehall
Kensington- 11am- Own Arrangement
Linacre Mission- 11am- David Conway
Moor Lane- 10:30am- Liz Shaw
Old Roan- 11am- David Burkey
St Marks- Services Paused
West Derby- 10:15am- Rev Garfield- Holy Communion



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CIRCUIT Notices

Submissions for next week, no matter how big or small, are due by Wednesday evening. Please send all content to - admin@nlssmc.org.uk



More information can be found on the circuit website at - <https://nlssmc.org.uk/> - we would greatly appreciate any feedback you may have.



GOOD NEWS Stories

FAZAKERLEY was delighted to receive the news last week that it had been successful in its bid for funding for its property project "Building Our Future Story". With the award of an initial sum of just over £6000 and the prospect of more funding to follow once estimates have been sought and submitted, this grant from NWED (North West England Methodist District), is a real game changer for Fazakerley. As a church, Fazakerley would like to express its thanks to Rev Jemima and Rev Darren, as well as to the Circuit Team, for its support. Fazakerley is also particularly grateful to Stephanie Roux, District Property Secretary, for her invaluable help and advice.



OLD ROAN - MADUKES UKULELE CONCERT

We enjoyed a truly uplifting and joyful evening together on Saturday at Old Roan for the Maghull and District Ukulele band concert, with many sharing how much they appreciated the evening. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, filled with plenty of singing that brought everyone together, along with a little light-hearted dancing that added to the sense of celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and have fun together. We look forward to gathering again soon.



SING GOSPEL! A Songs of Praise Special Event

Come and join BBC Songs of Praise at Liverpool Olympia as we celebrate the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits!

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - Recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm)

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

Age restriction: there is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

WE'D LOVE To hear from you...



If you feel comfortable, we warmly invite you to share a short testimonial for our upcoming newsletters. It could be something you've enjoyed recently, a moment that encouraged you, or how you've seen God at work in your life or within our church community. There's absolutely no pressure, only share if you feel happy to do so. Your words can be a real source of encouragement and blessing to others. If you'd like to contribute, please feel free to send your testimonial to Kim at - admin@nlssmc.org.uk



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SAVE THE DATE

Philippians
A four-week study guide for you and your church

"Conversations"
at Old Roan Methodist Church
50A Altway, Liverpool L10 2LG
Wednesdays at 7.30pm
3rd June 'A Harvest of Joy'
10th June 'Shine Humbly'
17th June 'Press on'
24th June 'Grace be with you'

BIBLE month

Please save the dates this June as we study the book of Philippians this Bible Month.

There will be a variety of gatherings throughout the month, and everyone is warmly invited to join for as many dates as you're able.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Philippians
A four-week study guide for you and your church

Linacre Mission
Tuesdays at 1.30pm

9th June 'A Harvest of Joy' led by Darren
16th June 'Shine Humbly' led by Sue
23rd June 'Press on' led by Darren
30th June 'Grace be with you' led by Sue

BIBLE month

NWED DISTRICT Safeguarding Conference 2026

Trauma-Informed Practice: Learning, Reflecting, Growing Together

We are delighted to announce our first in-person conference as a new district! This year we will be focusing on Trauma-Informed Practice, with a rich programme designed to inspire, challenge, and equip all who work to create safer environments across our district. Join us for a day of insight, conversation, and shared learning, featuring contributions from:

- Karen Jobson, returning after highly valued sessions at the 2025 and 2026 Connexional Safeguarding Conferences
- The Methodist Survivors Advisory Group, delivering a dedicated session
- Q&A with Tim Carter, Director of Safeguarding for the Methodist Church
- Facilitated table discussions throughout the day
- Regional Officers for Safeguarding, available for support, questions, and conversation

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn together, hear lived experience, explore good practice, and strengthen safeguarding culture across the district.

Help Us Spread the Word

Please share the event poster widely in your churches and circuits, include it in newsletters, distribute the QR code/link, and display it in local churches. Your support helps us welcome as many people as possible to this important day.

North West England District
Safeguarding Conference 2026

This year's conference will focus on trauma-informed practice, with contributions from Karen Jobson, a workshop led by the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group, and a Q&A session with Tim Carter, Director of Safeguarding for the Methodist Church.

SAT 16TH MAY 2026
10AM UNTIL 4PM

Leyland Methodist Church, PR25 3HA

Scan the QR Code

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DISTRICT Weekly News



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

[Click here to be taken to the North West England District Newsletter](#)
A PDF of the District Newsletter is also attached on this email.

Upcoming **EVENTS**



- Sunday 3rd May - 6pm - Old Roan - Prayer and Praise
- Saturday 16th May - 6:30pm - Moor Lane - Choir Fest- Tickets £15
- Saturday 16th May - 10:00am to 4:00pm - Leyland Methodist Church- District Safeguarding Conference 2026
- Tuesday 19th May - 5:30pm - Liverpool Olympia Theatre - Songs of Praise
- Sunday 24th May - 3pm to 5pm - Two Cathedrals March (Starting: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral)

Please ask Kim for any further details



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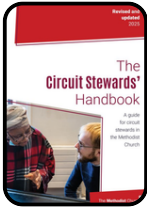
A NOTE FROM Revd Darren

Hello everyone. Something for you to have a little think and pray about...

We are looking for more people to join our circuit leadership team as circuit stewards. I've produced a video and would like you to take a look at it here: <https://youtu.be/FnWupHQmYOO>

It is a rewarding and fulfilling role, working closely with ministers and lay people to support the life and mission of the circuit. Together, we try to help shape and implement the vision for mission across our churches in practical and meaningful ways.

It can be a challenge, but also a real joy, and something many find deeply rewarding. If you feel God might be nudging you in this direction, please take a moment to pray about it and consider whether it could be for you. Get in touch with me at - superintendent@lssmc.org.uk, or speak to Revd Jemima or one of the other circuit stewards who I know will tell you more about it. Thank you, Darren



For additional information, please **click here** to view The Circuit Stewards' Handbook from the Methodist Church Website

A PDF of the handbook is attached in this email too



A NOTE FROM Revd Jemima

Psalm 31

Just after Easter, my children and I went to visit friends in Kent. Apart from the mammoth drive, we had a superb time, hanging out with our friends, exploring, and doing a bit of sightseeing. We visited Canterbury Cathedral and Dover Castle. Dover Castle, founded in the 11th century, has been described as the "key to England" because of its defensive significance throughout history.

The sheer scale of it, thick grey stone walls built high on a hill, towering above everything else. Deep moats. Layers of protection. It is not subtle. It is solid, imposing, designed to keep danger out and people inside safe. You can almost feel the weight of history in the stones, the sense that this place was built to withstand attack.

As I come to lead worship this Sunday, the Psalm is Psalm 31, where the psalmist cries out: "Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me." And I find myself wondering... What does a fortress look like for us?



Because I am rarely surrounded by stone walls and deep moats. Our lives do not always feel that secure. If anything, life can feel quite the opposite, open, vulnerable, uncertain at times.

So where do we go for refuge? And what does it mean to say that God is our rock, our fortress?

I wonder if God as fortress might look different. Perhaps it is that God holds us in the midst of the fragile moments, rather than shielding us from them. Maybe the invitation of the Psalm is not to build higher walls, but to trust that, somehow, in all that life brings, God is already there, steady and present.

Our rock. Our fortress.

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Crosby and District Lions Club Present.

CHOIR FEST

Featuring performances by:
In Another Place
Bootle Strand Diversity
Aughton Male Voice
Songbirds
Crosby Community

16TH MAY 2026
Moor Lane Methodist Church
Moor Lane, L23 2UH
Doors: 6:30pm
Starts: promptly at 7:00pm

Join us for an uplifting showcase of music and harmony performed by some of our local talented choirs

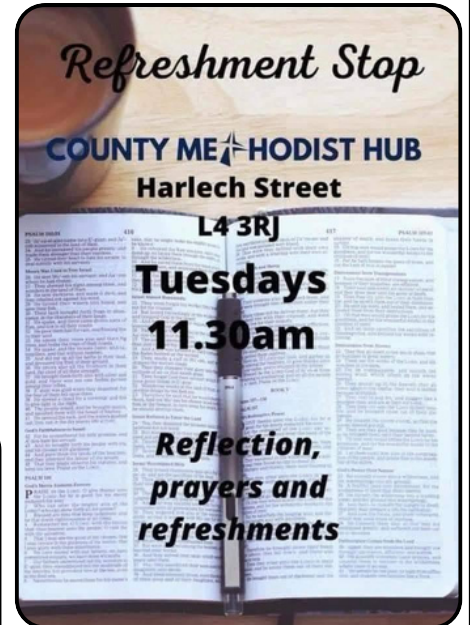
£15 per ticket

All proceeds fund local community projects via Crosby & District Lions Club

Contact:
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davidbpomroy@gmail.com
Crosby & District Lions Club CIO

Experience the joy of music and community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Refreshment Stop

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street
L4 3RJ

**Tuesdays
11.30am**

*Reflection,
prayers and
refreshments*

Two Cathedrals March

All welcome!

24 MAY 2026 · 3:00PM

Starts: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral



Many Voices · One Faith

SCAN ME

Cuppa and Catch Up

WEDNESDAYS
1:30PM TO 3:30PM
LINACRE MISSION
L21 8NS

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SOCIAL. A CHANCE TO RELAX, ENJOY REFRESHMENTS, PLAY GAMES, AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER.



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Choir!

Come join our Circuit Choir and be part of a warm, welcoming community that loves to sing together!

We're meeting every Wednesday
At Old Roan Methodist Church
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Everyone is very welcome to join us

More Information:
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CAFE AND GARDENING MONDAY MORNINGS - TIAM

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L23 2X3

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and their carers

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excluding bank holidays and half-terms

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SATURDAY 16TH MAY
10AM TO 1PM

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