

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Methodist Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit



SUNDAY SERVICES 10th May

Birchdale Road - 11am- David Conway

Fazakerley - 10:45am- Rev Strain

Kensington - 11:30am- David Smith

Linacre Mission - 11am- Own Arrangement

Moor Lane - 10:30am- Linda Dalton

Old Roan - 11am- Rev Garfield

St Marks - Services Paused

West Derby - 10:15am- David Smith



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GOOD NEWS Stories

Five years ago, it was just a fragile wisteria, £7.99 from Aldi, easy to overlook. It was planted and quietly tended from that moment on. Through cold winters and slow springs, it was watered, guided, and gently trained as it climbed, even in seasons where nothing seemed to be happening at all.

There were long stretches where it looked unchanged, as if it had forgotten what it was meant to become. But still it was cared for patiently, without urgency, just a steady trust that something unseen was taking place beneath the surface. And then this year, to my sheer delight, it finally bloomed. Cascading flowers where there had once been only bare stems, years of quiet attention, finally made visible.

It brings to mind the idea of growth unfolding in its own time, guided by perfect timing, something that cannot be forced but only nurtured until it is ready. And perhaps, like a seed planted and carefully nourished over time, when we are given space, care, and patience, we too can grow and bloom ... just like this beautiful wisteria.



With love from a very excited green fingered member of our Circuit



PRAYER AND PRAISE At Old Roan

Friends from across the circuit gather at Old Roan for a gentle and welcoming time of Prayer and Praise. These informal gatherings offer a peaceful space away from the busyness of everyday life, where people can come together for quiet reflection, prayer, worship, crafts and hymns in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

The emphasis is on simplicity and openness. There is no pressure and no expectation, just an invitation to pause, be still and share in worship with others. Whether attending regularly or dropping in occasionally, everyone is welcome, and each gathering provides an opportunity to reconnect with faith and community in a calm and unhurried setting.



**NEXT PRAYER AND PRAISE IS -
SUNDAY 7th JUNE AT 6PM**

Alongside the worship, there is also time to enjoy refreshments and conversation. These conversations are often just as valued as the worship itself, offering space to catch up with friends, meet new people, and strengthen our connection across the circuit.

Prayer and Praise at Old Roan takes place once a month, the next session is Sunday 7th June at 6pm and you are warmly invited to join us.



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 UTN1L 4PM

**Leyland Methodist
Church, PR25 3HA**



Unfortunately, bookings for the conference are now closed. Please contact Jack Watson watsonj@methodistchurch.org.uk for any queries

BREAKFAST Club

Fazakerley's next breakfast club is on Saturday 9th May at 9:30am. Why not join us for breakfast, bible study and prayers.



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METHODIST WOMEN in Britain

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'LIVERPOOL PLUS' AREA
Springtime Gathering



A time to enjoy fellowship, learning, reflection and worship plus news from the charities we support.

All are welcome

COME AND SHARE IN A DAY

BEING LED BY **DEACON DENISE CREED**

ON THE THEME OF



"ROOTED"

JEREMIAH 17:7-8

Friday 22nd May 2026

**Old Roan Methodist Church,
50A Altway, Liverpool L10 2LG**

11am-3.15pm

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided

CALL for VOLUNTEERS



We are looking for more people to join our Circuit Leadership Team as Circuit Stewards.

It's a rewarding role supporting the life and mission of the circuit alongside ministers and lay people.

If you feel God may be calling you to this role, contact Revd Darren Garfield at - superintendent@nlssmc.org.uk or speak to Revd Jemima or one of the current Circuit Stewards.



Please take a look at this short video for more information and prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to this role. Thankyou

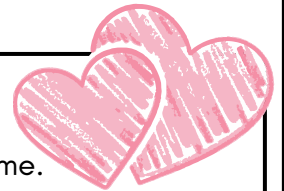
[Circuit Steward Video](#)

CONTINUED PRAYERS



We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who are struggling at this time.

We ask for continuing prayers for the District Chair, Revd. Dr. James Tebbutt, as he has been recently readmitted to hospital.



Philippians

A fourweek 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

Philippians

A fourweek 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



Bible Month



Please get in touch with any good news stories, notices or events to advertise. Submissions are due by Wednesday evening to allow time for the Friday issue. Please send all content to - admin@nlssmc.org.uk

DISTRICT Weekly News



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

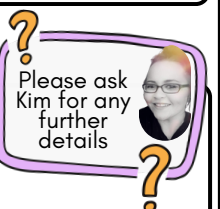
[Click here to be taken to the North West England District Newsletter](#)

A PDF of the District Newsletter is also attached on this email.

Upcoming EVENTS



- Saturday 16th May - 10am to 1pm - Fazakerley - Indoor Car Boot Sale
- Saturday 16th May - 10am to 4pm - Leyland Methodist Church- District Safeguarding Conference
- Saturday 16th May - 6:30pm - Moor Lane - Choir Fest- Tickets £15
- Tuesday 19th May - 5:30pm - Liverpool Olympia Theatre - Songs of Praise
- Friday 22nd May - 11am to 3:15pm - Old Roan - MWiB Springtime Gathering
- Sunday 24th May - 3pm to 5pm - Two Cathedrals March (Starting: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral)



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A NOTE FROM Revd Darren

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Greetings everyone,
Yesterday I travelled by train to Queens Hall Methodist Church in Wigan, where superintendents from across the district gathered to share lunch, pray, and reflect together on the joys and challenges of ministry.

We were joined by Rev. David Goodall, Director of Growing Churches, who leads the team supporting the spiritual, missional, and numerical growth of Methodist churches. He reminded us of the resource Our Church's Future Story (available to order, and free!), and encouraged us to keep asking the question: what is our future story? How are we called to grow in faith, in mission, and even in numbers? This pack aims to give us the guidance and resources we need to develop a really useful growth plan for our churches and circuit.

Over the few hours we were together, we reflected on what is happening in our local churches and how the circuit might best support that. We were encouraged to hold together four movements: listening, dreaming, choosing, and acting—always beginning, of course, with listening. These offer a simple but effective rhythm for discerning what God is doing among us.

There are opportunities in our meetings - in circuit, in church councils, in our leadership team meetings, and other gatherings, or even in one-to-one conversations—to slow down enough to listen well, to have courage in dreaming, to be clear about what we choose to do, and then to act with purpose and enthusiasm, finding fresh ways to pray together and to draw closer to Jesus. I've created a short reflection with music, inviting us to listen, dream, choose and act—

<https://youtu.be/2Fyp7zy92f4>

Perhaps we can each take some time to reflect and pray, asking what God is calling us to be and to do in this place and at this time.

All best wishes,
Darren



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.

Refreshment Stop

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street
L4 3RJ

**Tuesdays
11.30am**

**Reflection,
prayers and
refreshments**

North Liverpool and South Sefton Methodist Circuit 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:
Kim Bell
admin@nlssmc.org.uk
07429007914

CHOIR FEST

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

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

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

£15 per ticket

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

Experience the joy of music and community.

Contact:
01705653163 or 07396878143
davidboonroy@gmail.com
Crosby & District Lions Club COO

CAFE AND GARDENING MONDAY MORNINGS - T1AM

MOOR LANE METHODIST CHURCH
L23 2XJ

JUST CALL IN ALL ARE WELCOME

for under 5s and their parents

**Mondays
1:00pm - 2:30pm**
excluding bank holidays and half-terms

COUNTY METHODIST HUB

Harlech Street, L4 3RJ

PLAY
CRAFT ACTIVITY
STORY & SONG
HEALTHY SNACK

suggested donation, £1 per child

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

FAZAKERLEY METHODIST CHURCH
L9 7AD

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
SATURDAY 16TH MAY
10AM TO 1PM

STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
PRIZE A TIME TOMBOLA
FREE TODDLER AREA

BOOK YOUR STALL FOR £10 - FOR INFO CONTACT KIM BELL
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