

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Methodist Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit



SUNDAY SERVICES 17th May

Issue 5: Friday 15th May 2026

- Birchdale Road** - United Service at Moor Lane
- Fazakerley**- 10:45am- Viv Marriott
- Kensington**- 11am- David Smith - Parade Service
- Linacre Mission**- 11am- Rev Whitehall - Holy Communion
- Moor Lane**- 10:30am- Rev Strain - Holy Communion
- Old Roan**- 11am- Own Arrangement
- St Marks**- Services Paused
- West Derby**- 10am for 10:30am- Rev Garfield - Café Church at Cornerstone



This week's Own Arrangement service at **Old Roan** will take the form of an uplifting Songs of Praise celebration. Every hymn has been chosen by members of the congregation, and a few of our Church family will be sharing the stories behind their selections during the service.

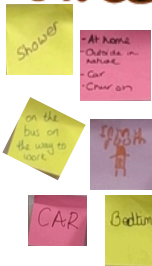


Rainbows Brownies

GOOD NEWS Stories

Fazakerley recently welcomed the Rainbows and Brownies for what was their first parade service since the Covid pause. The girls took part in a service led by Reverend Jemima Strain, built around the theme "Where Do You Pray".

The focus of the service encouraged everyone, children and adults alike, to think about the different places people find moments for reflection or prayer in everyday life. We look forward to welcoming the Rainbows and Brownies to more parade services in the future.



HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE We want to hear it

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



EVENTS This Saturday (16th May)

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
ADMIN@NLSSMC.ORG.UK
07429007914

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

£15 per ticket

Contact:
07708583193 or 07398878143
davidp@morroy@gmail.com
Crosby & District Lions Club CIC

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

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

Experience the joy of music and community.

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

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

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METHODIST WOMEN in Britain

'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**

Friday 22nd May 2026

DENISE CREED

Old Roan Methodist Church,

ON THE THEME OF

50A Altway, Liverpool L10 2LG

11am-3.15pm



"ROOTED" Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided
JEREMIAH 17:7-8

'Footprints in the sand' by Carolyn Carty, 1963

One night a man had a dream.

He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.

He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed you most, you would leave me."

The Lord replied,

"My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I Carried You."



Upcoming **EVENTS**

- 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)

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, following his recent readmission to hospital.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS



We're delighted to share the good news that Liz Shaw has been accepted as a new Circuit Steward. We give thanks for her willingness to serve and for the gifts she brings to our circuit.

We are still looking for a few more people to join the Circuit Leadership Team as Circuit Stewards. It's a meaningful and rewarding way to support the mission of the circuit alongside ministers and lay people. If you feel God may be prompting you to explore this role, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Revd Darren Garfield at superintendent@nssmc.org.uk, or speak with Revd Jemima Strain or one of our current Circuit Stewards.



You're also invited to watch this short video for more information, and to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in this way. Thank you.

[Circuit Steward Video](#)



Please ask Kim for any further details



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DISTRICT Weekly News

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**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.

Grants

A reminder that District grants are available. We especially encourage applications for larger grants ahead of the next Grants Committee meeting on 6th July 2026. Please do submit applications early to allow time for review before the meeting. Small grant applications, of course, may be submitted at any time. See here for more details - <https://nwedmethodists.org.uk/district-advance-fund/>

Safeguarding Training

The Methodist Church continues to offer safeguarding training at both Foundation and Advanced levels. A range of face-to-face and online Advanced training sessions will be available between 20th May and 6th August 2026. For details, please see - [Safeguarding Training | North West England District](#)

A NOTE FROM Revd Darren



Greetings, everyone,

A while ago, I wrote a reflection with some music called It's All Right. It was a way of me reminding myself that I am OK, even with all my 'knocks' and 'bruises', questions, and uncertainties. I think the message still returns to me, and perhaps we each need to remind ourselves of it from time to time. That it is alright, that we are loved and valued.

We do not always have to be perfect, constantly striving, busy, or battling our way through life, because we are held and loved by God. Whatever our circumstances, whatever our situation, whatever has happened to us in the past, whatever we are going through right now, and whatever the future holds, we are held and loved by the God who never lets us go.

There are times when we might feel invisible. Other times, we may feel cast adrift. There are moments when we feel we are "just a number," and, of course, those times when someone asks how we are and we reply, "Yes, I'm fine, I'm alright, I'm OK," when the truth is often very different.

But as those who are not only members of the Church, but people called and cherished by God, it is important that we know our worth. Sometimes we are not always kind to each other. Sometimes we say things we regret. Sometimes we cause hurt and harm, usually inadvertently, though sometimes not. Yet we are called all the time to remind other people of their worth, just as we hope and pray that others will remind us of ours.

We do not always have to do and say the right thing. It is OK to be imperfect (thank you, Lord!) And as we seek to be the people of God in the life of our churches and the wider circuit, let us remind ourselves that it is all right simply to be, because God loves us, and we are precious in God's eyes.

Please take a look at this - you might find it helpful: <https://youtu.be/vHyNdq70mjg>

Love and best wishes,
Darren



The Ascension of Jesus

T V F G J H U A F D C R I H V Q F
 Y K N I W B C X X O S H S S G O K
 J C Y A Y K F G A G W Z R U Q N A
 R E F A I R D O A A A X A C A X S
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Holy Spirit Forty Days
 Baptized Apostles
 Kingdom Heaven
 Judea Jesus
 Jerusalem Ascension
 Galilee Samaria
 Israel Father
 Gift God

Refreshment Stop
 COUNTY METHODIST HUB
 Harlech Street
 L4 3RJ
Tuesdays
11.30am
*Reflection,
 prayers and
 refreshments*

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.

CAFE AND GARDENING MONDAY MORNINGS - 11AM
 MOOR LANE METHODIST CHURCH
 L23 2XJ
 JUST CALL IN ALL ARE WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
 kbell@nlsmsc.org.uk
 0129007914

for under-3s and their families
Little Acorns 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

PRAYER AND PRAISE
 Old Roan Methodist Church, 6pm
 Sunday 7th June 2026
 Sunday 5th July 2026
 Sunday 6th September 2026
 Sunday 4th October 2026
 Sunday 1st November 2026
 Sunday 6th December 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bread and Wine
 A Musical written by Darren Garfield
 Sunday 12th July 2026
 Moor Lane Methodist Church
 190 Moor Lane, Crosby, L23 2XJ
 5:30pm - Refreshments
 6pm - Start
Circuit Service
 Free admission but donations gratefully received
 Join us for Holy Communion with songs from the musical sung by the Circuit Choir