

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The Methodist Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit
Issue 9: Friday 19th June 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES 21st June

- Birchdale Road** - 11am - Roger Lewis
- Fazakerley** - 10:45am - Rev Strain - Annual General Church Meeting
- Kensington** - 11am - Liz Shaw
- Linacre Mission** - 11am - Rev Garfield - Holy Communion
- Moor Lane** - 10:30am - David Conway
- Old Roan** - 11am - David Evans
- St Marks** - No Service
- West Derby** - 10am for 10:30am start - Café Church at Cornerstone



NEWS From St Marks

Some time ago, a decision was taken that, should the congregation of St Mark's cease meeting regularly, there would be an opportunity for members and friends to gather every other Sunday, for a period of prayer and reflection before any Service of Thanksgiving and Gratitude. This was intended as a time to give thanks for all that God has done through St Mark's over the years, and to prayerfully consider the future.

The congregation of St Mark's met for this time of prayer and reflection on Sunday 7th June. Following that gathering, members indicated that they did not feel any further reflection gatherings were needed.

As we look back with gratitude and forward with hope, we echo the words of the well-loved hymn: "Tis Jesus, the first and the last, whose Spirit shall guide us safe home; we'll praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come."

In due course, details will be shared of a Service of Thanksgiving and Gratitude, sometime in the autumn, to which all who have been part of the life and witness of St Mark's over the years will be warmly invited.



GOOD NEWS Stories



The children had great fun at our recent Messy Church as they explored the theme of God being everywhere, even when we are away on holiday.



Each of the children created their own picture using sand and made colourful water scenes by blowing bubbles, through a straw, into paint and transferring them onto card. Through these creative (and sometimes messy!) activities, they were reminded that wherever they go this summer, God is always with them.



We also enjoyed some games outside in the sunshine, making the most of the beautiful weather. To round off a wonderful afternoon, everyone was treated to an ice cream!

MESSY CHURCH AT OLD ROAN



Sometimes, good news comes without a photograph or a headline. Across the circuit, there are countless acts of service, care, encouragement, and faithfulness taking place every day that often go unseen. While they may not always make it into the newsletter, we are deeply grateful for the dedication and hard work happening behind the scenes. It is this quiet, faithful work that lies at the heart of our mission and makes such a difference in the lives of others.



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@lssmc.org.uk



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BIBLE MONTH June 2026



Explore Philippians Together

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



This year, Bible Month invites churches and small groups to dive into one of the most joyful and encouraging letters in the New Testament: Philippians.

Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.

Across four weeks, you'll discover:

Joy that endures – Paul's call to rejoice, even in hardship, rooted in confidence in God's goodness.



Christ-like humility – the famous "Christ hymn" in chapter 2, showing Jesus' self-giving love as our model.

Pressing on in faith – discipleship as a lifelong journey of growth and perseverance.



Grace and peace – learning contentment and generosity in every circumstance.

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'



DISTRICT Weekly News

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those who are feeling unwell, facing challenges, or simply finding things difficult at the moment.

We ask for continuing prayers for the District Chair, Revd. Dr. James Tebbutt, following his recent readmission to hospital.

QUIZ TIME



1. Which young man interpreted dreams for Pharaoh in Egypt? a) Daniel b) Joseph c) Samuel
2. What was Paul's name before he became a follower of Jesus? a) Simon b) Saul c) Silas
3. Which disciple walked on water with Jesus? a) John b) Andrew c) Peter
4. How many days did Jesus spend fasting in the wilderness? a) 7 b) 30 c) 40
5. Which book of the Bible begins with, "In the beginning was the Word"? a) Genesis b) John c) Romans
6. Who climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus? a) Bartimaeus b) Zacchaeus c) Nicodemus
7. According to Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through..." a) hard work b) faith c) Christ who strengthens me

Upcoming EVENTS

- Sunday 5th July – Old Roan – 11am – Café Church followed with BBQ from Scout Group
- Sunday 12th July – Moor Lane – 5:30pm – Bread and Wine Musical – Circuit Service
- Saturday 18th July – Fazakerley – Indoor Car Boot Sale (Time to be confirmed)

Please ask Kim for any further details



The Puzzle Patch Answers

- 1.(b, Joseph) 2.(b, Saul) 3.(c, Peter) 4.(c, 40) 5.(b, John) 6.(b, Zacchaeus) 7.(c, Christ who strengthens me)

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A NOTE FROM Revd Darren

Greetings, everyone.

We've been focusing on Paul's letter to the Philippians over the last couple of weeks as part of Bible Month, and this Sunday we come to Philippians chapter 3. It is a passage where Paul helps us to rethink what truly gives our lives meaning and purpose.

Over the past couple of days we have been visiting a couple of universities with Elliot, looking at the courses on offer and exploring whether they might be possibilities for the future. It was encouraging to see doors opening, new areas being explored, and fresh opportunities beginning to emerge.

There is something hopeful about those moments, for all of us, when we stand at the edge of new beginnings - perhaps unsure of what the future holds, but aware that new paths are taking shape as we open ourselves to possibility.

Paul speaks right into that kind of experience when he writes, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." (Philippians 3:13-14). This reminds us that faith is not only about where we have been, but about being led forward by Christ into the future he holds.

Whatever our stage of life, we all face moments of change and fresh possibility. Philippians encourages us not to be held back by the past, but to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who leads us forward. As we reflect on Philippians chapter 3, may we be encouraged to step into each new day with trust, hope, and confidence in God's continuing presence with us.

With love and best wishes,
Darren



Little Acorns
for under 5s and toddlers
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

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

Prayer Breakfast
At Old Roan Methodist Church
(50a Altway, Liverpool, L10 2LG)
First Saturday of every month
8:30am
Everyone is welcome.

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Craft & Company
Diamond Art - Sewing - Colouring
Card Making etc.
Wednesdays
(during term time)
10:30am - 12noon
Bring along your project and enjoy some company over a cuppa and a chat!
A small number of projects available*
County Methodist Hub
Harlech Street, L4 3RJ
For more details contact Alison 07393011140
Suggested donation of £1 towards refreshments
*donations welcome towards the cost of provided projects

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE
STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
PRIZE A TIME
TOMBOLA
FREE TODDLER AREA
FAZAKERLEY METHODIST CHURCH
L9 7AD
SATURDAY 18TH JULY
(TIME TO BE CONFIRMED)
BOOK YOUR STALL FOR £10 -
FOR INFO CONTACT KIM BELL
ADMIN@NLSM.C.ORG.UK
07629007916

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.

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:
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0762907916

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

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