

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Methodist Church

North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit

Issue 12: Friday 10th July 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES 12th July

Birchdale Road - United Service at Moor Lane

Fazakerley - 10:45am - Revd Garfield

Kensington - 11am - Andy Gillespie

Linacre Mission - 11am - Own Arrangement

Moor Lane - 10:30am - Revd Whitehall - Holy Communion

5:30pm - Circuit Service - Bread and Wine

Old Roan - 11am - Viv Marriott

St Marks - No Service

West Derby - 10:15am - Revd Strain - Holy Communion

Everyone from across the Circuit is warmly invited to join us for our Circuit Service this Sunday. Something you will not want to miss!

Come and share in Holy Communion, alongside an evening featuring songs from the musical, Bread and Wine, written by our own Superintendent, Revd Darren.

Whether you've been to a Circuit service before or it's your first time, you'll be made very welcome.

We hope to see you there!

Sunday 12th July 2026

Moor Lane Methodist Church

5:30pm Refreshments, 6pm Start



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



Join us for Holy Communion with songs from the musical sung by the Circuit Choir

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Congratulations Sue!

Sue Groves grew up in Aintree, attended school in Aintree and Maghull, and was an active member of Maghull Baptist Church. She became a Christian at the age of seven, and she was baptised when she was thirteen.

After leaving school, Sue studied Dentistry at Liverpool University and began her career in general dental practice. Her passion for serving others then took her to Nepal, where she spent two years working with the Baptist Missionary Society in a community dental programme. Returning to the UK, she moved into dental education, teaching at a dental school in Preston.

Alongside her professional career, Sue felt called to deepen her theological understanding. Four years ago, she began studying theology at the Queens Foundation, Birmingham, as an independent student. During this time, she candidated for Methodist ministry and, following her acceptance, began training two years ago to become a Methodist Presbyter.

Throughout her life, Sue has generously shared her gifts in a wide variety of Christian ministries. During her gap year, she worked as a lighting technician on several tours with the Christian organisation The Continental Singers. She later served as a cook for Oak Hall Christian holidays in Switzerland and Austria. Over the years, she has put her technical, musical, culinary and even puppetry skills to good use in church life. Above all, however, her greatest passions are prayer and encouraging others in their discipleship.

At the recent Methodist Conference, Sue was accepted as a Probationer Presbyter, and in September, she will begin her appointment in the Northwich Circuit.

If you would like to support Sue as she starts this exciting new chapter, you are warmly invited to her Welcome Service on -

Sunday 6th September, 10:30am, at Hartford Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served after the service, and everyone is very welcome.



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UPCOMING EVENTS This week



PRIZE BINGO

8 11 9
7 5

6:30PM

**SATURDAY
11TH JULY**

THE CORNERSTONE CENTRE

£1 ADMISSION (INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS)
£1 PER BOOK OF BINGO TICKETS (6 GAMES)
RAFFLE

A fun-filled night of bingo and community.

Unity
bringing people together

fellowship & floral crafts

company and chat guaranteed
free-flowing refreshments
optional crafts with a floral theme

Tuesday 14th July 2026

1pm - 3pm

The Parlour
West Derby Methodist Church
Crosby Green, L12 7JZ

Suggested donation £1.50

all proceeds to
Methodist Women
in Britain

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.



There's plenty happening across our amazing circuit family beyond what we can include in this newsletter. Please follow the link to visit our circuit website and discover all our upcoming events.

[Click Here For More Upcoming Events](#)

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



DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

It's wonderful to see so many fantastic events taking place across our Circuit during the school summer holidays!

Our churches have been incredibly busy planning activities for all ages, and we're so grateful for the time, energy, and creativity that has gone into making them happen. There are simply too many events to fit into the newsletter!

Please follow the link below to visit the Circuit Website, where you'll find details of everything that's coming up while the schools are closed.

[Click Here for Summer Holiday Specials](#)

MONDAYS FREE FAMILY FUN!

RISE & SUMMER SHINE

activities include:
ARTS & CRAFT
GAMES
LEGO

27 July,
3, 10, 17 August,
11am

LUNCH included

For families with school-aged children. For any dietary requirements please contact Alison on 07930115140 2 days before.

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street, L4 3RJ

Summer at West Derby Methodist

Summer '26, You are Invited to...

Step into the Wardrobe

The Cornerstone Centre
Eaton Rd North, L12 7JN

Calling all Makers & Munchers!

Join us at
Fazakerley Methodist Church, Lower Lane, for
4 FREE SUMMER FRIDAY EVENTS
31st July - 21st August 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Lunch provided

Bring an adult with you and enjoy the fun!

Games
Crafts
Story time
Painting & Colouring
Quizzes & Trails
Baby & Toddler Area

Fin-tastic Fun!

fish themed crafts, games and lunch

Wednesday 19th August
11am

TECHNICOLOUR TEES

Design your own t-shirt

Wednesday 12th August
11am

Summer Holiday Club
at Old Roan Methodist Church!
24-28 AUGUST 2026
10AM to 12NOON

Based on the film "The Lorax!"
(We'll watch the film on the first day)

For children from Reception to Year 6

Crafts
Songs
Games
Quizzes
Bible
Lots of Activities!

All are welcome
(but spaces are limited and will fill up quickly, so get in fast!)

Led by Rev Darren
and to book your place contact
Kim at admin@nlssmc.org.uk

£1 a day

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DISTRICT Weekly News

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



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

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,
Rev. Dr. James Tebbutt

Popular Hymn Anagrams

Below are the titles of five popular hymns, but the letters have been scrambled! Your challenge is to unscramble the letters to discover the correct hymn titles. To make this extra-tricky puzzle a little easier, a few letters have already been placed in the correct positions as clues. Good luck, and happy puzzling!



ILNEHEEORH = T _ _ _ / B _ / T _ _ / G _ _ _ Y
RGMNACAZ = A _ _ _ I _ _ / G _ _ _ E
AWEROTOUR = H _ _ / G _ _ _ T / TH _ _ / A _ _
TIHYSUHSRNELT = G _ EA _ / I _ / T _ _ / FA _ _ _ F _ _ _ _ S
EMEFLLAHOLHI = O _ / C _ _ _ / A _ _ / Y _ / F _ _ T _ _ U _

How did you do?
Are you enjoying
the puzzle patch?



Dear friends,

There are times in life when words seem to fail us. Times when sadness, fear, or uncertainty overwhelm us, and we wonder where God is. We may feel lost, alone, or even abandoned. The prayers don't seem to come, the light feels as though it has faded, and we ask, "Where are you, Lord?"

It is important that we acknowledge those moments. Faith does not mean pretending that everything is always fine. The Bible is full of people who cried out to God in their struggles, asking why God seemed distant. God welcomes our honest prayers, our questions, and even our doubts.

But the truth is that, even when we cannot see or feel God's presence, God has not left us. God reaches out to us, takes our hand, and gently leads us forward, reminding us: "Do not be afraid. I am with you. I will guide you, strengthen you, and hold you in my love."

Whatever we are facing, we are never beyond God's reach. It is okay to admit that life is not always okay. It is okay to bring our brokenness and our fears to God. For God's promise remains the same: God loves us, God walks with us, and God will never let us go. Here's a song I wrote a while back. It helped me to remember that I am loved and treasured - as are all of us. [Why are you hiding?](#)

Love and best wishes,
Darren

