

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The **Methodist Church**

North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit

Issue 13: Friday 17th July 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES 19th July

Birchdale Road - 11am - Own Arrangement

Fazakerley - 10:45am - David Conway

Kensington - 11am - Rev Strain

Linacre Mission - 11am - Rev Garfield

Moor Lane - 10:30am - Carol Shanks

Old Roan - 11am - Own Arrangement

St Marks - No Service

West Derby - 10am for 10:30am start -
Café Church at Cornerstone



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Fellowship and Floral Crafts at Unity

Unity held its final meeting of the Connexional year today. Our theme was "Fellowship and Floral Crafts," and here is a photo of some of the beautiful creations made as we chatted, shared fellowship, and enjoyed delicious homemade cakes with our drinks!



The theme of flowers felt especially fitting for this final session. They reflect God's amazing creation, with beauty found in their diversity (different colours, shapes, and sizes) whilst rooted in the soil.

Unity will return in September with a new name: "Rooted in Fellowship." Watch this space to discover why!

Circuit Choir Hits the Right Note! 🎵

What a fantastic afternoon we had at Sunday's Circuit Service! After weeks of rehearsals, all of the choir's hard work paid off, and it was a joy to share our music as part of the service.

We were delighted to hear so many positive comments afterwards, and it's wonderful to know that our singing was enjoyed by so many. We were all especially chuffed when Revd Jemima likened us to a "Heavenly Choir".

A special thank you goes to Angela and Darren, whose patience, encouragement and leadership have guided us through every rehearsal and performance. Their dedication has been greatly appreciated by everyone in the choir... A special thanks also goes out to our friends from Farnsworth and Worsley Circuit joining our choir to make a huge 33 of us. There are whispers that the choir could be going on tour in the future! Nothing is confirmed just yet, but it's certainly something to look forward to, so keep an eye out for more news in the months ahead!



The choir will now be taking a well-earned break over the summer holidays before returning in September. Details of our first rehearsal will be shared nearer the time, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting season of singing together.



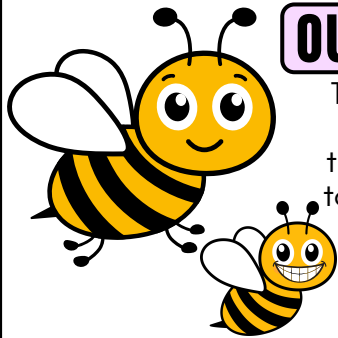
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HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE We want to hear it

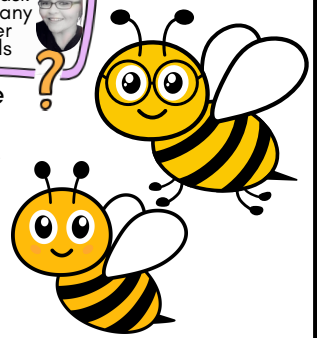


Please get in touch with any good news stories (Big or small), notices or events to advertise.
Submissions are due by Wednesday evening to allow time for the Friday issue.
Please send all content to Kim Bell - admin@nlssmc.org.uk



OUR CIRCUIT is buzzing with activity!

Thanks to the hard work of many dedicated volunteers, there are a variety of events and groups taking place throughout the week. To find out more about what's happening and how to get involved, visit the Circuit Website using the link below. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!



[Click Here For More Upcoming Events](#)

Cuppa and Catch Up
WEDNESDAYS
1:30PM TO 3:00PM
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 2X3

JUST CALL IN ALL ARE WELCOME

COUNTY ME2-HODIST HUB
Hartleech Street, L4 3B7

Fin-tastic Fun!

fish themed crafts, games and lunch
Wednesday 19th August 11am

We are asking families to book into this session. Please let us know the name and age of each child attending and any special dietary requirements of the family. Contact Alison via Facebook (Blue and Stone or Caring) or 07793 011145. Thank you!

MONDAYS FREE FAMILY FUN!

RISE & SUMMER SHINE

activities include:
ARTS & CRAFT
GAMES
LEGO

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

LUNCH included

COUNTY ME2-HODIST HUB
Hartleech Street, L4 3B7

Summer at West Derby Methodist

'Temptingly Tasty'
cooking and craft

Thursday 6th August at 6:30pm
The Cornerstone Centre
Eaton Road North, L12 7JN

We ask that children under 12 are accompanied by a familiar adult. There is no charge, but donations are welcome towards costs. For any special dietary requirements, please contact Alison on 07940222442 2 days before.

Summer at West Derby Methodist

Family Film Nights

Tuesday 18th July
Tuesday 4th August
Tuesday 11th August
Tuesday 18th August

Showing U & PG rated films on our large screen
Doors open 6:20pm. Film starts 6:30pm
The Cornerstone Centre
Eaton Road North, L12 7JN

Please feel free to bring your own goodies. We ask that children under 12 are accompanied by a familiar adult. There is no charge, but donations are welcome towards costs. For details of the film, please contact Alison on 07940222442.

Please note: As many of our regular activities pause over the summer months, we kindly ask that you check they are running before making your journey.

HOLIDAY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES through the summer

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

 No need to book, just turn up

Fazakerley, West Derby and County Hub are holding activity days throughout summer. Please bring the children for lots of fun while they are off school!

Summer at West Derby Methodist
Summer '26, You are Invited to...

The Cornerstone Centre
Eaton Road North,
L12 7JN

Step into the Wardrobe

Please book your place

Old Roan is hosting a Holiday Club during the last week of August!

With a different activity every day, there's plenty of fun to enjoy!

To book your child's place, speak to Kim... but be quick, as spaces are limited and filling up fast!

[Click Here for Summer Holiday Specials](#)

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!

Swamee-Swans
Brown Bar-ba-loots

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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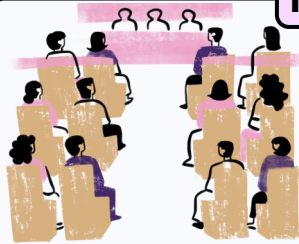
**NORTH WEST ENGLAND
METHODIST DISTRICT**

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

METHODIST CONFERENCE Business Digest



The latest Conference Business Digest, summarising the decisions and actions from this year's Methodist Conference, is now available. Please click the link below to view the document.

Can you help us share this important update by passing it on to members of your congregation. Thankyou!

[Click here to be taken to the Business Digest Article](#)

Where is the best place to get an ice cream?



Need an ark?
I Noah guy.

Sundae School.



Why do churches never play hide and seek?
Because good luck hiding when the Lord sees all.

How long did Cain dislike his brother?

As long as he was Abel.



What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

Why wouldn't the Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?

He was in 'de Nile.



A MESSAGE FROM Revd Darren

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you've ever looked at the world and asked, "If God is good, why is there still so much suffering and pain?" Jesus knew that question well. Rather than giving a simple answer, he told the parable of the weeds growing among the wheat.

It reminds us that life is rarely neat and tidy. Goodness and brokenness, hope and disappointment, faithfulness and failure often grow side by side. We naturally want to pull out everything that seems wrong, but Jesus calls us to trust the Gardener. We don't always see the whole picture, and we cannot always recognise what God is still nurturing and bringing to life.

That doesn't mean we ignore evil or accept injustice. Rather, we are called to keep tending the good things God has planted: acts of kindness, words of hope, lives of compassion, and faithful witness.

Let's not lose heart. Let's keep sowing seeds of love, serving our communities with generosity, and trusting that God will bring growth in ways we can't yet imagine.

May God give us patience, courage, and hope as together we continue to share in Christ's work.

I wrote a short reflection on this here. Take a look. [Weeds and Wheat](#)

Love and best wishes,

Darren

