

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY SERVICES 9th August

Birchdale Road - United Service at Moor Lane
Fazakerley - 10:45am - Rev Whitehall
Kensington - 11am - Own Arrangement
Linacre Mission - 11am - Own Arrangement
Moor Lane - 10:30am - Rev Strain - Holy Communion
Old Roan - 11am - Own Arrangement
St Marks - No Service
West Derby - 10am for 10:30am - Café Church - Cornerstone



ENDLESS
SUMMER
ADVENTURES

Please book
your child's
place,
Very few
spaces
remaining

**HOLIDAY CLUBS AND
ACTIVITIES**
through the summer

The Methodist Church

North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit

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MONDAYS FREE FAMILY FUN!

RISE & 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 07930013140 2 days before.

COUNTY ME2 HODIST HUB
Hartech Street, L4 3BJ

'Christmas in Summer'

Christmas comes to The Cornerstone with a range of crafts, games - and maybe a special visitor!

Thursday 13th August at 6:30pm
The Cornerstone Centre
Eaton Road North, L12 7JN

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!

COUNTY ME2 HODIST HUB
Hartech Street, L4 3BJ

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 (Rose and Strain at Circuit) or 07293 011140. Thank you.

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

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

[Click Here for Summer Holiday Events across the circuit](#)

[Click Here For More Upcoming Events around the Circuit](#)

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.

DISTRICT Weekly News

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

FOR YOUR Consideration...

Nominations are now being invited for those wishing to attend Methodist Conference of 2027 as a representative of the North West England District (NWED). Conference runs from 24th June for Presbyters and from 26th June for Deacons and Lay representatives until 30th June 2027.

If you are a member of the Methodist Church in NWED and are interested in attending, please complete a nomination form ([Attached in email](#)). The closing date for nominations is 4th September 2026. Voting will take place at Synod on 12th September 2026.



What might God be calling you to step out of the boat and trust him with today?

Love and best wishes,
Darren



A MESSAGE FROM Revd Darren

Dear friends,

Walking on water? You must be joking! The Gospel reading for 9th August - Matthew 14: 22-33 - shows Jesus not simply as a miracle worker, but as one who stands calmly in the storm - Lord of the wind and waves. Yet the disciples respond not with awe, but with fear, convinced they are seeing a ghost. Then come those gentle words of Jesus: "Take heart. It's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter steps out of the boat, takes a risk, and for a moment walks towards Jesus. But then he notices the storm, loses focus, and begins to sink. Yet even then, Jesus reaches out his hand and catches him.

Perhaps that is the heart of this story: faith is not about never falling but knowing who will catch us when we do. Sometimes we are called to step out of the boat - to take a risk, try something new, and join in with God's work.

Things may not always go to plan. We might stumble or fail, but the cross reminds us that failure is not the end of the story. In God's hands, even brokenness can become the beginning of resurrection and hope.

So ponder this:

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The **Methodist Church**

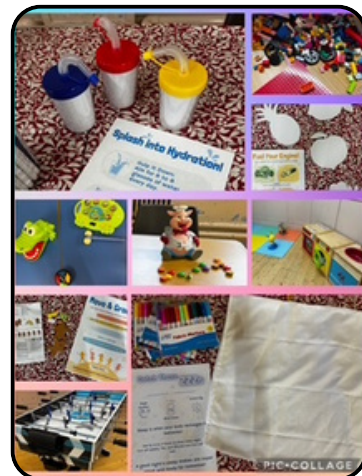
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CREATIVE FUN AT COUNTY HUB

Rise and Shine is underway! On Monday 27th July, our theme was "Keeping Healthy." The children enjoyed a range of creative crafts, including decorating cups, pillowcases, and jumping gingerbread men. There were plenty of games to enjoy. Every Monday brings a new selection of games and crafts, so there's always something different to look forward to.

Our Wednesday sessions are based on Bible stories. Last Wednesday's Rainbow theme was inspired by the story of Noah and God's promises. The children had fun with colourful games and toys including a Noah's Ark stacking game, and a variety of rainbow-themed crafts. A particular highlight was making delicious fruit kebabs together! Before heading home, each child received a sweet treat as a reminder of God's promise.



Week 2 of Rise and Shine started with a trip to 'The Coast'! Children enjoyed making lighthouse photo frames and scratch-off shells etc, but the absolute highlight was creating vibrant sand bottles and keyrings with multi-coloured sand. For lunch, we served a delicious tomato and herb pasta with optional chicken and cheese toppings, followed by fresh fruit. The meal was a massive hit, with one child even declaring it "the best pasta ever!"

On **Wednesday 5th August**, the children let their creativity shine! They built with Lego and enjoyed a variety of fun crafts. The highlight of the morning had to be making their own pitta pizzas, which they enjoyed alongside a fresh salad and fruit for dessert. Centred around the story of Creation, the morning finished with each child taking home a special reminder of the wonderful world God created!



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TEES
NOW FULLY
BOOKED,
SORRY!



WONDERFUL TIMES AT WEST DERBY



West Derby launched its summer activities, inspired by The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The fun began on **Tuesday 27th July**, with a screening of the film Narnia on our impressive 4-metre-wide screen.

On **Thursday 30th July**, families from both the church and the local community came together to create items for their very own wardrobes. Here is just one of the wonderful creations—a matching T-shirt, hat and scrunchie made by one of the children.



Our Summer Cafe Church series began on **Sunday 2nd August**, focusing on the theme of "Childlike Faith" (Hebrews 11:1). We enjoyed a variety of delicious refreshments, including cakes and croissants. A treasure hunt treasure led to the discovery of the word "assurance." Like Lucy's discovery of the wardrobe, the message challenged us to embrace a faith full of wonder, trust, and certainty in the unseen. On Sunday 9th August, we'll be focussing on 'The God Who Forgives'. All are welcome!