

CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

There will be a short break from the newsletter next Friday, with the following edition being sent on Friday 28th August. This week's newsletter includes details of the upcoming two Sunday services and messages from Revd Darren Garfield.

SUNDAY SERVICES 16th August

Birchdale Road - 11am - Carol Shanks
Fazakerley - 10:45am - Rev Strain
Kensington - 11am - Linda Dalton
Linacre Mission - 11am - Rev Whitehall - Holy Communion
Moor Lane - 10:30am - David Evans
Old Roan - 11am - Rev Jobson
St Marks - No Service
West Derby - 10am for 10:30am - Café Church - Cornerstone

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Three years of Linacre Pantry!

What better way to celebrate than with a delicious afternoon tea and great company!

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.

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HOLIDAY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES through the summer

We'd love to welcome as many young people as possible and help create special memories that will last a lifetime. So, parents and carers, please book your children in to come along and be part of the fun - we can't wait to see them!



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

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

[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.

GOOD NEWS Story

MONDAYS

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 0151 255 1202 2 days before.

COUNTY ME² METHODIST HUB
 Harleah Street, L4 3B2

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!

'All in the Name'

create something that is truly yours
making personalised items, board games & refreshments

Thursday 20th August at 6:30pm
 The Cornerstone Centre
 Eaton Road North, L12 7JN

We ask that children under 12 are accompanied by a family adult. There is no charge, but donations are welcome towards costs. For any special dietary requirements, please contact Alison on 0151 255 1202

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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



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CREATIVE FUN AT COUNTY HUB

It has been an incredibly busy week of fun and learning at County! On Monday, our Rise and Shine families explored a 'Let's Get Sporty' theme. The children took part in a variety of crafts and games—including air hockey and balancing challenges—all designed to improve their coordination.



On Wednesday, the children got creative, designing their own fabulous t-shirts during 'Technicolour Tees'. Rev Gemma shared an engaging, interactive story of Joseph. The morning ended with a colourful lunch, made possible by our dedicated kitchen volunteer.



WONDERFUL TIMES AT WEST DERBY



'Temptingly Tasty'

What a fantastic night we had at 'Temptingly Tasty' on Thursday evening! The Cornerstone Centre was filled with children and young people, who got creative by decorating their own 'books' before making a delicious Turkish Delight Tray Bake. As always, special thank you to all the volunteers whose hard work made the evening such an enjoyable success.

**FIN-TASTIC FUN
NOW FULLY
BOOKED,
SORRY!**



MESSAGES FROM



Revd Darren
14th Aug and 21st Aug

Friday 14th August - Dear friends,

The Gospel reading for Sunday 16th August - Matthew 15: 21-28 - introduces us to a woman who, in every sense, was an outsider. Desperate for her daughter to be healed, she came to Jesus, only to be met with words that seem surprisingly harsh.

To understand this passage, we need to remember that Jesus' ministry began with the people of Israel. Yet this encounter begins to break down the boundaries of race, nation and religion. The woman refuses to give up. With quiet determination and remarkable faith, she says, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." She trusts that God's mercy is abundant enough for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Jesus is deeply moved by her faith and responds, "Woman, great is your faith!" Her daughter is healed, and the outsider - the woman on the margins - becomes the example for everyone else.

The message is simple. God's grace is always bigger than the boundaries we create. It reaches beyond race, background, status and prejudice.

So here is something to ponder this week: who are the people we still keep at the edge of the table, when Jesus is inviting them to come closer and share in the feast?

Love and best wishes, Darren

Friday 21st August - Dear friends,

The Gospel reading for Sunday 23rd August - Matthew 16:13-20 - is a real turning point. Up to this moment, people have been asking Jesus, "Who are you? Where does your authority come from?" Now Jesus turns the question around and asks his disciples:

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

The answers are predictable: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or another prophet. People recognise that Jesus is special, but they don't yet understand who he truly is.

Then Jesus asks the 'real' question: "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." He recognises that Jesus is not just a teacher or prophet, but the one through whom God brings salvation.

But this question is not just for Peter. It is for us too.

Who is Jesus to you? Is he simply a figure from history, someone we read about and talk about, or is he someone we know, trust and follow?

Jesus still asks us today: "Who do you say that I am?"

To ponder this week: if Jesus truly is the Son of the living God, how might that change the way we live, the choices we make, and the people we become?

Love and best wishes, Darren