CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The **Methodist** Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit
Issue 21: Friday 9th October 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES 11th October

Birchdale Road – United Service at Moor lane
Fazakerley– 10:45am – Rev Strain – Holy Communion
Kensington– 11am– Own Arrangement
Linacre Mission– 11am– Roger Lewis
Moor Lane– 10:30am – Rev Garfield – Holy Communion
Old Roan– 11am – David Conway
West Derby– 10:15am – Viv Marriott



SUNDAY SERVICES 18th October

Birchdale Road – 11am – Roger Lewis
Fazakerley– 10:45am – Own Arrangement
Kensington– 11am– Carol Shanks – Parade – Harvest
Linacre Mission– 11am– David Evans
Moor Lane– 10:30am – Rev Strain
Old Roan– 11am– Rev Garfield– Church Anniversary– Holy Communion
West Derby– 10am for 10:30am– Café Church at Cornerstone– Harvest



HARVEST OF Hope



Last weekend Fazakerley celebrated Harvest Festival, coming together as a community on Saturday to decorate the chapel, and on Sunday to take part in the service and to share lunch together. The chapel looked stunning due to the creativity and talents of the volunteers, who gave of their time to ready it for worship. Worship was led by Alan Lewis and our thanks go to Alan for a thought-provoking service held amidst the splendor of God's creation. At a time of ongoing financial challenges, the incredible generosity of the congregation was in evidence through both the food and monetary donations received.



We were pleased to be able to continue to build on our relationship with the Sisters of Mercy (Missionaries of Charity) by delivering our harvest gifts to them. The Sisters, based in Liverpool City Centre never advertise or ask for donations, but believe that God will provide. They have been serving Liverpool's homeless community for many years, touching the most vulnerable, by offering them refuge, food and hope for better days ahead. May they continue to inspire us to do likewise.

"So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we reap the harvest." Galatians 6 v 9

CIRCUIT SERVICE At St Mark's - What a Celebration!

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, cleaning the church, putting out tables, providing refreshments, we are really grateful that you took time out to help.
We were also very happy that so many people attended from all around the circuit, there were over 35 people, and it was a sad but also joyful service. We wish to thank Rev Darren for putting together an address that was spot on.



It focussed on remembering all that was achieved in the past, but that our lives and the life of St Marks building will go on.
We gave thanks that our prayers were answered: within 24 hours of the members deciding to cease meeting last May, God sent a new church looking for a place to worship. The AMC Church now meets here every Sunday, with 60-80 people attending each week How amazing is that? The Ebenezer Church also rents the building on the third and fifth Saturdays of each month which is usually attended by 24 families.
We were so grateful that Rev Ugo from AMC and Dr George from Ebenezer attended the service. They prayed for God's blessing on the former members as they transfer to other churches, and for St Mark's, where worship will continue and grow.

How good is the God we adore!
Our faithful, unchangeable friend:
His love is as great as his power and
knows neither knows measure nor end.

For Christ is the first and the last;
His Spirit will guide us safe home;
we'll praise him for all that is past
and trust him for all that's to come



If you have a notice, upcoming event, good news story or anything else you'd like to see in the newsletter, please send it to Kim by –
Wednesday 21st October, 9pm.



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3GENERATE 2026 - A Weekend to Remember!

We had a wonderful time at 3Generate 2026, the Methodist Church's national event for children and young people, held at the NEC from 2nd – 4th October.
We took a fantastic group of eight young people from across our circuit for a weekend packed with fun, friendship, faith and new experiences.

Our young people joined in with sports, crafts, climbing walls, a drumming workshop, music, Bible charades, big collective worship gatherings and a whole pile of other fun things. We also had the opportunity to take part in a workshop led by the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, exploring the subject of worry and faith.

We slept in tents, tried new activities, had a lot of fun and joined thousands of other young Methodists from across the UK to celebrate being part of the Methodist family.





This year at 3Generate we're exploring the theme On The Way – a celebration of the lifelong, ever-unfolding journey of faith. Building on previous years' focus on tuning into God and travelling the "Journey of a Lifetime," On The Way invites every child and young person, whatever their starting point, to take a meaningful next step with God. The theme encourages simple, everyday practices that help us encounter God, reflect together and grow in community. Rooted in John 14:6, the programme explores Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life – with opportunities to encounter these ideas in worship, conversation, creativity, movement and reflection.

All children and young people attending 3Generate were given an On the Way Adventure Book – a whole year of adventure, designed to help bridge the gap between this 3Generate and the next one. Each week offers a new way to explore faith and keep your journey going long after the festival ends, helping you stay curious, connected, and open to what God might be doing in your life, all the way through to the next 3Generate.

It was a brilliant weekend of making memories, growing in faith and discovering new things together. We're so grateful to everyone who made it possible and look forward to seeing what next year brings 😊

God bless, Jemima

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Our District Christmas Card competition is open to entries – closing on Monday 17th November!
The competition is open to all children and young people that attend churches across the District or attend messy churches, forest churches and church affiliated uniformed organisations. The winning design will be the cover of the District Christmas card, sent out by our District Chair and other members of the District Senior Leadership at Christmas. Please download and use the entry form here.

Designs can be entered by post to: North West England District, C/O Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston, PR1 2NL. Or by email to: admin@nwedmethodists.org.uk
(if you are scanning and sending entries digitally, please retain the paper copy).

CIRCUIT SERVICE- Sunday 29th November 2026

You are warmly invited to join us for our Circuit Service at Old Roan Methodist Church on Sunday 29th November at 11.00am, as we come together to worship and celebrate the beginning of Advent.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from across our Circuit, share fellowship and experience worship together. Families and children are very welcome.

Churches are invited to bring their first Advent candle to be lit together at the service before being returned to their own church.
Unable to attend in person?
The service will also be streamed online via Zoom, so you can join us from home. Please speak to Kim for the details.



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SEFTON BABY BASKETS APPEAL 2026

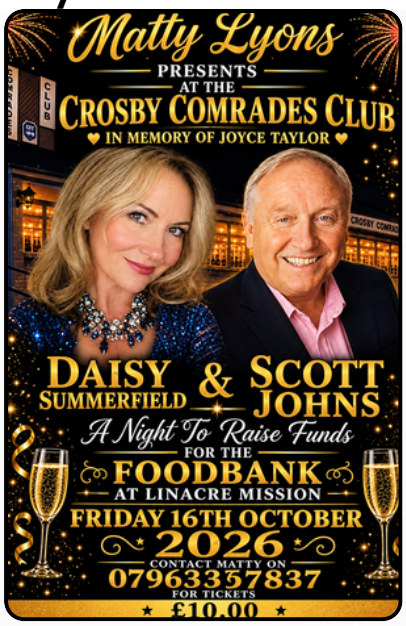


How can you help?
Could you donate any of the following items?

- Baby Clothes up to age 3 months (pre-loved must be in good condition)
- Moses Baskets and Stands
- Baby Towels
- Muslins
- Sleep Bags
- Lamaze Toys
- Nappies size 1 and 2
- New Pyjamas and slippers for mum
- New Baby Toiletries (wipes, shampoo, body wash, soap, bubble bath, lotion, nappy cream)
- New Toiletries for Mum (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, sanitary products, breast pads, nipple cream etc)

Collection Date – Sunday 18th October 2026 Old Roan Methodist Church

Thank you for your support.







Craft & Company

Diamond Art ~ Sewing ~ Colouring
Card Making etc.

COUNTY METHODIST HUB

Wednesdays

(during term time)

10:30am - 12noon

Circuit Choir



Our Circuit Choir is busy rehearsing for our next musical, Prince of Peace, and we'd love a few more male/ lower voices to help boost our joyful noise!

Everyone is welcome of course, you can simply turn up!

Old Roan Methodist Church
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Come along, have a sing and be part of something special!

Message from Revd Darren

Dear friends,

I've been looking at the wedding banquet parable in this coming Sunday's Gospel reading; and I've been reflecting on God's invitation to us. The banquet is prepared, the table is set, there is room for everyone, and we are all invited into a life shaped by love, joy and hope - but, most of all, shaped by God.

So often, the busyness, weariness and disappointments of life can cause us to miss that invitation. But in this reflection on Matthew 22, we are invited to pause, to listen, and to remember that God's grace is offered to us now - not because we have earned it, but simply because God loves us.

Watch the reflection below and then consider how you might respond to God's invitation to come to the table, to receive God's love, and to allow that love to shape the way you live.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G96sehD1TOQ



Take care, and all best wishes,
Darren

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We pray for those dealing with the challenges of building repairs and all the uncertainty and frustration that can come with them. May God give wisdom, patience and strength to those working to get things sorted.
Today and always, may we know that we are not alone.

DISTRICT Weekly News

NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

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