CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY SERVICES 30th August

Birchdale Road - 11am – Own Arrangement
Fazakerley- 10:45am – Rev Garfield – Holy Communion
Kensington- 11am- David Burkey
Linacre Mission- 11am- Rev Edwards
Moor Lane- 10:30am – Own Arrangement
Old Roan- 11am – David Evans
St Marks- No Service
West Derby- 10:15am – David Conway – All Age Worship



Click Here For More Upcoming Events around the Circuit

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, whoever and wherever they are

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street, L4 3RJ
Friday 25th September '26
12noon - 4pm

Stalls to buy things from and plenty of cake, raising funds for a worthy cause!





DISTRICT Weekly News

Click here to be taken to the North West England District Newsletter

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.

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.

HUGE Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Beryl & Phil Deninson of West Derby Methodist Church on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary! 60 wonderful years of marriage! We wish them many more happy years together.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: WHAT AN ADVENTURE!



Before we share some of the wonderful things that have been happening across our circuit this summer, we want to take a moment to say a massive and heartfelt thank you to every single one of our amazing volunteers.

From planning and organising, donating supplies and preparing activities, to making endless cups of tea and coffee, providing lunches, setting up, clearing away and taking care of all the little things in between!

Most importantly, thank you for giving up your time, turning up with a smile and being there to support our groups and the children who came along. Your time, energy, generosity and willingness to help have made such a difference.

These wonderful activities simply would not have been possible without you. We are incredibly grateful for everything you have done and for each of you who has played a part in making this summer so special.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You really are amazing, and we appreciate you more than we can say.

CREATIVE FUN AT COUNTY HUB

We had a fun and fin-tastic final week of Rise and Shine at County! Monday was all about Superheroes (a top-secret day with no photos!). On Wednesday, we dived into a fish-themed morning of crafts and games, explored the Bible story of 'Breakfast on the Beach', and finished with a tasty lunch of fish fingers, chips, and peas!

Over the last four weeks, we have loved hosting the Rise and Shine programme! Here is the impact we made together:

- Over 30 children and their 'grown ups' welcomed through our doors
- 150 meals served to local families
- Countless memories and great times shared!

A huge thank you to all of our incredible volunteers and donors. This simply would not have been possible without their amazing generosity and support!



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FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FRIDAYS AT FAZAKERLEY






The last of our four Friday holiday club events for local children and young people, took place on Friday 21st August, with a "food and sharing" theme, incorporating the story of the Feeding of the 5000. Our busiest week saw us welcome 28 children, young people and their 14 accompanying adults into our church building. Thanks to all our "makers and munchers" for taking part in the crafts, games, pool, table tennis, darts and quizzes on offer, what a feel-good atmosphere they created each week and what a pleasure it was for all of us volunteers to meet up with the children, young people and their families, again, or for the first time. Being able to share a hot lunch with our attendees each week, including curry, jacket potatoes, wraps and pasta, made the sessions extra special.






Thanks to Alison Twist for all her help and support, especially with the craft activities, to Rev Jemima for her weekly message in the chapel and to the incredible 18 volunteers from Fazakerley who gave so freely of their time, to set up each Thursday and to plan, prepare and deliver activities and food across the four weeks. What local and church community spirit, with the vast majority of our families coming from L9 and L10 postcodes! All of us involved feel incredibly blessed to have been part of this year's Fazakerley summer holiday club.







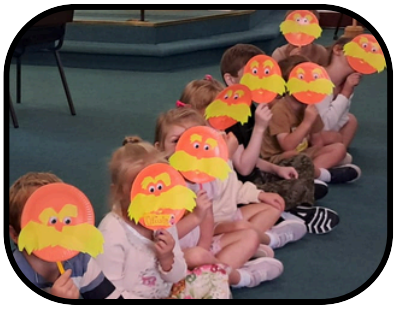
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THE LORAX HOLIDAY CLUB AT OLD ROAN

What a wonderful week we had at Old Roan Methodist Church as we welcomed lots of children to our Holiday Club, which ran from Monday to Friday, 10am–12 noon. Our theme this year was The Lorax, and the week was filled with fun, friendship, creativity, games and plenty of laughter!
We began the week by settling down together to watch The Lorax, introducing the children to the story and its important message about caring for our world and for one another. The rest of the week was packed with activities inspired by the film.



There was certainly no shortage of things to do! The children enjoyed singing and dancing, taking part in quizzes and team games, and getting creative with lots of different crafts. They made their very own Truffula trees, Lorax faces and lanterns, as well as planting cress seeds to take home and watch grow.
The cress planting tied in beautifully with one of the film's most memorable messages:

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

It was lovely to use this as an opportunity to talk with the children about how even small acts of care can make a difference.







The children also got stuck into some very energetic team games! One favourite involved racing against other teams to move water from one bucket to another using only a small cup. There was lots of cheering, running and, inevitably, a little bit of water everywhere! We also enjoyed quizzes, colouring and plenty of other activities throughout the week.





Most importantly, it was wonderful to see so many children coming through the doors, making new friends and enjoying themselves in the church. The atmosphere was full of energy and enthusiasm each morning, and it was a real joy to see everyone getting involved.
A huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the Holiday Club possible. Whether you helped with crafts, games, refreshments, setting up, tidying away or simply spending time with the children, every bit of help was so appreciated. We are incredibly thankful for each and every one of you. We would also like to thank all the parents, carers and children who joined us and helped make the week such a success.
It was a fantastic week, and we hope the children went home with happy memories, new friendships and perhaps a little Lorax-inspired reminder that we can all make a difference when we care! 🌱💚

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WONDERFUL TIMES AT WEST DERBY



When the Pevensie children first enter Narnia, they discover a land cursed to be 'always winter, but never Christmas'. However, as Aslan's power grows, the frozen spell begins to break, and Father Christmas arrives to deliver special, meaningful gifts.



We brought that same festive magic to The Cornerstone Centre for Week 3 of our Summer Series! On Tuesday, families gathered to watch the movie Arthur Christmas. The festive fun continued on Thursday with a range of Christmas themed crafts and games.



The highlight of the week was a surprise visit from Father Christmas himself, who stopped by to bring gifts for the children. Looking ahead to Cafe Church, we will keep exploring the theme of the unique gifts given to us by God.

Sunday marked the conclusion of our summer programme at West Derby, bringing our journey through Narnia to a meaningful close.

On Tuesday, we hosted a screening of Moana, the song 'Know Who You Are' and its lyric "I know your name" continued into Thursday's 'All in the Name' session, where the children created fabulous personalised crafts and played board games, while the adults enjoyed a catch up. Everyone enjoyed the tasty refreshments on offer. During Cafe Church on Sunday, we explored the comforting truth of being known, loved, adopted, and welcomed into God's family.

We have been delighted by the fantastic turnout for our youth and family ministry this summer: we welcomed over 30 children and young people (along with their 'grown ups') to our midweek activities and over 15 children and young people and their families joined us at one or more Cafe Church.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time this month, with a special mention to those who have worked behind the scenes to support these events and those who have donated towards the costs.



And finally, if you haven't read the book 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe', we'd highly recommend doing so!

And just like that, another summer is coming to an end!

We hope you've enjoyed reading about all the wonderful activities, adventures, fun and friendships that have taken place across our circuit over the summer. A huge thank you once again to everyone who helped make it all possible and to all the children and families who joined us along the way.

For now, we hope you all enjoy these last few days of the summer holidays. Make the most of the sunshine, have some fun, enjoy a few lie-ins and squeeze in those last little summer adventures before the school bags and uniforms come back out! 🎒

To all the children we've had the pleasure of spending time with over the summer, we wish you a very happy start to the new school year. Whether you're starting a brand-new school, moving up to a new year group or simply heading back to familiar faces, we hope your first days are filled with excitement, smiles and lots of lovely new memories.

💛 Good luck, have fun and remember, you've got this! 💛