CIRCUIT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The **Methodist** Church
North Liverpool and South Sefton Circuit
Issue 22: Friday 23rd October 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES 25th October

Birchdale Road– 11am – Own Arrangement
Fazakerley– 10:45am – Alan Lewis
Kensington– 11am – Viv Marriott
Linacre Mission– 11am – Rev Garfield
Moor Lane– 10:30am – Rev Jobson
Old Roan– 11am – Own Arrangement
West Derby– 10:15am – Linda Dalton – All Age Worship



SUNDAY SERVICES 1st November

Birchdale Road – 11am – Alan Lewis
Fazakerley– 10:45am – Rev Edwards
Kensington– 11am – Rev Whitehall – Holy Communion
Linacre Mission– 11am – Carol Shanks
Moor Lane– 10:30am – Linda Dalton
Old Roan– 11am– Rev Ainger
West Derby– 10:15am– Roger Lewis



A PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT of a new District Chair

The Chairs Nominations Committee have met and prepared the paperwork needed for a new District Chair to be appointed from September 2027. Please keep all involved in your prayers at this time as we get ready to submit the advertisement for this role.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the North West England District, its mission and ministry since its beginning, and the people called Methodists. We give thanks for the wealth of volunteers and staff whose dedication sustains our work, recognising that every single person matters and plays a vital part in who we are.

Guide us as we appoint a new District Chair to serve your people. Give wisdom and discernment to all who share in this decision, and help us to listen for your voice with open hearts.

We pray for the person you are preparing: strengthen them in faith, fill them with compassion and courage, and equip them to speak your word, care for your people and lead with humility and grace.

As a District may this appointment bring hope, unity and renewed vision to our churches and communities. Amen.

COMMUNITY Prize Bingo

Linacre Mission
Friday 23rd October 2026 **TODAY!**

Doors open at 6:30pm, Eyes down 7:00pm

6 games for £3.00 with
optional raffle 50p per strip
and optional refreshments 50p

We hope you can join us





SEFTON Baby Baskets

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our recent Sefton Baby Basket Appeal.

Displayed at the front of Old Roan was a wonderful array of items including baby clothes, toiletries for both mum and baby and beautiful hand knitted items.

Thank you also to those who gave monetary gifts. It was good to have Gill from Sefton Baby Baskets with us on Sunday and to hear first hand about the valuable work they do in the local community to support those in need.

Thank you again for your generous support. Please continue to pray for this valuable work.

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).

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 4th November, 9pm.

The newsletter is published every two weeks, so the next edition will be sent on Friday 6th November 2026.
admin@nlssmc.org.uk



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AUTUMN FUN

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 11:00 AM

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street, L4 3RJ

CRAFTS, GAMES & LUNCH

For further details please send a private message or contact Alison on 07393011140

a Spooktacular morning

stories, grafts, games, lunch and plenty of treats!

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER at 11:00 AM

COUNTY METHODIST HUB
Harlech Street, L4 3RJ

For further details please send a private message or contact Alison on 07393011140



Saturday 31st October
The Cornerstone Centre, Eaton Road Nth, L12 7JN
families are welcome to
drop in between 1:30pm - 3:30pm
For more details please contact Alison on 07393011140

Methodist Women in Britain
for women, for justice, for Christ

Save the Date

Our Liverpool+ District MWiB Autumn Gathering
will be on Friday 6th November 2026
at West Kirby Methodist Church
(Almost opposite West Kirby Merseyrail Train Station)
11.15am - 3pm

Refreshments served beforehand,
Please bring a packed lunch.
Speaker: Rev Sheila Prest

Rooted in fellowship

Tuesday 10th November '26
1pm - 3pm
Theme: Remembrance

West Derby Methodist Church Parlour
locatated at the side of the church, Crosby Green, L12 7JZ
All are welcome at our monthly gatherings.
'Rooted in fellowship, growing new and old friendships'

suggested donation £1.50 with monies raised supporting MWIB
for further information, please contact Alison on 07393 011140

Supper with Santa

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 27th November

Fazakerley Methodist Church

6pm til 8pm

More details to follow



Click Here For More Upcoming Events around the Circuit

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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Message from Revd Darren

Dear friends,

The 21st of October marks the anniversary of the Aberfan disaster, when a colliery tip collapsed into the Welsh village, claiming 144 lives, including 116 children. The devastation was unimaginable, and the grief continued through the years and decades that followed.

I've written a reflection, accompanied by music, that captures something of that terrible event, but also reminds us of just how important it is to care. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/y3mMVpiWj-8

Care isn't just about responding when awful events like Aberfan happen. We know there are terrible events continuing across our world, as we think of Ukraine, Gaza and so many other places. But suffering is also present in our own country and our own communities. Wherever we look, we see loneliness, sadness and grief.

These feelings aren't always visible or obvious, which makes it all the more important to look out for one another: to notice when someone is feeling low, troubled or upset, to look beyond the masks we sometimes wear and see the real person underneath.
Often, the greatest gift we can offer is simply to listen, to stand alongside someone, or to let them know they are not alone.

This is what we are called to do as people of faith: to bring God's compassion and comfort into the lives of those around us, not only in times of sorrow, but also in the ordinary, everyday struggles we all face. And this is something we can live out in our life together as a Circuit, looking out for one another, not only within our own churches and congregations, but across our churches too. We may not always know what someone else is facing, or see the struggles they carry, but a little thoughtfulness, a word of encouragement or a willingness to reach out can make such a difference.

Those small acts of kindness, our willingness to be present and our readiness to encourage can make all the difference. No one should have to face suffering alone. We have both a responsibility and a privilege to be there for one another, even in our darkest moments, so that through us, a small light of hope can shine.

Take care,
Darren





Happiness

H – Hold on to the moments that make you smile,
A – Appreciate the little things that make life worthwhile.
P – Pass on some kindness wherever you go,
P – Put a little sunshine into someone's day, you know!
I – Invite others to laugh and have fun,
N – Notice the beauty in rain and in sun.
E – Enjoy every blessing, both big and small,
S – Share love and laughter with one and with all.
S – Spread joy and light wherever you roam,
And fill every heart with happiness to take home!



A Prayer For The Season

Help us to enjoy the celebrations, connect with our neighbours and find opportunities to share a little light and love along the way. May our churches be places of warmth, welcome and community, and may we remember that we can reflect your light wherever we are, even on the darkest evenings!
Bless all those celebrating, keep everyone safe, and help us to enjoy this season with open hearts and a little bit of fun. Amen.

DISTRICT Weekly News

NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

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