



# North West England District Weekly News

13th January 2026

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Welcome to the latest edition of our weekly newsletter!

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## District News

### Stationing Briefing Information 2026-2027

The District Stationing Briefings are for circuits and ministers who may be involved in a reinvitation process, contemplating a move, or looking for a new minister. They are designed for circuit stewards, superintendents and other members of Circuit Invitation Committees, and for ministers and their partners, who are involved in Stationing Matching in the next cycle, beginning in May 2026 and leading to appointments that may be extended, or which will begin in September 2027. For more information, including the dates, times and venues of upcoming briefings,

[Stationing Briefings](#)

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### District Online Worship

Thank you to everyone that attended our Online Worship on Sunday 11th January.

If you were unable to attend, the recording of the sermon is now available to view on our YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to view.

## Bible Month Training Day

Bible Month Training day is approaching.

This year, Bible Month invites churches and small groups to dive into one of the most joyful and encouraging letters in the New Testament: Philippians.

Written by Paul from prison, this short epistle overflows with warmth, hope, and practical wisdom for living a Christ-shaped life.



To supplement all the resources developed by the Connexional Team and external contributors, we're hosting a live-streamed training day, live from Cliff College, 14th March 10am-3pm.

**How to join in?** It's very simple. You can watch the live-stream at home, or with others in your church or Circuit by registering [here](#).

## Events

### Relationships with building users: share your thoughts

Do you have lots of building users but are unsure how to build relationships with them?

Do you have good relationships but don't know how to create faith-sharing opportunities?

Thousands of people unaffiliated with church and faith spend time in Methodist buildings every week, and there is an increasing appetite for churches to build welcoming, authentic, and ultimately faith-sharing relationships with the groups that use their premises.

We'd love to hear your experiences, challenges, and hopes to help us shape some future resourcing in this area of mission. Join us online for an open discussion around:

Please register for the time that suits you best - there is a daytime and an evening option.

[Register here.](#)

# Greater Manchester Plus

## Peake Trust Lecture 2026

The Peake Lecture will take place  
Saturday 21st March 2026 at Nazarene  
Theological College, Dene Rd,  
Manchester, M20 2GU. 9.30am to  
4pm.

### **'From Miriam to the Magdalene: Women Witnesses in the Bible and Beyond'**

Lecture by Dr Siobhán Jolley and Dr  
Samual Hildebrandt. For further details  
and to book [click here](#).

To download the flyer, [click here](#).



**Peake  
Lecture  
2026**

*All are welcome to attend this year's  
Peake Lecture:*

**'From Miriam to the Magdalene: Women  
Witnesses in the Bible and Beyond'**

*Presented by Dr Siobhán Jolley, Lecturer in Christian  
Studies and Dr Samuel Hildebrandt, Senior Lecturer in  
Biblical Studies*

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am to  
4.00pm**

Nazarene Theological College, Dene Rd,  
Manchester, M20 2GU

Scan QR code to book!



## Methodist Women in Britain - Update

The Bolton, Bury, Farnworth, Leigh and Wigan circuits are preparing this years first  
'area' spring gathering which will be an evening event – 'Pastie and Praise' on **Friday  
February 27th** at 7:30pm at Harwood Methodist Church in Bolton.

ALL are welcome for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening of fun, faith,  
fellowship and food !

[Click here](#) to view information on the Methodist Women in Britain conference in  
Swanwick on April 10th - 12th. Bookings are now open.

[Click here](#) to download the Methodist Women in Britain winter newsletter.

## Englesea Brook Book Club

The subject of our next Book Club on 22nd January will be Johanna Bell's "The Bobby  
Girls" about the first ever female police officers at the outbreak of the First World War.

"1914. While their men fight in France, at home in Britain women are finally seizing the opportunity to make a difference . . .

Maggie and her new friends Annie, Irene and Sarah come from very different backgrounds, but they've got one thing in common: they've all signed up for the Women Police Volunteers. They can't wait to show the men just what they're made of. But soon, Maggie realises she's in over her head. Hiding her involvement with the WPV from her tyrannous father is becoming ever more difficult, and when she bumps into an old acquaintance with a big chip on his shoulder, the dangers of her new life become all too clear . . ."

You can get it from Amazon but online secondhand bookstores such as World of Books and Abebooks will very likely also have copies.

Join us in person or online viz Zoom from 3 - 4.30pm on 22nd January and let's see what we think. <https://tinyurl.com/2dylk4cs> Meeting ID: 991 7772 3755 Passcode: 881699

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## Englesea Brook Heritage Talk

"Join us via Zoom on Saturday 17th January at 11am GMT for our first Heritage Talk of 2026. "Methodist Love Feasts" will be presented by long-time friend of Englesea Brook, John Anderson.

In 1760 John Wesley defined the love feast in his journal as follows: 'The very design of a love feast is a free and familiar conversation, in which every man, yea, and woman, has liberty to speak whatever may be to the glory of God.' Join us as we explore what love feasts are, how they originated and what is their place in Methodist worship.

This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

<https://zoom.us/j/95926113135?pwd=RraJW6PaF7GTaiOqOstkzVs3yzcxiU.1>

Meeting ID: 959 2611 3135 Passcode: 346815"

## Good News Stories

### United Stockport Circuit - Year of Prayer

The United Stockport Circuit have launched a year of prayer for the circuit (praying for each church a month at a time) and started it with prayer stations from each church

being displayed at Heaton Moor United Church throughout the day, with individual churches on a rota to host and hour at a time, serving drinks and welcoming people.



## Training

### **Forthcoming Foundation Module Safeguarding Sessions – Greater Manchester Plus Mission Area**

A number of Foundation Module training sessions have been organised by Circuits in Greater Manchester, with dates across January, February, March and April and a mix of in person and online sessions taking place. Please [click here](#) to see further details.

## Vacancies

### **Internal**

Vacancies can be viewed on the District website [here](#).

### **External**

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