North Lancashire METHODIST CIRCUIT

Circuit Priorities 2026/27

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

We are the Methodist people of God in North Lancashire responding to God's loving challenge as we promise to:

- Energise discipleship
- Enable leadership
- Encourage risk
- Employ buildings
- Embrace technology
- Enrich communities
- Engage all

PRIORITIES for September 2026-2027

In the year ahead we aim to:

Worship

Encourage churches to think about occasional services at different times to reduce the pressure on preacher numbers on Sunday mornings.
Encourage assessment of current IT facilities at all churches and support upgrades where necessary

Training

Tech – help churches with Zooming-in services
Tech – improve the competence of tech operators
Further Worship Leader training, new WLs and refreshers
Further training for those leading Local Arrangements
Training of Local Preachers (and others) in leading hybrid services

Collaboration

Encourage contact and co-operation between neighbouring churches

Ministers

Consider alternate ways of leading Church Councils

Mission

Investigate opportunities for lay workers
Encourage churches in their specific mission enterprises

Property

Progress the sales of Arkholme, Caton, Emmetts and Hollins Lane buildings
Progress the sale of the Carnforth manse
Keep the rental of Brookhouse and Lancaster New Quay Road manses under review

Environment

Support churches in looking at ways to reduce energy use, improve energy efficiency and make more sustainable use of our buildings and resources.