



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

October 2017

Hi All,

23Without wavering let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. 25And let us not neglect our meeting together as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.
Hebrews 10 (New Living Translation 1996)

These are the words with which we opened our latest Circuit Meeting. Technically this is a poor translation which was amended when the 2004 edition was published. So I hang on to my falling apart & too small to read without glasses copy because I cherish this idea of 'outbursts of love'. To act in outbursts implies something which cannot be held in or suppressed, an outburst is compulsive.

Whilst we have been here Kim and I have been overwhelmed by a real sense of blessing, much more so than we could have anticipated or hoped. We really love being here and the treatment Kim is receiving through Dewsbury and Pinderfields make the chemotherapy and post operative care she needs almost a joy (the only thing that could be better would be if she didn't need either).

For me in particular I have been touched by how positive and encouraging people have been as I am starting to get into life in the circuit.

Years ago some of you might remember a TV advert for Tetley Bitter. The customer considers his pint after taking his first sip and declares "It'll do". The tag line says "If a Yorkshireman says 'it'll do'; you know there's nowt better." That sort of dour understatement is part of how I remember growing up in Rotherham.

If the encouragement that I have received so far is a representation of how we are as people to one another; then my prayer is like the writer of Hebrews one that we should not waver and encourage one another all the more. If that encouragement provokes yet more outbursts or love and good deeds then the kingdom can only prosper in the communities in which we are called to serve.

I have only met one negative voice which said "it used to be nice round here". Well I believe it still is and can only get better as we seek to share God's blessing.

Tek care



Nigel Rodgers

The November edition of Connect will be in churches on Sunday 5th November. Please send items for inclusion to the Resource Centre **by Friday 27th October, 10am. Staff days off:**
 Monday - Andrew Halstead; Thursday - Alison Crookes; Saturday - Paul Martin, Ray Borrett.

The Friends Café at Tingley Methodist Church - *Good company, good food, good fun*

The Friends Café is a joint venture between Tingley Methodist Church and the 12th Leeds Boys' Brigade Company. The monthly café is open to everyone although we decided to run it to give older people and people living with dementia and their carers a chance to have lunch, to relax and to meet and talk with other people. Food and drinks are provided free of charge at the Friends Cafe. However, if you feel able, we will be more than happy to accept a donation. All are welcome, please come and join us at our next café on Saturday 7th October 2017. 1pm - 3pm.
Future dates: 4th November, 2nd December

Wednesday evening walks at 7pm to explore local footpaths from West Ardsley church or East Ardsley. Details from Eric (ericbedford@eastardsley.net)

Drighlington Methodist Church are holding their Autumn Fair on Saturday 28th October from 11.00 to 2.00 pm. There will be various stalls and refreshments will include bacon sarnies.

All will be made very welcome.

Events at Birstall Methodist Church – all welcome

- **Community Coffee Morning:** Thursdays 9.30-11am
- **Cell Church group:** Meets on Monday evenings 7.30-9pm. Contact Pat Martin.

Events at Batley Central Methodist Church

- **CHRISTIAN COFFEE BREAK** Weds. 18th October 10.30am, Coffee served from 10am, light lunch available afterwards. Speaker: Rev. Nigel Rodgers. All welcome. Next meeting: Wednesday 8th November, speaker: Mrs. Pauline Wood
- **Friday Coffee Morning** 9.30am-11.30am All welcome!
- **Fellowship Lunch:** 2nd Sunday of each month. £4 adults £2 children for a two-course meal. Phone Bev on 07733150203 to book a place.

Tingley: 7th October, 7pm Film Night – The Sound of Music. Refreshments provided. Free entry, donations to Circuit charity (Happy Days) welcomed.

Drighlington Methodist Church: Tuesday Oct 31st 7.30pm (coffee from 7.00): PETS FOR THERAPY - A talk by Sue Yager about the work of Pet Dogs in Hospitals, Nursing homes, schools, Libraries etc. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 9th November: **Dementia Friends Session** Come along to this one hour information session to learn a little more about what it is like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action! Contact Trevor Martin 01132854165 for more information on either event or to book a place.

Saturday 4th November at **Cleckheaton**, 3.00pm. **'From Pharaoh to Freedom'**. A lively musical by Roger Jones telling the story of Passover and the link with Jesus' Last Supper. Tea will be served after the performance. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection for any donations towards expenses.

At the Circuit Resource Centre . . .

Our contact details:
 The Circuit Resource Centre,
 Batley Methodist Church
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 Batley WF17 5DS
 01924 442535
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Our opening hours:
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am – 1pm
 Thursday 9am – 3pm, Friday 9am – 1pm

An opportunity: Do you have a church 'library'? Would you like to? The Resource Centre currently has more books than shelves, so we intend to set up some 'loan boxes', a box of 20 – 30 books for churches to borrow for 6 months at a time. Interested? Please contact the Resource Centre as soon as possible. *We are currently working to update our 'group email' lists – if you are on email, you may well have already received one (or more!) emails about this. The lists include Senior Stewards/ church contacts, Church treasurers, Safeguarding contacts, Local Preachers, Retired Local Preachers, Circuit Prayer network, District Newsletter, Junior Church contacts, property matters, Property stewards, Worship leaders, Circuit Meeting.* *If you are on email, and believe you should be on one of these lists but have not already been contacted, please send an email to the Resource Centre so that I can add you. Thank you for your help and patience!*

St. Andrew's (Liversedge) FILM NIGHT: Friday 6th October @7pm - Denial - Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah E. Lipstadt must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving, a renowned denier, sues her for libel.
Friday 3rd November @7pm - Their Finest. A former secretary, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them. *A mixture of comedy, drama, tears and laughter, as we pass the £4,500 mark raised for good causes. We look forward to seeing you!*

Events at West Ardsley

- Alpha Course: An Alpha Course using the new high definition film format will run on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7-00pm with a meal from 19th September to 12th December 2017. If you would like to join us call Douglas on 01132533999, 01751431113 or 07854369693 or Stephen on 01924 477534.
- Musical Evening 14th October, tickets £5, accompanied children free
- Messy church for young children & carers from 4 to 6 pm (doors open c.3.30pm) for *crafts*, song and afternoon tea, Thursday 12th Oct.



Every 2nd Friday of the Month 1.30pm – 3.30pm
 For people living with Dementia but all are welcome! Details from Trevor Martin, 01132854165 trevorjmartin@yahoo.com
 At Drighlington Methodist Church, King Street BD11 1EH

Church events . . .

October	Time	Event	Location
4 th	11.45am	Soup Lunch	Trinity
4 th	3.30 – 5pm	Messy Church	Hanging Heaton
6 th	7pm	Beetle Drive	Hanging Heaton
7 th	1-3pm	Friends Café	Tingley
7 th	7pm	Film Night- The Sound of Music	Tingley
7 th	7.30pm	Concert by the Vision Singers for Christian Aid £5	St. Andrew's Cof E, Morley
12 th	4-6pm	Messy Church (doors open c.3.30pm)	West Ardsley
14 th	10am-12	Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy – in aid of the wall repair (entry £1)	Hanging Heaton
14 th	10am-12	Coffee Morning	West Ardsley
14 th		Musical Evening. Tickets £5	West Ardsley
18 th	11.45am	Soup Lunch	Trinity
28 th	11am-2pm	Autumn Fair stalls and refreshments.	Drighlington
28 th	7.30pm	Dewsbury Concert Society perform as part of Men's Weekend (£5)	Gildersome
November			
1 st	11.45am	Soup Lunch	Trinity
4 th	10am – 12	Coffee morning in aid of MHA	Thornhill
4 th	12 – 2.30pm	Autumn Sale, various stalls & light lunches	Newlands
7 th	3.30 – 5pm	Messy Church	Hanging Heaton
9 th	4-6pm	Messy Church (doors open c.3.30pm)	West Ardsley
11 th	10am-12	Coffee Morning	West Ardsley
12 th	12.30pm	Fellowship Lunch £4 for 2 course meal.	Batley
15 th	11.45am	Soup Lunch	Trinity
18 th		Choir Concert	St. Andrew's (M)
25 th	10am – 3pm	Christmas Fayre	Batley

Circuit & District events...

Thursday 19th October Safeguarding Refresher Course at Longcausway. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Please book your places through the Circuit Resource Centre.

The next 'oneword' event is on **Saturday 7th October 2017** at Central Methodist Church, Batley, WF17 5DS at 7:30pm where the theme will be **'Measure'**. Oneword is an open worship event for all ages. There is a live band, interactive worship that you can be as much or as little involved in as you wish and a great sense of fellowship. It would be great if you could encourage anyone who enjoys a more modern style of worship to join us. If you require any further details about this event then please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team or email joanne@oneword.org.uk or you can also find us on our facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!

St Andrew's (Liversedge) has a café on Mondays from 10am to 2pm (not open on Bank Holidays) using food donated from local supermarkets which would have been going to landfill. If you would like to get involved in "The real junk food project" at our **"Waste Not Want Not"** café please come along or get in touch with Caroline Holt at standrewsmeths@gmail.com.