



## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit May 2018

Dear friends,

Zeitgeist is the word used to capture the spirit of the age, the mood and movement of ideas and events that define a period. It is also an unusual and dramatic word.

Sometimes when writing pieces for publications like this being 'in the moment' means running the risk of not knowing how things will be a few days later when a letter is read; let alone how history will reflect on things.

When President Trump was elected some experts were predicting he would last 18 months. So, for those of us who were to say the least surprised by his election, then there must be even more surprise now that he could be the catalyst that has enabled two Korean leaders to plant a tree together in hope using soil from each part of the divided peninsula. Surprising to say the least, but that has happened on the morning I write this.

In the story of the Babylonian exile the Jewish people were delivered by a messiah (Isaiah 45:1); Cyrus the great. He was the foreign oppressor, the non-believer who worshipped other gods who was to be God's anointed one, his holy implement to deliver them from captivity.

At a meeting in the last few days outside Methodism, a group of churches were thinking about how they might move forward in the challenges that face them. In one moment a woman spoke convincingly of how when young people are either idly swiping a screen, or doing something more purposeful, the standard of presentation of what they are offered is so high compared to what they might experience in church. Our conversation then switched to thinking that the motivation for coming together may not be just because each individual church was struggling but more positively that combined they might just produce one good thing, one wonderful thing that would praise and glorify God and draw others to him.

It is yet to be seen what God will do through his strange and unexpected implements as the geopolitical map changes. It is yet to be seen how a group of struggling churches may catch a vision to be something new and vibrant to glorify God and to make new disciples.

It is yet to be seen how through unexpected and maybe unwelcome voices we as circuit and churches might combine our soils to plant and nurture new growth.

When God speaks are we listening? How much were the voices of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos and Micah et al heard let alone the voices of Cyrus and Trump? We need to hear the voices that disturb our comfort and complacency in order to capture if not the zeitgeist but God's Kairos moment; the moment when the Spirit is moving; and moving us. Let me know if you hear.

Tek Care

Nigel Rodgers



Fancy a film? How about one of these –  
**First Friday Film Night St. Andrews Liversedge:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Paddington 2.** Paddington is accused of theft and the Brown family work to prove his innocence. Not just for children – a feel-good movie for all.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – The Greatest Showman.**

A musical celebrating the birth of show- business and based on the imagination of P.T. Barnum.

*All films start at 7pm with free admission. Popcorn, ice creams etc as usual, with a donation towards refreshments if you are able. We look forward to seeing you*

**Thornhill: Family Film Morning Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 10.30am, showing Shaun The Sheep.** All welcome, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free admission, donations towards refreshments would be appreciated.

**Knit and Stitch:** Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 2pm.

**Tingley Methodist Church - The Friends Café -Good company, good food, good fun** 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 **May Day Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10am-3pm Craft Fair.** Refreshments all day, bacon sandwiches am, lunch from 12, various stalls, entry 50p.

**Batley Central Methodist Church**

**The Christian Coffee Break:** each month up to November 2018, at 10.30am, with coffee from 10.10am and a light lunch available afterwards **Friday Coffee Morning** 9.30am-11.30am All welcome! **Fellowship Lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 12.30pm £4 adults £2 children for a two-course meal. Phone Bev on 07733150203 to book a place.

**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. **Baby Coffee and Play:** Coffee morning for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and their babies/toddlers, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 ,9.30-11.30am, for more info contact Julie 01924-442324.

**MWiB Coffee Morning Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10-11.30am. Trinity Methodist Church Community Rooms,** Trinity St. Mirfield. Coffee, cakes and conversation, raffle. Donations to Methodist Women in Britain.

The June edition of Connect will be in churches on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. To allow for Bank Holidays and staff leave, please note changed arrangements:  
**Connect deadline 10am, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May available from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**At the Circuit Resource Centre....**

**Our contact details:**

The Circuit Resource Centre,  
Batley Methodist Church  
Commercial Street  
Batley WF17 5DS  
01924 442535

email address: admin@nkandmcircuit.org.uk

**Our opening hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am – 1pm  
Thursday 9am – 3pm, Friday 9am – 1pm

**PLEASE NOTE: We will be CLOSED on Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday), Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday), Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

**Own Arrangement Services** – there are lots of useful resources online at

[www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/information-resources](http://www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/information-resources) . If you do not have internet access, you are very welcome to pop into the Resource Centre to see if there is something that would be suitable for you.

**West Ardsley**

**10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June: Messy church** for young children & carers from 4 to 6 pm (doors open 3.30pm) for crafts, song and afternoon tea.

**Prayer Breakfast** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 8am. Next one is on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8am. All welcome.

**Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning** 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10am-12, after Prayer meeting at 8am.

Evening rambles on local footpaths every Wednesday from 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Meet at West Ardsley church 7pm

**Christian Aid Sponsored Walk** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 10.30am. Organised by Morley & District- details from Hazel Rennison 01132535107

**Drighlington Methodist Church:**

**Coffee Pot** - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Please note the new opening times for the Coffee Pot: Monday & Thursday: 10 am to 11.30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 am to 11.30 pm

**Charity Coffee Evening** Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm.

“Christian response to debt and poverty”- an opportunity to learn more about two charities, one which operates in the UK and one that operates abroad. “Christian Aid” and “Christians Against Poverty”. A video presentation on the work of Christian Aid and Speaker, Cath Tomlinson, Christians Against Poverty. All proceeds will be shared between the two charities.

**Food Safety course** in 2 sessions, on Thursdays 21st June and 28th June at 6.30 pm. The course is being provided by a professional trainer and will enable participants to gain their certificates for Food Safety. Anyone who handles food is welcome to attend. The cost per person is £12. There are places available and so, if you are interested, please contact Trevor Martin on 0113 2854165 or e-mail trevorjmartin@yahoo.com.

**Westborough Methodist Church Quiet Day**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 10-12,** A time of reflection and prayer in a quiet, peaceful atmosphere



## Church events.

**May**

2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3.15pm	Messy Church	Hanging Heaton
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 11.45-12.45	Soup Lunch	Trinity
4 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-11.30	Baby Coffee and Play	Birstall
4 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-12	Face 2 Faith Drop-in	Morley
4 <sup>th</sup> , 10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Morley
5 <sup>th</sup> , 10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Morley
6 <sup>th</sup> , 3pm	Messy Church	Morley
10 <sup>th</sup> , 3.30pm	Messy Church	West Ardsley
11 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-12	Face 2 Faith Drop-in	Morley
11 <sup>th</sup> , 10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Morley
12 <sup>th</sup> , 8am	Prayer Breakfast	West Ardsley
12 <sup>th</sup> , 10-12	Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning	West Ardsley
12 <sup>th</sup> , 10.30am	Christian Aid Walk	West Ardsley
16 <sup>th</sup> , 11.45-12.45	Soup Lunch	Trinity
18 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-11.30	Baby Coffee and Play	Birstall
18 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-12	Face 2 Faith Drop-in	Morley
18 <sup>th</sup> , 10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Morley
25 <sup>th</sup> , 9.30-12	Face 2 Faith Drop-in	Morley
25 <sup>th</sup> , 10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Morley

## Circuit & District events...

**May**

**20<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm Pentecost Party – John Charles Centre for Sport, Hunslett, Leeds – free admission, but tickets MUST be booked – see poster for more information.**

**Thy kingdom Come**

By now you will have all heard the great news that the Yorkshire West Methodist District is bringing its Pentecost Party to the John Charles Stadium in Leeds on May 20<sup>th</sup>!

Our aim is to fill the stadium with 2500 praying, partying, praising pilgrims. To accomplish this, in a safe, relaxed, friendly atmosphere we need 70 stewards to help host this event. It is anticipated that they would be required at the stadium from mid-day to approximately 6.30pm. If anyone would like to offer their services or need more details, please contact Trevor Martin, 011 285 4165, trevorjmartin@yahoo.com

**ACTS 435**

The Cleckheaton Acts 435 team, through a link with the national Christian charity Acts 435, offers financial help to people in the area who are struggling to make ends meet.

If you know, or come into contact with, anyone who is struggling to make ends meet, or are unable to afford items of basic necessity, please let us know. Email acts435@cleckheatonmethodistchurch.org.uk or call our special helpline on 07428 500620

**Drighlington Dementia Friends Information Session, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 8pm,** as part of Dementia Action Week. Why not come along and learn what it's like to live with Dementia and turn that understanding into action! Contact Trevor Martin for details: 01132854165 trevorjmartin@yahoo.com

**Staff days off:** Monday – Nigel Rodgers, Imran Malik, Andrew Halstead;  
Thursday – Alison Crookes;  
Saturday - Paul Martin, Ray Borrett.