

## Circuit Events and more

16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 AWE service, 6pm at West Ardsley

**SAFEGUARDING:** You need to 'refresh' your foundation training every 4 years (unless you have done the Advanced Module). We're starting to arrange face to face sessions – some, *marked \**, are aimed at particular churches who have a larger number of people needing to do the training. Any 'spare' places on such sessions will be available to people from other churches, but this may be quite last minute. Please speak with your church safeguarding officer, or with Judith Crowther via Circuit Resource Centre, if you have any questions. Booking is essential.

### Upcoming sessions:

7<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Trinity (Mirfield)

\*11<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm at Batley

\*18<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Morley

\*15<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Longcauseway

Plus another session, which will be open to all, date and location to be arranged.

*If you are attending a session:*

*Please bring your own drink & pen. Don't attend if you are unwell or have any symptoms of Coronavirus*

**ALSO** – save the date – the 2022 Safeguarding Conference will be on Zoom, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February. See below (and the poster) for more information.



**Request from Paul Pratt:** Does anyone have access to a van to transport a table tennis table from Newlands to Tingley? If you are able to help, please contact Paul Pratt: [drpaulpratt@gmail.com](mailto:drpaulpratt@gmail.com) (preferred) or 07981562793

**Mirfield Choral Society** have to move their music store from their current location in Gomersal as soon as possible. We are looking for a space about the size of a double bedroom which is dry and accessible. All the music is stored in plastic boxes. Is there a church in the circuit which has a spare room or a hardly used balcony? Please contact Sally Speight (Hon Secretary) : [mirfieldchoral@gmail.com](mailto:mirfieldchoral@gmail.com) or Telephone 01924494708

### Staff days off:

*Monday* – Nigel Rodgers, Nick Cutts, Marian Olsen, Al Henry

*Wednesday* – Alex Yesudas



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## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

Dear Friends,

The last time I wrote a piece for Connect was February 2020.

At the time of writing 5 years ago I was awaiting a call to tell me of the potential match from the second round of the Stationing Matching Group (SMG2). In the first round I have been matched with something totally unexpected and unsuitable. North Kirklees and Morley failed to get a match for a new superintendent. Five years ago I received a call from Margaret Newton and the visit took place that made the potential match stick.

So much has changed since February 2020 and 5 years ago and yet so much is the same. The threat of a new Covid virus that is proving difficult to place or trace is casting a shadow over our lives. Both the circuit and I are awaiting the phone call that will hopefully produce a suitable match. I will get a name. The outcome for the circuit is less certain.

Christmas is coming. It happens on the same date every year and yet things change year on year as families and communities of friends welcome new arrivals and acknowledge that some have already left. As well as festive celebrations Christmas and New Year can be a time for taking stock; reflecting on what has been, what is no longer and what might have been ... if only... [5 years ago at New Year was the last time I hugged my dad]

The celebration of Jesus' birth comes as part of the year on year routine. And yet each year is different with comings and goings and the ornaments may look the same but everything else changes. Whatever happens or has happened this year I pray that we will have the opportunity to reflect on things in the light of Jesus entering this world as one of us. May we all know his peace whether we encounter his presence in joy or sorrow.

Joy to the world and peace for those who most need Him.

*Nigel*

**Batley Central: "Journey of the Magi"** will be held at Batley Central on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This is a sparkling production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. It is a family show: accessible to all, fun for the younger ones, and thought provoking for the adults. A wonderful start to the Christmas season, it is performed by 4 professional dancers, and we encourage those unaccustomed to dance to come along. Admission is by free ticket available from the Resource Centre.

**Dewsbury Concert Society** invite you to 'Music for Christmas', including carols for all on Friday 10 December 2021 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each or pay at the door. More info - Keith Webster 01924 443196 or [keithkw@sky.com](mailto:keithkw@sky.com)

**Birstall: Coffee morning:** Thursdays, 9.30-11am. Table service, please wear masks when not seated. **Baby and toddler sessions**, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9.30-11.30am for ages birth to 3 years and their carers. No charge, refreshments provided. Numbers may be limited due to Covid precautions.

**Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Friday Mornings** 10am to midday Tea and Coffee is served. A warm welcome awaits you.

**Cleckheaton: Friday Coffee Mornings:** We will be restarting Friday Coffee from 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10 am to 11.30 am. From then we will have a coffee morning every Friday.

**Gomersal: Coffee morning** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 10-11.30am

**Hanging Heaton: Coffee Morning**, first Saturday in the month in the Primary building on Kirkgate, 10 am - 12 noon. Traidcraft, book stall, previously loved toys, beauty/scented goods available currently.

**Trinity Mirfield: Soup lunches** first and third Wednesdays 11:45am to 12:45 pm. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Coffee Mornings** resume on Fridays, 10-11.30am from 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Trinity Methodist Church Hall:** Grief and Loss social afternoon, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm. Refreshment, supportive discussion and mindful activities. Light a candle of remembrance. Remembrance Prayer Tree, opportunity to chat with others with similar experiences. Children welcome, mindful colouring books, biscuit decorating, goody bags to take away. No ticket required.

**Morley:** Morley is celebrating 160 years since the opening of their building. A booklet containing a history of the church has been produced, and is available from Ian Scholes (07942349336), £4 – profits to church funds.

#### At the Circuit Resource Centre....

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*Although we're not doing orders for Traidcraft Christmas Cards this year, we do have a few packs from previous years available to buy. Pop in and have a look!*

##### Our opening hours:

Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm

**Over Christmas:** We will close at 1pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, and reopen at 9am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Coronavirus guidance:** information from the Methodist Church can be found at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/> NB – this was published before the latest guidance from Government following the 'Omicron' variant **Update 26 November 2021**

*Following its monthly review of current Government guidance, the Methodist Church does not see a need to change its overall guidance as outlined previously in July and September which remain current. We would remind everyone of the need to assess their local situation and respond accordingly and proportionately. National reports still indicate that there are still high rates of infection, although there are regional differences, so be aware of local conditions and local health authority guidance specific to your community. The government has two key documents which Managing Trustees can use in assessing their local responses – the Autumn and Winter Plan and the guidance on ventilating indoor spaces. The Government has not issued any updated guidance in relation to churches except for its Guidance for Funerals, which reflects current advice on the use of LFD tests to limit transmission. We will undertake a further review in December.*

**How Does Connect work now?  
Deadline for the February 2022 edition:  
10am, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

*Email & printed copies ready on:  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022*

*Please let Resource Centre know if your church would like more or less copies, or if you would like to be added to or removed from the emailing list.*