

Circuit Information, Services and Events



Circuit Service of Thanksgiving for Deacon Al Henry's ministry: Sunday 21st July, 6pm at Longcauseway, followed by refreshments (Preacher: Pastor Adrian Roberts)

Circuit Meetings: Wednesday 17th September, 7,30pm at Tingley and Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Liversedge.

North Kirklees & Morley Circuit July and August 2024

A message from Abi Alex (Rev. Alex Yesudas' son)

'I wish to thank you and the other members of the North Kirklees and Morley Circuit Meeting for sending a letter to appreciate my stationing as a probationer-presbyter in the Tadcaster Circuit. I am glad to hear that Rev Ray Coates was once stationed there, and he has loving memories of the Circuit.

As you are aware, I candidated from North Kirklees and Morley Circuit in 2020-21. I received support in various forms from people within the circuit during this process, and I fondly remember their contributions and thank God for them. As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to extend an invitation to the members of North Kirklees and Morley Circuit to my Circuit welcome service in September. The service is now being planned to be held on 6 September (Friday) at Boston Spa Methodist Church, with tea at 5:30 pm, and service at 7 pm.'

If anyone is planning on going to Abi's service, please let Judith know at Resource Centre by the end of July, so that we can pass on numbers to help with catering arrangements.

Circuit Youth:

6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person please contact Heidi Curry for more details.
Next meetings: 12th May at Cleckheaton, 9th June at West Ardsley and 23rd June at Batley Central.

SAFEGUARDING

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Dates and Deadlines

September deadline: 10am, Thursday 22nd August 2024

Email & printed copies ready by: Tuesday 28th August.
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. Copies can be posted to churches on request – we will need to charge p&p.

Staff days off:

Monday – Nick Cutts, Marian Olsen, Al Henry
Wednesday - Alex Yesudas
Thursday – David Barker

From Rev. Dr Alex Yesudas:

Let's End Poverty

Recently, I saw a Banner in front of one of our churches: "Let's End Poverty in the UK and globally." This is not just a call to action, but a plea for immediate and decisive steps from potential parliamentary candidates to combat the all-consuming concern of poverty in the UK and around the world.

In July- August, we are about to celebrate Rural Mission Sunday and Sea Sunday, and in June, we just remembered Refugee Week and Sanctuary Sunday. These are special occasions where we recognize our mission to the poor.

Poverty is not just a statistic; it's a harsh reality. There are many aspects of economic poverty. The Methodist Church's "Church in the Margins" highlights six of them: Fuel poverty, Food poverty, Housing poverty, Benefit cuts, Rural poverty, and Coastal poverty. These are not just terms but the daily struggles of our fellow human beings. Statistics reveal that 14.3 million people in the UK - one in five – are living below the poverty line, with one in ten classed as 'food insecure'. And globally – according to the UN - more than 700 million people - or 10 per cent of the world's population - live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than £1.49. a day.

It is evident in Scripture that God cares for the poor and wants his followers to care for the poor. Take, for example, Proverbs 14:31: "Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honours him;" and Galatians 2:10: "Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do." Considering God's heart for the poor, Jesus makes an intriguing statement in John 12:8: "The poor you always have with you." Scripture tells us how to act and treat the poor, as Deuteronomy 15:7–8,10, we are told how to take care of the poor; Job 5:15–16 speaks the way God seeks to rescue the poor; Proverbs 19:17 and 22:9, both of which speak to the reward from God for being kind to the poor.

The task of God's people is rooted in Christ's mission. Jesus delighted in spreading the good news among the hurting, the weak, and the poor. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom in word and deed, so the church must do the same. *Continued overleaf...*

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We cannot simply ignore the reality. John Wesley's "Sermon on visiting the sick" states: "One great reason why the rich in general have so little sympathy for the poor is because they so seldom visit them. Hence it is that one part of the world does not know what the other suffers. Many of them do not know, because they do not care to know they keep out of the way of knowing it and then plead their voluntary ignorance as an excuse for their hardness of heart."

Dear friends, the gospel is not just a message; it's a call to action. It's about transformation – a positive, progressive, life-altering change that produces good fruit. The church, as the body of Christ, has a crucial role to play in expediting this change. We are not just observers, but active participants in this mission. Let us be the catalyst for change by loving, advocating for, educating, and sharing with the poor of this world. So, let's not just talk about ending poverty; let's act.

Rev. Dr Alex Yesudas

Details of the Methodist Church Advent and Christmas 2024 campaign, 'Hush the Noise', are now available at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/>

Batley: **Coffee Morning**- Friday 9.30 -11.30am. **Batley Care & Drop in**, Mondays- 10am -12noon.

Birstall: **Baby and Toddler stay and play** : Fridays 5th and 19th July No group in August Back again in September. **Light lunch** : Thursday 11th July, Jacket potato with a variety of fillings followed by home-made cake Suggested donation £4:50. Thursdays 1st August and 5th September, Menu to be announced

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday: 9am **Fresh Art Takeaway** (Second Monday in Month - booking required), 1pm **Art Class**, 6-30pm **Brownies**. Tuesday: 11am **Sit and be Fit** with Prinadi - chair exercises + tea and biscuits afterwards with fun and fellowship, 2pm **Art Class**, 7pm **Pilates Class**. Wednesday: 10am **Fellowship Group** + Refreshments (First in Month), 12pm **Leisure Inclusive Day Care**. Thursday: 12pm **Leisure Inclusive Day Care** (Dementia). Friday: 10am **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning**

Cleckheaton: **Breakfast Drop in**-activities for kids (accompanied by adults) and free breakfast! Thursday 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August, 9am-11am. **Meeting Place** -Fun, Food and Chat Saturday 6th July 11am-2pm.

Trinity Mirfield Soup lunches 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, (no soup lunches in August) 11:45am to 12:45 donation in excess of £3.50 appreciated. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Warm Welcome Café:** Fridays, 10-11.30am

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

The Circuit Resource Centre,
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Commercial Street
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01924 442535, email address:
nkmresources@gmail.com



Resource Centre opening times:

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm,
Thursday 9am – 1.30pm. Closed on Fridays.

Resource Centre will be closed from 1.30pm on Thursday 25th July to 9am on Monday 5th August.

Have you seen the advert for a new CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR (FINANCE & HR)? We are looking for someone to join the team – see poster for more information. Closing date is 12noon on 12th July.

Drighlington: The hall is closed due to the proposed building work. The following activities will take place in the church building: Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday **Coffee Pot** 9.30-11.30am; Wednesday **Girls Brigade** 6.30 - 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training** 10 - 1pm; Thursdays **You're never too old** (YNT0) 1 - 3 pm; Fridays **Memory Cafe** - please check with Trevor Martin for times 07871577891

Gomersal: **Coffee Morning** 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10 - 11.30am

St. Andrew's Liversedge First Friday Film Night: 5th July, 'Lion'; 2nd August 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'; 6th September 'The Miracle Club'. Refreshments will be provided at no cost but a donation to charity would be gratefully appreciated. **Summer Fayre:** Saturday 13th July, 10am – 2pm with café, nearly new, tombola, raffle, cakes and more – see poster for details.

West Ardsley: Tuesday **Chat & Crafts** - Every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm. **Mosaic Café** - Every Wednesday - 11am - 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches & cakes. **Messy Church** - Second Thursday of every month (except August). Doors open at 3:30pm to start promptly at 4pm. A light meal is provided and children must be supervised by an adult. **Food Pantry** - Every Friday, 3 - 4:30pm - Food available for anyone going through financial difficulty. No referral needed. **Coffee Mornings** - last Saturday of every month. **Date for your diary** - Saturday 28th September we will be hosting a 12 hour **Table Tennis Marathon** fundraising event. 9am - 9pm. If you fancy taking part or just sponsoring us please use the email below to get in touch. For details about any events please email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk.

Morley: Craft, Chat & Sing – Saturday 20 July at 11 am. *There will be no Messy Church in July or August.*
Together on Tuesday Group – Tuesday 9 July at 7.30 pm and on 23 July: Meal at The Mermaid Fish Restaurant, Morley. Menu available from Sue Turner to book your meal!! **Lunch Club** – Each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) – At the moment we are full but please contact Lynne on 07792 996805 for names to be put on the waiting list. **Bible Study Group** – **Please note we are back at Morley Central for Bible Class.** Each Thursday at 1 pm, starting at the seats outside Morrisons downstairs café, there will be a prayer walk to Morley Central Methodist Church for Bible Study at 2-3 pm for people of all ages and stages – everyone is welcome. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday – 10-11.30 am. **Grief Café** – 10–12 noon on Saturday 27 July. **Special concert:** Saturday 6 July 2024 at 7.30 pm Presented by the Village Voices Choir: **“Walking On Sunshine”**. You can come and pay at the door: £10 adult. Everyone Welcome.

St. Andrew’s Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings on Friday 5th & 19th July, 10am - 11.30am: join us for a chat and cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group** meets weekly, Friday 9.30am – 11am during term time. All parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school very welcome.

Tingley Saturday 6th July: **Friends Café** 1-2.30pm Come for your lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly get together. *Please note there won’t be a Friends Café in August but we will resume on September 7th.* Monday 8th July and Monday 12th August: **The Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30pm. Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Wednesday 17th July and Wednesday 21st August: **Be Still** 7pm. Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. This will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Saturday 20th July: **Coffee Morning** 10am to 12 noon. Join us for Coffee/Tea and biscuits. There will also be a Raffle and a Cake Stall. Saturday 27th July: **Film Night** 7.30pm. In this special 80th Anniversary Year of D Day, join us to watch the heart warming film, **The Great Escaper 12A** (2023) starring Michael Caine and the great Glenda Jackson in her last role. Free entry but donations towards refreshments and Church Funds will be gratefully received.

Westborough: Mondays – 10am – 12noon, **painting class**; Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm, **craft group**; Wednesdays – 10am, **wellness class** (chat-yoga-drink) 1.30-3.30pm **Drawing class**. **Coffee morning:** July 5th and September 6th, 10.30 till 12, warm friendly space and all are welcome no charge for refreshments. No coffee morning in August due to holidays.

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...some tips from A Rocha

(<https://arocha.org.uk/>)



***Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food.** Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

***Assist local wildlife during very hot weather.** Provide hedgehogs with hedgehog biscuits (available at many pet stores and online) or dog biscuits (small/crumbed) as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes, and ensure a safe exit for them and other small mammals if you have a garden pond. Help garden birds by maintaining a filled bird bath and supplying supplementary food including black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins, currants, mealworms, waxworms, and a nutritious seed mixture, when natural supplies become scarce. More tips can be found at arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlifeinthe-heat/

***Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects.** Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Keep it topped up every day.

***Don’t forget to continue to supply food for wildlife.** Drought can mean grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce increasing reliance on us to help support nature in times of stress.

***Avoid cutting your grass.** Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away. Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating spaces of shade will help reduce your garden’s temperature, slowing the effect of drought.

***Make sure you keep fruit trees well watered with a can not a hose.** Don’t waste water trying to keep the grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals to feed.

Prayer Quilts

Do you know anyone in your church who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Quilt? Nomination forms are available from tingleymc@gmail.com, phone Victoria on 07981557029, or from Resource Centre.

Around the Circuit – good news to share

It's always a pleasure to be able to share good news – please let us know of any that we can share here!

Conference and Ordination services

As you probably know, this year's Methodist Conference is being held in Leeds, and two of the Ordination Services took place in our Circuit at Batley Central and Morley Central, as well as at Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse Central and Wesley Chapel Harrogate. Many thanks are due to all involved in the running of these services, and the streaming of Conference Worship on Sunday morning at Cleckheaton and at Drighlington – it was a very special, busy day!

Conference elected the Revd Helen Cameron to serve as President and Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office on Saturday 29 June 2024. Conference 2025 will be in Telford.



From the Orders of Service for the Presbyteral and Diaconate Ordination Services...

(I have combined the two here – where the words vary, the alternatives are in square brackets)

This is one of the supreme moments in the life of the Church and an act of the Conference. The Conference alone has the authority to ordain on behalf of the whole Methodist Church in Britain. All ordinations therefore take place at the Conference. We are all here as part of the Church, taking part in an act to ordain these people to the [presbyterate/ diaconate] in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We are here because these people have answered a call. It came to them by various means – words from the Bible, words in the mind, words of another person – and took root in their hearts as a call from God. We are here because the Church answered that call from God, testing repeatedly whether it judged the person's sense of call to be well-grounded and supported by the qualities (the 'gifts and graces') needed to fill the office of a [presbyter/ deacon].

Please continue to keep the newly ordained ministers – and all of our ministers – in your prayers.

For more about Conference, see <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2024/>

MEMUSI FOUNDATION

Memusi Foundation is a Yorkshire based charity that supports children in some of the poorest and remotest parts of Kenya, by funding quality education through Memusi schools and running an outreach programme for young people living on the streets of Nairobi.

Members of Drighlington Methodist Church have supported Memusi Foundation for over 10 years through child sponsorship, fundraising and taking part in volunteering trips to Kenya. This summer we are delighted that some of our young people (and their mums) have the chance to take part in a special volunteering trip to Memusi in Southern Kenya. Whilst there, Charlie, Jessie, Gabby, and Sam will work in the schools. They will be running games and craft activities, taking some children on their very first school trip to a local farm, and hosting a free medical camp for the Masai community. They may even see some local wildlife (giraffes, zebras etc.) that roam around the area!

There has already been lots of fundraising to fund the medical camp and raise money for the charity. The volunteering trip is self-funded, as part of the fundraising activity, Donna, Gabby, Sam, Charlie and Jessie are amongst 485 teams who are taking part in Leeds Endure24, which is the UK's biggest 24 hour, 8km relay run, around Bramham park, 29th – 30th June. If you are able to sponsor them, your help is much appreciated. Please take a look at Charlie's JustGiving page for more details:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlie-roper>.

Our Memusi fundraising will continue with an organised charity trek to Nepal in October for those feeling more adventurous! DONNA!! The Annapurna circuit is a 10-day, high altitude trek through some of the most stunning scenery the world has to offer. It promises to be an epic adventure!! This is an exclusive Memusi fundraising trip but places are open to anyone who is interested. Please get in touch with Donna Johns (djmartin2000@yahoo.com) or Julie Roper (julieroper18@icloud.com) if you would like any more information on the charity, our fundraising events or the Nepal trek.

Onward ever. Backward never. (Memusi motto!)

Donna, Sam and Gabby Johns. Julie, Charlie and Jessie Roper

(For more about Memusi, see

<https://www.memusifoundation.org.uk/>



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