

## Circuit Information, Services and Events

**Circuit Meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> June at Cleckheaton Methodist Church



### METHODIST CONFERENCE - ORDINATION SERVICES

Sunday 30 June at 4pm

**NB, if you are not stewarding, you will need a ticket to attend either of these services – see**

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/conference-2024/coming-to-the-conference/>

**PRESBYTERS ORDINATION SERVICE:** This is to be held at Batley Central (Helpers to arrive by 2pm). If anyone wishes to help as a steward on the day please contact Keith Webster - 07879 774600 or 01924 443196 or [keithkw@sky.com](mailto:keithkw@sky.com) no later than Sunday 16 June.

There will be a 'dummy run' on Wednesday 26 June at 2pm to assist with the smooth running of the event on the day. If anyone cannot meet the Wednesday afternoon, then alternative arrangements can be made.

**DEACONS ORDINATION SERVICE:** This is to be held at Morley Central. If anyone is willing to assist at this venue on the day please contact Nick Cutts on 0113 2522927 or [nick\\_cutts@yahoo.com](mailto:nick_cutts@yahoo.com) by the end of May.

#### **Circuit Youth:**

6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person please contact Heidi Curry for more details.

Next meetings: 12<sup>th</sup> May at Cleckheaton, 9<sup>th</sup> June at West Ardsley and 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Batley Central.

#### **SAFEGUARDING**

**CONTACTS:** Assistant DSO, [Laura Tunnacliffe](mailto:laura.tunnacliffe@ywmeth.org.uk)

Tel: 07354 862617, Email: [adso@ywmeth.org.uk](mailto:adso@ywmeth.org.uk)

Circuit safeguarding officer, Judith Crowther – tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office), Email: [safeguardingnkm@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingnkm@gmail.com)

#### **Dates and Deadlines**

**July/August deadline: 10am, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Email & printed copies ready by: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

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.

**NB – this will be the Summer double issue!**

#### **Staff days off:**

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

*Wednesday* - Alex Yesudas

*Thursday* – David Barker

## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit June 2024

### **From Joanne Gibson, Circuit Steward:**

As a family we always sit and watch tv for an hour together. We are avidly watching 'Race Across the World' Series 4 - in fact, as you read this, it will be the final episode this week! The aim is for the teams to reach a destination by any route they like - however there are no flights, compasses or phones allowed – only a map. They are given the same amount of money that the flight would cost to get them to their final destination. This year they begin in Japan and must reach Indonesia. The teams may cross several countries on their journey - it is a test of endurance and of relationships (I want the best friends to win!). Do they take the scenic route seeing some amazing sights? Or do they take the quickest route and keep ahead of the race, focusing on what is at the end? There are lots of different ways to get to where they need to be.

Many of us are working in teams in our churches and Circuit. I know that some are on difficult journeys with decisions to make and that right now some are finding it hard to see the end goal. We wonder if we will ever get there and the work is hard. We need to keep praying and work together, sharing resources and ideas, supporting each other. It is okay to take the scenic route, we know that God is alongside us every step of the way and we need to trust that he has a plan for us as people and as a Circuit. I have certainly felt confirmation of God's hand being upon us over the last couple of years. If you have ever seen the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' films you may remember that Captain Jack Sparrow has a compass that leads people to the thing that their hearts want most. Jack and his friends go on all sorts of adventures, where they frequently go off course and get distracted, but when they remember to follow the compass, it leads them in the right direction.

If we come back to Jesus, if we trust in him in and ask him to guide us, he will lead us to God and to a relationship with him.

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He is our compass; we know he is the way. I like the Street Bible version of John 14 v5-6:

**Tom says, 'Boss, if we knew where you're going, we might be able to work out the route, but we don't!' Jesus comes back with, 'I'm the route, the true route. And I'm the energy to propel you along the right route...'**

In our Circuit prayer it says '*when the hard decisions need taking, let us always find your way, even if the path is tough*'. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to work through us in all that we do, and trust that God is on our side and that he has a plan, for he is faithful!

*With blessings,  
Joanne, Circuit Steward*

#### **BIBLE MONTH**

You should have noticed on the new Circuit Plan the mysterious letters BM followed by numbers 1 to 4. These indicate that the preachers will be following the Bible Month themes for this year. We will be taking a quick look at Genesis, which is described as 'The Overture to the Bible.'

It introduces some of the biggest themes: Creation, Sin, Covenant, Faith, Human Relationships to mention just a few. I hope that none of our preachers will attempt to cover everything in the space of a sermon - I know that I won't!

But you might like to prepare yourself by reading beforehand:

BM1 Genesis chapters 1 to 11 In the Beginning  
BM2 Genesis chapters 12 to 25 The Abraham Cycle  
BM3 Genesis chapters 26 to 36 The Jacob Cycle  
BM4 Genesis chapters 36 to 50 The Joseph Cycle

As used to be said of one newspaper, "All human life is there," - and so is God.

May God bless you as you prepare to feast on his Word.  
*Godfrey Nicholson*

**Batley: Coffee Morning-** Friday 9.30 -11.30am. Batley **Care & Drop in**, Mondays- 10am -12noon. Sunday 23rd June, 3pm: **Summer Prom** with Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band, tickets available on door or from Resource Centre, £10, under 16's free.

**Birstall: Baby and Toddler Stay and Play:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June. **Community Coffee and Chat** every Thursday morning 9:30 till 11am. Thursday 6th June 12noon – 1pm: **Light lunch** to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. Cold buffet followed by fruit pies and flans with cream. Suggested donation £5:50. Booking is essential as places are limited: Contact Julie Englefield or Jenny King

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

The Circuit Resource Centre,  
Batley Methodist Church  
Commercial Street  
Batley WF17 5DS  
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 on from 1.30pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May to 9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.*

**A huge 'thank you'** to all those who are sorting out the various forms that are needed as we prepare the updated Circuit Directory and the new website – I really appreciate your help with this! We do *need* new contact information sheets for everyone in the Directory this time around, and some people will need to complete other forms. Thank you for your patience as we make sure that we do this in the right way.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> May, 9am-11am. **Meeting Place** -Fun, Food and Chat Saturday 15th June 11am-2pm.

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

**St. Andrew's Liversedge First Friday Film Night:** June 7<sup>th</sup>, 'Emma'. Refreshments will be provided at no cost but a donation to charity would be gratefully appreciated.

**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** (YNTO) 1 - 3 pm; Fridays **Memory Cafe** - please check with Trevor Martin for times 07871577891 **Trinity Mirfield Soup lunches** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 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.

**Morley** : **Craft, Chat & Sing** – Saturday 15 June at 11 am. **Messy Church** – Sunday 16 June from 3.30 pm. **Together on Tuesday Group** – Tuesday 11 & 25 June at 7.30 pm – various speakers **Lunch Club** – Each Wednesday (except 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29 June.

**St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June, 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 1<sup>st</sup> June: **Friends Café** 1 - 2.30pm. Come for your lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly get together. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: The **Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30pm Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: **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 22<sup>nd</sup> June: **Walking Group** to Howley Hall (Revisited): We are meeting at Chapel at 9.30am and setting off to walk through Church Fields towards Woodkirk Church. From there we will cross over the road and follow the footpath alongside the quarry towards Howley Golf Club. On the way back it may be possible to stop at Capri at Woodkirk Valley for a coffee. It is advisable to wear walking shoes and perhaps even use a walking pole. The walk will be about 5 miles. For further details please contact [tingleymc.events@gmail.com](mailto:tingleymc.events@gmail.com)

**West Ardsley:** Tuesday **Chat & Crafts** - Every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm. **Messy Church** - Second Thursday of every month. Doors open at 3:30pm to start promptly at 4pm. A light meal is provided and children must be supervised by an adult. *This month is special event as it is our 10th Birthday celebration!* **Mosaic Café** - Every Wednesday - 11am - 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches & cakes. **Food Pantry** - Every Friday, 3 - 4:30pm - Food available for anyone going through financial difficulty. No referral needed. **Coffee Mornings** - The Last Saturday of every month. For details about any events please email [admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk)

**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:** June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 till 12, warm friendly space and all are welcome no charge for refreshments. No coffee morning in August due to holidays.

### 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!

- Have you seen who is on the front page of the Methodist Church website? (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>) – scroll down to the 'news' section and you will see some familiar faces!

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### Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...some tips

from A Rocha

**Eco Tip - Cut your carbon in the garden centre:** *Who doesn't love a trip to the garden centre? Especially if it involves cake! Here are some reminders from Sarah Leedham, our Foxearth Meadows Reserve Manager, that will help you make better choices for the planet when you're buying plants:*



- Use peat-free compost.
- Read the label. Was it grown in the British Isles or imported? Imported plants carry a greater risk of introducing pests and diseases.
- What is the pot made of? Is it plastic or something biodegradable?
- How long will it last? Is it worth buying annuals or could you fill your garden with perennials which last longer?
- Is it good for insects? Choose plants with simple flowers - ones without lots of petals. They are more likely to attract bees and butterflies.

See more at

<https://arocha.org/en/theology-churches/eco-church/>

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**Do you love reading**, but can't get to the library? The Royal Voluntary Service are operating a free delivery scheme – they can be contacted on 01484 226363 or via email at [home.libraryservice@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:home.libraryservice@kirklees.gov.uk). Some further information is available from Resource Centre.