

## Circuit Events and more

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm at Cleckheaton: **Easter Offering Service**
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6pm at Cleckheaton: **Alternative Worship Experience service**
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Morley Central Methodist Church - **Leaving service for Rev. Nigel**: 4pm for a picnic (please bring your own), service will begin at 6pm
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am at Batley Central Methodist Church **Welcome service for Rev. David Barker**



### Appeal for Tables & chairs

As part of my work in Romania with the White Rose Initiative we are building a computer suite for one of the schools in a deprived area. We have acquired the computers (which were destined for the skip) all we need now is something to put them on and somewhere to sit! If any church has surplus tables and chairs they want to get rid of, please get in touch! Blessings, Trevor Martin

### **SAFEGUARDING: Upcoming training sessions:**

#### **Foundation module: Book through Circuit Resource**

Centre. All sessions last 2 1/2 hours.

*Saturday 7th May, 9.30am - 12noon at Tingley*

*Tuesday 24th May, 1.30 -4pm, Drighlington*

*Saturday 25th June, 9.30am - 12noon, Birkenshaw & East Bierley*

#### **Advanced Module: book via Susan Wishart**

(wisharts@dso.methodist.org.uk, Tel: 01422 370417 / 07875 195977.)

*Saturday 14 May on Zoom, from 10am - 12pm (plus 4 hours of pre-course work on Theology X. Reasonable IT skills necessary).*

*Thursday 19 May at Dalton St Paul's, Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8DE, from 10.30am - 3pm.*

*Saturday 21st May, 10.30am - 2pm at Tingley Methodist Church*

*Not sure if you need to attend a session? Please check with your church safeguarding officer or with Judith Crowther at Circuit Resource Centre.*

### **Staff days off:**

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

*Wednesday – Alex Yesudas (on Sabbatical June, July, August)*



May 2022

## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

*From Deacon Al:*

Greetings to all, I do trust that all had a good Easter.

In our Circuit we have decided to observe the month of May as "Bible Month": 30 days with the book of the prophet ISAIAH. We will focus on the book of ISAIAH during Sunday worship and mid-week bible studies. Please speak to your minister for resources available.

Now I share two stories of what churches have been doing over the last few months.

### Church on the Green

Over the last 12 months Zion Baptist & St. Andrew's Mirfield have been prayer walking the London Park Estate.

Last Christmas we took the bold step to hold Christmas activities on the local play area with baby Jesus, in a crib and a speaker playing carols. Scores of school children and young people approached us as they left school that first afternoon, many were shy, others curious. We shared with them the Christmas Story and what we were planning to do on the Green.

Many left but returned for the Christmas craft session which we were doing. One by one, they disappeared only to reappear with two or three friends, by then it was time for carols and hot chocolate and so the young people joined in together with all the neighbours who lived nearby.

At Holy Week we returned to London Park for an Easter Craft session. This was successful, with the children and young people engaging in the activities ending the evening together with Hot Cross Buns and hot chocolate. Pastor Adrian, trainee deacon Vicky and Shirley from St. Andrew's even got a chance to play rugby with the kids.

As the activities took place we have been able to have conversation with many of the adults and parents in the neighbourhood - many warming to what we are doing. The neighbourhood group has just invited us to do the children's craft activities for the Queens Platinum Jubilee street party.

In December I came to the conclusion that as churches we should stop complaining that there are no children or young people in Church, what is needed is the challenge to "Go" out into our communities where hundreds are.

In those 4 sessions we have reached over 125 children and young people with the development of "The Church on the Green". I am looking for an offer of a gazebo as a back drop/shelter to what we are doing, any offers? Please let me know.

### **Collecting Point for Ukraine/Breakfast boxes**

Since the conflict in Ukraine began, Westborough Methodist Church at the beginning of Lent opened its building twice a week as a Collection Point. So far two packed van loads have gone to Ukraine. We are thankful to all the volunteers and donations received.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and do what we can in this crisis.

May I highlight that Westborough Church continues to distribute Breakfast boxes every half term and school holidays to families on Westmoor and London Park estates.

Continue to seek God in unfamiliar places.

Deacon Al Henry



### **Dates and Deadlines**

**June deadline: 10am, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

*Email & printed copies ready on:*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 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. Copies can be posted to churches on request – we will need to charge p&p.*

**Birstall: Coffee morning:** Thursdays, 9.30-11am. Table service, please wear masks when not seated. **Baby and toddler sessions**, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May. 9.30-11.30am for ages birth to 3 years and their carers. No charge, refreshments provided.

**Light Lunch** 12-1pm, no need to book. £3.50, main course followed by home made cake and tea and coffee. Contact Julie for more details 07717 949848

**Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Coffee Morning** on Friday mornings 10am to noon.

**Cleckheaton: Friday Coffee Mornings** 10 am to 11.30 am.

**Hanging Heaton: Scottish Dancing**, Tuesdays at 2.00 pm from 1 February 2022 (Primary Building, Kirkgate, Hanging Heaton) Contact details: <http://www.dewsbury-district3age.co.uk>  
Email. [thirdage@dewsbury-district3age.co.uk](mailto:thirdage@dewsbury-district3age.co.uk)  
Tel. Sandra Bligh: 07842 284778 (Chairman)

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

#### **Our contact details:**

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#### **Our opening hours:**

Usually Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm (closed Bank Holidays) – **please check before visiting as we may have to close at short notice.**

**If you come to Resource Centre and the door is locked – please knock, and give us time to get to the door! Please continue to wear a mask if possible, as we're a small office.**



**Gomersal: Coffee morning** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 10-11. **Spring Fayre** Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 11am - 2pm, This event is raising money to support Rev'd. Alex in the work he will be doing in Kerala, Southern India during his sabbatical.

This will hopefully be an outside event! The Cafe and Chocolate Tombola will be based inside. Stalls will include White Elephant, Scarves and Jewellery, Jigsaws and Plants. Light lunches available throughout including sandwiches, sausage rolls, cake. Please support Rev'd. Alex in this worthwhile cause.

#### **St. Andrew's Mirfield:**

Community Coffee mornings: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am and fortnightly thereafter. There will be a plant stall held at the Coffee Morning on 21<sup>st</sup> May. All welcome. **All Age Jubilee Activities Party:** Friday 13 May at 6pm until 8pm. Will include refreshments as well as lots of activities. Please let Alison know if you can join us on 07392 751903 then we are sure we have plenty of activities and refreshments for the event

**Trinity Mirfield:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm Three Course Dinner with After Dinner Speaker £12. Please contact Christine Sykes on 01924 497612/07706738463 to book **Soup lunches** first and third Wednesdays 11:45am to 12:45 pm. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Coffee Morning** Fridays, 10-11.30am.

**Longcauseway: "Weekly Wellbeing"** Sessions include- **Tuesday Tonic** 10.30-12.30 *In Stitches- Chat and Create & Praybake.* **Wellbeing Wednesday** 1.30-3.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Weds, *Messy Vintage*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, *Chair-a-cise*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, *Scottish Dancing/ Table Top Games*, 4<sup>th</sup> Weds, *Cues, Bats and Balls*, 5<sup>th</sup> Weds, *A Pot Pourri of Praise.* £ 3.50 per activity. To book a place email [churchsecretarylcw@outlook.com](mailto:churchsecretarylcw@outlook.com) or tel: 07591582848

**Morley: Coffee Mornings** Fridays 10 -11.30am. **Messy Church** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month 3.30pm **Craft Chat and Sing** Monthly 11am – 12noon, third Saturday of each month, **Together on Tuesday** 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. **Organ Recital:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.15pm. Featuring the wonderful Binns organ and given by Julie Tanner M.Mus., BA, FTCL, ARCO as part of the 2022 Music Series at Central. Free admission with retiring collection for church funds and charity. All are welcome to come and enjoy the evening (which includes a good sing-song!!)

**West Ardsley:** Saturday 21st May, **Coffee Morning**, 10am - 12noon.

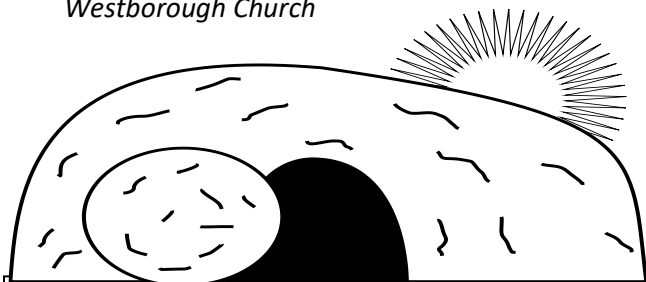
### Good news from...Westborough



On behalf of Westborough Methodist Church, we would like thank all the people throughout the Circuit, for

their continued support in our mission to help the displaced families in the Ukraine. Thank you for donating items as well working alongside us. The response from the public from day one was incredible. We have been told that people saw our posters around the church, brought donations, then took pictures of our posters and posted them on Facebook etc and boom we were in business! We are also so grateful to the support of churches from other denominations who have given their time, working with us and support by donations collected from their own churches. Our second lorry load of items are due to go out to Yorkshire for Ukraine in Leeds on Monday and will be part of a convoy setting of to Poland on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

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Jerusalem Post for April AD30: small ad column:

*Tomb available, hardly used. One careful owner. Apply to Joseph of Arimathea*

*(Thanks to Rev. Godfrey Nicholson for this)*

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm at Cleckheaton



Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26 (NRSV)



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Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions.

Since then, each successive Methodist women's movement has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. Recently, Methodist Women in Britain (supported by the Global Relationships team) have produced an annual service of dedication, often used widely around the Connexion as a circuit service. All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world.

**In 2019, collections from Easter Offering services raised over £370,000, thanks to the generosity of Methodist men, women and children.**

*(Church treasurers have been sent information about how to pay in donations – please check with your church treasurer if you have any questions)*