

Circuit Information, Services and Events

Easter Offering Service: 12th May, 6pm at Batley Central

AWE: 19th May, 6pm at Cleckheaton – this Pentecost Praise service will be preceded with a faith tea).

Circuit Meeting: 25th June at Cleckheaton Methodist Church



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit May 2024

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 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 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: 12th May at Cleckheaton, 9th June at West Ardsley and 23rd June at Batley Central.

SAFEGUARDING

CONTACTS: Assistant DSO, Laura Tunnacliffe

Tel: 07354 862617, Email: adso@ywmethodist.org.uk

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

Dates and Deadlines

June deadline: 10am, Tuesday 21st May 2024 (early due to bank holidays and CRC dates)

Email & printed copies ready by: Tuesday 28th May
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. Marian Olsen:

May brings several family celebrations for us including two 90th birthdays (my Dad's and my Uncle's – they are brothers-in-law rather than twins). My Uncle knows how he wants to celebrate, my Dad however has several different, fairly vague ideas some of which are doable, others of which will be more of a challenge.

May also brings celebrations within the Church: 9th May is Ascension Day; 19th May is Pentecost; 24th May is Aldersgate Day, marking John Wesley's experience in 1738 when his heart was strangely warmed, and his faith brought alive in a new way; 21st May is the anniversary of the day in 1738 when Charles Wesley, less famously but as significantly as his brother (and three days prior), had a similar experience.

Aldersgate remembrance can become lost in Pentecost celebrations. Although, as both involve the activity of the Holy Spirit, they do complement each other.

So many dates, so much history, we might wonder where our focus should be. How do we remember and celebrate, or, as some people choose to do with their birthdays, might we just let the days go by without much fuss because there is enough other stuff going on in the world to worry about?

Taking the opportunity to stop and acknowledge special dates can help us to not only celebrate the past but to look to the future. My Dad would love to walk through the areas of Sheffield where he ran wild as a child, with his great grandchildren at his side listening to his stories, to pass on the sense of what was special to him and what it felt like. As we reflect on the difference which the events of Pentecost (as the Spirit was poured into the lives of the first Christians) and Aldersgate Day (as John Wesley's heart was strangely warmed),

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not forgetting the experience of Charles Wesley (try looking this up online or ask someone to do so on your behalf), we are perhaps encouraged to recognise where the Holy Spirit is active in our own lives, our Churches and the world around. But we also look to the possibilities which are before us as we walk with God through Christ and ask God the Holy Spirit to inspire, energise and equip us in living out our faith.

I hope and pray that in our churches across the circuit we will take the time to acknowledge these special anniversaries and that we will pause long enough to allow God to breath into and fill us with new life. As Paul writes to the Church at Corinth, '...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.'

2 Corinthians 3:17

with love and prayers,

Marian

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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: 12th and 26th April. **Community Coffee and Chat** every Thursday morning 9:30 till 11am.

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 30th May, 9am-11am. **Meeting Place** -Fun, Food and Chat Saturday 20th April, 18th May, 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: May 3rd: 'Judy', June 7th, 'Emma'. Refreshments will be provided at no cost but a donation to charity would be gratefully appreciated.

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 Mondays 6th, 13th and 27th May, and from 1.30pm on Thursday 30th May – 9am on Monday 17th June.

Advance warning - this does mean that there is only a short opportunity to collect printed copies of June's Connect- it will be available on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May.

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

Morley : Craft, Chat & Sing – Saturday 18 May at 11 am. **Messy Church** – Sunday 19 May from 3.30 pm. **Together on Tuesday Group** – Tuesday 28 May at 7.30 pm – various speakers **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** – Each Thursday at 1 pm, starting at the seats outside Morrisons downstairs café, there will be a prayer walk to Cucina's Café, 106A Queen Street, Morley, for refreshments and 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 25 May.

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community

Coffee Mornings on Friday 3 & 17 May, 10am - 11.30am: join us for a chat and cuppa. Our annual charity plant sale will be held during the coffee morning on the 3rd. Lots of very reasonably priced plants. **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.

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.

Tingley: Saturday 4th May: **Friends Café** 1 to 2.30 pm Come for your lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly get together. Saturday 11th May 7.15 pm: **Ruddigore**, Batley Gilbert and Sullivan Society will be performing a concert version of their production of Ruddigore. Tickets are £5 and are available from any member of the Social Committee, tingleymc.events@gmail.com or can be purchased on the door on the night. Monday 13th May: **The Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30 pm Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Wednesday 15th May: **Be Still** 7pm Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. This will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Saturday 18th May: **Coffee, Cakes & Crafts** 10 am to 12 noon Come and join us for our Spring Coffee Morning. There will also be a cake stall, raffle, plant stall and craft stalls. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received. All proceeds are for Church Funds. Saturday 8th June at 3:30pm, **Afternoon Tea** to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. Tickets are £9 and are available now from Victoria on 07981557029 or email tingleymc@gmail.com. Admission by ticket only. All are welcome to all of these events.

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. **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. **May Day Walk - The Switzerland of Yorkshire Circular** Come and enjoy this circular trail, starting from Hebden Bridge at 10:00am on Monday 6th May. Due to it's picturesque valleys and meadows, Hebden Dale (also referred to as Hardcastle Crags) was once known as 'The Switzerland of Yorkshire'. The 15km/9 mile circular route will take us from Hebden Bridge, briefly following the Rochdale canal, before climbing up to reach Heptonstall. We'll then be heading down the valley through New Bridge to Gibson Mill, before climbing up the valley of Crimson Dean. We'll then be returning via Midgehole Farm and Hebden Water. The route is expected to take around 4½ hours, but we'll be adding in some 'apple' stops and a lunch stop, so bring a back pack with your food and drink essentials and expect to be out for the day (with a possible visit to a fish & chip shop as reward at the end!) The route is considered to be moderately challenging in places, so please wear proper walking boots. If you've any questions, please contact 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**. No **coffee morning** in May, as the space is used for elections – next coffee morning will be 7th June.

Around the Circuit – good news to share

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A Year of Prayer Quilt Ministry

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Revd Jane Parker

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards – the following is taken from the Arocha UK calendar for May:

(<https://arocha.org.uk/easy-eco-tips-2024-calendar/>)

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