

Circuit Information, Services and Events
Circuit United Service: Sunday 31st December,
10.30am at Drighlington Methodist Church
AWE: 21st January, 4pm at West Ardsley

Circuit Youth:

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

EDI Training – what is it, who needs to do it – and how do you do it?!

EDI stands for 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion' (also referred to as Justice, Dignity and Solidarity). If you are a minister, local preacher, circuit or church steward, this training is mandatory. *'This training is to help us live out our commitment to being a church which is inclusive and justice-seeking. We are now committed to life-long learning about the richness of human diversity and to learning from one another. Thanks for your help in putting this into practice.'* **NB, this is NOT the same as the Unconscious Bias training.** You can do the training online at <https://mcb.theologyx.com/>, (please let Judith Crowther at Resource Centre have your certificate number when you finish)

SAFEGUARDING

Training – new dates for the **Advanced module** (organised by District) are now available at <https://www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/information-resources/safeguarding>. If you are reading this electronically, please follow this link to book onto a session. Otherwise, please contact Laura (see below). Dates for **Foundation Module** sessions: Tuesday 7th November, 1.30pm at Drighlington (book by Monday 6th), Tuesday 16th January, 10am at West Ardsley (book by Monday 15th) or Saturday 27th January, 10am at Batley Central (book by Wednesday 24th) – all bookings through Resource Centre for Foundation Module sessions, please.

CONTACTS: Please note: our District Safeguarding Officer, Emma Goodley, has a new email address: dso@ywmethodist.org.uk

Dates and Deadlines

December/January deadline: 10am, Thursday 16th November 2023.

Email & printed copies ready on: **Tuesday 21st November 2023 – this is earlier than usual to let us publicise more Advent events**

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.



**North Kirklees & Morley Circuit
November 2023**

From Rev. Dr. David Barker:

Somewhere over thirty years ago, when I was training for the Ministry, I had the privilege of working with Bridget, a Lay Worker in the Clitheroe Circuit. Bridget was extraordinarily gifted in pastoral work, and her ability to connect with people and to allow people the space to be themselves was something that left me open-mouthed. I knew that there would never be a time when I could do what she did as well as she did, and yet she was so very humble and self-deprecating about it. On one visit, Bridget was asked to pray by an elderly lady: her prayer was perhaps the most moving and most profound pastoral prayer I have ever had the privilege of hearing. It began with the words, 'So here we are, O God'

So here we are. And by the time you read this, you will either have attended our Circuit Development Day, decided to give it a miss, or have no idea that it even happened. Whatever the case, it did happen, and we discussed new ways of working within the North Kirklees and Morley Methodist Circuit, in order to help each of our churches to be the very best version of itself in this new world in which we find ourselves after Covid. Deeply rooted in the heart of all our thinking about our Circuit and how it can best work for the building of the Kingdom in our place and our time is a realisation that we are in this together. As Kara Root puts it in her wonderful book, *The Deepest Belonging*, 'we belong to God; we belong to each other.'

And I believe that it is only by drawing on our connections with one another, on the support, the expertise, the friendship that link us across our diverse and fascinating area that we can truly fulfil our calling to serve one another and the communities in which our churches are rooted. The days of the arrogant go-it-alone church have gone (and so have most of the go-it-alone churches), and we are all humbled and diminished to a greater or lesser extent. And yet we are still here, we still have work to do, and we still have one another.

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So I have a challenge for you. In the next week, can you make *one* new connection with someone in our Circuit – perhaps to start a useful conversation, or even simply to say hello – *one* new connection? The story of the ministry of Jesus is largely about making connections, and this, as Bridget showed me all those years ago, is often the simplest yet most profound work to which God calls us.

With my very best wishes,
David

Staff days off:

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

Batley: *Coffee Morning*- Friday 9.30 -11.30am. Batley *Care & Drop in*, Mondays- 10am -12noon. Saturday 9 December at 7.30pm *Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Brass Band*. £10 (under 16 free) available from the Resource Centre.

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday afternoon 1pm *Art Class*. 6-30pm *Brownies* meet. Tuesday morning 11am *Sit and Be Fit* (formerly 'Heartland Wellness Group') - chair exercises + tea and biscuits afterwards. Come and join the fun and fellowship. Tuesdays 2-4pm – *Art Class*; Tuesday evening 7pm - *Pilates Class*. First Wednesday in the month - *Fellowship Group* 10am + Refreshments - Everyone welcome. Friday 10am - Noon - "*Welcome In*" *Coffee Morning*, all welcome. Saturday 8-30am to 9-30am - *Exercise Group*.

Birstall: *Baby and Toddler Stay and Play*. Meets fortnightly (3rd & 17th November) on a Friday 9:30 - 11:00. Parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school very welcome. Refreshments provided. No charge. *Community Coffee and Chat* every Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 *Bric-a-brac and book stall*. *Light Lunch* Thursday 2nd November 12noon – 1pm : Sausages, Yorkshire pudding and mixed veg followed by home made cake. Suggested donation £4:50. *Christmas Gift stall* Thursday 23rd November. Come along and buy your early Christmas presents.

Cleckheaton: On the third Saturday of the month we have Meeting Place 11am - 2pm. All day breakfast, games, table tennis, jigsaw and children's crafts. Please come along and join us. There is no charge but if you wish, donations are welcome. The next date is 18th November.

St. Andrew's Liversedge First Friday Film Night
November 3rd 19:00 - Operation Mince meat

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

The Circuit Resource Centre,
Batley Methodist Church
Commercial Street
Batley WF17 5DS
01924 442535, email address: nkmresources@gmail.com



*Do you deal with your church **Annual Return**? Have you spotted the new questions? Would you find it helpful to have a friendly person to work through this, or other similar tasks, with you? Just ask – we'll even provide a cuppa!*

We have Christmas Cards in stock!

Spotted on the Methodist Church website – there's some really interesting information on measuring yours, and your church's, '**Carbon Footprint**' – have a look at the link to 360 Carbon at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/net-zero-carbon/assess-your-building-energy-usage/>

Drighlington: The hall is now closed due to the proposed building work. The following activities will take place in the church building: Mondays Food bank 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: Messy Church – 19th November from 3.30 pm. **Together on Tuesday Group** – 14th and 28th November at 7.30 pm – various speakers. **Lunch Club** – Each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) – 2 course meal - £5.00. At moment we are full but please contact Lynne on 07792 996805 for names to be put on the waiting list. **Film Night** – Wednesday 15th November at 7 pm. This month's film is: Johnny English Strikes Again. All proceeds for Church Funds and Charity (Rob Burrow Centre for MND). **Bible Study Group** – Every Thursday 2 pm. This is a very informal, relaxed Bible Study for all ages and stages. Everyone Welcome. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday – 10-11.30 am. **Craft, Chat & Sing** – Saturday 18th November at 11 am. **Grief Café** – 10 – 12 noon on the last Saturday of each month. **Ruth Lisco – evening of Songs** - Saturday 18th November at 7.30 pm. We warmly invite you to an evening with Singer/ Songwriter, Ruth Lisgo, singing songs from The Musicals and other Popular Songs. Admission: £5.00 (includes light refreshments) Proceeds in aid of our Church Charity (Rob Burrow Centre for MND) and Church Funds. Everyone Welcome. **Memorial Service** - Saturday 2nd December at 11 am, to remember loved ones. Refreshments served after the service.

Gomersal: Christmas Fayre, Saturday 2nd December, 11am- 2pm. Entry £1, includes free drink. Refreshments are available throughout. Various stalls including Christmas baskets made with fresh greenery and silk flowers, Christmas gifts, Chocolate Tombola, White Elephant, Books, Jigsaws, Jewellery. **Coffee Morning:** 23rd November, 10 – 11.30am (no coffee morning on 9th November)

Longcauseway: Tuesday Tonic every Tuesday, 10.30am – 12.30pm with **In Stitches and Praybake 3 strand Café** every Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm and Saturdays 9.45 to 11.45am. Different activities every Wednesday afternoon (see poster). **Bumps, Babies and Toddlers** every Friday in term time, 10.00 – 11.30am. Saturday, November 18th **Christmas Fair** 9.45am to 2pm, stalls, Father Christmas and refreshments. Saturday 25th November - **Repair Café**

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.

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Morning on 3 & 17 November & 1 December, 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. **Dewsbury Concert Society** on Saturday 9 December at 2pm until 3pm followed by tea/ coffee/ home-made cakes and mince pies. Christmas themed and even an opportunity to sing along. Tickets £5. Available on the door or by emailing standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com

Tingley : Thursday 2nd November: **All Souls Day Service** 7.30 pm - on All Souls Day, which this year falls on Thursday, 2nd November, the Church remembers all those we know who have died – family members and friends. There will be a quiet, thoughtful, gentle service. All are welcome. Saturday 4th November: **Friends Café** 1 pm to 2.30 pm Join us for warming Autumn lunch and a chat. Our team are looking forward to seeing you all. Monday 13th November: **The Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30 pm As the colder weather creeps in, join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. **Wednesday 15th November: "Be Still" 7 pm** Join us for our midweek service. There will be plenty of time and space for personal prayer and quiet reflection. This is a regular event on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Saturday 18th November: **Coffee, Cakes and Crafts** 10 am to 12 noon This is our Christmas coffee Morning. Come and have a mince pie with us and get into the Christmas mood.

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** - last Saturday of every month. Upcoming events - Sat 11th November - **Domino Evening @ 6pm** with Pie & Peas. If anyone would like like to come along please email admin@westardsleymethodistchurch.org.uk Saturday 25th November - **Christmas Market Event** - 11am - 3pm. Please come & support our local traders. Light lunches and will also be available.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry *My name is Maureen and I also belong to the Prayer Quilt group. I'm here as a person who has never done quilting before, a total novice. Even the words "Prayer Quilting group" meant nothing to me until I was invited to try it. The special word "Prayer" as I now know is the secret. Otherwise it's just a lovely quilt that a lovely group of Christian friends have made especially for someone. That person may or may not be someone you know but with every stitch that person is prayed for in your heart. As each of the final knots are tied that person is being prayed for. When the quilt is completed it will be given or delivered. One of the latest nominated receivers sent a Thank You letter which described herself as being blessed.*

Please let us know if you know of anyone you feel would like to be blessed in such a way, it would be our pleasure for us all to do this for them. You can call Victoria on 07981557029 or email tingleymc@gmail.com



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