

## Circuit Events and more

### November

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 6pm at Cleckheaton:

AWE service

*Please let us know about your Christmas services and events so that we can include them in the December/January edition of Connect!*

#### **SAFEGUARDING:**

As we resume activities – check that you are still applying best practice in safeguarding. Is your training up to date? How about your DBS? Is safeguarding visible in your church?

#### **How will Connect work now?**

**Deadline for the December edition:**

**10am, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

- We will print hard copies (large print or standard), as requested by churches. We will have these ready to collect from the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month. Please let us know if you would like some!
- If you are giving contact details for an event, please make sure that the person concerned is aware that their information is being made public in this way – Connect may be forwarded to people beyond our Circuit.
- If we are given posters to circulate for an event, we will send them as attachments with Connect. We will put 1 printed copy of each poster with printed sets of Connect.

#### **For December, this means:**

Connect will be emailed out and printed copies ready to collect on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Resource Centre is open 9am – 1pm, Monday - Thursday.

**Coronavirus guidance:** information from the Methodist Church can be found at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>. The current update is dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, and the 'headline' advice is to:

- Continue to ventilate indoors or meet outdoors if possible
- Continue to wear face coverings if possible
- Continue to get tested and self-isolate if needed
- Continue to encourage good hygiene practice

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

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

**Wednesday** – Alex Yesudas



NOVEMBER 2021

## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

#### **Rev. Nick Cutts writes...**

Kathryn and I are often greeted with the words, "How are you settling in?" The truth is that the first two months of being within this circuit have flown by and we feel, now, that we have never been anywhere else. We are finding our way around the area and on days off we're exploring further afield. We never cease to be amazed at the beauty of the surrounding countryside and find the views breath-taking as we discover yet another hill to climb with a vista to appreciate from these summits. It was brought home to us the other day as we sat upon a windswept car park on Holme Moss looking back over Holmfirth, towards Leeds and further afield.

Kathryn possibly found this move a little more of a wrench than me, as she had lived her life predominantly within Cheshire and of course, moving here meant she left family and friends. She also enjoyed the lushness of the local countryside steeped in its farming heritage, taking in the traditional Marches region where we lived on the Shropshire/Cheshire border, but there is the saying *home is where the heart is* and our hearts have warmed to the people and the locality of West Yorkshire.

I am reminded of a piece from the book *Mister God This is Anna*. Anna asks Fynn, 'Where are you?' and they place themselves as two separate identities in time and space. But then Anna asks a further question, 'Where do you know about me?' Fynn replies in effect that he has the knowledge somewhere within him and Anna in her five-year-old straight forward terminology suggests that Fynn knows her middle in his middle. She elaborates on this further suggesting that if Mr God is in her middle and in Fynn's middle, then there is an inevitable connection.

I like to ask questions and I pose one here - where are our hearts? And therefore, where is our home? And I hope that we can say, and have knowledge, that it is within God. Wherever we are and in whatever situations we may find ourselves, that we can know something of the security and the presence of God and as this publication is titled *Connect*, know that we are connected, as Anna suggested, because we are brought together by our relationship through Jesus Christ.

Even though we may not always have met, or have met in different ways over the last eighteen months, we

have still found ways to connect and to be. I know through discussions at one church, that over lockdowns people have felt supported and still felt connected. It may not be quite as we have known or quite what we desired but people have been versatile and open. Our horizons may have been expanded.

Place can be important, but this can also bring isolation as we have found. It is through our relationships which can offer mutual support and encouragement. So, let us continue and build upon them discovering new possibilities.

Nick

**Batley Central: "Journey of the Magi"** will be held at Batley Central on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This is a sparkling production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. It is a family show: accessible to all, fun for the younger ones, and thought provoking for the adults. A wonderful start to the Christmas season, it is performed by 4 professional dancers, and we encourage those unaccustomed to dance to come along. Admission is by free ticket available from the Resource Centre.

**Dewsbury Concert Society** invites you to 'Music for Christmas', including carols for all on Friday 10 December 2021 at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each or pay at the door. More info - Keith Webster 01924 443196 or [keithkw@sky.com](mailto:keithkw@sky.com)

**Birstall: Coffee morning:** Thursdays, 9.30-11am. Table service, please wear masks when not seated. **Baby and toddler sessions**, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 9.30-11.30am for ages birth to 3 years and their carers. No charge, refreshments provided. Numbers may be limited due to Covid precautions.

**Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Friday Mornings** 10am to midday Tea and Coffee is served. A warm welcome awaits you.

**Cleckheaton: Friday Coffee Mornings:** We will be restarting Friday Coffee from 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10 am to 11.30 am. From then we will have a coffee morning every Friday. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3pm at Cleckheaton - a **Memorial Service**. This is an informal service led by Rev. Marian Olsen, which will include the opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one who has passed away. All are welcome.

**Drighlington:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm **Brass Band Concert** by Drighlington Brass Band. Proceeds to be divided between the Band and the Building Fund. Tickets at £7 available from Terry Hallsworth Tel No: 0113 2297988.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 12 noon **Christmas Coffee morning** with stalls, Proceeds to the Building Fund

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

##### Our contact details:

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email address: [admin@nkandmcircuit.org.uk](mailto:admin@nkandmcircuit.org.uk)

##### Our opening hours:

Monday – Thursday 9am – 1pm

*We're – cautiously – moving towards more normal opening, but still very aware of the high Covid rates in this area. This means that we don't yet have our amazing volunteers back, and while you are welcome to pop in, we can't invite you to come in and stay as long as you like – no mince pies here this year! We're looking forward to when we can safely open more.*

*Because of this, I won't be buying in Traidcraft Christmas Cards again this year. If you would like us to order some for you, we will be happy to do that – you can see the range online at*

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas/charity-christmas-cards>

**Gomersal: Coffee morning** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 10-11.30am. **Christmas Fayre**, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11am-2pm. The café will serve light lunches, there will be a variety of stalls, including Christmas Flower arrangements, White elephant, jewellery etc.

**Hanging Heaton: Coffee Morning**, first Saturday in the month in the Primary building on Kirkgate, 10 am - 12 noon. Traidcraft, book stall, previously loved toys, beauty/scented goods available currently. NB 6<sup>th</sup> November includes a photograph collection by the late John Schofield.

**Carol Service** 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**Trinity Mirfield: Soup lunches** first and third Wednesdays 11:45am to 12:45 pm. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Coffee Mornings** resume on Fridays, 10-11.30am from 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Morley:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 11.00am.

A **Memorial Service** will be held to remember your Loved ones. Refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards. All Welcome.

Morley is celebrating 160 years since the opening of their building. A **booklet** containing a history of the church has been produced, and is available from Ian Scholes (07942349336), £4 – profits to church funds.

**St Andrew's, Mirfield:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November & 4<sup>th</sup> December 10-11.30am, Deacon Al's **Coffee and Cake Drop-in**.

##### **West Ardsley:**

Please join us for our festive **Christmas Coffee Morning** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12noon.