

Circuit Information, Services and Events

Youth leading the Circuit Service in the Brimer Hall at Batley: **Sunday 15th October, 6pm**

AWE: 19th November, 4pm at Cleckheaton

Circuit Youth:

6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person

Sunday 8th October at Cleckheaton

Sunday 22nd October at West Ardsley



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit October 2023

From Ian Wilson, our Circuit treasurer:

Calling all those who are in **their twenties and thirties**. If you wish to meet with other like minded individuals from across the Circuit then a group of those within their twenties and thirties are meeting once a month on a Wednesday evening. For more details and dates please contact Revd Nick Cutts (nick_cutts@yahoo.com, 0113 252 2927).

The nights are getting darker, there is a chill in the air, Harvest Festivals have either taken place or are on the horizon, the cricket season is ending (though not a bad thing where Yorkshire are concerned!), so it must be Autumn.

This summer has in general been a bit of a wet one, though we did have that 4 days hot spell at the start of the month where it felt I could have fried a full English breakfast on my head!! We can't control what the weather is going to do, and we can't control the changing of the seasons. We can't slow time down and despite all the creams and potions we can't stop ageing.

None of us really like change, but change is inevitable. - BUT CHANGE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE NEGATIVE!

I say that, because change can also be an opportunity to discover something exciting, it can be life-giving and encouraging. Change could mean that we discover more about God and his call on us in North Kirklees and Morley. Change could be a real turning point and a positive thing.

The problem is, I guess, that we don't know the outcome yet, we don't know what the final plan is going to look like, and that's the scary part. But we must trust that God knows the fuller picture and will enable us to discover what the next "season of time" for the Circuit will be. In a way we are in a time of discovery, a time of searching and a time of growth. As Rev. Marian highlighted in the September edition of Connect, we have already started the thinking process of what our future could look like and how we are going to move forward as a Circuit: the Circuit Review Day is at St Andrews Liversedge on Saturday 14th October (10am-4pm).

All of this, though, will be rooted in prayer. Our relationship with God and sharing his love with our community is why we are here.

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.** How do you do the training? Either online at <https://mcb.theologyx.com/>, (please let Judith Crowther at Resource Centre have your certificate number when you finish) or face to face on Friday 27th October and Thursday 2nd November, 1.30pm at Batley Central – you need to do both sessions, which will last approximately 2 hour each. Please book through the Resource Centre by 10am on Thursday 19th October.

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). There's a session at Batley on October 26th, if you're quick to book – these places are going fast! Dates for Foundation Module sessions will be available soon.

CONTACTS – Your church safeguarding officer, or Circuit: Judith Crowther, either through Circuit Resource Centre or email safeguardingnkm@gmail.com
District: District Safeguarding Officer, Emma Goodley, 07743 006413 / goodley@dso.methodist.org.uk
Assistant DSO (particularly training): Laura Tunnacliffe 07354 862617 / adso@ywmethodist.org.uk

As we step forward in faith, into a new season of time, may God continue to bless you and stir up a passion in your heart to share his love with others.

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing – now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43- 19-19

With blessings,

Ian Wilson

Staff days off:

Monday – Nick Cutts, Marian Olsen, Al Henry

Wednesday - Alex Yesudas

Thursday – David Barker

Circuit Review Day on Saturday 14th October

10am - 4pm at St Andrew's Liversedge. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks will be provided. 'Come and join the conversation as we explore our next steps as a circuit guided by God.'

Batley: *Coffee Morning-* Friday 9.30 -11.30am. Batley *Care & Drop in,* Mondays- 10am -12noon. Saturday 7th October, Barn Dance £5, including supper: contact Margaret (01924 650604).

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday afternoon 1pm *Art Class.* 6-30pm *Brownies* meet. Tuesday morning 11am - *Heartland Wellness Group* - chair exercises + tea and biscuits afterwards. Come and join the fun and fellowship. 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 on a Friday 9:30 - 11:00. Parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school very welcome. Refreshments provided. No charge. Next sessions 6th & 20th October. Community Coffee and Chat Every Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 *Bric-a-brac and book stall.* Light lunch 5th October; choice of soup then a mini Harvest buffet. Rice pudding or cake to follow.

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 2 dates are 21st October and 18th November.

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

Resource Centre will be closed on the following dates:

October: Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th

Have you spotted the new format of the Annual Returns pages? There are now headings for Property, Mission and Ministry and Action for Hope. If this is something that you complete for your church and could do with a friendly person to work through it with you – just ask – we'll even provide a cuppa!

The Circuit Resource Centre,
Batley Methodist Church
Commercial Street
Batley WF17 5DS
01924 442535



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

Gomersal: Coffee Morning, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 10 – 11.30am

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, October 21st 9.45-11.45am **The Kirkwood Cuppa** – coffee and cake fundraiser for The Kirkwood Hospice. Saturday, November 18th **Christmas Fair** 9.45am to 2pm, stalls, Father Christmas and refreshments. Saturday 28th October & 25th November - **Repair Café**

Morley: Messy Church – from 3.30 pm – 3rd Sunday of each month. **Together on Tuesday Group** – 7.30 pm – various speakers. **Lunch Club** – Each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) – 2 course meal - £5.00. Please contact Lynne on 07792 996805 for further details. **Film Night** – Wednesday 18 October at 7 pm. All proceeds for Church Funds and Charity. **Bible Study Group** – Every Thursday 2 pm. Everyone welcome. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday – 10-11.30 am. **Craft, Chat & Sing** – 11 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. **Grief Café** – 10 – 12 noon on the last Saturday of each month. **Forthcoming Event: Organ recital** - Tuesday 10 October at 7.15 pm Come and listen to popular organ pieces played on the marvellous Binns Organ played by Julie Tanner, plus guest musicians. There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds and charity. Light refreshments afterwards. All are 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.

St. Andrew's Liversedge First Friday Film Night

October 6th 19:00 - The Lost King

November 3rd 19:00 - Operation Mincemeat

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Morning on

6 & 20 October, 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. Tuesday 17th October,

9.30am – 12.30pm, Alys's annual **Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's** Society and Research, entry £2.50,

including tea/coffee and cake. "**Light Party**" **All Age**

Activity - at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Old Bank Rd, Mirfield on Friday 27 October, 6pm - 8pm. Lots of

activities followed by refreshments. All welcome to come along and bring a friend. To help with planning,

if you are coming to join us please email

standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com

Tingley : Saturday 7th October: **Friends Café** 1 pm to

2.30 pm Join us for lunch and a chat. Our team are

looking forward to seeing you all. Monday

9th October: The **Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30 pm Drop

in for soup, a snack and a hot or cold drink with interesting conversations. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday 14th October: **Walking Group** 9.30 am Walk

around Middleton Wood We are meeting in the

Church Car Park at 9.30 am and fitting into as few cars

as possible to travel to Middleton Urban Bike Park

(LS10 3TN) to walk round Middleton woods. The route is about 3.7 miles (6 km) with some undulations. It is

advisable to wear walking shoes and perhaps even use

a walking pole. Wednesday 18th October: "**Be Still**"

7pm 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

21st October: **Film Night** 7.30 pm The Railway

Children Return (PG) Inspired by one of the most

beloved British family films of all time, The Railway

Children Return is an enchanting, moving, and heart-

warming adventure for a new generation. Free

admission with donations for refreshments to

Wakefield Hospice and Tingley Methodist

Church gratefully received. (Upcoming event)

Saturday 2nd December **Gawthorpe Brass Band** at

7.30 pm Join us for a musical start to the festive

season. All proceeds to Wakefield Hospice. Tickets £8.

Available on the door on the night or by email.

Thursday 2nd November there will be a **service of**

remembering and reflection for those who have lost loved ones. This will be held at Tingley at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Contact for all of these events:

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.

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. Upcoming events - Sat 11th November - **Domino Evening** @ 6pm with Pie & Peas.

If anyone would 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 refreshments will also be

available.

Dates and Deadlines

November deadline: 10am, Thursday 26th

October 2023. Email & printed copies ready on:

Tuesday 31st October 2023

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.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry would like to say a big thank you to Tingley Methodist Church for hosting our Coffee Morning on the 16th September, it was well attended by the Circuit. It would be lovely to share the Prayer Quilt Ministry on the other side of the Circuit, if there are any churches that would like to help us run a coffee morning then please do get in touch.

We are still busy preparing quilts and by the time CONNECT goes out we will have been to Batley to tie knots and present another quilt. If you know of anyone in your church that would benefit from a lap quilt then please get in touch and get a form from us.

We are very grateful to the Circuit for the initial input of funds but we are trying to become self-sufficient, hence the coffee morning. We have some small prayer squares available for a donation and it would be lovely if churches around the Circuit would be willing to take some. These are also available at the Resource Centre for a suggested donation of £1.50. If you would like to follow our progress, information will be coming to the Circuit website soon and is on the Tingley website now.