

Circuit Information, Services and Events

13th October, 6pm: **Youth Service** at Batley

Circuit Meetings:

Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm at St Andrew's
Liversedge.



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit October 2024

Details of the Methodist Church Advent and Christmas 2024 campaign, 'Hush the Noise', are now available at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/>

Circuit Youth:

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

SAFEGUARDING

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**Date for the new Foundation Module:
Friday 18th October, 7pm at West
Ardsley – places must be booked in
advance through Resource Centre.**

Prayer Quilts

**Saturday 19th October, 10am – 12noon Coffee
Morning and Craft Stall at Tingley Methodist
Church**

Do you know anyone in your church who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Quilt? Nomination forms are available from tingleymc@gmail.com, phone Victoria on 07981557029, or from Resource Centre.

Dates and Deadlines

November deadline: 10am, Thursday 24th October 2024

Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 30th October.

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 – Marian Olsen, Nick Cutts

Wednesday - Alex Yesudas

Thursday – David Barker

From Rev. Nick Cutts:

I write this as September ends and the month of October opens and I am sure that many of us will have noticed how quickly the nights are drawing in. We may have thought that we were going to have a late summer, although you have probably noticed that this has not really materialised. I am writing this on a dark, wet September evening which can dampen the spirit - but for the people of God there is a surety that God is within all places, all situations and all times. Over the last month I have asked congregations and groups where have you noticed God over the last few days?

This is a question for us all, for so often we can become blinkered and therefore blinded to where God is present and working. A couple of weeks ago I was asked what had been a highlight of the previous few days? It had been a particularly difficult week and there did not seem much within it to celebrate and give thanks for. But as I started to reflect, there were so many times, as I thought through the week, that were positive and in those moments I saw God. These moments could be found in various forms, from a conversation to a helping hand, but it was finding God in the ordinary and the normal.

Is it that we expect God moments to be extraordinary, momentous occasions for this is God we are speaking of? But as John Whittier writes in his hymn, God speaks *through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!* There is so much noise around us of different varieties and things vying for our attention which cause us to be dragged along, that we can miss those moments where God is. It was only as I reflected on a 'difficult week' that I noticed God, not in the noise but within the quietness. Each moment we receive is extraordinary and momentous because it is a gift which is precious. As Paul spoke to the Athenians as told in Acts may we *search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-though indeed he is not far from each one of us.* So please notice, for God is present. Give testimony, telling each other, and in that we can all be encouraged and see God in our midst.

Every Blessing,
Nick

Batley: Friday Coffee Morning. 9.30 to 11.30 in the Brimer Hall £1.50 for drink and biscuits. Refill 50p. **Batley Care & Drop in**, Mondays- 10am -12noon. **Handel's MESSIAH - performance** by Morley Music Society and friends. Saturday 29 November at 7pm. with guest soloists & orchestral ensemble. Admission £15 adults; £8 under 18 & students available from Keith Dixon, Keith Webster or pay at the door.

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**

Birstall: Coffee morning each Thursday 9:30 – 11am, with bric-a-brac and book stall, offering a Warm Space in the coming months. **Light lunch** Thursday 3rd October: Cottage pie with vegetables followed by home-made cake. November **light lunch:** Thursday 7th November, menu to be announced. **Baby and toddler stay and play.** October 4th and 18th, parents, grandparents and carers very welcome, No charge. A newly formed fellowship group meeting fortnightly Monday at 2:00 till 3:30 - next meeting 30th September.

Cleckheaton: Friday coffee every week 10 - 11:30am. **Meeting place:** Saturday 19th October, 11am-2pm, food, chat & activities. Breakfast drop in: Thursday 31 October 9-11am, fun for kids and breakfast. All free.

Drighlington: 10th October: Service to celebrate **90 years of Girls Brigade in Leeds**, speaker Rev Gill Newton. Now in the newly refurbished hall - **Foodbank:** 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** (YNT0) 1 - 3 pm; Fridays **Memory Cafe** - please check with Trevor Martin for times 07871577891

Trinity Mirfield Baked Potato Lunch: Wednesday 9th October, 12noon – 1.30pm (in the schoolroom – downstairs). Menu: Baked potato: £5 (toppings – a choice of beans & cheese, coronation chicken or chilli) Dessert: £2 (various) **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

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

At the Circuit Resource Centre...

The Circuit Resource Centre,
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Resource Centre opening times:

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm,
Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 1.30pm (*from 11th October*)

A reminder of the new organisation of the Circuit:

Southern section: Cleckheaton; St. Andrew's Liversedge; Westborough (in pastoral charge: Rev. Marian Olsen); Batley; Longcauseway; Trinity; St. Andrew's Mirfield (in pastoral charge: Rev. Dr David Barker).

Northern section: Birkenshaw and East Bierley; Birstall; Drighlington; Gomersal (in pastoral charge: Rev. Dr Alex Yesudas), Churwell; Morley; Tingley; West Ardsley (in pastoral charge: Rev. Nick Cutts).

Longcauseway: The **Repair Cafe** on the last Saturday of every month in **The 3 Strand Cafe** 10am to 12.30pm. **Tuesday Tonic's In Stitches**, 10.30am-12.30pm. The **3 Strand Cafe** every Wednesday 9am to 1pm and Saturdays 9.45am to 11.45am. Come and see our new recycling hub and drop off your used blister packs!

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings on Friday 4th & 18th October, 10am - 11.30am: join us for a chat and cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group** meets weekly, Friday 9.30am – 11am. All parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school very welcome. Dates for your diary - **Christmas All Age Activities** on Friday 22nd November from 5pm until 7pm. Lots of games and crafts followed by refreshments. **Dewsbury Concert Society Performance** on Saturday 30th November at 2pm followed by light refreshments. For further details or to book onto either event please email: standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com

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**. **Coffee morning:** 4th October, 1st November, 6th December, 10.30 till 12, warm friendly space and all are welcome, no charge for refreshments. Donations at the December coffee morning will be split between Breast Cancer Now and MacMillan.

Morley: Craft, Chat & Sing – Saturday 19th October at 11 am. **Together on Tuesday Group** at 7.30 pm: 1st October – Emma Cowley, 'Trip to Thailand'. 15th October at 7.15 pm, Organ Recital by Julie Tanner. **Lunch Club** – each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) – We now have a couple of spare places. If you are interested, please contact Lynne on 07792 996805. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday, 10-11.30 am. **Grief Café**, 10am–12 noon on Saturday 26th October. Forthcoming Event: **Organ Recital** by Julie Tanner on the wonderful Binns Organ - with young guest musicians. Light refreshments to follow, free with a retiring collection for church funds and St Martin's House.

St. Andrew's Liversedge: Café every Monday from 10am until 2pm, followed by **knit & natter** - everyone welcome. **First Friday Film Night:** 4th October – 'Slumdog Millionaire', 1st November – 'One Life', 6th December – 'A Man Called Otto'. Refreshments will be provided at no cost but a donation to charity would be gratefully appreciated.

Tingley Starting Friday 4th October: **Friday Night Youth** (FNY) from 6.30 pm: The new FNY will meet fortnightly on a Friday evening during term-time. We aim to provide age-appropriate activities for children and young people aged between 5 and 18, as well as discussions around local and world issues. FNY is run by volunteers who are DBS checked and who have completed Safeguarding training. School years 1-6: 6.30 to 7.30pm
School years 7-13: 7 to 8.30pm
Saturday 5th October: **Friends Café** 1 - 2.30pm: Come for your lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly get together. Saturday 12th October: **The Bluebird Singers** 7 pm: join us for our first concert in our fundraising year. The Bluebird Singers will be making a return visit to Tingley. Tickets are £5 and are available now. Admission will also be on the door on the night. Monday 14th October: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm: join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. 3rd Wednesday of each month – next service 16th October: **Be Still** 7pm: Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Saturday 19th October: **Coffee Morning** 10 am to 12 noon This will be run by the Prayer Quilt Ministry. There will be crafts and quilts for sale too. Date for your diary: Saturday 7th December: **Gawthorpe Brass Band** 7.30pm: the band are returning after a great concert last year. Tickets are £10 and are available now. Admission will also be on the door on the night. For details about any of the above events please email tingleymc.events@gmail.com

West Ardsley: Tuesday **Chat & Crafts** - Every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm. **Mosaic Café** - every Wednesday - 11am - 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches & cakes. **Messy Church** - second Thursday of every month (except August). Doors open at 3:30pm to start promptly at 4pm. A light meal is provided and children must be supervised by an adult. **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. **Dates for your Diary** - Saturday 19th October, 6pm **Film Night** - The Chronicles of Narnia; hot dogs and refreshments provided. Saturday 16th November, 6pm: **Domino Evening** & Pie and Pea Supper (suitable for all ages). Saturday 30th November - **Christmas Market** - 11am - 3pm: please come and support our local traders and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. For details about any events please email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk.

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...prayers from A Rocha
(<https://arocha.org.uk/>)

Creator God, we lift our world to you during this Season of Creation. As churches gather for harvest services and festivals, we pray these will be opportunities to talk about and act on caring for creation. We pray for our neighbours locally and globally who do not have enough. We thank you for your goodness and provision, and for this beautiful earth we call home. Lord, as we celebrate creationtide we pray that Christians and churches speak truth to power and use our collective voice to advocate for creation. We lift all of those who persistently speak up for your precious natural world, whether they consider themselves activists or not. Give them comfort, strength and resilience in their calling. We pray that those in power would hear their call and be moved to action.



Around the Circuit – good news to share

It's always a pleasure to be able to share good news – please let us know of any that we can share here!