



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

February 2026

From Rev'd Marian Olsen:

Happy February!

The year moves on, the days grow longer and there will, possibly, be a hint of warmth on the way, with spring flowers starting to emerge around us. I know that February is, for some people, the least favourite month but I hope and pray that the four weeks of February will be a good time for you this year.

If you need an excuse to have a pancake, then Pancake Day is just around the corner. Personally, I would happily eat a pancake on any day of the year, although of course I should resist during the Lent period which follows Shrove Tuesday. The word Lent comes from the Old English word 'Lencten', which means Spring and which, as you can probably see, connects with the idea of the lengthening of days.

Nowadays, for most of us, our Lenten fast does not include abstaining from dairy products, unless we choose to go vegan. But I encourage you to think about how you will observe Lent this year, giving something up perhaps or taking up an additional practice. If you are doing something a bit different, I would love to know about it. This is an opportunity, in the lead up to Easter, to reflect once more on our relationship with God and on how we are living out our faith. Doing something, intentionally, to observe Lent can deepen our connection with God and enrich our appreciation of Easter celebrations.

Within the circuit, we will again offer the opportunity of study/fellowship groups following the material which, this year, has been prepared by Revd Dr David Barker. St Andrew's, Mirfield are also inviting us to share with them in an Ash Wednesday service on 18th February at 6.30pm.

You may be one of the many people who gives up chocolate for Lent. Have you ever seen the happiness on the face of someone who has given up chocolate when they hear that they can eat it on the Sundays in Lent because those are classed as feast days? It is 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, but there are only 40 days in Lent because the Sundays are different. Sunday is the day of resurrection, each Sunday is a little Easter, a reminder of the hope and

renewal which God offers to us through Jesus. I pray that this Lent we may each find time for reflection and gain a growing awareness of God's presence in our lives and in the world around us. As the psalmist writes: 'I am confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.' Psalm 27:13-14 *With love, Marian*

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, Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 1.30pm

Circuit Resource Centre Closing dates: Thursday 12th February

Dates and Deadlines –

March deadline: 10am, Thursday 19th February. Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 25th February. 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

Circuit Information, Services and Events

17th March 2026, 7:30pm: Circuit Meeting

14th March 2026, 6pm God's Experiment at Batley Central (in the Brimer Hall)

Check the calendar on the Circuit website for more dates:

<https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/whats-on/events-calendar.html>

Have you found us online?

Circuit Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577861399950> **Circuit**

Website - www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk

We'd still like to see your photos, keep sending them in

Information and events from Churches

Batley: Mondays - **Batley Care and Drop In** - In the Brimer Hall, 10am - 12 noon. Tuesdays, fortnightly – Batley, Dewsbury & Morley **Probus** Club. 10.15am - 11.45am, with speaker Retired and semi-retired gentlemen are welcome. Contact Keith W. Wednesdays - **PEER TALK** - 11.00am - 12. A mutual support group for those living with depression or anxiety. Fridays - **COFFEE MORNING** - 10am - 11.30am in the Brimer Hall

Birstall: Monday February 2nd **Fellowship Group**, 2pm, further dates announced later. A time of sharing, Bible study and prayer. Thursday - **Coffee and Chat**, 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. A warm space in the coming months. Thursday 5th February **Light Lunch**, 12noon, Meat pie, potatoes and peas followed by homemade cake. Suggested donation £4:50. Friday 6th and 20th February Baby **and Toddler** stay and play, 9:30 - 11:00. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Refreshments. No charge

Trinity Mirfield: Tuesdays - **Stay & Play** 9:15-11am termtime only, Contact 07866917904. Wednesdays - **Soup lunches** - 1st and 3rd (except August), 11:45am to 13:00 donation in excess of £3.50 appreciated. The two teams look forward to seeing you. Friday - **Warm Welcome Café** - 10-11.30am.

Drighlington: Anniversary weekend 7th/8th March 2026. Saturday 7th - West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Concert Band at 7.00pm. Tickets £10, inc refreshments, available from Coffee Pot or contact Terry.
Sunday - Rev Robert Roberts will be leading our service.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays - **Coffee pot** 9.30 until 11.30. Thursday - **free digital class** from 10.00am to 1.00pm. If you have a problem with your computer, call in, they will help you. Thursday – **YNT0** 1.00pm, Cards, dominoes etc, for the more energetic Table Tennis. Friday - **Memory Cafe** 11am to 1pm but second Friday in month lunch from 12.00noon.

Tingley: Saturday 7th: **Friends Café** 1pm to 2.30pm, we are looking forward to seeing you all back. Monday 16th: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm, Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome (PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT DATE THIS MONTH). Saturday 21st: **Film Night** 7:30pm, come and join us for a showing of the new Downton Film: The Grand Finale. Free admission with donations for refreshments. **Date For Your Diary** - Saturday 21st March: Fashion Show 2pm - A fun filled afternoon for all ages. £5 entry to include refreshments, free raffle entry to win a £50 clothing voucher. Entry on the door or by contacting tingleymc.events@gmail.com

Safeguarding:

Contact information for Safeguarding matters:

Emma Goodley: Tel: 07743 006413, email goodleye@methodistchurch.org.uk

Laura Tunnacliffe Tel: 07354 862617, email:

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Circuit safeguarding officer, Judith Crowther – Tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office),

Email: safeguardingnkm@gmail.com

Advanced Module training is arranged through District. Sessions are now available - follow the link at <https://ywmethoist.org.uk/safeguarding-training/> for more details of online and face to face training.

Circuit Youth:

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

(or see the Circuit website, <https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/>) for more dates & details.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry:

The Prayer Quilt Ministry team would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Circuit and individuals who have encouraged and supported us, and for the kind donations which enable us to continue this ministry. We continue to meet on Monday afternoons to create beautiful prayer quilts, and messages from recipients confirm they bring comfort during difficult times. The quilts are a tangible reminder of our prayers and love, when maybe it's more difficult to find words of comfort. Creating and presenting prayer quilts is a unique way of serving God with our prayers, gifts and service. If you are aware of anyone in your Church, family or community who would like a prayer quilt, please complete the form on the Circuit website or email the team on nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com *Rev'd Jane*



Five Ways to be Better for the Environment in 2026: What if, in 2026, we all focus on doing the best we can for the environment?

Small changes add up, when we all participate, and many of these shifts can also save you money while reducing your carbon footprint.

Rethink your food choices

Rethink your transportation

Reduce energy consumption at home

Embrace mindful consumption

Reduce water waste

Each step might be small, but put together, they make a massive difference for each of us and the planet. Search Methodist Church Net Zero for more information

West Ardsley: Tuesdays **Chat & Crafts**, 2 to 4pm. Wednesdays **Mosaic Café**, 11am to 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches & cakes. Fridays - **Food Pantry**, 3 to 4:30pm - Food available for anyone going through financial difficulty. No referral needed. **Date for your Diary** - Saturday

28th March, 6:30pm - **Yorkshire Fellowship Band** – Salvation Army ensemble of exceptionally talented musicians, drawn from different churches/corps across the county, and their stated purpose is 'to express God's love and joy through the gift of music. This will be a 'ticket only' event - £10 each including refreshments & cake. Please email admin@westardsleychurch.org All proceeds will go towards our refurbishment/building project. We hope to see you there!

Drighlington: **Foodbank:** Mondays, 12noon to 1.30pm, donations can be dropped off after 11am. **Coffee Pot,** Tuesday & Wednesday hot sandwiches available and Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am freshly baked scones. Wednesday **Girls Brigade,** 6.00 to 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training,** 10 to 1pm. Thursdays **You're never too old (YNT0),** 1 to 3 pm. Fridays **Memory Café,** 11 to 1pm, second Friday in the month is a lunch from 12 to 3pm. Saturday 14th, **Quiz night** with Pie & Pea supper. Sat 21st, **Coffee morning,** 10 to 12noon.

Morley: Saturday 21st **Craft, Chat & Sing,** 10.30 am. All welcome. **Together on Tuesday,** 7.30 pm, 3rd – Ian Scholes "This and That". 17th, Lynne Senior "How Holidays have changed "1950's to 2025". Wednesdays - **Lunch Club** (except 1st of the month), please contact Lynne on 07792 996805 to add your name to the waiting list. Fridays **Coffee Morning,** 10 to 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Saturday 28th **Grief Café,** 10 to 12noon.

St Andrew's Mirfield: 13th & 27th **Coffee Mornings,** 10am to 11.30am. Join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. Fridays **Baby & Toddler Group,** 9.30am to 11am, all parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school are welcome, includes play, colouring, snacks and action songs, donations welcome 13th **Free Mother's Day Themed Craft Session,** 5pm to 6pm, crafts, colouring and time for a catch up with refreshments, all welcome to join us. Booking essential by email standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com or through our Facebook page.

Longcauseway Church: Feb 9th & 23rd **Listen with Others,** 10.30 to noon, fortnightly, a warm welcoming gathering adults who like to listen to stories. Tuesdays **In Stitches** 10.30am to 12.30pm, A creative time of knitting, crochet, chat and laughter. Wednesdays **The 3 Strand Café,** 9.00am to 1.30pm, a warm

welcome and a listening ear awaits. **Chair A Cise** 11.15am to noon, a gentle yet effective exercise led by experienced instructor. **Table Tennis** 1pm to 3pm, pay and play every week, all abilities welcome. 1st Wednesday of the month **Pause. Breathe. Pray.** 1.30 to 2pm, an opportunity to pause and breathe in the middle of the day and come to God in prayer. Fridays **Longcauseway Bumps, Babies & Toddlers** (term time), 10am to 11.30am, a safe and nurturing space for expectant parents, carers, Babies and toddlers. Saturdays **The 3 Strand Café** 9.45am to 11.45am, a warm welcome and a listening ear. 1st Saturday **Messy Church** from 10am, a time of crafts, games, worship, fun and food for the whole family. Last Saturday **Repair Café**, 10am to noon, our volunteer repairers will show you how to fix everyday household objects.

Gomersal: Thursday 12th & 26th **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11.30am. Thursday 19th **Soup Lunch**, 12noon

Cleckheaton: Fridays **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11:30am. Saturday 21st **Meeting Place**, 11am to 2pm – food, chat, activities for children, table tennis. Thursday 19th **Breakfast Drop in**, 9am to 11am – free activities for children, free breakfast.