



**North Kirklees &  
Morley Circuit**

**March 2026**

*From Rev'd Nick Cutts:*

How many of you have enjoyed watching some of the Winter Olympics? Kathryn and I have particularly enjoyed the figure skating, but yesterday evening I just caught the ending of the freestyle men's big air skiing. It was the final four contestants on their last run and each of them were at the pinnacle of what they were achieving. The commentators were so excited and in complete raptures as each participant flew down the slope and completed their routine, each one outdoing each other. As the penultimate contestant received his scores taking him into gold position, knocking the silver position skier into bronze, one of the commentators said he had not seen anyone so ecstatic to be going down a medal as he congratulated his opponent. There was one last competitor, Tormod Frostad from Norway, and he completed the run of the evening. All were in raptures and Tormod received a huge hug from Mac Forehand, an American who had just been knocked into the silver position by Tormod. It was such an uplifting sight to see these young men at the top of their sport, with comments on air being said that it was the greatest ever final, but the greatest aspect for me was how each was being giving the greatest respect and the encouragement they received from each other.

There is a modern hymn written by Stuart Townend and in the last verse there are these words as saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace, we hear their calls... Whenever I sing those words, I picture those who have nurtured me, particularly in my faith, who are no longer present here on earth with us, who have cheered me on, mentored and encouraged me and who I am eternally grateful to. In a world where we are seeing so much negativity, where actions and words are so often seen as putting down and discouraging, I want us to ask ourselves, are we contributing to this, or are we joining those who keep on retelling the triumphs of God's grace, bringing encouragement, hope, change and release? The skiers the other evening were competitive and that is what spurred them on, but there was immense joy present as others achieved in their

presence. May we as God's people be encouragers, finding joy in others' triumphs and achievements, however big or small they are. We are kingdom builders and together, we can be like those skiers, sharing the joy and the love which we know comes from God.

Nick

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

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



01924 442535, email address: [nkmresources@gmail.com](mailto:nkmresources@gmail.com) **Resource Centre opening times:**

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm, Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 1.30pm

**Circuit Resource Centre:** we will be closed on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March, then Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Easter)

### **Dates and Deadlines –**

**April deadline: 10am, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.** Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. 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**

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

17<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7:30pm: Circuit Meeting at Tingley

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 10:30am: Circuit Service at Westborough – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**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](http://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk)

### **Signs of Spring photos**

*If your church is following the Lent liturgy from the Methodist Church, you may spot a challenge in Week 3 about taking photographs of "Signs of Spring". We would love to share these on the homepage of the website, please send your photos in as soon as possible so we can all share in the hope that they bring.*

Usual rules apply; we can't use photos where people can be recognised

### **Information and events from Churches**

**Birstall:** Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> **Fellowship Group**, 2pm, 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 5<sup>th</sup> March **Light Lunch**, 12noon, jacket potato with a choice of filling followed by homemade cake. Suggested donation £4:50. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March **Baby and Toddler** stay and play, 9:30 - 11:00. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Refreshments. No charge

**St Andrew's Mirfield:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> **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 preschool are welcome, includes play, colouring, snacks and action songs, donations welcome. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> **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](mailto:standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com) or through our Facebook page.

**Tingley:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>: **Friends Café** 1pm to 2.30pm, we are looking forward to seeing you all back. Monday 9<sup>th</sup>: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm, Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> :

**Coffee Morning** 10am to 12noon, this month it will be led by the Bowls Group, come along and have a catch up and a coffee. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> **Be Still** Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. Please note we will be having an extra Be Still during Holy Week on April 1<sup>st</sup> then continuing on the third Wednesday of each month. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:tingleymc.events@gmail.com)

**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 for info. 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

**Trinity Mirfield:** Tuesdays - **Stay & Play** 9:15-11am termtime only. 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 7<sup>th</sup> - West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Concert Band at 7pm. Tickets £10, inc refreshments, available from Coffee Pot or contact Terry. Sunday - Rev Robert Roberts will be leading our service. **Foodbank:** Mondays, 12noon to 1.30pm, donations can be dropped off after 11am. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays - **Coffee pot** 9:30am to 11:30am. Wednesday **Girls Brigade**, 6.00 to 8.30pm. Thursday - **free IT training** from 10am to 1pm. If you have a problem with your computer, call in, they will help you. Thursday – **YNT0** 1pm, Cards, dominoes etc, for the more energetic Table Tennis. Friday - **Memory Cafe** 11am to 1pm with second Friday in month lunch from 12noon.

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

**Cleckheaton:** Fridays **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11:30am. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> **Meeting Place**, 11am to 2pm – food, chat, activities for children, table tennis.

### ***Safeguarding:***

#### **Contact information for Safeguarding matters:**

Emma Goodley: Tel: 07743 006413, email [goodleye@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:goodleye@methodistchurch.org.uk)

Laura Tunnacliffe Tel: 07354 862617, email:

[tunnacliffel@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:tunnacliffel@methodistchurch.org.uk)

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

Email: [safeguardingnkm@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingnkm@gmail.com)

Advanced Module training is arranged through District. Sessions are now available - follow the link at <https://ywmethodist.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. If you are aware of anyone in your Church, family or community who would like a prayer quilt, please complete the form by scanning the QR code or emailing the team on



[nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com](mailto:nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com)

*Rev'd Jane*

**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. 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**

**Morning:** Last Saturday of every month – Saturday 28th March, 10am 12noon.

**CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Budgeting Course:** a 4 week course designed

to help you better understand your finances - what money is coming in and what is going out - and to support you in making informed decisions. Starts **Friday 6th March**, 1pm - 3pm and will run for 4 consecutive weeks. **Yorkshire Fellowship Band Concert**: Saturday 28th March 6:30pm - a Salvation Army ensemble of exceptionally talented musicians, whose purpose is 'to express God's love and joy through the gift of music'. This is a 'ticket only' event - £10 including refreshments & cake. Please see Stephen or Sarah for tickets or email [admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk). All proceeds to our refurbishment / building project. We hope to see you there! **Date for your Diary** - Bank Holiday Monday 25th May - **BBQ Fundraiser** at Alan & Lynda's House.

**Morley**: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> **Craft, Chat & Sing**, 10.30 am. All welcome. **Together on Tuesday** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month), 7.30pm. Wednesdays - **Lunch Club** (except 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> **Grief Café**, 10 to 12noon.

**Longcauseway Church**: Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> **Listen with Others**, 10:30am to noon, fortnightly, a warm welcoming gathering for 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**, 9am 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **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. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday **Messy Church** from 10am, crafts, games, worship, fun and food for all the family. Last Saturday **Repair Café**, 10am to noon, our volunteer repairers will show you how to fix everyday household objects.

## What are you doing to mark Lent? **Observe Lent 18 Feb - 2 April** Pause. Breathe. Make space for God.

“Lent is bigger than giving up chocolate. It’s about letting go of what weighs us down and being open to what lifts us up. The benefits last longer than 40 days – it’s a way of life, and we do it together”. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/lent/>

Rev Dr David Barker has produced series of 4 Lent Bible Study Sessions, this 4week study series is designed to allow group members space to explore some of the major themes of Lent: self-denial, 'wilderness' experiences, self-reflection and finding peace of mind.

Sessions at: **Cleckheaton, St Andrew’s Liversedge, St Andrew’s Mirfield, Trinity, Longcauseway, Morley & West Ardsley**

Rev Dr Alex Yesudas will be leading a 6-week course based on “Lentwise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life” (by Paula Gooder). Sessions at **Birstall**

*For more information on both, see the leaflet*



### **Are you looking for simple ideas on how to take action for the climate and nature?**

Our new Eco tips calendar for 2026 will keep you and your church inspired throughout the year. It has fresh ideas each month and will help to foster a lasting commitment to a greener lifestyle. Sustainability isn’t a one-time effort; it’s a continuous journey. Small actions can lead to significant impact. That’s why our calendar focuses on easy-toimplement tips, so that everyone can contribute, regardless of their lifestyle or schedule.

**MARCH:** Take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during The Great British Spring Clean (Friday 13 - Sunday 29 March), the nation’s biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. See if there’s a litter pick in your local area or consider organising your own - after

church on Sunday or with a youth group for example. Pray for your local area as you do the litter pick and ask God for opportunities to share why you are doing it. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at [keepbritaintidy.org/ourwork/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean](http://keepbritaintidy.org/ourwork/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean)