

Circuit Information, Services and Events

30th November 2025, 6pm: AWE at Batley Central
7th December 2025, 6pm God's Experiment at Batley Central

Check the calendar on the Circuit website for more dates: <https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/whats-on/events-calendar.html>



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit November 2025

From Rev. Dr Alex Yesudas:

Living Thankfully Every Day

As the days grow shorter and the year begins to end, November often invites us to pause and reflect. The harvest has been gathered, Remembrance Sunday calls us to gratitude for sacrifice, and Advent waits quietly just around the corner. During it all, we are reminded of Paul's simple but profound instruction in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It sounds beautiful — and challenging. Giving thanks in all circumstances can feel almost impossible when life is heavy, uncertain, or unfair. Yet Scripture doesn't tell us to give thanks for everything, but in everything. Gratitude, then, is not denial of our burdens, but a choice to look for God's presence and grace within them. Learning to look differently. Gratitude begins when we learn to count blessings rather than burdens. It's about seeing what is, instead of only what isn't. When we pause each day to notice the gifts around us — the warmth of a friend's call, the beauty of autumn leaves, the peace of prayer — we begin to see that God's goodness weaves quietly through even ordinary days. The act of naming blessings changes how we live. It lifts our eyes from anxiety to assurance, from scarcity to abundance. Gratitude doesn't remove the hard things, but it transforms how we carry them. As someone once said, "It's not joy that makes us grateful, but gratitude that makes us joyful."

Living Gratitude Every Day

Gratitude grows when it becomes part of our rhythm — not something reserved for special occasions, but a habit of the heart that shapes how we see the world. Each morning offers an invitation to notice God's goodness before the noise of the day begins. A whispered word of thanks for a good night's sleep, a remembered kindness from a colleague, or a moment of quiet reflection on the beauty of nature can open our eyes to grace already at work around us. As we move through the day, gratitude can meet us in unexpected places. When frustrations arise, we can pause and look again — perhaps there is still a hidden blessing waiting to be found, a lesson to be learned, or the quiet support of someone who cares. Keeping a few reminders of blessing — a journal, a note on the

Circuit Youth:

Circuit Youth would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the service on Sunday 19th October and gave to our collection. We've donated £170 to Candlelighters, a local children's cancer charity.

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.

Safeguarding:

Please note that there has been a change to the email contacts for our Regional Officers for Safeguarding:

Emma Goodley: Tel: 07743 006413, email goodleye@methodistchurch.org.uk
Laura Tunnacliffe: Tel: 07354 862617, email: tunnacliffel@methodistchurch.org.uk
Circuit safeguarding officer, Judith Crowther – Tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office), Email: safeguardingnkm@gmail.com

Training: Foundation Module – more sessions will be arranged during the Autumn and Winter. Advanced Module training is arranged through District. Follow the link at <https://ywmethodist.org.uk/safeguarding-training/> for more details of online and face to face training.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is going from strength to strength as churches around the Circuit continue to request prayer quilts on behalf of members of their congregation, friends, family and community.

If you know anyone who is ill, bereaved, confined to home or going through a difficult time in their life and would appreciate the gift of a prayer quilt - a tangible gift of love - then please let us know. All the information and the relevant form can be found on the Circuit website, or contact Revd Jane on nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com

Have you spotted the Remembrance photos on the Circuit website? Would you like to send a photo of your Churches Remembrance displays? Have a look at the photos we have www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk

EDI Training

Are you a Minister, Local Preacher, Worship Leader, Circuit Steward or Church Steward?

Then you will need to complete the **EDI** (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Training, unless you have already done this. Please contact Resource Centre for more information.

fridge, a prayer shared with a friend — helps us to see how faithfully God continues to provide. In prayer, thankfulness turns requests into a relationship. When we not only ask but remember what God has already done, our hearts begin to rest in trust rather than anxiety. And when we speak our gratitude aloud — to God or to one another — it deepens joy and strengthens community. Living thankfully, then, is less about grand gestures and more about gentle awareness — noticing, naming, and cherishing the traces of God's love in ordinary days.

Gratitude as our witness

A thankful heart is a powerful witness in a weary world. When others see Christians living with quiet contentment and joy, even through challenges, they glimpse the strength that faith provides. Gratitude is contagious — it spreads hope, softens hearts, and draws others toward the light of Christ. Your gratitude can be a powerful tool to share the love of God with those around you. In our churches and communities, gratitude can become a rhythm of life: in worship, in fellowship, in the way we speak to one another. Imagine a congregation known not for what it lacks, but for how it gives thanks — a people who see blessings in every corner, because they see God in every moment. As we move through this November season, may we take time each day to count our blessings — not our burdens. May we learn to live thankfully, not just occasionally, but continually. And may our gratitude become a song that others can hear, leading them to the Source of every good gift. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

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

Dates and Deadlines – please also see note elsewhere in Connect: **December 2025 & January 2026 deadline: 10am, Thursday 13th November 2025.** Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 19th November. 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

St. Andrew's Liversedge: Film Night – Friday 7th November at 7pm, this month's film is Saving Grace.

Gomersal: Coffee Morning 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10 -11.30am. Thursday 6th November: **Quiz afternoon** –

Tingley: Saturday 1st November: **Friends Café** 1pm to 2.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Friends Café this month. Monday 17th November: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Saturday 15th November: **Coffee, Cakes & Crafts** 10am. Join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning. There will be craft stalls, cake stall and a raffle. Wednesday 19th November: **Be Still** 7pm, Our monthly midweek service of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. Continuing on the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, please contact

tingleymc.events@gmail.com

Birstall: Fellowship Group Monday 10th and 24th November 2pm. A time of sharing, bible study, prayer & friendship. **Coffee & Chat** Every Thursday 9:30am-11am with bric-a-brac & book stall. **Light Lunch** 6th November, first Thursday of each month, cottage pie & veg followed by homemade cake. **Bably Toddler stay & play** Friday 14th & 28th November 9:30am-11am. All parents, grandparents & carers welcome, refreshments and no charge. **Christmas Gift Stall** Thursday 20th & 27th November 9:30am-11am, start your Christmas shopping early with lots of bargains.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings. Friday 3rd & 17th October 10am - 11.30am. Join us for a chat and a friendly cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group:** meets weekly, Friday, 9.30am - 11am. All parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school are very welcome. Includes play, colouring, action songs, snacks.

West Ardsley: Tuesday Chat & Crafts - Every Tuesday – 2pm - 4pm. **Mosaic Café** - Every Wednesday - 11am - 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches & cakes. On Wednesday 17th December there will be a pre-booked Christmas menu. Please collect an order form on your next visit. **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. Saturday 15th November, 6pm - **Pie & Pea Supper** & Domino Evening (please contact us prior to this event for catering purposes). **Dates for your Diary** - Saturday 29th November - Christmas Market, 11am - 3pm.

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday: 1:30pm **Art Class**, 6:30pm **Brownies**. Tuesday: 10:30am **Chair Yoga Class**, 2pm **Art Class**, 4-6pm **Yorkshire Tutors**, 7pm **Pilates Class**. Wednesday: 10am **Bible Study** (First in Month). Friday: 10am **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning**.

Drighlington: Foodbank: Mondays 12noon – 1.30pm; **Coffee Pot** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 11.30am; Wednesday **Girls Brigade** 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training** 10am - 1pm; Thursdays **You're never too old (YNT0)** 1pm - 3pm; Fridays Memory Cafe - from 11.00am

Batley: In the Brimer Hall - Mondays - **Batley Care and Drop In**. 10am - 12 noon Tuesdays, fortnightly - Batley & Dewsbury **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

Westborough: Coffee Morning - first Friday of the month 10.30am until 12noon, with free refreshments and everyone is welcome. **Wellness chat** - Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm. **Yoga** - Wednesday morning 10.30am - 11.30am, all are welcome.
We also would like to give a warm invite all to our **150-year church anniversary** tea, cake and historical display and choral entertainment on Saturday April 11th from 11 am till 4pm. More information to follow. Breakfast boxes are continuing to be collated and given out to local school referred families during the school holidays. Donations of dry breakfast cereals an in-date tins of soups, beans, essential food /drink items etc and toiletries are welcome from all our circuit church congregations. Next boxes are due for October 1/2 term break.

Morley: 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** – 10–12 noon on Saturday 25th October.

Cleckheaton: Saturday 29th November - Christmas Fair, 11:30am - 3pm. **Meeting Place** 11am - 2pm: Saturday 15th November



More than 1,700 children and young people aged between 4 to 18 years old went on "The Journey of a Lifetime" from, Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October, at 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly held at the NEC, Birmingham.

One of those welcoming the young people was Genesis Padgett, the Methodist Youth President, who offers this report on the event.

One long-term impact of 3Generate is on our young people who get encouraged by so many other young disciples, it shows them that they're not alone and hopefully they will stick with Church and grow in their faith, follow in their journey of a lifetime, take that next step and grow into amazing adults.

The sustainable educational charity 'It Started With a Sloth'

offered unique activities to children and young people at 3Generate this year. The

objective was to help children understand environmental issues

from a different perspective, one that fosters empathy rather than simply presenting facts.

To read more about what happened over the weekend see here

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/3generate-2025-the-journey-of-a-lifetime/>



AWE (Alternative Worship Experience) in the Brimer Hall at Batley Central on Sunday 30th November 2026 at 6.00pm.

A Contemporary (café style) Advent Church Service for all ages across the circuit and beyond. The theme of the next AWE service is "Hearts Waiting" and we can assure everyone of a warm welcome, and worship that is refreshing, innovative, forward looking and inspiring. The café style service will include Advent worship songs, readings, video clips, prayers, simple activities and a short reflection. Oh, I almost forgot to mention, the presence of God will also be with us, in abundance! And if all that doesn't make you feel excited and ready to come along, there will also be a time for great fellowship (and mince pies) after the service! So, please, come along and bring a friend. We can't wait to see you! From everyone on the AWE planning team.