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North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

November 2026

From Chris Reece:

Change is a natural part of life, and we see this as the days get shorter following the clocks recently changing, the trees shedding their leaves in autumn and birds beginning their seasonal migrations. However, change brings opportunity. In September, our Circuit Youth started to meet again following the summer break. We have been blessed as a Circuit to have had such a vibrant group of young members meet since just after the Covid times. In this time we've built friendships, have been away together on Youth Weekends, and grown personally. It has been a great success, and thanks go to the churches who have hosted the group and those that have attended or donated towards Youth events over the past few years.

This summer however, has seen a number of the group move on to University and the workplace as they are now over 18. For these people, it may be moving away from their homes and living in a new location, making new friends, having to live alone for the first time or learning a new skill as they begin to work. In our faith, we are constantly reminded about change, whether stories such as Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1–10) or The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32) or through hymns like This, This is the God We Adore (STF 67). They remind us to take time to reflect and re-prioritise.

One change among the young people is we have seen new leaders of the Circuit Youth emerge. Those who were once the younger and quieter members now become more vocal and in turn help the newer members. We have also seen their conversations develop as we discuss a number of topics and challenge each other's way of thinking. The growth they display is pleasing to watch. For the members who have moved on, it has meant we have been able to set up a new group as they want to meet and continue their friendship. Although it is still in its infancy, it presents an opportunity for us to look forward and grow. We can take the learning into our churches and lives. Although it can be difficult and scary, change can be a positive and allow us to reflect on how we can welcome new people into our buildings and spaces. Through all of this God's character,

love, and truth remains constant, providing stability when life around us shifts. When life feels uncertain, we don't have to anchor our hope in changing circumstances, we can anchor it in the unchanging God.

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.

Dates and Deadlines – *December deadline: 10am, Thursday 12th November.*
Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 18th November. ***These are earlier than usual, to allow time to publicise Advent and Christmas events across the Circuit.*** Please let Resource Centre 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

Contact information for Safeguarding matters:
Regional Officer for Safeguarding: Laura Tunnacliffe Tel: 07354 862617, tunnacliffel@methodistchurch.org.uk
Circuit safeguarding officer: Judith Crowther – Tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office), Email: safeguardingnkm@gmail.com **Safeguarding training:**
Advanced Module training is arranged through District – new dates are now available at https://ywmethodist.org.uk/safeguarding-training/
Foundation Module training: at the moment we don't have any sessions planned – more coming soon.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion training: Saturday 28th November, 10am – places must be booked in advance through Resource Centre. The session will last approximately 2 ½ hours.
Who needs to do this? At church and circuit level: Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Circuit Safeguarding Officers, Circuit stewards and church stewards, Lay Workers (Lay Pastoral Workers, Children, Youth and Family Workers, Pioneers)

Circuit Youth: 6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person please contact Heidi Curry (or see the Circuit website) for more dates & details.
Prayer Quilt Ministry: Mondays 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Tingley Methodist Church, see the Circuit website for more information.

Information, Services and Events – Circuit and District

Wednesday 25th November, 11am – 3pm: **MWiB Advent Retreat Day** at St Andrew's Liversedge, led by Rev'd Jane Parker – This Advent retreat invites each one of us to make room in our busy lives to pause, find stillness, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.
Through reflection, prayer and creativity we will explore how we can make room for God, for one another, and for the hope peace and joy of Christmas – see poster for more information. *Please note the local connections of this MWiB event – a great opportunity!*

Sunday 6th December, 6pm at Tingley – **AWE celebration of Advent**: 'Wait, Watchers!

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

Information and events from Churches

Cleckheaton: Fridays – **Coffee Morning** 10 to 11:30. Saturday 21st **Meeting Place** 11am – 2pm. Food, company, jigsaws, games for kids.

Batley: Mondays: **Batley Care & Drop In**, Brimer Hall, 10am - 12noon
Tuesdays (fortnightly): **Batley, Dewsbury & Morley Probus Club,** Brimer Hall – 10:15 – 11:45am with speaker. Retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome.
Wednesday: **Peer Talk,** Brimer Hall, 11am – 12.30pm. A mutual support group for those living with depression or anxiety. Fridays, 11am - 2.30pm: **Red Door Cafe** (church vestibule) serving light lunches, snacks and cakes. Volunteers are

required. If anyone is interested and/or require more information, please contact Stuart; **Coffee Morning** in the Brimer Hall, 9:45 – 11:30am. Dates for your diary: Saturday 19 December: **Grange Moor Brass Band**, 2pm, £10pp - including seasonal refreshments and hot drinks. For

Longcauseway Church: Tuesdays – **In Stitches** – 10:30am – 12:30pm, **Create and Connect –** 10:30am to noon. Wednesdays – **3 Strand Cafe** – 9am to 1:30pm with light bites available. 1st Wednesday – **Pause Breathe Pray** – 1:30pm in the 3 Strand Café. Fridays – **Bumps, Babies and Toddlers** – 10:00am to 11.30am (term time only). Saturdays – **3 Strand Cafe** – 9:45am – 11:45am with refreshments. 1st Saturday – **Crafty Church** – 10am to noon in the 3 Strand Café. Last Saturday – **Repair Café** – 10am to noon.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Coffee Mornings - Friday: 6th & 20th, 10am - 11.30am. Join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group**, Fridays 9.30am - 11am, all parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to preschool are welcome, includes play, colouring, snacks & action songs, donations welcome. **After School Drop-in** on the first Friday of each month, from 3:30pm to 5pm, fun packed afternoon for all the family. No need to book, free food & refreshments. Volunteers, people & prayers welcome. Follow us on Facebook or contact standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com for more information.

Trinity: First & Third Wednesdays – **Soup Lunch** 11:45am-1pm. Donations in excess of £3.50 welcome. Fridays – **Warm Welcome Coffee Morning** – 10:00 - 11:30am. Trinity Community Hub is now open every Friday 12-2pm ready to welcome guests, tea, coffee, food and friendship, board games, newspapers and magazines to read. There's a quiet area in the Chapel visitors can use - all welcome.

Tingley: Friends Café – first Saturday of the month from 1pm to 2:30pm. Come and join us for food, fellowship & friendship. **The Soup Bowl** – second Monday of the month from 12noon to 1:30pm. Join us for Soup, Sandwiches, Snacks and a Hot Drink. **Men's Fellowship** –Mondays from 10:30am – 12noon. Come and join us for fellowship and chat over refreshments. **Line Dancing** – Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. If you want to join us in whatever capacity, you will be made very welcome. **Indoor Bowls –** Thursdays from 2pm – 4pm. **Friday Night Youth** -

meet fortnightly on a Friday evening during term-time, and we aim to provide age-appropriate activities for children and young people aged between 5 and 18. Saturday 21st: **Glow and Give** 2pm to 4pm A Tropic Skincare Festive Afternoon. Join us for an afternoon of beauty, self-care and giving back! Discover the magic of Tropic's natural, cruelty-free skincare. while supporting Archie's Caravan and Tingley Methodist Church. Free admission with entry into a prize draw. Donations welcome towards cost of refreshments. Please email tingleymc.events@gmail.com for details.

West Ardsley: **West Ardsley Methodist Church building is now closed for refurbishment.** Chat & Craft - Tuesdays 2 - 4pm. Mosaic Cafe - Wednesdays - 11am - 1:30pm - 'A space to just be'. Serving drinks, light lunches and cakes. Food Pantry - Fridays 11am - 12:30pm - Food available for anyone going through financial difficulty. No referral needed. Saturday 28th Nov - Christmas Coffee Morning & Light Lunches 10am - 2pm. Come along for some seasonal refreshments, gifts and prize draw.
NB All our events and activities are held at West Ardsley Community Centre, Hill Top, WF3 1HD. Church services are held at Hill Top School.
For all events or further details, please email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk

Birkenshaw & East Bierley: Mondays **– Art Classes** –1:30 – 3:30pm. **Brownies –** 6:30 – 8:30pm (weekly in term time). Tuesdays **– Chair Yoga Class** –10:30 – 12:30pm. **Art Class** – 2:00 – 4:00pm. **Pilates Class** – 7:00 – 8:00pm. Wednesdays – **Fellowship Group** 10:00 – 11:15am (1st Wed in month). Fridays – **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning –** 10:00 – 12:00pm. Sundays – **Child Bereavement Group** – 3:00 – 5:00pm (fortnightly)

Birstall: **Monday Fellowship –** 2nd & 16th, 2pm – 3:30pm. A time of sharing news and concerns, Bible study and prayers. We shall be taking a break until the new year so that members can attend the Advent Bible Study. Thursdays **– Coffee & Chat** – 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. A warm space in the coming months. **Light lunch** – 5th. Fridays – **Baby & Toddler Stay & Play –** 13th & 27th 9:30 – 11:00. Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome. Refreshments provided. No charge. Advent Bible Study at Birstall, open to all – Tuesdays 24th Nov, 1st 8th and 15th December at 2pm

Drighlington: Mondays – **Foodbank** 12noon – 1:30pm, donations can be dropped off after 11am on the day or any morning between 9:30 and 11:30. **Coffee pot** will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:30 – 11:30 serving hot sandwiches etc. except Thursday when they serve homemade scones. Fridays – **Memory Cafe** – 11am to 1pm, activities vary from singing, chair exercise and relaxation. On the second Friday of the month, we serve a lunch at 12 followed by entertainment. **Music and Merriment** – Saturday 7th, at 4pm, tickets are £7.50 includes refreshments. **Coffee Morning** – Saturday 14th, with various stalls including our popular cake stall. Hot sandwiches, tea & coffee etc. are available to purchase. **Dates for your diary –**We are providing a three-course **Christmas lunch** on Wednesday 2nd Dec at 1pm tickets £15 with Christmas music etc. Sat 5th Dec a **Concert by Sugar rush** (A Capella group of ladies) Tickets £10 including refreshments. Tickets for all events available from Coffee Pot or online at admin@drighlingtonmethodist.org.uk

Gomersal: Coffee Morning 10 – 11:30am every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Have you found us online? **Circuit Website -** *www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk*

Circuit Facebook page -

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577861399950



ECO Church – Bookaid Charity Update

In June, I asked about collecting old bibles, study and theology books from across the Circuit to send to the above charity and plans were made. However, having spoken with the Director, their warehouses are full to capacity for the foreseeable future because of new import restrictions in some of the receiving countries. The few volunteers must now complete unbelievably detailed and time-consuming inventories of the cargoes they would normally send without any problems!

Therefore, I regret that we must patiently hang on to the 'stash' we all have secreted in our bookcases and studies until such time as the charity Director informs me that we can arrange a new collection date.

Meanwhile, she asked us to pray that the customs, especially in Nigeria will be more flexible in order that Bookaid can get much needed Bibles to the desperate and often displaced Christians in remote areas and camps.

Margaret Newton

Advent and Christmas Events will be in a special supplement with the December/ January Connect

Deadline for all information for this will be 10am on Thursday 12th November 2026. Please make sure you get all your Advent and Christmas news, events and information over to us by then, so we have plenty of time to pull everything together. Thank you!

