



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

October 2026

From Rev'd Nick Cutts:

How many of us have heard the question on a long journey are we there yet? The car may have only travelled the first five miles of a two-hundred-mile journey and we knew, from experience, that however we explained the remaining length of the journey, the question from the back seat would be continued to be asked at regular intervals. There would be an impatience in the journey, a lack of understanding that the destination had to be travelled to, that it would take time and commitment, to reach where we were going.

What preparations may we have made for that journey? I can remember as a child 'helping' my father to pack the car as he tried to use all the boot's space to its full capacity. There would be a journey to the petrol station to fill the car with petrol, check the oil and tyres and to buy the obligatory sweets. In that full boot there would be a container of water, just in case the radiator required filling, along with his tool bag to make any simple repairs. There was a preparedness for the journey and an expectation that to reach the destination it may not be easy travelling-that was the case within our household forty years ago. I today, do not carry a full toolkit or water to top up the radiator, but just expect that on each turn of the key (if there is one) the car will start.

As a child, I remember that I grew to love the journey as well as the arrival. The journey was not just to be tolerated, but could be explored, remembered and gained from. It was in the planning of the route and having an idea of where we were going, of doing our best in preparing the car and being ready for the unexpected within the journey before us.

In our Christian journey is it just the destination which matters to us? Do we see the benefit of the actual journey, of all we gain as we travel? Do we reflect in wonder at what we are seeing, what we are part of and how God is working in and through us?

Michael Card wrote there is a joy in the journey. As we continue in our journeys with Christ may we be prepared, persevere within them, but also be open to the movement of God's Spirit, giving space and freedom for the unexpected as we travel.

With every blessing, Nick

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 – November deadline: 10am, Thursday 29th October.

Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 4th November. 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:

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Safeguarding training: Advanced Module training is arranged through District – new dates are now available at <https://ywmethoist.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: Monday's 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Tingley Methodist Church, see the Circuit website for more information.

Circuit Information, Services and Events

Sunday 4th October – God's Xperiment 6pm at Batley

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: Friday's – **Coffee Morning** 10 to 11:30. Saturday 17th **Meeting Place** 11am – 2pm. Food, company, jigsaws, games for kids. Thursday 29th **Breakfast Drop In** – 9am – 11 am, Activities for kids and breakfast. All free.

St Andrew's, Liversedge: **Knit and Natter Group** – Autumn Fayre on Saturday 31st, from 10am until 2pm. Coffee and cake, light snacks. Tombola, raffle, various stalls- get your Christmas shopping started early!

Batley: Mondays – **BATLEY CARE & DROP-IN** – Brimer Hall, 10am - 12noon
Tuesdays (fortnightly) **BATLEY, DEWSBURY & MORLEY PROBUS CLUB** – Brimer Hall – 10:15 – 11:45. with speaker. Retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome. Please contact Keith W
Wednesdays – **PEER TALK** – Brimer Hall - 11am – 12noon. A mutual support group for those living with depression or anxiety.
Fridays – **COFFEE MORNING** – Brimer Hall – 9:45 – 11:30am.

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 9th and 23rd October, 10am - 11:30am. Join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group** – Fridays 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. **Kids Friday Drop-in** – Friday 2nd from 3:30 - 5pm, then the first Friday of the month thereafter. Fun packed afternoon for all the family. No need to book, free food & refreshments. Volunteers, people & prayers welcome. Follow us on Facebook or contact for more information.

Trinity: First & Third Wednesday's – **Soup Lunch** 11:45am-1pm. Donations in excess of £3.50 welcome. Fridays – **Warm Welcome Coffee Morning** – 10:00-11:30am. **Community Drop-in** – noon-2pm. Tea, coffee, food & friendship in the vestibule. There's a quiet area in the Chapel visitors can use, all welcome. **Breakfast Drop-in** open every Wednesday during the school holidays 9 – 11am. All are welcome there will be crafts, games and breakfast items served free throughout the morning.

Tingley: Friends Café – Saturday 3rd 1pm to 2:30pm, Come and join us for lunch. **The Bluebird Singers** – Saturday 10th at 7pm. Come and join us to welcome back The Bluebird Singers. All proceeds will be for our new charity, Archie's Caravan. Tickets are £5 and are available now. Entry will be by ticket or on the door. For more information, please contact tingleymc.events@gmail.com **The Soup Bowl** – Monday 12th – 12noon to 1:30 pm. Join us for Soup, Sandwiches, Snacks and a Hot Drink. **Prayer Quilt Ministry Coffee Morning** – Saturday 17th 10:00am to 12 noon. Come and join us and help raise funds for the project. **Be Still** – Wednesday 21st 7pm. Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. **Film Night** – Saturday 24th – 7:30 pm Mother's Pride (12), a story about the Harley family who after losing their matriarch, must come together to save their pub and village through the art of beer brewing. Free admission with donations for refreshments. **Date for your diary** – Saturday 21st November: 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. Free admission with entry into a prize draw. Donations welcome towards cost of refreshments on the day. More details to follow.

West Ardsley: **West Ardsley Methodist Church building is now closed for refurbishment.** From Sunday 4th October, our worship will take place at Hill Top Primary Academy, West Ardsley, WF3 1HD at 10:30am. **We are hoping our events will be taking place at Hill Top Community Centre, WF3 1HD.** Please follow our Facebook page or website for regular updates. **Dates for your diary - Church Family Weekend - 13th Nov - 15th Nov. Christmas Coffee morning & lunch 10am - 2pm Saturday 28th November** Please speak to Stephen or Sarah or alternatively email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk with any questions.

Birkenshaw & East Bierley: Monday's – **Art Classes** – 1:30 – 3:30pm. **Brownies** – 6:30 – 8:30pm (weekly in term time). Tuesday's – **Chair Yoga Class** – 10:30 – 12:30pm. **Art Class** – 2:00 – 4:00pm. **Pilates Class** – 7:00 – 8:00pm. Wednesday's – **Fellowship Group** 10:00 – 11:15am (1st Wed in month – this month Brian Snelson). Friday's – **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning** – 10:00 – 12:00pm. Sunday's – **Child Bereavement Group** – 3:00 – 5:00pm (fortnightly)

Birstall: **Monday Fellowship** – 5th & 19th 2:00 - 3:30. A time of sharing news and concerns, Bible study and prayers. Thursday's – **Coffee & Chat** – 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. A warm space in the coming months. **Light lunch** – *No lunch in October*, 5th November – Chicken Pie with assorted vegetables followed by homemade cake. Friday's – **Baby & Toddler Stay & Play** – 2nd 16th 30th 9:30 – 11:00. Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome. Refreshments provided. No charge. **Wednesday 14th October at 2:00pm** Spen Valley Ukulele group will entertain us and invite us to sing along with well-loved tunes. No charge but a donation to the group's charity would be welcome. Please join us for a fun afternoon (see poster)

Drighlington: Monday's – **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. Friday's – **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.

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

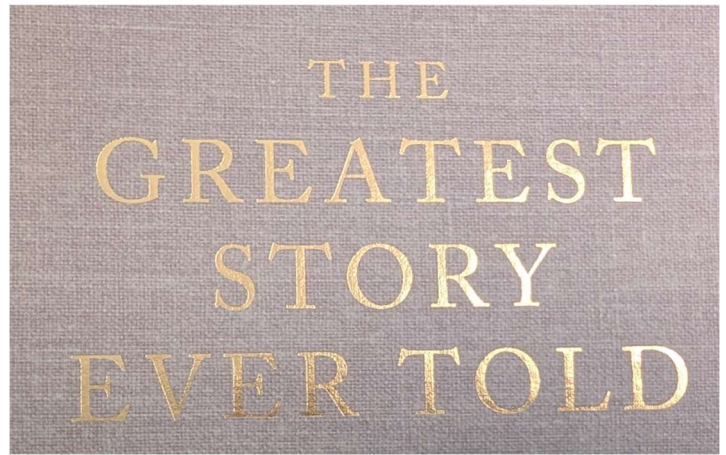
Circuit Facebook page -

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



The Greatest Story Ever Told:

Have you read the book yet? If you have, talk to someone in your church congregation about it and see if they have read it. If you pop into the Resource Centre, we would be happy to discuss it with you too.



It retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best— his mother Mary, Thomas, Simon Peter, Yohanan (friend) & Mary Magdalene. At the heart of it all are Jesus' own words, taken directly from the Bible, letting the greatest story ever told speak for itself.

As a Circuit we are looking at different ways of exploring our discipleship together and we hope that we can all have chance to read this book, develop further into the life of Jesus and talk about it with others.

