



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

September 2026

From Rev'd Marian Olsen:

This summer at Cleckheaton, our theme for the weekly 'Breakfast drop-in' for families during school holidays, has been the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia (Galatians 5:22-23).

Each week we have focused on a Bible story which connects with one or two of the fruit. This took me back to read again the account of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-24), which we linked to Goodness and Kindness. We did not look at the whole story with the families, but we did talk about the drought of that time and our own need for rain. We found kindness and goodness in the widow sharing the last of what she had. We saw her experience the goodness of God as her small amount of flour and oil were not used up until the day God sent rain.

1 Kings tells us that drought came as a result of the evil which King Ahab did and the way he ignored God. It would be easy for us to say: that is just the way the people thought of it, it was natural causes really. But as we see what is happening around the world and especially in Europe where, according to data from the last three decades, the climate is heating twice as fast as elsewhere in the world, our droughts do not feel very natural. Scientists and people of faith have for decades been calling on governments and anyone who can make a difference to work to prevent climate change for the sake of all creation. By now it seems that all that can be done is to slow down the effects and find measures to protect against future impact. There is an argument that this is all just the natural way that the world is developing. But evidence clearly shows that the climate breakdown links to emissions which have been building since the industrial revolution. Over the years, the louder voices of those few people with powerful influence who also happen to make their money from oil, gas and related products such as plastic, have distracted and diverted governments from being as brave and forward looking as they could have been. On an individual level, it can be hard for us to know what we can do and therefore we may end up doing nothing. But, as the widow of Zarephath listened to the prophet and willingly shared the small amount that she had, we also are called to get involved, to

listen to God's word, to share our little bit, to make that small difference and to trust in the goodness of God.

As we look ahead, at the beginning of a new church year, let's be encouraged to think not only of our church communities but of the wider community, the global community, and let's be brave about how we respond to God's call to share the fruit of our lives so that we may also share God's blessing with our neighbours and all of creation.

With love, Marian

At 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 – *October deadline: 10am, Thursday 24th September.*

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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Circuit safeguarding officer, Judith Crowther – Tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office), Email: safeguardingnkm@gmail.com

Safeguarding training: Advanced Module training is arranged through District. **Foundation Module** training: No sessions are planned.

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. We are holding a Coffee Morning at Tingley on Saturday 17th October 10.00am - 12.00 noon, poster to follow

Circuit Information, Services and Events

Sunday 6th September – Local Preachers Reaffirmation Service 6pm at Drighlington

Sunday 20th September – AWE 6pm at Batley

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

St Andrew's, Liversedge: Knit and Natter Group – Date for your diaries - Autumn Fayre on Saturday 31st October, 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. Wednesday - **PEER TALK** - Brimer Hall - 11am - 12 noon. A mutual support group for those living with depression or anxiety.
Fridays - **COFFEE MORNING** - Brimer Hall - 9.45 - 11.30am. Friday 25 September - Macmillan Charity coffee morning with cake stall.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Coffee Mornings - Friday: 11th & 25th September, 10am to 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. **After School Drop-in** - Friday 4th September 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 standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com for more information.

Tingley: Saturday 5th September: **Friends Café** 1 pm to 2.30 pm. Come and join us for lunch. Everyone welcome! Saturday 12th September: **Coffee Morning** 10am to 12 noon. This will be our first fundraising event for our new charity. A representative from Archie's Caravan will join us to tell us about the work they do. For more information visit www.archiescaravan.co.uk There will be a cake stall and a raffle. Monday 14th September: **The Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30 pm

Join us for Soup, Sandwiches, Snacks and a Hot Drink. Everybody most welcome! Date for your diary Saturday 10th October: **The Bluebird Singers** 7pm Come and join us to welcome back The Bluebird Singers. All proceeds will be for our new charity. Tickets are £5 and will be available soon. Entry will be by ticket or on the door. For more information, please contact tingleymc.events@gmail.com

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. **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 26th September, 10am -12pm. **Dates for your Diary** – Autumn Fashion Show, hosted by The Complete Clothing Company - Saturday 19th September - 2pm. £5 entry which includes refreshments, cake & entry in to the prize draw. Church Family Weekend to Scarborough - 13th Nov - 15th Nov. For all events, please see Stephen or Sarah or alternatively email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk All fundraising proceeds will go towards our refurbishment/building project. We hope to see you there!

Birstall: Monday Fellowship September 7th and 21st 2:00 - 3:30. A time of sharing news and concerns, Bible study and prayers. **Coffee and Chat** Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. A warm space in the coming months. **Light Lunch** - Thursday 3rd September, menu - Fish, chips and peas followed by homemade cake. **Baby and Toddler stay and play** - Friday 4th and 18th September 9:30 - 11:00 Parents, grandparents and carers all welcome. Refreshments provided. No charge.

Drighlington: Monday's Foodbank 12 noon till 1.30, donations can be dropped off after 11am on the day or any morning between 9.30 and 11.30. **Coffee pot** - open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.30 and 11.30 serving hot sandwiches ETC except Thursday when they serve homemade scones. **Memory cafe** - Fridays from 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. Saturday 5th September we are holding a games afternoon from 3pm to 5pm including jacket potatoes with fillings, tickets £7.50 available from coffee pot or get in touch with a steward if you are interested in joining us. Saturday 12th September **Coffee Morning** 10am to 12 noon with various stalls including our very popular cake stall. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any of these events. Date for your diary: 10th October from 10am to

3.00pm. Terry O'Shaughnessy will be holding a display of his artwork. There will be a £5 admission for church funds, and certain works can be bought subject to agreement.

Gomersal: Coffee Morning 10-11.30am every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

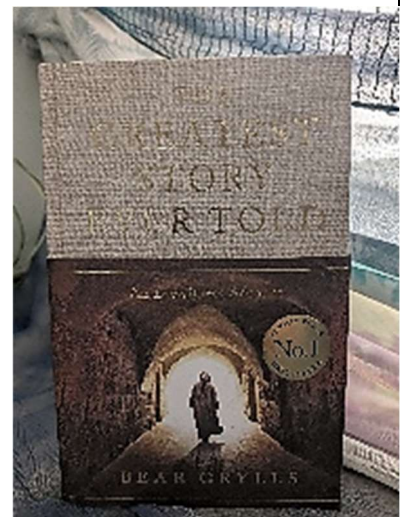
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Circuit Facebook page -

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

The Greatest Story Ever Told:

Bear Grylls retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best— his mother Mary, Thomas, Simon Peter, Yohanan (friend) & Mary Magdalene. Their first-hand encounters bring the story to life with intensity, warmth, and deep reverence. 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, delve further into the life of Jesus and talk about it with others.

Copies are available to borrow from Resource Centre, along with a poster for churches to publicise this and to see how many of us have read the book. Materials to support discussions and study are also available.

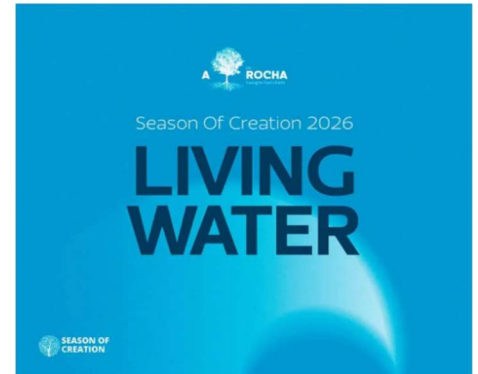


ECO Church – from A Rocha (<https://arocha.org.uk/>) :

The Season of Creation (also known as Creationtide) is a time observed by denominations globally to reflect specifically on God's wider creation, His relationship to it and our own relationship with it. During this five week period, 1 September – 4 October, Christians and churches are invited to pray, act and use their voice to advocate for creation.

This year's theme is '**Living water.**'

Around 600 years before the birth of Jesus, 30-year-old Ezekiel, an apprentice priest in exile, took on a prophetic role and wrote of a time when water flows out from under the temple, when 'swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows' and 'fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river'. This year's Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) is rooted in Ezekiel 47:9 and 12.



Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow. Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.