

Circuit Information, Services and Events

16th February, 6pm: **AWE Advent Praise** at Drighlington

Circuit Meeting: Tuesday 11th March, 7.30pm at Morley Central.

Local Preacher's Meeting: Tuesday 18th February, 7.30pm at TBD

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North Kirklees & Morley Circuit February 2025

Circuit Youth:

6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person please contact Heidi Curry for more dates & details.

SAFEGUARDING

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Foundation Module training dates are now being planned – publicity will be sent to churches as soon as possible.

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 – there is a face to face session on 4th March at St Andrew's Mirfield. If you have difficulties booking on to a session, please contact Judith Crowther.

Prayer Quilts

Do you know anyone in your church who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Quilt? Nomination forms are available from tingleymc@gmail.com, phone Victoria on 07981557029, or from Resource Centre.

Staff days off:

Monday – Marian Olsen, Nick Cutts

Wednesday - Alex Yesudas

Thursday – David Barker

Coming soon – photo challenge for the home page of our new website – more details in the March edition of Connect. Theme – 'Our Circuit' - what views are special to you in our Circuit? (NB, no photos of people, please)

From Rev. Marian Olsen:

Does it feel like things are getting back to normal after Christmas and after the snow?

If so, does the sense of normality feel comfortable or do you find yourself waiting for the next interesting thing to happen?

Perhaps, looking at world events, nothing really feels normal. Perhaps, seeing how climate change is making things such as forest fires and flooding worse, you find yourself questioning whether life will ever feel normal again.

In this period between Epiphany and Lent, I often wonder what normal was like for Jesus in the time he was growing up and in his twenties. We jump from the birth of a baby, sometimes briefly glimpsing an event from when he was twelve (and certainly not the mild obedient child which the Victorians suggest in 'Once in royal') to the mature man ready to step into a new phase of his life and his three years of ministry.

Jesus is fully human as well as fully divine. He will have done the ordinary and necessary things in life. As a child and adolescent, he grew up in Palestine at a time when the occupying forces of the Roman empire were a significant presence. Jesus' normality was in some ways different from ours but in other ways, day to day, he will have had mundane things to deal with.

In the gospels we hear about Jesus eating meals. We read of him walking from place to place. Both these normal human activities are parts of daily life which Jesus makes holy by the way he inhabits them. He eats with a whole mixture of, to some minds, questionable characters. He responds with wisdom and healing power to those who call out to him on the way as he walks past.

We celebrate Christmas and Easter, we observe Advent and Lent, for a few weeks now we are in

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what the lectionary refers to as Ordinary time. Let's celebrate the normal and the ordinary. In Celtic spirituality there is a practice of accompanying activities such as washing and baking and cleaning with specific prayers, recognising the sacredness of daily life.

God chose for Jesus to live a life which included the ordinary. God does not shy away from the human body or everyday necessities. Let's give thanks for whatever our normal is and allow ourselves to recognise the gift which it is.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16

With love and prayers,
Marian

Dates and Deadlines

March 2025 deadline: 10am, Thursday 20th February 2025

Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 26th February. 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.

Batley: Care & Drop in, Mondays- 10am -12noon.

Friday Coffee Morning 9.30am to 11.30am in the Brimer Hall £1.50 for drink and biscuits. Refill 50p.

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday: 9am **Fresh Art Takeaway** (Second Monday in Month - booking required), 1pm **Art Class**, 6-30pm **Brownies**. Tuesday: 11am **Sit and be Fit** with Prinadi - chair exercises + tea and biscuits afterwards with fun and fellowship, 2pm **Art Class**, 7pm **Pilates Class**. Wednesday: 10am **Fellowship Group** + Refreshments (First in Month), 12pm **Leisure Inclusive Day Care**. Thursday: 12pm **Leisure Inclusive Day Care** (Dementia). Friday: 10am **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning**

Gomersal: Coffee Morning 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10 -11.30am

Cleckheaton: Friday coffee every week 10 - 11:30am. **Meeting Place** - Saturday February 15th 11am - 2pm - food, chat, jigsaw, table tennis and activities for kids. **Breakfast drop in** Thursday February 20th - 11am - breakfast + fun for kids- all free.

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

The Circuit Resource Centre,
Batley Methodist Church
Commercial Street
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01924 442535, email address:
nkmresources@gmail.com



Resource Centre opening times:

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm,
Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 1.30pm
Apart from: February: closed on Thursday 6th; closing at 12noon on Friday 28th. March: closed on Thursday 6th

Birstall: Coffee morning each Thursday 9:30 – 11am, with bric-a-brac and book stall, offering a Warm Space in the coming months **Light Lunch:** Thursday 6th February 12noon - 1pm, Sausages, Yorkshire pudding and veg followed by home-made cake, Suggested donation £4:50. **Baby and Toddler Stay and Play** Fridays 7th and 21st February 9:30 - 11:00am. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome.

Refreshments, no charge. **Fellowship group** Mondays 3rd and 17th February, 2 – 3.30pm: a time for sharing, Bible study and prayer. All welcome.

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Drighlington: Foodbank: Mondays 1 - 3 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday **Coffee Pot** 9.30-11.30am; Wednesday **Girls Brigade** 6.30 - 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training** 10 - 1pm; Thursdays **You're never too old** (YNT0) 1 - 3 pm; Fridays **Memory Cafe** - please check with Trevor Martin for times 07871577891

Trinity Mirfield: Soup lunches 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11:45am to 12:45 donation in excess of £3.50 appreciated. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Warm Welcome Café:** Fridays, 10- 11.30am. Tuesday 4th March: **Pancake Lunch** 12.30- 1.30pm Sweet & savoury fillings, £2 per pancake – held downstairs in the schoolroom.

Longcauseway: The **Repair Cafe** on the last Saturday of every month in **The 3 Strand Cafe** 10am to 12.30pm. **Tuesday Tonic's In Stitches**, 10.30am- 12.30pm. The **3 Strand Cafe** every Wednesday 9am to 1pm and Saturdays 9.45am to 11.45am. Come and see our new recycling hub and drop off your used blister packs!

St. Andrew's Liversedge: Café every Monday from 10am until 2pm, followed by **knit & natter** - everyone welcome. **First Friday Film Night:** 7th February, 'Swimming with Men' 7th March, 'Bank of Dave' Refreshments will be provided at no cost but a donation to charity would be gratefully appreciated.

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings on Friday 7th/21st February 10am - 11.30am: join us for a chat and cuppa. Baby & Toddler Group meets weekly, Friday 9.30am – 11am. All parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school very welcome (Auntie Pam's baby weigh clinic will also be there on 8th/22nd February). Please view St Andrews f/b page for further information.

Westborough: Mondays 10am – 12noon, **painting class**; Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm, **craft group**; Wednesdays 10am, **wellness class** (chat-yoga-drink) 1.30-3.30pm **Drawing class**. **Coffee morning:** 1st November, 6th December, 10.30 till 12, warm friendly space and all are welcome, no charge for refreshments. Donations at the December coffee morning will be split between Breast Cancer Now and MacMillan.

Morley: Craft, Chat & Sing – Saturday 15th February at new time of 10.30am. Everyone welcome. **Together on Tuesday Group** at 7.30pm – 4th February: a Quiz by Andrew Stokes. On 18 February there will be a talk by Simon Brown. **Lunch Club** – each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) –at the moment we have no available spaces but if you want your name added to the waiting list, please contact Lynne on 07792 996805. **Coffee Mornings:** every Friday, 10 - 11.30am. **Grief Café:** 10am – 12 noon on Saturday 22 February.

Tingley: Saturday 1st February: **Friends Café** 1 - 2.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Friends Café this month. Monday 10th February: **The Soup Bowl** 12 noon to 1.30pm - We're hoping for better weather this month. Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome.

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 (except August). 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** - Saturday 22nd Feb 2025 and will continue on the last Saturday of every month. **Date for your Diary** - Saturday 8th March, 2pm - **Fashion Show Fund Raiser** - presented by the Complete Clothing Company. £5 a ticket, which includes entry, refreshments, cake and entry into the prize draw. For further details on any events please email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...prayers from A Rocha
(<https://arocha.org.uk/>)



For ten years, The Climate Coalition has united communities every February through its Show the Love campaign. Pray for people to join in with this year's campaign as they are encouraged to think about the things they love in nature and ways they are helping to protect it. Ask God to move people's hearts and inspire them to play their part in speaking up for and protecting nature.

Lent resources: <https://arocha.org.uk/connect-with-our-creator-and-gods-creation-during-lent/>

Around the Circuit – good news to share



Have you seen our new website yet?

Where's my church – Click the Churches tab here you will find a map of the church location, the next 4 services planned, some information and pictures about your church

Where's the Plan – there are several places to find this, on your own church page, on the Find a Service page, or a printed version from the Resource Centre

Find a Service page - here you can find out where the next Lord's Supper is being held and all the services that have been planned to date.

If you have previously had the website book marked on your computer/phone, please can you make sure you update the link. Same address – new site!