

Circuit Events and more

*Alternative Worship Experience services:
Easter Day 6pm, Sunday 17th April at Batley
Central*



SAFEGUARDING: Upcoming training sessions:

Foundation module: Book through Circuit Resource Centre. All sessions last 2 1/2 hours.

Tuesday 5th April, 7-9.30pm at Cleckheaton

Saturday 7th May, 9.30am - 12noon at Tingley

Tuesday 24th May, 1.30 -4pm, Drighlington

Saturday 25th June, 9.30am - 12noon, Birkenshaw & East Bierley

Advanced Module: book via Susan Wishart

(wisharts@dso.methodist.org.uk, Tel: 01422 370417 / 07875 195977.)

Saturday 14 May on Zoom, from 10am - 12pm (plus 4 hours of pre-course work on Theology X. Reasonable IT skills necessary).

Thursday 19 May at Dalton St Paul's, Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8DE, from 10.30am - 3pm.

Saturday 21st May, 10.30am - 2pm at Tingley Methodist Church

There is also a course planned in the Leeds North and East Circuit in June - I am waiting to hear the details of this. *Not sure if you need to attend a session? Please check with your church safeguarding officer or with Judith Crowther at Circuit Resource Centre.*

Current Coronavirus Guidance from the Methodist Church website - unchanged from 24th February.

'From the 1 April, the Government will set out the ongoing steps that people with Covid-19 should take to minimise contact with other people. This will align with the ending of free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England and the ending of the need for employers to explicitly consider Covid-19 in their Health and Safety Risk Assessments. Further information on this can be found here – [COVID-19](#)

[Response - Living with COVID-19.docx](#)

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Dates and Deadlines

May deadline: 10am, Thursday 21st April 2022

Email & printed copies ready on: Wednesday 27th April

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 – Nigel Rodgers, Nick Cutts, Marian Olsen, Al Henry

Wednesday – Alex Yesudas

April 2022

North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

From Heidi and Antony Curry...

Youth Alpha is Back!

Having retired as circuit youth leaders back in July 2016 to become parents, it came as a big surprise to us both when God asked us to run a Youth Alpha course. Did we have time to become youth leaders again? Could we separate our parental roles from youth leader roles when it came to our two children? The praying began!

We knew there were a lot of young people keen to get back together again after the pandemic, but so did God, because within just a few weeks we had a planning meeting date in the diary with a team of 9 volunteers from across the circuit, and 18 young people (aged 10-15 years) accepted an invitation to a taster session we ran back in November.

We've run a number of Youth Alpha courses within the circuit over the last few years, but never had access to such good quality material. Each session has a downloadable video, along with discussion group questions (just like the Alpha course itself), written and recorded for a younger audience.

We ran the first session in January and have met every Sunday evening either at West Ardsley or Cleckheaton since. It's important that we take the opportunity to say a big **thank you** to everyone who has cooked for us! Church members from Batley Central, Cleckheaton, Hanging Heaton and West Ardsley have generously given their time to prepare and serve a meal to just short of 30 people. It has been hugely appreciated and wonderful to see relationships flourish around a table over a cooked meal.

We write this article having just been on our Holy Spirit themed away day, which we spent at Christchurch, based within the Xscape complex in Castleford. It was an ideal location for us not only to gather to watch the videos and break off into our usual discussion groups, but also to enjoy trampolining at 'Gravity' and some team-building games, finishing off with a short time of worship.

It's a privilege to be part of a circuit youth leadership team again, this time joined by leaders who used to be members of the circuit youth when we first started it just over 20 years ago! It's also a blessing to have two of our ministers and their spouses in the team, which is giving them the opportunity to really get to know our young people.

As this edition of Connect gets distributed around churches we will have just reached the end of the course. We hope everyone finds joy in knowing that we have the beginnings of a new thriving circuit youth group. Our young people are the church of **today**. They have questions, they have opinions,

they have the need to explore their Christian faith and seek God – it's our job to give them that platform and encouragement.

Please pray for us as we begin to explore where God wants us to take our young people following Youth Alpha. Please also encourage any young people aged 10 years upwards in your churches to get in touch with us, so that we can begin to grow in fellowship and reach as many young people as possible.

Antony & Heidi Curry

Batley: Maundy Thursday 14th April at 6.30pm-Service of Meditation at Batley Central in the Brimer Hall, side entrance. An open invitation to all in the Circuit to come and join us in a quiet time of reflection together. Good Friday Service: 3pm

Birstall: Coffee morning: Thursdays, 9.30-11am. Table service, please wear masks when not seated. **Baby and toddler sessions,** Friday 29th April, Friday 13th & 27th May. 9.30-11.30am for ages birth to 3 years and their carers. No charge, refreshments provided.

Light Lunch Thursday 7th April, 12-1pm, no need to book. £3.50, main course followed by home made cake and tea and coffee. Contact Julie for more details 07717 949848

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Coffee Morning on Friday mornings 10am to noon.

Cleckheaton: Friday Coffee Mornings 10 am to 11.30 am.

Gomersal: Coffee morning every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 10-11. **Spring Fayre** Saturday May 7th 11am - 2pm, This event is raising money to support Rev'd. Alex in the work he will be doing in Kerala, Southern India during his sabbatical. This will hopefully be an outside event! The Cafe and Chocolate Tombola will be based inside. Stalls will include White Elephant, Scarves and Jewellery, Jigsaws and Plants. Light lunches available throughout including sandwiches, sausage rolls, cake. Please support Rev'd. Alex in this worthwhile cause.

Hanging Heaton: Scottish Dancing, Tuesdays at 2.00 pm from 1 February 2022 (Primary Building, Kirkgate, Hanging Heaton) Contact details: <http://www.dewsbury-district3age.co.uk>
Email. thirdage@dewsbury-district3age.co.uk
Tel. Sandra Bligh: 07842 284778 (Chairman)

St. Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee mornings: Friday 1st April at 10am, & Saturday 16th April at 10am fortnightly thereafter. All welcome.

Trinity Mirfield: Soup lunches first and third Wednesdays 11:45am to 12:45 pm. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Coffee Morning** Fridays, 10-11.30am.

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

Our contact details:

The Circuit Resource Centre,
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Our opening hours:

Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm (closed Bank Holidays)

If you come to Resource Centre and the door is locked – please knock, and give us time to get to the door! Please continue to wear a mask if possible, as we're a small office.



Tingley

Saturday 30th April, 7.30pm **Spring Dance** with our usual DJ., Duncan with a variety of dances, admission £6 to include a light supper and raffle. Tel: Anne 0113 2534839 for details and tickets. Come and let your hair down and blow away the cobwebs!

Longcausway: "Weekly Wellbeing" Sessions include- **Tuesday Tonic** 10.30-12.30 *In Stitches- Chat and Create & Praybake.* **Wellbeing Wednesday** 1.30-3.30pm 1st Weds, *Messy Vintage*, 2nd Weds, *Chair-a-cise*, 3rd Weds, *Scottish Dancing/ Table Top Games*, 4th Weds, *Cues, Bats and Balls*, 5th Weds, *A Pot Pourri of Praise.* £ 3.50 per activity. To book a place email churchsecretarylcw@outlook.com or tel: 07591582848

Morley: Coffee Mornings Fridays 10 -11.30am. **Messy Church** 3rd Sunday of each Month 3.30pm **Craft Chat and Sing** Monthly 11am – 12noon Third Saturday of each month. Tuesday 5th April at 7.15pm on the magnificent **Binns organ:** the first in a series of musical events at Morley Central Methodist Church. Given by Julie Tanner M.Mus, BA, FTCL, ARCO. Free admission with a retiring collection and all are most welcome to enjoy a varied and entertaining programme. 9th April 11am – 3pm **'Help for Ukraine'** Displays Family Activities Stalls Refreshments - Please support. 20th April 7pm **Pop up Cinema.** All are welcome at all of these events.

More good news from Drighlington:

