

## Circuit Events and more

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm at Cleckheaton: **Easter Offering Service**
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6pm at Cleckheaton: **Alternative Worship Experience service**
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Morley Central Methodist Church - **Leaving service for Rev. Nigel**: 4pm for a picnic (please bring your own), service will begin at 6pm
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am at Batley Central Methodist Church **Welcome service for Rev. David Barker**

### **SAFEGUARDING: Upcoming training sessions:**

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

*Saturday 25th June, 9.30am - 12noon, Birkenshaw & East Bierley (We currently have no-one booked on this course. If no-one has booked by 9<sup>th</sup> June, it will be cancelled. The next courses will be planned from September)*

### **Advanced Module: book via Susan Wishart**

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

- Saturday 11 June at Roscoe Methodist Church, Francis Street, Leeds, LS7 3QS, from 10.30am - 3pm.
- Saturday 18 June at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Otley Road, Undercliffe, Bradford, BD2 4QP, from 10.30am - 3pm.
- Thursday 23 June on Zoom, from 6.30 - 8.30pm (plus 4 hours of pre-course work on Theology X. Reasonable IT skills necessary).

*Not sure if you need to attend a session? Please check with your church safeguarding officer or with Judith Crowther at Circuit Resource Centre.*

### **Dates and Deadlines**

**July/August deadline: 10am, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**  
**Email & printed copies ready on: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

*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

Alex Yesudas - on Sabbatical June, July, August



June 2022

## North Kirklees & Morley Circuit

### **Rev. Nick Cutts writes...**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1952 whilst in Kenya, Princess Elizabeth learnt of her father's death, King George VI. On her return home, at the age of just twenty-five, she was proclaimed Queen Elizabeth II. When she was born in 1926 to the then Duke and Duchess of York, there was possibly little thought even though she was third in the line of succession, that she would ascend to the throne. The events of 1936 brought about a change of life and a very different role for her father and subsequently for the Princess with the abdication of King Edward VIII. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953, the Queen was crowned at Westminster Abbey and during a speech that day she said this,

*'I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust.'*

And nearly seventy years after saying those words and over seven decades in her role she continues. She continues in the role that she has been called and in an era which has seen many changes the Queen has adapted to them.

On the Queen's ninetieth birthday, the Bible Society published a book *The Servant Queen and the King she serves* speaking of her faith and commitment. Yes, the Queen has a privileged and favoured position, but in that coronation speech she committed herself *to your service*, to us the people of this country and the people of the Commonwealth. This book speaks of *the King she serves*, the Servant King. Graham Kendrick in the chorus of *From heaven You came* wrote *this is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.* And even after seventy years within her calling, she continues to uphold the values and the commitment she made when she first became Queen.

We have recently, through our study of Isaiah, explored the theme of *Faithful Servant* and as the letter to the Philippians says, *your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus: Who, being in the nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...* He came among us. I am reminded of the story of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna sometime during the second century, who was martyred at the age of eighty-

six. He was asked one final time to renounce his faith which would have gained his life but he declared *eighty-six years have I served him and he never did me any injury. How then can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?*

Our calling to discipleship never ends. Bodily we may become more tired, a little slower as we become older but our commitment to our Lord should keep on growing, to be greater and deeper. Our Queen continues to serve and keep the promises she made all those years ago before her people and her King, what about our commitment to that same King?



**Batley:** Afternoon tea with concert, (in the Brimer Hall) Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm £7.50 Tickets from Resource Centre and from Margaret Ashworth (01924 474041) Limited tickets, must be booked by 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Birstall: Coffee morning:** Thursdays, 9.30-11am. Table service, please wear masks when not seated. **Baby and toddler sessions**, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May. 9.30-11.30am for ages birth to 3 years and their carers. No charge, refreshments provided. **Please note, Baby and toddler sessions will be temporarily closed after 27<sup>th</sup> May, to resume again in September.** (No light lunch in June, due to the Bank Holiday)

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

**Cleckheaton: Friday Coffee Mornings** 10 to 11.30 am.

**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](mailto:thirdage@dewsbury-district3age.co.uk) Tel. Sandra Bligh: 07842 284778 (Chairman)

**Gomersal: Coffee morning** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 10-11am.

**St. Andrew's Mirfield:**

**Community Coffee mornings in June:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. All welcome. **Picnic in the Park (date for the diary): All Age Activity** on 16 July in the afternoon. Further details in July Connect. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 7.30pm **Mirfield Choral Summer Concert** – tickets £10, including cream tea – see poster for details, or contact [mirfieldchoral@gmail.com](mailto:mirfieldchoral@gmail.com)

**Tingley: Coffee Morning** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10 am to 12 noon. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Queen's Platinum Anniversary lunch & Social- 12 noon onwards.

**Newlands Methodist Mission**

Newlands **Community Cafe**, every Friday from 10am-12noon, (apart from 3<sup>rd</sup> June) – see poster

#### At the Circuit Resource Centre....

Our contact details:

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Commercial Street  
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Our opening hours: **closed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm (closed Bank Holidays) – *please check before visiting as we may have to close at short notice.* If you come to Resource Centre and the door is locked – please knock, and give us time to get to the door!

**Need some printing ? Colour, black and white, A4, A3, paper or card, single or double sided or booklets – we can help, just ask!**

**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. **Beetle Drive and Supper** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7pm, £6. To book please contact Christine Sykes on 01924 497612 or 07706738463

**Longcauseway:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2pm – **Platinum Jubilee Street Party** – see flier. **“Weekly Wellbeing”** Sessions include- **Tuesday Tonic** 10.30-12.30 *In Stitches- Chat and Create & Praybake. Wellbeing Wednesday* 1.30-3.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Weds, *Messy Vintage*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds, *Chair-a-cise*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, *Scottish Dancing/ Table Top Games*, 4<sup>th</sup> Weds, *Cues, Bats and Balls*, 5<sup>th</sup> Weds, *A Pot Pourri of Praise*. £ 3.50 per activity. To book a place email [churchsecretarylcw@outlook.com](mailto:churchsecretarylcw@outlook.com) or tel: 07591582848

**Morley:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2-5pm: **Afternoon Tea** to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, with stalls and a beautifully decorated church, open to all (see flier) **Coffee Mornings** Fridays 10 -11.30am. **Messy Church** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month 3.30pm **Craft Chat and Sing** Monthly 11am – 12noon, third Saturday of each month. **Organ Recital:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.15pm. Featuring the wonderful Binns organ and given by Julie Tanner M.Mus., BA, FTCL, ARCO as part of the 2022 Music Series at Central. Free admission with retiring collection for church funds and charity. All are welcome to come and enjoy the evening (which includes a good sing-song!!) Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm Dewsbury Concert Society -- **Music in the Air** – see poster

**West Ardsley: Tuesday Chat & Crafts** - Every Tuesday, 2 - 4pm. **Messy Church** - Second Thursday of every month doors open 3.30pm starts at 4pm prompt. **Food Pantry** - Every Friday, 3 - 4:30pm - Food available for anyone going through financial difficulty. No referral needed.

**Good news from...Batley**

*From Valerie Asquith*

Following a request from Rev. Nigel for a volunteer, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, along with some family members I welcomed a group of some 16 members of the local branch of the Victorian Society who had requested a visit to 'Zion'.

They were truly 'wowed' as they entered the Sanctuary, commenting on the beautiful decorative state and the general upkeep of the church. The stained glass windows, not often found in Methodist churches, were admired along with the building's size and the preservation of the original pews and pulpit. A brief visit to the Market Place and the Library followed.

We then escorted them to All Saint's Parish Church where we were met by Church Warden Richard Martin. After their visit ended, Richard asked if we had been 'up the tower' – an offer which we were delighted to accept. Mounting the spiral staircase (a few cobwebs but, thankfully, no 8-legged residents in view) we exited through a trap door to enjoy the view.



**Miniature versions of posters shared with this edition of Connect:**

**Easter Offering 2022**  
**TELL HER STORY, TELL OUR STORY**  
 The service will be held at Cleckheaton Methodist Church RD19 6AR on Sunday 12 June, starting at 8pm. Led by Rev. Marian Olsen.  
 Methodist Women in Britain  
 The Methodist Church

Central Methodist Church Wesley Street Morley presents an  
**Organ Recital**  
 by **Julie Tanner**  
 M. Mus, FTCL, ARCO and LTCL  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm  
 Tea/Coffee & Biscuits after recital  
 Retiring collection in aid of Church Charity & Church Funds

Central Methodist Church Wesley Street Morley  
**Dewsbury Concert Society**  
 Presents  
**Music in the Air**  
 A Selection of Songs from Broadway and the West End and other Light Music  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.  
 Admission £5 (Pay at the Door)  
 Includes Tea & Biscuits  
 Monies to Church Funds and the Church Charity

Mirfield Choral Society present  
**SUMMER DELIGHTS**  
 Summer Concert featuring favourite works from British composers  
 Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 7.30pm  
 St Andrew's Methodist Church  
 Old Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0JEX  
 Tickets: £10  
 Under 16s & Students: £5  
 mirfieldchoral@gmail.com  
 01924 494708  
 Director of Music: Richard Manser  
 Accompanist: Lucan Kelly  
 Complimentary Cream Tea included in ticket price!

Newlands Methodist Mission  
 Albert Drive, Morley LS27 8SE  
**Community Cafe**  
 Every Friday from 10am - 12 noon  
 The weekly cafe is open to everyone, giving people a place to come, eat and drink, talk, be listened to, form new friendships, and relax.

Longcauseway Church invites you to a Platinum Jubilee Street Party  
 Put on your fancy hat or make one with us and join us on  
**Saturday 4th June, 10.00am to 2.00pm**  
 Jubilee lunch from 12.00noon, with sandwiches scones and competition winning cakes. All in our Jubilee lunch bag beverages available throughout  
 Children's activities on the forecourt from 10.00am  
 Serenaded by the wonderful Karen Clegg  
 The Pinnac of Wales District, Dewsbury, WYS 10U - www.longcauseway.org