



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

May 2026

From Rev'd Marian Olsen:

At our recent District Spring Synod, as well as dealing with the necessary business, the focus was on the lived experience of refugees and asylum seekers with the opportunity to reflect on what our response as Christians could be. We heard moving accounts from those who have found themselves in dire situations facing an increasingly difficult process while just trying to be safe and able to live life.

How do we respond?

There are many opportunities to do something, from exploring becoming a Church of Sanctuary to simply ensuring we have the correct information and speak honestly when we are in conversation with people. The Biblical truth is that God calls us to care for all in need and to love our neighbour wherever they are from.

This month we celebrate Pentecost, remembering the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples and the birth of the Church. Acts chapter 2 tells how Peter made sure the truth was understood by those who had come to find out what the noise was all about. It was not drunkenness; it was the Holy Spirit. The story of Pentecost is a story of communication. Visitors from across the known world were included but they were not expected to work out what was being said in Aramaic or Latin, God spoke directly to each of them by giving words in their own languages. There would be no misunderstanding due to poor translation, no exclusion because the speech was far too quick to be understood in an unfamiliar tongue. Everybody was included because they all heard what was being said in a way which, although quite unexpected, made sense to them. According to Acts, the church grew at a phenomenal rate with three thousand being added to their number on the day of Pentecost and many more in the following weeks and months. We may look at the churches we are part of and honestly ask what is happening and why it is that we are no longer growing or, where we are growing, why is it only by two or three people at a time?

Perhaps we need to go back to the question of honest communication that works. It is still true that God's mercy is for all and that Jesus has power over death and evil and its hold on us. But how do we communicate this in a way which makes sense? In part, we do so by being open and approachable, honest

and reliable, Christ centred and community focused. Our neighbours value the offer of a place to come and share, to be noticed and find friends, a place where all are welcome and valued, wherever they have come from. If we can give such a welcome and speak God's truth through what we say and the way we are, being open to God's leading, then we can trust God for the future, however unexpected it turns out to be.

As a circuit we are in this together, with God, so let's pray for each other and learn from each other, as we grow in faith together.

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. We will be closed on Mondays 4th & 25th May (Bank Holidays), and Friday 8th May.

Dates and Deadlines – June deadline: 10am, Thursday 28th May. Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 3rd 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 –Marian Olsen, Nick Cutts

Wednesday - Alex Yesudas

Thursday – David Barker

Circuit Information, Services and Events

3rd May 2026, 3.30pm: **Easter Offering service** at Tingley

19th July 2026, 3pm: **Final service** at Morley

Check the calendar on the Circuit website for more dates:

<https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/whats-on/events-calendar.html>

Have you found us online?

Circuit Facebook page -

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

Circuit Website - www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk

Information and events from Churches

Morley: Craft, Chat & Sing will be on Saturday 16 May at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome. **Together on Tuesday Group** at 7.30 pm – On 12 May: “Archie’s Caravan” – the church’s charity – led by Sue & Colin Turner. On 26 May: Clive McManus – “Changes in the Landscape”. Everyone Welcome. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday – 10-11.30 am, everyone welcome. **Grief Café** – 10–12 noon will be held on Saturday 30 May – just drop in - all are welcome.

Batley: Mondays - **Batley Care and Drop In** - in the Brimer Hall, 10am - 12 noon. Tuesdays, fortnightly – Batley, Dewsbury & Morley **Probus** Club. 10.15am - 11.45am, with speaker Retired and semi-retired gentlemen are welcome. Contact Keith W 07879774600. Wednesdays – **Peer Talk** - 11.00am - 12. A mutual support group for those living with depression or anxiety. Fridays – **Coffee Morning**, 10am - 11.30am in the Brimer Hall. Saturday May 9th, 2.30pm: Ladies Circle present an afternoon with **Gawthorpe Brass Band**- admission £10, to include a cup of tea and homemade cake of your choice.

Birstall: Monday Fellowship: 4th & 18th May, a time of sharing, Bible study and prayer. Thursday - **Coffee and Chat**, 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. A warm space in the coming months. **Light Lunch** are taking a break in May due to staff holidays. Friday 1st, 15th, & 29th May **Baby and Toddler stay and play**, 9:30 - 11:00. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Refreshments. No charge.

Birkenshaw & East Bierley: Monday: 1:30pm **Art Class**, 6:30pm **Brownies**. Tuesday: 10:30am **Chair Yoga Class**, 2pm **Art Class**, 4-6pm **Yorkshire Tutors**, 7pm **Pilates Class**. Wednesday (first in month): 10am **Fellowship Group** Friday: 10am "**Welcome In**" **Coffee Morning**.

Cleckheaton: Friday: **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11am. Saturday 16th: **Meeting Place**, 11am to 2pm – food, chat, activities for children, table tennis. Thursday 28th - **Breakfast Drop In** 9 -11am - activities for kids, breakfast - All free - kids please bring an adult!

Drighlington: Foodbank: Mondays, 12noon to 1.30pm, donations can be dropped off after 11am. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays - **Coffee pot** 9:30am to 11:30am. Wednesday **Girls Brigade**, 6.00 to 8.30pm. Thursday - **free IT training** from 10am to 1pm. If you have a problem with your computer, call in, they will help you. Thursday – **YNT0** 1pm, Cards, dominoes etc, Table Tennis for the more energetic. Friday - **Memory Cafe** 11am to 1pm (second Friday in month lunch from 12noon).

Longcauseway Church: Tuesdays - **In Stitches** 10:30am to 12:30pm, A creative time of knitting, crochet, chat and laughter. Wednesdays - **The 3 Strand Café**, 9am to 1:30pm, a warm welcome and a listening ear awaits. Why not join in with our Community Puzzle Corner! **Table Tennis** 1pm to 3pm, pay and play every week, all abilities welcome. 1st Wednesday of the month **Pause. Breathe. Pray.** 1.30 to 2pm, an opportunity to pause and breathe in the middle of the day and come to God in prayer. Fridays **Bumps, Babies & Toddlers** (term time), 10am to 11:30am, a safe and nurturing space for expectant parents, carers, Babies and toddlers. Saturdays **The 3 Strand Café** 9:45am to 11:45am, a warm welcome and a listening ear. 1st Saturday **Messy Church** from 10am, crafts, games, worship, fun and food for all the family. Last Saturday **Repair Café**, 10am to noon, our volunteer repairers will show you how to fix everyday household objects.

Gomersal: 2nd & 4th Thursdays: **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11.30am.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Friday 8th & 22nd **Coffee Mornings**, 10am to 11.30am. Join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. Fridays **Baby & Toddler Group**, 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. NOTE: NO GROUP SESSION ON 29 MAY. Saturday 9th **Charity plant sale** and cafe (50% proceeds to Andy's Man Club/Church outreach), 1pm to 3pm. All welcome. Follow us on Facebook or contact standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com for more information.

Tingley: Saturday 2nd May: **Friends Café** 1pm to 2.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Come and join us. Saturday 9th May: **Batley Gilbert & Sullivan Society** 7pm. Join us for a Concert Version of The Gondoliers. Tickets are £5. Entry by ticket, see below. Monday 11th May: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm. Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Saturday 16th May: **Coffee, Cakes & Crafts** 10am to 12noon. Join us for our Spring Coffee Morning. There will be Craft Stalls, a cake stall and a raffle. Wednesday 20th May: **Be Still** 7pm. Our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. Then continuing on the third Wednesday of each month. **Date for your diary:** Saturday 6th June: **Gawthorpe Brass Band** at 7.30pm. A return visit from the Band. Join us for 'A Festival Of Music', tickets are £10. Entry by ticket. Tickets for both events are available on the door or by contacting tingleymc.events@gmail.com

Trinity Mirfield: Tuesdays - **Stay & Play** 9:15-11am termtime only, contact 07866917904. Wednesdays - **Soup lunches** - 1st and 3rd (except August),

11:45am to 1pm donation in excess of £3.50 appreciated. The two teams look forward to seeing you. Friday - **Warm Welcome Café** - 10-11.30am.

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. There will also be a special Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 27th May – This is a pre order event. **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 30th May, 10am - 12pm. **BBQ Fundraiser** at Alan & Lynda's House – Monday 25th May from 4pm – Ticket only - £10 per person. **3 Peaks Challenge** – 7 members of WAMC are completing this on Saturday 2nd May – all 24.5 miles of it! Raising funds for our building renovations – Please show your support by visiting - https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westardsleymethodistchurch?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

Date for your Diary: A contemporary ladies song group - 'She Sings' Concert – Saturday 27th June, 6pm. Ticket only - £10 each including refreshments & cake. For all ticket events, please email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk. All proceeds will go towards our refurbishment/building project. We hope to see you there!

Westborough: Painting class: Mondays 10am to 12pm. **Craft Group:** Tuesdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm. **Drawing class:** Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm. **Wellness Class:** Wednesdays 10:30am Chat, Yoga, and a drink. **Coffee morning:** 1st Friday in the month at 10:30 to 12pm. **Singing for Fun:** Woodlands Court 2nd Wednesday in the month at 2pm. **Trinity Art Group:** Friday's 10-12 except 1st Friday of the month.

World Bee Day from A Rocha: Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20th May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25. Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wildflowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/



Safeguarding:

Contact information for Safeguarding matters:

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Advanced Module training is arranged through District. Sessions are now available - follow the link at <https://ywmethodist.org.uk/safeguarding-training/> for more details of online and face to face training.

Foundation Module training – sessions coming soon, publicity will be shared through Church Safeguarding officers when available.

Circuit Youth:

6.30 – 8pm, for ages 10 – 18 years. £1 subs per person please contact Heidi Curry (or see the Circuit website, <https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/>) for more dates & details. *May sessions: 10th at Cleckheaton (Wesley Room); 31st at Batley (Brimer Hall)*

The Prayer Quilt Ministry:



We wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the work we are doing within the Prayer Quilt Ministry team. To date the Prayer Quilt Ministry team, which was founded in April 2023, are pleased to have created and gifted 88 beautiful prayer quilts to those people who have been nominated by your Church to us. We continue to meet on a Monday afternoon to work together to create beautiful prayer quilts to gift to those going through difficult times. Our hope is that the quilts we gift bring comfort to the recipient and that they know all our thoughts and prayers are with them. We would like to thank the Circuit and individuals who continue to encourage and support us in our mission, and for the kind donations which enable us to continue this ministry. We would also like to thank each member of the Church congregation across the Circuit for praying for the recipient's wellbeing when tying a knot on the quilts when they are presented in your services across the year. We would encourage you, if you are aware of anyone in your Church, family or community who would like a prayer quilt, to please complete the form by scanning the QR code or emailing the team on nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com.



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