



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

June 2026

From Rev'd Dr. David Barker:

A 'business' email dropped into my inbox this morning: something (rather predictably) about church property. Nothing new here, then, but at the very end of the email there were a couple of sentences - kind, generous sentences wishing me well - that turned the grind of dealing with property issues into a human conversation between friends. It made me smile, and it changed my day (and it gave me a subject for this article, of course).

My email reminded me of someone I used to work with in school who, as near to the end of a term as possible so that there was the whole school holiday to stew in it, would unfailingly make some sort of put-down comment to me or spring a nasty surprise on me. I came to realise that this was a power-play, but her negative, belittling comments nevertheless continued to have their intended effect.

In contrast, in the middle of a particularly tough few weeks, I went into the school staff room to pick up my mail from my pigeonhole, and there, with no explanation and no clue as to who had put it there, was a lollipop. The unwritten message was clear: someone has noticed, and someone cares. And that simple act changed my day.

It is so very easy to be destructive and negative in our comments, isn't it? Those comments can sting at the time, but their effect can last too. I'm sure I'm not the only one who can still go hot and cold at the recollection of somebody's nasty comment from years ago (I'd still love to meet the teacher who labelled me as a 'juvenile delinquent'...). I do realise that here in Yorkshire 'plain speaking' is a thing – but much of the spade-naming that I hear is, in fact, just rude and tactless. Better, I think, sometimes to say nothing.

However, kind words are infinitely valuable, aren't they? The writer of the first Letter to the Thessalonians reminds his readers, 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing' It's a reminder, perhaps, that there is so much kindness, so much building up, so much care already around in our church families, but that there can never be enough.

Could today, then, be the day when you choose to build someone up, to bring kind words of encouragement to somebody, and to do God's work of making a difference in their day? Who will that somebody be?

David

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 Wednesday 10th and Thursday 18th June.

Dates and Deadlines – July/August deadline: 10am, Thursday 25th June. Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 1st July. 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

Safeguarding training: Advanced Module training is usually arranged through District – however, we have a session planned in Circuit on **4th July, 10am - 3.30pm at St Andrew's Mirfield** – places can be booked through Resource Centre until Friday 26th June. **Foundation Module** training: Sessions have been planned at Tingley (27th June, 9am), Batley Central (14th July, 2pm) and Cleckheaton (18th July, 2pm) – each session lasts approximately 2 ½ hours. Places must be booked in advance through Resource Centre.

Contact information for Safeguarding matters:

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

Bible Month: Most churches will be marking 'Bible Month' as we look at the letter to the Philippians. It takes less than 15 minutes to read. Each week we will spend time on one of the four chapters. It's a great book to immerse ourselves in. Enjoy it, and you will get more out of it by reading beforehand. And if you also read Acts 16 you will see something of the setting. *Rev. Godfrey Nicholson*



Circuit Information, Services and Events

14th June 2026, 6pm: God's Xperiment at Drighlington

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>

Information and events from Churches

Morley: Craft, Chat & Sing – Saturday 20th at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.
Together on Tuesday Group – Tuesday 9th at 7.30 pm – **Beetle Drive**. Tuesday 23rd there will be a “**Bring and Share Supper**” to celebrate the ending of TOT.
Coffee Mornings – Every Friday: 10-11.30 am. Please pop in for a cuppa and chat. Everyone welcome. Grief Café – 10–12 noon on Saturday 27th

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**, 9.45am - 11.30am in the Brimer Hall.

Birstall: Monday Fellowship: 1st, 15th & 29th, a time of sharing, Bible study and prayer. Thursday - **Coffee and Chat**, 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall.
Light Lunch: Thursday 4th, 12noon – 1pm Gammon, new potatoes and peas with parsley sauce followed by home-made cake. Suggested donation £4:50
Baby and Toddler stay and play, - currently taking a break due to staff accident.

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 20th: **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!

Westborough: Painting class: Mondays 10am to 12pm. **Drawing class:** Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm. **Wellness Class:** Wednesdays 10:30am Chat, Yoga, and a drink. **Trinity Art Group:** Friday's 10-12 except 1st Friday of the month.

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 – **YNTO** 1pm, Cards, dominoes etc, Table Tennis for the more energetic. Friday - **Memory Cafe** 11am to 1pm (second Friday in month lunch from 12noon). Saturday 13th, **indoor cricket match** at 3pm, come and join us and enjoy the fun! Tickets £7.50 - including a Strawberry tea - from the Coffee Pot Cafe or by ringing 07919 910732. Saturday 20th, monthly **coffee morning** between 10am to 12.00, there will be various stalls including a cake stall and raffle. Tea, coffee, Bacon and sausage sandwiches etc. will be available to buy in the coffee pot cafe.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Friday 5th & 19th **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. Follow us on Facebook or contact standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com for more information.

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. **Messy Church** - Second Thursday of every month. Doors open at 3:30pm to start promptly at 4pm. A light tea is provided. 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** – Last Saturday of every month – Saturday 27th June, 10am -12pm. *Dates for your Diary* – A contemporary ladies song group - **'She Sings' Concert** – Saturday 27th June, 6pm. Ticket only - £10 each including refreshments & cake. Saturday 18th July - **Quiz night with pie & pea supper**. For all events, please see Stephen or Sarah or email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk All proceeds will go towards our refurbishment / building project. We hope to see you there!

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.

Tingley: Saturday 6th: **Friends Café** 1 - 2.30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Come and join us. Saturday 6th: **Gawthorpe Brass Band** at 7.30 pm - a return visit from the Band. Join us for 'A Festival Of Music' Tickets are £10 and are available now - on the door or by contacting tingleymc.events@gmail.com. Monday 8th: The **Soup Bowl**, 12 noon to 1.30 pm Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Wednesday 17th: **Be Still** ,7pm: our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. This will continue the third Wednesday of each month.

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. *June sessions: 14th – God's Xperiment Youth Worship @ Drighlington & 28th at West Ardsley*

Have you found us online? Circuit Website - www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk

Circuit Facebook page -

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



Bible Month - Philippians

The move from Churwell Church

Early in 2015 we at Churwell were faced with a difficult decision. After the Quinquennial report we were told that a number of issues with the building needed to be addressed in the near future. The amount of money needed would most likely be more than we had or could raise. After much discussion it was decided that we should try and move somewhere that would be more economical to run. Fortunately for us the Churwell Community Centre, which was close by, were willing to accommodate us. A weekly rent and a limited storage space sounded good to us. Everybody in the Church was in agreement, even though some had spent a lifetime being part of the building's history and service.

Our last service was our Harvest Festival in September 2015; the week after we began life in our new home. The downside of our move is that we don't have the flexibility of arranging events as and when we would like but if adequate notice is given this can be arranged.

Each Sunday we have to set up the room for Worship (set chairs out, banners etc.) At the end of the service everyone in the congregation helps in returning the room to be ready for the next user.

After 11 years everyone is glad we made the decision to move and pleased by not having to worry about the upkeep and maintenance of an old building even though we all have fond memories of our church life there.

This move is the fourth in our church's 200 years of history and now we're create creating new memories as we move forward into the 21st Century

Great Big Green Week

The Great Big Green Week (6 to 14 June) is the UK's largest annual celebration of community action, bringing people together to take action for climate and nature. This year's theme is 'Together for good' - we can make our neighbourhoods better places to live, protect the natural world we love and show politicians and decision makers that people across the UK want positive change. One great community action to bring people together is litter picking, which also benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife.

