



**North Kirklees &
Morley Circuit**

July/August 2026

From Rev'd Nick Cutts:

I write this on Conference Sunday following the induction yesterday of the Reverend Mark Slaney as the President of the Methodist Conference and Caroline Stead as Vice-President. They are focusing on the words of sorrow and joy for this year. The President commented in his address that he resisted these words from being identified too strongly as a theme. He likened them more to grid references on a map or compass bearings, giving a direction of travel or ingredients within bread, with unique flavours of lives and places across the world with all their bitterness and sweetness. And as June closes and July opens, I am mindful of sorrow in our midst in this Circuit. On the morning of Sunday 12th July Morley Central holds its final congregational service followed on the afternoon of Sunday 19th July by a circuit service there. Grief and sorrow are present both within the church fellowship and the wider community of Morley. I ask that as a Circuit we continue to hold the members of Morley Central in our prayers as they continue to come to terms with loss and as they find new homes of fellowship and as they continue their journeys of faith.

In many of our services for the month of June we have been looking at Philippians. This letter carries the nickname, 'the epistle of joy'. Sixteen times within it joy and rejoicing are mentioned. We often perceive joy as being happy and yet, Paul is writing this letter from prison-how could he be happy? Happiness is transient, something which can come and go, dependent on circumstances and mood whereas Paul's understanding of joy relates to his solidity of his confidence in Christ. He understands God as being constant in goodness and somehow, even if we cannot understand it, we can trust God in all things knowing that we are held wherever we are all the time. This does not make the situations we find ourselves in any easier or that we can even be positive about them, but from our previous experience and knowledge, the

testimony of those around and who have gone before, the promise of Scripture then there is no reason that God should ever let us go.

We may find sorrow within the situations we are in, and we cannot be happy with them, but we can find that joy, in the knowledge that God is with us, holding us in all things and in that fact, may we be thankful.

With every blessing, *Nick*

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 Thursday 30th July, Wednesday 5th August, and Bank Holiday, Monday 31st August.

Dates and Deadlines – *September deadline: 10am, Thursday 27th August.*

Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 2nd September. 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

Contact information for Safeguarding matters:

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

Safeguarding training: Advanced Module training is usually arranged through District . **Foundation Module** training: Sessions have been planned at 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.

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.

Circuit Information, Services and Events

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: Coffee Mornings –Friday: 10-11.30 am, our last coffee morning is in July. Please pop in for a cuppa and chat. Everyone welcome.

St Andrew's Mirfield: Friday 3rd, 17th, 31st July, & 14th, 29th August: **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. Coming soon - **After School Drop-in**, fun packed afternoon for all the family starting Friday 4th September 3:30-5pm then the First Friday of the Month. No need to book, free food & refreshments. Volunteers, people & prayers welcome. Follow us on Facebook or contact standrewsmethodistchurch274@gmail.com for more information.

Tingley: Saturday 4th July & 1st August: **Friends Café** 1 - 2.30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Come and join us. Saturday 11th July: Coffee Morning 10am-12noon, run by our Social Committee. There will be a cake stall and a raffle. Monday 13th July & 10th August: The **Soup Bowl**, 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Wednesday 15th July & 19th August: **Be Still**, 7pm: our monthly service is a time of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. This will continue the third Wednesday of each month. **Solar Eclipse:** Wednesday 12th July, 6pm - 8pm: Coffee evening, glasses provided for you to view the eclipse safely

Birstall: Monday Fellowship: will meet again in September. Thursday - **Coffee and Chat**, 9:30 - 11:00 with bric-a-brac and book stall. **Light Lunch:** Thursday 2nd July - Jacket potato with a choice of filling followed by rice pudding or homemade cake, Thursday 6th August - Menu to be announced. Suggested donation £4:50 **Baby and Toddler stay and play**, - Friday 10th July then meeting again in September.

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, 31st July Ladies Circle are holding a cake stall.

Cleckheaton: Friday: **Coffee Morning**, 10am to 11am. Saturday 20th: **Meeting Place**, 11am to 2pm – food, chat, activities for children, table tennis. Thursday 23rd, 30th July & 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August – **Breakfast Drop In** 9 -11am, activities for kids, breakfast – All free – kids please bring an adult!

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. **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 25th July, 10am -12pm, NB There will be no coffee morning in August. Saturday 18th July - **Quiz night** with pie & pea supper - £7 per person. 6pm start. Please let us know if you would like to come for catering purposes. Thursday 20th August - **Summer Craft Day** - A pre bookable day from Children from 9am - 4pm. £20 per child. *Date for your Diary* – Saturday 19th September, 2pm - **Autumn Fashion Show** £5 per ticket. 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!

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**.

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 – **YNT0** 1pm, Cards, dominoes etc, Table Tennis for the more energetic. Friday - **Memory Cafe** 11am to 1pm (second Friday in month lunch from 12noon). Saturday 18th July & 15th August monthly **coffee morning** between 10am to 12.00, there will be various stalls including a cake stall and raffle. Tea, coffee, hot sandwiches & snacks may be available to buy in the coffee pot cafe. August 8th at 7pm there will be a concert by **Drighlington Brass Band**, tickets £10, these can be obtained any morning from the Coffee Pot or contact one of the stewards.

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.

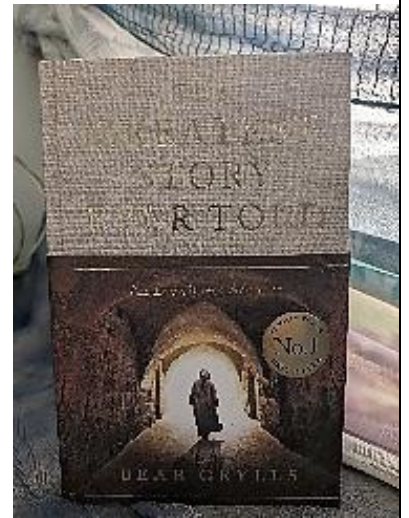
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Circuit Facebook page -

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

The Greatest Story Ever Told:

Bear Grylls retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best— his mother Mary, Thomas, Simon Peter, Yohanan (friend) & Mary Magdalene. Their first-hand encounters bring the story to life with intensity, warmth, and deep reverence. At the heart of it all are Jesus' own words, taken directly from the Bible, letting the greatest story ever told speak for itself.



As a Circuit we are looking at different ways of exploring our discipleship together and we hope that we can all have chance to read this book, delve further into the life of Jesus and talk about it with others.

Copies are available to borrow from Resource Centre, along with a poster for churches to publicise this and to see how many of us have read the book. Materials to support discussions and study are also available.



ECO Church – from A Rocha (<https://arocha.org.uk/>) :

JULY: It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. *Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.*

AUGUST: Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. *See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: arocha.org.uk/looking-afterwildlife-in-the-heat/.*