



**North Kirklees & Morley Circuit
October 2025**

From Rev. Nick Cutts:

Kathryn enjoys her crafting whether it is card making, cross stitch or now her new learnt skill of quilting. Her love of quilting has been gained through the Circuit Prayer Quilt Ministry Team who I have found are making a tremendous contribution and difference, in partnership with churches and groups, to both individuals and families who are being presented with the quilts they are prayerfully producing.

Recently, using this newfound skill and a gift from an individual of material for a quilt, Kathryn had decided to make a quilt for home. However, she required material for the border of the quilt and the back of it, and therefore following a recommendation from a friend, we made a trip to a mill in Colne. As we entered the building we were confronted with a huge array of fabrics. I would guess several thousand and then we started the matching process of squares to material for the border and the back. Where do you start? Several were chosen and then eliminated for being too patterned, not quite the right shade or too light or dark for the quilt. Eventually, with my 'considerable skill' and Kathryn's eye the final choices were made. It had taken around an hour! Some of you will be saying 'only an hour' while others' response will be 'that long'!

Would you have chosen the same material? I guess some of you may have done and others would choose something different. We can all value the final article for the time and effort which has gone into producing the item, but all of us have different tastes and appreciation. What really matters is the love, skill, time and effort which has gone into the creation of the quilt-the enjoyment of creating and the appreciation of what has been produced by individuals with their talent.

A quilt can be and is made up of many different styles, patterns, colours and shades. Some are bold, others are more muted and the possibilities I am learning are endless. Kathryn will ask, what do you think? Should I do it this way with the squares or maybe this would be better? And suddenly a total new quilt is possible from the same material and squares-a different pattern, a different finished article is created. The potential is there but only brought into being through the crafter.

We belong to God's community, God's kingdom which sometimes I think we forget is both within and outside our church community. As members of that community, our task is to build that community wherever that maybe and join in with the Crafter in the work that God is completing. Are we playing our full part?

At the Circuit Resource Centre....

The Circuit Resource Centre,
 Batley Methodist Church, Commercial Street
 Batley WF17 5DS
 01924 442535, email address: nkmresources@gmail.com

**Resource Centre opening times:**

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm, Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 1.30pm

Dates and Deadlines –

please also see note elsewhere in Connect: **November 2025 deadline: 10am, Thursday 23rd October 2025.** Email & printed copies ready by: Wednesday 29th October. 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

St Andrew's Liversedge: Film Night – Friday 3rd October at 7pm, this month's film is The Help

St Andrew's Mirfield: Community Coffee Mornings. Friday 3rd & 17th October 10am - 11.30am. Join us for a chat and a friendly cuppa. **Baby & Toddler Group:** meets weekly, Friday, 9.30am - 11am. All parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to pre-school are very welcome. Includes play, colouring, action songs, snacks.

Trinity Mirfield: Stay & Play 9:15-11am Termtime Tuesdays. Contact 07889718504. **Soup lunches** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (ex August), 11:45am to 12:45 donation in excess of £3.50 appreciated. The two teams look forward to seeing you. **Warm Welcome Café:** Fridays, 10-11.30am.

Morley: Craft, CHAT & Sing – Saturday 18th October at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome. **Together on Tuesday Group** at 7.30 pm: 7th October – Geoff Broadhead will lead the meeting & 21st October - Robert Tempest. **Lunch Club** – Each Wednesday (except 1st of the month) – we now have a couple of spare places. If you are interested, please contact Lynne on 07792 996805. **Coffee Mornings** – Every Friday – 10-11.30 am. **Grief Café** – 10–12 noon on Saturday 25th October.

West Ardsley: Tuesday Chat & Crafts - Every Tuesday – 2pm - 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 meal is provided, and 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** - Saturday 25th October 10am - Noon. This will be supporting the worthy charity - 'Yorkshire Cancer Research' **Dates for your Diary** - Saturday 15th November, 6pm - Pie & Pea Supper & Domino Evening (please contact us prior to this event for catering purposes). Saturday 29th November - Christmas Market, 11am - 3pm.

Gomersal: Coffee Morning 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 10 -11.30am.

Tingley: Saturday 4th October: **Friends Café** 1pm to 2.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Friends Café this month. Monday 13th October: **The Soup Bowl** 12noon to 1.30pm Join us for soup, sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone welcome. Saturday 11th October: **The Bluebird Singers** 7pm. Join us for our first concert in our fundraising year. The Bluebird Singers will be making a return visit to Tingley. Tickets are £5 and are available now from any member of the Social Committee, or entry can be paid for on the door. For more information, please contact tingleymc.events@gmail.com Wednesday 15th

October: **Be Still** 7pm, Our monthly midweek service of quiet reflection. Everyone welcome. Continuing on the third Wednesday of each month. Saturday 25th October: **Coffee Morning** 10am to 12noon. Our Coffee Morning this month will be run by the Circuit Prayer Quilt Ministry.

Birkenshaw and 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: 10am **Bible Study** (First in Month). Friday: 10am **"Welcome In" Coffee Morning**.

Birstall: **Fellowship Group** Monday 13th and 27th October 2pm. A time of sharing, bible study, prayer & friendship. **Coffee & Chat** Every Thursday 9:30am-11am with bric-a-brac & book stall. **Light Lunch** 2nd October, first Thursday of each month, cottage pie & veg followed by homemade cake. **Bably Toddler stay & play** 3rd, 17th, and 31st October 9:30am-11am. All parents, grandparents & carers welcome, refreshments and no charge.

Drighlington: **Foodbank:** Mondays 12noon – 1.30pm; **Coffee Pot** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 11.30am; Wednesday **Girls Brigade** 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training** 10am - 1pm; Thursdays **You're never too old (YNT0)** 1pm - 3pm; Fridays Memory Cafe - from 11.00am

Batley: In the Brimer Hall - Mondays - **Batley Care and Drop In**. 10am - 12 noon Tuesdays, fortnightly - Batley & Dewsbury **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

Westborough: **Coffee Morning** - first Friday of the month 10.30am until 12noon, with free refreshments and everyone is welcome. **Wellness chat** - Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm. **Yoga** - Wednesday morning 10.30am - 11.30am, all are welcome.

We also would like to give a warm invite all to our **150-year church anniversary** tea, cake and historical display and choral entertainment on Saturday April 11th from 11 am till 4pm. More information to follow. Breakfast boxes are continuing to be collated and given out to local school referred families during the school holidays. Donations of dry breakfast cereals an in-date tins of soups, beans, essential food /drink items etc and toiletries are welcome from all our circuit church congregations. Next boxes are due for October 1/2 term break.

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...news from A Rocha
(<https://arocha.org.uk/>)

From 1st September to 4th October, Season of Creation is an annual, ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for creation.



Season of Creation Prayer

PEACE WITH CREATION

Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become— from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Circuit Facebook page

Have you seen our new Circuit Facebook page?

Here we share a weekly prayer for those in our Circuit, District and the wider Connexion, we advertise jobs from around the District and share information from the District and wider Connexion.

We will use the page to share circuit events but are not able to use this for publicising church events.

Circuit Information, Services and Events

30th November 2025, 6pm: AWE at Batley Central

19th October, 6pm Circuit Youth service at Drighlington

Check the calendar on the Circuit website for more dates: <https://www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk/whats-on/events-calendar.html>

Safeguarding:

Please note that there has been a change to the email contacts for our Regional Safeguarding Officers:

Emma Goodley: Tel: 07743 006413, email goodleye@methodistchurch.org.uk

Laura Tunnacliffe: Tel: 07354 862617, email: tunnacliffel@methodistchurch.org.uk

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

Training: Foundation Module – more sessions will be arranged during the Autumn and Winter. Advanced Module training is arranged through District. Follow the link at <https://ywmethodist.org.uk/safeguarding-training/> for more details of online and face to face training.

Circuit Youth:

Residential weekend 19th – 21st September

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.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry:

is going from strength to strength as churches around the Circuit continue to request prayer quilts on behalf of members of their congregation, friends, family and community.

If you know anyone who is ill, bereaved, confined to home or going through a difficult time in their life and would appreciate the gift of a prayer quilt - a tangible gift of love - then please let us know. All the information and the relevant form can be found on the Circuit website, or contact Revd Jane on

nkmprayerquiltministry@gmail.com

Coffee morning – Saturday 25th October 10am -12noon at Tingley Methodist Church to help raise funds

Have you spotted the wonderful photos on the Circuit website? Would you like to send in a photo of something that means something to you within our circuit? Have a look at the photos we have

www.nkandmcircuit.org.uk

EDI Training

Are you a Minister, Local Preacher, Worship Leader, Circuit Steward or Church Steward?

Then you will need to complete the **EDI** (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Training, unless you have already done this.

The Circuit is holding a training session on Saturday 11th October at Batley Central, see the poster for more information and booking details.