



North Kirklees & Morley Circuit JUNE 2025

From Rev. Dr. Alex Yesudas:

Pentecost and Great Commission

According to the Christian calendar, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in June. Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival celebrating the end of the wheat harvest, occurs 50 days after Passover and involves various feasts. It was during this significant occasion that the apostles, gathered after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, encountered a "mighty rushing wind." They witnessed "tongues of fire" and were suddenly able to understand each other's languages effortlessly. This miraculous ability, known as speaking in tongues, is directly attributed to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly proclaimed to the crowd, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). The result? Over 3,000 individuals were baptized that very day.

So, what is the significance of Pentecost?

Firstly, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost stands as a powerful affirmation that Jesus keeps His promises. Today, people of all ages, genders, races, and backgrounds who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior are granted new life

through the Holy Spirit. This unity and inclusivity, fostered by the Holy Spirit, emphatically underscores the Church's mission. *Secondly*, Pentecost marks the definitive birthday of the Church. In the Old Testament, God's people were primarily confined to Israel. However, Pentecost decisively heals the divisions and animosities that arose from the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9), where pride and arrogance separated people by language and race. At Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit unites individuals from every tongue, race, and nation under Jesus Christ. *Finally*, Pentecost reinforces the Church's primary purpose: to proclaim the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Throughout the remaining chapters of Acts, the Apostles and all of Jesus' followers commit to spreading God's love.

Harry Boer, in his book "Pentecost and Mission," vehemently argues that Pentecost—not the Great Commission—was the catalyst for mission thinking in the early Church. While the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20: "Go, and make disciples of all nations; baptize, teach, etc.") is frequently cited, Boer asserts that Pentecost was the real motivating force behind early Church missions.

Acts 1:8 unveils this truth: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes." This power, the very essence of the Holy Spirit, serves as the driving force behind our mission and witness. The command to "Go, make disciples" is intrinsically linked to the promise, "You will receive power." You cannot have one without the other. The Great Commission equips the Church with instructions, while Pentecost supplies the initiation, initiative, and power. (See the

exciting stories in Acts 2, 3, 4, etc.) It is the Holy Spirit that directs and empowers us in our mission.

In conclusion, Pentecost stands at the forefront of the Christian Church, fundamentally shaping its nature and mission. When we discuss the mission of the Church, we must go beyond the Great Commission and recognize that the real power for mission is founded in the Pentecost experience. Therefore, the Church's work of mission must be deeply rooted in the personal Pentecost experiences of every member.

Alex



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Methodist Circuit

Cleckheaton: **Friday coffee** every week 10 - 11:30am. **Breakfast drop-in** Thursday 29th May 9 am - 11 am Activities for kids and breakfast - all free
Meeting Place: Meeting Place - Saturday 14th June - 11 am - 2 pm - chat, company, good food, jigsaws and table tennis.

St. Andrew's Liversedge: **Café** every Monday from 10am until 2pm, followed by **knit & natter** (2-4pm)- everyone welcome. Also on Mondays: **MAGIC group** (Movement And Games In Chairs), 11- 11.30am.

Westborough: Mondays 10am – 12noon, **painting class**; Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm, **craft group**; Wednesdays 10am, **wellness class** (chat-yoga-drink) 1.30-3.30pm **Drawing class**. **Coffee morning:** First Friday of each month, 10.30 till 12, warm friendly space and all are welcome, no charge for refreshments.

Batley: **Care & Drop in**, Mondays- 10am -12noon.
Friday Coffee Morning 9.30am to 11.30am in the
Brimer Hall £1.50 for drink and biscuits. Refill 50p

Longcausway: The **Repair Cafe** on the last
Saturday of every month in **The 3 Strand Cafe** 10am
to 12.30pm. **Tuesday Tonic's In Stitches**, 10.30am-
12.30pm. The **3 Strand Cafe** every Wednesday 9am
to 1pm and Saturdays 9.45am to 11.45am. Come
and see our new recycling hub and drop off your
used blister packs!

St. Andrew's Mirfield: **Community Coffee**
Mornings. 6th & 20th June, 10am - 11.30am. Join us
for a chat and a friendly cuppa. The Coffee
Morning on 16th will be focused on raising funds
for The Kirkwood. **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. **Plant sale and**
refreshments: Saturday 24th May, 1pm -
3pm. Proceeds in aid of Andy's Man Club and the
work of our church.

Trinity Mirfield: **Soup lunches** 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays, 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** will be on Saturday 17th
May at 10.30am. Everyone welcome. **Together on**
Tuesday Group at 7.30 pm 13th May: Rev Christine
Hawke will speak about Pilgrimage – Part 2. **Craft,**
Chat & Sing will be on Saturday 21st June at
10.30am. Everyone welcome. **Together on Tuesday**

Group at 7.30 pm 10 June at 7.30 pm – Trevor &
Margaret Martin. On 24th June
there will be the AGM. **Lunch Club** – Each
Wednesday (except 1st of the month) please
contact Lynne on 07792 996805 for further
information. **Coffee Mornings:** every Friday 10 -
11.30 am, everyone welcome. **Grief Café:** 10am –
12noon will be held on Saturday 28th June – just
drop in - all are welcome. **Concert by the**
Kingswood Singers, Saturday 7th June, Postponed
until further notice

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 (except August).
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.
Pizza Drive Fundraiser - Saturday 21st June 2025
6pm. £10 per adult / £5 per child under 2's free.
This includes an evening meal of Pizza, followed by
12 rounds of the 'Pizza Drive' game; a fun
alternative to the traditional Beetle Drive with the
aim of being the first player to draw a full pizza!
Coffee Morning - Saturday 28th June 2025 and will
continue on the last Saturday of every month. For
further details on any events please
email admin@westardsleychurch.org.uk

Tingley: Saturday 7th June: **Friends Café** 1pm -
2.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all at
Friends Café this month. Monday 9th May: **The**
Soup Bowl 12 noon to 1.30pm: Join us for soup,
sandwiches, hot drinks and a snack. Everyone

welcome. Saturday 14th June, 7.30pm: **Gawthorpe**
Brass Band Join us for a summer concert with the
band. Tickets are £10 and are available from
tingleymc.events@gmail.com or on the door.
Wednesday 18th June, 7pm: **Be Still:** Our monthly
midweek service of quiet reflection. Everyone
welcome. Continuing on the third Wednesday of
each month. Saturday 21st June: **Walking Group**
9.30 am. Join us for a local walk starting at Church.
We will be walking across the fields to Haigh Moor
Road, round the reservoir and through Red Wood.
We will end up for coffee at The Country Kitchen at
Amblers Orchard on Westerton Road.

Birkenshaw and East Bierley: Monday: 9am **Fresh**
Art Takeaway (Second Monday in Month - booking
required), 1pm **Art Class**, 6-30pm **Brownies**.
Tuesday: 11am **Sit and be Fit** with Prinadi - chair
exercises + tea and biscuits afterwards with fun and
fellowship, 2pm, **Yorkshire Tutors** 4-6pm, **Art Class**,
7pm **Pilates Class**. Wednesday: 10am **Fellowship**
Group + Refreshments (First in Month), 12pm
Leisure Inclusive Day Care. Thursday: 12pm **Leisure**
Inclusive Day Care (Dementia). Friday: 10am
"Welcome In" Coffee Morning.

Birstall: **Coffee morning** each Thursday 9:30 –
11am, with bric-a-brac and book stall, **Baby and**
Toddler Stay and Play Fridays 9th and 23rd, 9:30 -
11:00am. All parents, grandparents and carers
welcome. Refreshments, no charge. **Fellowship**
group: Monday 12th May 2 – 3.30pm: a time for
sharing, Bible study and prayer. All welcome. **Light**
Lunch Thursday 8th May 12noon – 1pm (please
note change of date to second Thursday in the
month just for May) Fish and Chips followed by
homemade cake

Drighlington: Foodbank: Mondays 12noon – 1.30pm; **Coffee Pot** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30-11.30am; Wednesday **Girls Brigade** 6.30 - 8.30pm. Thursdays **Free IT training** 10 - 1pm; Thursdays **You're never too old** (YNT0) 1 - 3 pm; Fridays **Memory Cafe** - please check with Trevor Martin for times 07871577891

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

Several of our churches are looking at the Eco Church awards ...news

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

POLLINATORS Nearly 90% of the world's wild flowering plant species depend, entirely, or at least in part, on animal pollination. Butterflies and bees are important pollinators in the UK and are two of our Target 25 species groups. We want to encourage churches, land owners and individuals to take action for their survival.



In other Eco-related news – our District has been awarded a Bronze Eco Award!

Circuit Information, Services and Events

1st June, 6pm: Easter Offering Service at Cleckheaton
22nd June, 6pm: God's Experiment at Batley in the Brimer Hall
6th July, 6pm: AWE at West Ardsley

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

Bible Month – From Rev. Godfrey Nicholson:

On the June-August Circuit Plan you will see the letters BM four times for your church. No secret - it means we are following Bible Month again. This year the focus will be on St John's Gospel - a bit easier than Genesis and Isaiah were! Why not take time to read right through, perhaps in two or three different translations. What particularly strikes you? What puzzles you? What have you noticed for the first time? What do you hope the preacher will mention?

And how about giving us some feedback for the July/August of Connect!!

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.

Safeguarding:

CONTACTS: DSO, Emma Goodley: Tel: 07743 006413, email: dso@ywmethodist.org.uk
Assistant DSO, Laura Tunnacliffe: Tel: 07354 862617, email: adso@ywmethodist.org.uk
Circuit safeguarding officer, Judith Crowther – Tel: 01924 442535 (circuit office), email: safeguardingnkm@gmail.com
Foundation Module – please book at least a week in advance through Circuit Resource Centre.
Saturday 10th May, 9.30am at Longcauseway
Tuesday 1st July, 7pm at Trinity (Mirfield)

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.

Prayer Quilts:

Do you know anyone who would benefit from the gift of a Prayer Quilt? Nomination forms are available on the Circuit Website, from tingleymc@gmail.com, or from Resource Centre.