
September 2024

Sunday morning worship takes place at 10.30am on Zoom and in-person at Scotforth Road. Evening worship is at The Cornerstone at 6.30pm.

September 1st

am Denis Yates
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

September 8th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Communion Service
pm Rev Linda Catlow

September 15th

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Simon Stewart

September 22nd

4 pm Rev Linda Catlow
Harvest Service

September 29th

am Barry Catlow
pm *Local Arrangement*

October 6th

am Peter Gorst
pm Simon Stewart

Our morning services are designed to be inclusive - usually starting with an all-age section. After this, during term time, separate provision is made for any school aged children.

The evening service has an informal style of worship with an opportunity for reflection and conversation.

On Wednesdays we have a quiet reflective service with meditative singing and readings, 6.30-7pm at The Cornerstone or by Zoom.

A *local arrangement* service is organised by the church stewards.

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Letter from Rev Linda

Dear friends

The following hymn by John Bell and Graham Maule, is a calling from Jesus to travel with him:

Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world

Where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled;

Come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch

And find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much

Singing the faith 462, by John Bell and Graham Maule

It was 22 years ago that we packed up our home in Burnley, travelled across the border into the West Yorkshire Methodist District, where I began my Methodist Ministry in Cleckheaton of the Birstall and Spennithorne Circuit on the 1st September 2002. This time last year, we travelled back into our beloved Lancashire and I came to be your Minister and the Superintendent of the North Lancashire Circuit. We have travelled to many places in between – from Cleckheaton we moved on to Stourport on Severn, from there we moved to Runcorn and then onto Stoke on Trent. God has blessed us for we have met many strangers who have become our friends and we have shared lots of smiles, plus tears, but I can safely say that no stones have been physically hurled!

To wander with Jesus can mean different things for different people: it might be a calling from God to have a change of vocation and to move to a different place; it might be a calling to something different in the place where you live; it might be to let go of something so that you can pick up something new. In whatever way you are called to wander with Jesus Christ, be ready to listen, be ready to trust in Him.

As we step into this new church year, every church in our Circuit has been asked to review their journey with God. Here at Lancaster Methodist, we have nearly completed our Review and will be sharing our findings with the Church Council and then the Circuit Leadership Team this autumn. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in this Review. I look forward to my continued ministry with you and sharing in God's mission with you over this coming church year. May we be blessed as we wander with Jesus together.

from Rev Linda

LGBTQ Sunday, 3pm 1st September

A LGBTQ-led informal service with reflection and conversation in a safe space for all - *friends and allies welcome* – at



The Cornerstone, and subsequently on first Sunday of every month. It is a service of LMC and supported by other inclusive churches in the city. Contacts are Michael Hampson, coordinator of LGBTQ Sunday, mh@ssra.uk 07712 477003, Simon and Rev Linda.

JPEG Zoom Meeting 7.30pm 3rd September

The Justice, Peace & Environment Group is having a meeting on Zoom to organise the details of the Harvest Appeal which is focussed on Refugees and in particular Global Village Cafe. Contact LMCNotices for Zoom details.

Foodbank Collection

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the Foodbank either with food or money. Sadly the need is not diminishing, so please continue - or start - bank transfer donations! Food donations can be left in the trays in the entrance lobby on Wednesdays 10-12 or before or after Sunday morning services.

[Shopping List for the Foodbank: Urgently Needed](#)

Biscuits, Small Chocolate Bars, Tinned Fish, Tinned Beans with Sausage, Tinned Macaroni, Tinned Curry, Tinned Ravioli, Tinned Spaghetti, Sweets, Tinned Meat

Games Café, 7-9pm, Sept 6th at Scotforth Road

We're really delighted to be able to continue offering the community games cafe on the first Friday of every month at LMC 7-9pm. We are always looking for more people to join us and if you're not sure if you will like it then come along to see - you never know. We have more traditional games on offer like boggle, scrabble and othello. We also have newer games that are a lot of fun and not complicated. We are always on hand to show you how to play as all the games are ours. Also, lots of people come on

their own and that's fine. It's more people from the community than church that come, but everyone is welcome. Young people under 18 need an adult with them. Play in your family or friends group or meet some new people. Great fun with free drinks and snacks, so please come along or suggest it to your friends. email Kate for further info kateehaywood@gmail.com

Youth Fellowship – next on 8th September

If anyone has any questions please email kateehaywood@gmail.com

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

9th September: Rev Linda Catlow; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

News from our Prayer Buddy - Silverdale

"In Silverdale, we are considering the information given in the circuit meeting to review our church's mission. We know this would be good for our church family but the process seems complicated. We will put our planning for the mission fund and gift day into this because it all links together. We have started cleaning the church and building ourselves to save money with people taking one part to keep clean at whatever pace and whatever time they wish."

This month, Silverdale are particularly praying for the young people of LMC. As September brings the start of a new academic year, we pray that they will know God's love for them and feel like a valued part of our congregations. If there are other people/areas of church life you would like Silverdale to pray for, please let Rachel know. rspybey@gmail.com

NWE District Launch Event - 31st August

This event is an opportunity to celebrate as five districts become one, to form the North West England District. **For more details and to book your (free) tickets in advance!** [North West England District - Launch Event: tickets from TicketSource.co.uk](#) The event starts at 2.30pm and the service will be live-streamed.

Can you help us with some jobs that need doing around church?

- Could you help do a general tidy of the church?
- Could you do some painting? (We have a new booking for the small lower room which needs to be sorted)
- Are you great at sweeping / tidying or weeding? The outside of church needs some work on it.
- Could you come and encourage others and make a few brews?
- **If the answer is YES to any of the above please come to Scotforth Rd at 10 a.m. on Saturday 7th September and get stuck in!!**

Christian Aid Just Peace Webinar

We all long for peace in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Have you ever had a question about peace in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory you've been too nervous to ask? Got a tricky question someone has asked you in church, or not sure how to talk to your local politician about the conflict?

Join us for our Just Peace webinar and workshop where we'll dive into difficult questions and get you equipped to speak out for peace.

Webinar - Monday 16th September at 7.30pm

Workshop - Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm

[More details and registration here.](#)

A Celebration of 30 Years of Fairtrade, Saturday 21st September 11am-4pm

Food by Global Village Cafe, craft stalls, quizzes, children's activities.

If you feel you could lead some activities that are child-friendly or help in any other way, please email or contact Simon on 01524 840027

Groups Meeting this month

For any further details, contact Simon

simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

'Big Questions' Spiritual searching group, every Tuesday at 7pm. Each week we wrestle with our own big questions of faith. Newcomers are welcome, with their questions!

Emotional Health 12 Steps Support Group, Thursdays 6.15pm

Emotional Health Group for People with Special Needs: For friendship, fun, arts & crafts and serious discussion. Next meetings Wednesday September 4th & 18th 4pm

The Cornerstone House Group for faith sharing and theological discussion, fortnightly Thursday at 7:30pm. Next on September 5th

Lunchtime Holy Communion with Rev Linda, 1.15pm Thursday September 12th

Lancaster Men's Hub 'Elevenes' every Friday from 11am to 1pm. For good company, games and a good lunch.

'The Making Place' craft cafe every Thursday from September 5th, 10am -1pm (entrance £4). Good company and excellent cake!

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month. We are reading – 'Jesus: Self-Portrait by God' by Enda Lyons. Next meeting on zoom will be 3.30pm on October 4th. Contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

'Writers Inc'. Writers' group for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays - September 7th & 21st

Global Village Cafe lunch club for refugees and asylum-seekers: Every Wednesday from 12.30pm. And open to the general public, price for lunch £3.

LMC website News page has posters for upcoming events – click on

www.LancasterMethodistChurch.org.uk/news.html

Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)



Dates for your diary

August

31st NWEngland District Launch in Bolton

September

1st 3pm LGBTQ Sunday service -The Cornerstone

3rd 7.30pm JPEG meeting on Zoom

6th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road

7th 10am Tidy the church! - Scotforth Road

9th 2pm Monday Meeting Point -Scotforth Road

16th 7.30pm Christian Aid Just Peace webinar

17th 7.30pm North Lancashire Circuit Meeting

21st Fair Trade Fair -The Cornerstone

Little Pebbles is our parent/carer & toddler group and meets every Thursday at Scotforth Road from 10-11.30 during term-time.

The notices are usually distributed monthly.

If you would like an e-copy of the Notices, send an email to lmcnotices@gmail.com

