
November 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.

November 3rd

am Paul Bowden
pm *Local Arrangement*

November 10th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Communion Service
pm Simon Stewart

November 17th

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

November 24th

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Circuit Service at Scotforth Road

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.

Lancaster Methodist Church
Scotforth Road, (LA1 4TE, corner of Kensington Road),
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Minister: Revd Linda Catlow (07787829921)

Harvest Appeal 2024

Our Harvest Appeal, focussing on Refugees, in particular the work of Global Village Cafe at The Cornerstone, achieved a total including GiftAid of £1026.25!! Many thanks to all those who donated.

Foodbank Collection

Many thanks also 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

Instant Rice, Instant Mash, Jam, Peanut Butter, Cup-a-soup, and Tinned Chicken or Steak Meals, Tinned Ravioli, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Fish, Tinned Beans with Sausage.

Games Café, 7-9pm, November 1st at Scotforth Road

We're really delighted 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. Young people under 18 need an adult with them. Meet some new people, or play in your family or friends group. Great fun with free drinks and snacks, so please come along or suggest it to your friends. email Kate for further info katehaywood@gmail.com

Change NHS: A health service fit for the future

The government has made it their mission to fix the NHS, but it needs the help of the people who use it and work in it.

“We need to learn from your experiences and perspectives and hear your ideas. This website will help us to do that, where you can give us your views on the NHS and health and care; tell us what you feel is working well and what needs improving; share your experiences; and post your ideas for improving health and care in the future. The site is interactive and gives you the opportunity to engage with other people’s ideas too.”

Visit change.nhs.uk/en-GB/

Youth Fellowship – next on 3rd November

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

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

11th November: David Findlay; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

Light Explosion Party 31st October @ LVHub

The Lune Valley Hub and Churches Together in Brookhouse & Caton are holding a party at the Hub on Thursday, 31st October from 5:00pm – 7:00pm and all are invited! It'll be an evening of fun with games, crafts, pizza, face painting & balloon modelling, and much more. Children are encouraged to come in costume if they'd like (nothing scary) and be accompanied by an adult. The poster is attached.

LMC Advent Worship Consultation

All LMC Preachers, Worship Leaders, Stewards are invited to come to the Manse, 64 Scotforth Road at 7.30 pm. Wednesday 6th November to plan the Advent and Christmas services.

Stop Arming Israel March on Nov 9th

As you may know, there is a regular Saturday 1pm demonstration in Lancaster in Market Square urging a ceasefire in Gaza.

On Sat Nov 9th this demonstration will take the form of the Stop Arming Israel March, assembling at 1 pm in Market Square. The President and V-P of the Methodist Conference have issued numerous statements appealing for a ceasefire and political resolution (link on [LMC News webpage](#)) as have other religious leaders.

Fairtrade Christmas Fayre Saturday

November 30th: 12noon till 4pm,

Please contact Simon if you would like a stall or if you would like to help – there will be food by Global Village Cafe.

Circuit Service to celebrate the long service

of two of our Local Preachers, Helen McGregor and Geoff Boulton, at Scotforth Road at 6.30 pm Sunday 24th November. Refreshments will be served after the service. There will not be a service at The Cornerstone on this evening.

Local Arrangement Equipping day at Lune Valley Methodist Hub, 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 30th November. Worship Leaders, Stewards and other budding LA leaders/helpers

are invited to come along. This will give opportunity to share ideas, resources and consider different ways to make the LAs an enriching worshipful experience.

Lancaster University Soup Lunch and Cake

In Freshers' Week we went on the Monday and served approx 80 people. Many thanks to those who helped and those who provided cake. The cake table was empty by the time we finished serving.

Over this last year a small team (2-3) from LMC have been on the Soup Lunch rota at Lancaster University, which is served weekly on a Wednesday. The LMC team go about once a month, arriving to prep at 11.45, serving from 12.30 to 1.30, leaving before 2 pm. Barry is our head chef. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the friendly students and staff and last week we served approx 35 in the Chaplaincy Centre. Would you like to come and help? It would be good to have a couple more volunteers that we can call upon. We are booked in for 13th November and 4th December. Please contact Rev Linda: revlindcat@gmail.com or 07787829921. Also the students and staff always welcome cake so do let us know if you would like to bake for these occasions.

New Prayer Buddy - Torrisholme

We are now paired with Torrisholme for the next few months. Torrisholme are particularly pleased to have Linda as their minister to give them some stability. They ask us to carry Linda in prayer, remembering all the work she does across the circuit. They also ask for prayers for their new team of stewards who are currently learning on the job. We pray that they will feel supported and appreciated in their efforts, even if things don't go as smoothly as they would like. Finally, we pray for their Messy Church. They currently have a willing team of helpers but not many children - may they find God's presence with them.

Torrisholme have been asked to give thanks for Trudy and her family following her baptism last month. They are also praying for our pastoral visitors as they settle into their new roles. We have especially asked for prayers for the Cornerstone's Global Village Cafe this month. *If there are any people/areas of church life you would like Torrisholme to hold in prayer, please let Rachel know. rspybey@gmail.com*

Groups Meeting this month

For any further details, contact Simon

simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

'LGBTQ Sunday', 3pm first Sunday of every month (November 3rd)

LGBTQ-led informal service with reflection and conversation – a safe space for all.

'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 November 13th & 27th 4pm

The Cornerstone House Group for faith sharing and theological discussion, approx fortnightly, contact Simon for next meeting.

Lunchtime Holy Communion with Rev Linda, 1.15pm Thursday November 14th

Lancaster Men's Hub 'Elevenes' every Friday from 11am to 1pm. For good company, games and a good lunch. The Hub now has its own workshop space and a 'studio' as well which you can find out more about at Elevenes.

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

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month. We are concluding reading – 'Jesus: Self-Portrait by God' by Enda Lyons, and starting a new book in the new year. Next meeting on zoom will be 3.30pm on November 1st. Contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

'Writers Inc'. **Writers' group** for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays - November 2nd & 16th

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.

JPEG Zoom Meeting 7.30pm 5th November

The Justice, Peace & Environment Group is having a meeting on Zoom to organise the Christmas Appeal and special Foodbank and toy collection pop-up. Interested persons welcome! Contact LMCNotices for Zoom details.

Nov 9th City of Sanctuary Autumn Fiesta at St Thomas' Church, 10am-4pm

Festival of Food, Music and Family Activities to raise awareness and funds for Asylum Seeker and Refugee groups. It only happens every other year, and is not to be missed! Come along and chat with us, and our partner organisations.

Looking Ahead:

Dec 12th Handel's Messiah at Lancaster Priory

The highly regarded [Wild Arts](#) ensemble is bringing their semi-staged production north, to Lancaster on December 12th (at Hexham and Carlisle in the previous evenings).

See attached poster. Tickets from £15 at

www.tickettailor.com/events/wildarts/1222772

Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)



Dates for your diary

November

1st 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road

3rd 3pm LGBTQ Sunday service -The Cornerstone

5th 7.30pm JPEG meeting on Zoom

6th 7.30pm Advent & Christmas service planning.

9th City of Sanctuary Autumn Fiesta @St Thomas

11th 2pm Monday Meeting Point at Scotforth Rd

24th Circuit Service to Celebrate Local Preachers

30th Fairtrade Christmas Fayre at Cornerstone

10am LA Equipping at LVMH

December

1st LGBTQ Sunday service -The Cornerstone

4th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road

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