
March 2025

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

March 2nd

am Andy Lund
pm Simon Stewart

March 9th

am Rev James Tebbutt
pm Rev Linda Catlow

March 16th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

March 23rd

am Rev Yvonne Pearson
pm Deacon Pru Cahill

March 30th

am Peter Gorst
pm Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion

April 6th

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

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 by Zoom.

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

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Church Action on Poverty Sunday 2nd March

Churches Together in Lancashire is supporting Church Action on Poverty Sunday and it will feature in our Sunday services. There will be a retiring collection with provided envelopes (or donate by bank transfers to LMC, with reference CAP).

Church Action on Poverty is a national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK.

CAP works in partnership with churches, and with people in poverty themselves, to tackle the root causes of poverty.

Read more about CAP's work at <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/what-we-do/>

'Let Nothing Disturb You': A Lent Course to help equip us for the worrying world we live in

1. The Weight of the World 2. Prayer 3. Give it Up! 4. Making Sense of it All 5. Attitude of Gratitude 6. Finding Peace
A time together for reflection, sharing and discussion. All welcome. You can come to as many or few as you wish. Begins at The Cornerstone at 7.30pm on March 6th; at Scotforth Road at 7pm on March 11th

Ash Wednesday Circuit Service at Lune Valley Methodist Hub Wednesday 5th March at 7 pm. All welcome.

21st Anniversary Celebration of Lancaster Morecambe and District Fairtrade

March 8th, 10.30-12.30pm at The Cornerstone.

Please come along to celebrate with hot drinks, cake, stalls with Fairtrade items and children's activities.

Chair of District on Sunday March 9th at Scotforth Rd

Rev James Tebbutt, the Chair of the new North-West England District (previously Chair of Cumbria district) is leading the morning service and we will have a bring-and-share lunch afterwards. This gives us an excellent opportunity to meet him.

Games Café, 7-9pm, March 7th at Scotforth Rd

We have 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 .

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

10th March: Peter Logan; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

Christian Aid Week: news & request for help

Following the huge response to our Christian Aid Christmas appeal (£1,684) – thank you – our minds turn to Christian Aid Week (11-17 May). It was great to see such a good turnout for the excellent update meeting earlier this month in which the Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer for our region, Zoe Abernethy, talked about the stories that will feature this Christian Aid Week.

These stories will take us to Guatemala, a country dealing with immense challenges:

- More than half of the population work in agriculture, yet Guatemala is a hunger hotspot with one of the highest rates globally of stunted development in children.
- Guatemala is one of the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to climate emergencies.

Aurelia is an inspirational woman from an Indigenous farming community who has faced extreme heatwaves that have killed her crops, but through Christian Aid's partner, Congcoop, has learnt to grow resilient crops, make fertiliser and conserve water. She's sharing this knowledge with others, helping her community build a sustainable future.

Delivery-only collection: help needed –If you could support this work by helping deliver Christian Aid envelopes through the doors of local houses at the start of Christian Aid Week (Sunday 11th or Monday 12th May) please talk to Elaine at church or email her via lmcnotices@gmail.com with 'FAO Elaine' in the subject line.

Christian Aid Changemakers Conference 2025: Changing the world together

The annual conference for all Christian Aid supporters will take place on **Saturday, March 8, from 10:30am to 1:00pm** at St James' Church, Piccadilly, London. You can also join the conference online from home, or at one of the regional Watch Parties – the nearest ones to us are Pendlebury or Kendal. Attendance is free. This year the programme includes key speakers who will not only give updates and info about Christian Aid's work in Guatemala and resources for Christian Aid Week, but also on CA's humanitarian work, including in Gaza; there will also be info about the latest campaign action for 2025, and reflections on 80 years of Christian Aid's work.

For more information and to sign up, please visit the Changemakers 2025 page:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference>

Vacancies for members

We have two vacancies for volunteers here at LMC:

Prayer Buddy: we need a contact person to share prayers from/to across the Circuit. Each church in the North Lancashire Circuit is partnered with another circuit church and prayers are shared. Could you be our contact person to communicate these prayers?

Communion Steward: we need two members to join the Communion Stewards team.

The role entails setting up communion for our monthly communion service, directing the congregation to the front, ensuring stocks of Communion wine and bread is available.

If interested in either of these vacancies please contact Rev Linda or one of the Church Leadership team, Lesley, Paul, Andy, Alison L or Simon.

'The Making Place' craft cafe – request help

Is anyone willing to volunteer at The Making Place craft cafe on Thursdays to serve hot drinks and cake? We meet 10 till 1. Diane Armstrong is the contact person - 07557650483

Torrisholme Prayer Buddy

Please continue to hold Torrisholme in your prayers. This month they are holding a coffee morning in aid of Under the Mango Tree School in Africa. May God's Spirit be active within their community, bringing challenge, encouragement and comfort.

Meetings at The Cornerstone this month

For any further details, contact Simon

simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

'LGBTQ Sunday', 3pm first Sunday of every month LGBTQ-led informal service with reflection and conversation – a safe space for all. Next on March 2nd.

'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! Currently, we are doing a short 'drawing and sharing' course

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 meeting Wednesday March 5th & 19th 4pm

Bereavement Support Café: 10.30am to 12noon every Monday.

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, 1.15pm: a reflective midweek service on Thursday 13th March. All welcome.

Lancaster Men's Hub 'Eleveses' 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 Eleveses.

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

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month. We have just started a new book: *'How To Be a Bad Christian (And a Better Human Being)'* by Rev. Dave Tomlinson. Next meeting will be 3.30pm March 7th. Please contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

'Writers Inc'. Writers' group for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays - March 1st & 15th

Global Village Cafe lunch club for refugees and asylum-seekers: Every Wednesday from 12.30pm. And open to the general public, price for lunch £5.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March, 2pm
A service for everyone! To be held in the Methodist Church Chapel Lane, Galgate. Service arranged by St John's Church, Methodist Church and Catholic Community

A Lent Quiet Morning,

9.30am-1 pm on Saturday 15th March, reflecting on our care for creation, and led by the Revd Canon Professor John Rodwell at Christ Church, Lancaster. £10 suggested donation includes refreshments and lunch. For more details or to

book a place, contact Rev'd Carol (Vicar) revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com 01524 942105
Here is an interview with [Rev John Rodwell](#).

Retreat in Daily Life - March 23rd-28th

This is a great way to make Lent a time of deeper prayer and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a daily time of prayer (aiming at 30 minutes) and daily half-hour individual meeting with an experienced prayer guide during the week, with introductory (23rd) and closing (28th) meetings, based at St Thomas's. For details, please email Stephen Hoyland who is leading the retreat: shoyland@jesuit.org.uk or contact Simon at The Cornerstone who has information.



Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)

Our Cornerstone Facebook page is [here](#)

Dates for your diary

March

- 2nd Church Action on Poverty Sunday
- 2nd 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone
- 5th 7pm Ash Wednesday Circuit Service
- 6th 7.30pm Lent Course begins at Cornerstone
- 7th 2pm World Day of Prayer, Galgate
- 7th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
- 8th 10.30am Lancaster Fairtrade 21st Anniversary
- 10th 2pm Monday Meeting Point at Scotforth Rd
- 11th 7pm Lent Course begins at Scotforth Rd
- 13th 1.15pm Midweek Holy Communion at The Cornerstone

April

- 5th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
- 6th 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at 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