

April 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

April 6th
am *Local Arrangement*
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

April 13th
am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion
pm Simon Stewart

April 20th
am Paul Bowden
(no evening service)

April 27th
am Rev Linda Catlow
pm Michael Hampson

May 4th
am *Local Arrangement*
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 by Zoom.

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

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Easter and Holy Week Events

Maundy Thursday – April 17th

You are invited to a Service with Meal at 6 pm at The Cornerstone - led by Rev Linda. Please book in for the meal. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

Good Friday – April 18th

11 am Reflection Service at The Cornerstone led by Simon, our Chaplain, and followed by the Good Friday Procession through the City at 12 noon

Easter Day – April 20th

10.30 am All Age Worship at Scotforth Road led by Paul Bowden. There will be no evening service at Cornerstone.

Holy Week Daily Reflections on You Tube and on the [North Lancashire Methodist Circuit Facebook page](#). These will be led by the Staff Team, Revs Emma and Linda, and Deacon Pru. A link will be circulated nearer the time.

Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May

Delivery-only collection – can you help deliver envelopes?

A big thank you to those folk who have already agreed to deliver Christian Aid envelopes again this year. If you haven't helped before and you'd be willing to join the delivery team putting envelopes through doors of local houses on Sunday 11th or Monday 12th May please talk to Elaine Morphet at church or email her via lmcnotices@gmail.com with 'FAO Elaine' in the subject line. There will be stickers on the envelopes asking people to take them to a drop-off point or use a QR to donate, so there is no need to knock on doors to collect envelopes.

Christian Aid Week - indigenous communities in Guatemala facing climate change: More information about the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal is found later in the newsletter.

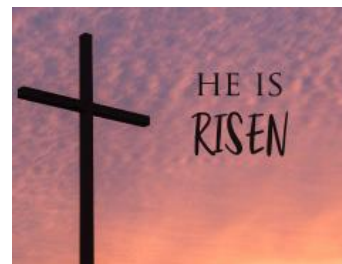
70k in May If you a walker, runner or cyclist you might like to take up Christian Aid's [70k in May](#) challenge and ask your sponsors to donate through the LMC digital envelope using this link:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/lancaster-methodist-church> or this QR code:

Donations You can also make digital envelope donations early yourself using the details above – you don't have to wait until Christian Aid Week to give to the appeal!

Church Action on Poverty Sunday

The total we raised for Church Action on Poverty Sunday was £380 – thanks to all who helped and those who were able to donate. 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

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.

at The Cornerstone at 7.30pm on Thursdays; at Scotforth Road at 7pm on Tuesdays

Games Café, 7-9pm, April 4th at Scotforth

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

Art Café, on Saturday 5th April, 11-3pm -

The Cornerstone Fabulous food by Global Village Cafe. Meet local artists from King Street Arts and browse their cards, prints, pottery and art objects – and perhaps buy! Try your hand with clay or work in colour. Free entry

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

14th April: AGM; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

Christian Aid Week: climate adaptation in Guatemala

In Guatemala, the climate crisis is killing Amelia’s precious crops. She relies on the land to feed her eight-year-old son, Lazaro, and four-year-old daughter, Yakelin. A river passes through Amelia’s farm, but deadly heatwaves are causing it to run dangerously low. Both communities and crops stand to lose life-giving water. Amelia says: ‘I worry about what my children will eat.’

Indigenous communities like Amelia’s have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most. As their farms are devastated, the search for solutions becomes critical: ‘With high heat, there is little we can do but adapt.’

Amelia is hopeful that she can combat extreme weather by changing the way she farms. With the support of specialist training from Christian Aid partner, Congcoop, she is planting resilient crops, conserving water and making fertiliser.

Amelia is a leader in her community, sharing her knowledge with other households, so that one day, no family will worry about their children going without food. This is the unstoppable power of Amelia’s hope in action.

Please think about how you can contribute to this unstoppable power of hope in Christian Aid Week (11-17 May), maybe by distributing envelopes, making a donation or taking up the 70k in May challenge. (See article at start of newsletter for practical ways to help.)

Cornerstone receptionist rota – help!

We received the very sad news of the death of Grahame Legg last week. He died quite suddenly after a short stay in hospital. Grahame was a much loved volunteer receptionist for us and also a regular attendee at some of our spirituality groups. He was also a deeply committed Christian and a great supporter of vulnerable people. We will miss him.

Grahame's loss, combined with the illness of other volunteers, has left us with just 6 people on the rota to cover 7 sessions a week. We badly need some new volunteers to give 2 hours a week, a fortnight or a month. Please contact Simon at The Cornerstone if you feel you could help with this valuable work.

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.

Torrisholme Prayer Buddy

We continue to remember all at Torrisholme church. Where there are jobs that need to be done, we pray that people will feel enabled to take responsibility for them. As Easter

approaches, may the conviction of God's living presence be affirmed in each heart, bringing peace and joy.

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 April 6th.

'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 9th 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 10th April. All welcome.

Lancaster Men's Hub 'Elevenses' 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 Elevenses.

'The Making Place' craft cafe every Thursday, 10am -1pm (entrance £4). Good company and excellent cake! (Easter break: April 10th and 17th)

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 April 2nd. 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 - April 5th & 19th

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.

The Olive Branch Cross Bay Walk

Arnside to Grange Fundraiser on Sat 3rd May, 9.15am – details here

<https://the-olivebranch.org.uk/latest-news/cross-bay-walk-2025>



Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)

Our Cornerstone Facebook page is [here](#)

Dates for your diary

April

- 4th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
- 5th 11-3pm Arts Cafe at The Cornerstone
- 6th 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone
- 10th 1.15pm Midweek Holy Communion at The Cornerstone
- 14th 2pm Monday Meeting Point Scotforth Road
- 17th 6pm Maundy Thursday Service and meal -The Cornerstone
- 18th 11am Reflection Service at The Cornerstone
12noon Good Friday Procession

May

- 2nd 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