

May 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

May 4th

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Simon Stewart

May 11th

am Rev David Atkinson
pm Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion

May 18th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion
pm Rev Emma Holroyd

May 25th

am Lynne Blair
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.

Lancaster Methodist Church
Scotforth Road, (LA1 4TE, corner of Kensington Road),
The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street (NE off Dalton Square), LA1 1PX

Lancaster Methodist Church

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Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May – is nearly here!

Please donate if you can

The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal is on supporting local partner Congcoop to deliver specialist climate change resilience training to indigenous communities in Guatemala, with techniques for planting resilient crops, conserving water and making fertiliser. These communities have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most. Please help if you can.



Ways to donate

Whichever way you make your donation, if you are a UK taxpayer please consider increasing the value of the gift at no cost to you by using **Gift Aid**. You can give:

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



2. Using the Christian Aid envelopes available in church.
3. If you receive a delivery-only envelope through your door you are welcome to bring it to church on Sunday 18 May if that is more convenient than taking it to the drop-off point.
4. Putting cash in the bucket/tin in church.

For those delivering envelopes

A big thank you to everybody who has volunteered to help with our delivery-only collection. Please collect your envelopes and packs from Elaine and Helen on either 4th or 11th May or let us know if you will not be in church either service and we can drop them off to you. Please deliver them on Sunday 11th or Monday 12th if possible.

Games Café, 7-9pm, May 2nd 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

LMC Youth Fellowship 6.30pm Sunday 4th May

At Scotforth Road.

LMC AGM Sunday 18th May - Follows Morning Service

All Age Worship with Communion, followed at 11.15 by the AGM

Daily Devotional for Christian Aid Week

If you would like a copy of this collection of reflections, prayers and thoughts to accompany you through Christian Aid Week please pick one up in church, ask Helen or Elaine, or download it from

<https://resources.christianaid.org.uk/uk/christian-aid-week/daily-devotional>

Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative that takes place annually between Ascension and Pentecost. This year the North Lancashire Circuit will be posting online a short Reflection each day, from 29th May to 7th June (except Sundays). Do tune into either [our North Lancashire Methodist Circuit Facebook](#) page or [You Tube](#). You can also download a Prayer Journal and the Novena book from the Thy Kingdom Come website: [Resources | Thy Kingdom Come](#).

Ascension Day Prayers - 29th May

With Lancaster Churches Together

*Remembering Jesus' return to Heaven
and the promise of the Holy Spirit.*

Thursday 29th May, 7.30am at the Ashton Memorial Mosaic, Williamson Park.

Everyone Welcome

Vacancies for members

We have a vacancy 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?

Torrisholme Prayer Buddy

Please continue to pray for our prayer buddy, Torrisholme, who have sent this message:

At Torrisholme there is an air of sadness at the moment as two of our oldest members have recently died and it makes folk realise that this is bound to happen with an older church.

We pray that 'Thy Kingdom Come' will be a catalyst for more forward thinking and mission based activities, reaching out to the community. Please continue to pray for the Stewards, most of whom don't have a Torrisholme background and are having to find things out as they go rather than knowing 'what has always been done'. Give thanks that there is now a healthier number of children attending.

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 May 4th.

Meeting about this year's Pride (which is on June 22nd) 6pm Monday May 12th at The Cornerstone

'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 meetings Wednesday May 14th and 28th

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

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, 1.15pm: a reflective midweek service on Thursday 8th May. All welcome.

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, 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 May 9th. 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 - May 3rd & 17th

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>

A celebration of Summer in Words and Music 1st June 3.30pm Hyning Monastery

Revd Anton Müller runs an ecumenical musical ensemble “Clerical Errors” with lay and ordained musicians playing a wide variety of music. We shall be giving a concert at Hyning Monastery on Sunday 1st June at 3.30pm followed by a “proper Cornish” Cream Tea. The Prioress, Sr Mary Helen Jackson is an excellent flautist and will be joining us on the programme with links to all things Summer. Concert Ticket £7. Cream Tea £5. Proceeds to be shared between Hyning Monastery and Churches Together in Lancashire. To book contact Sr Mary Bernard hyningbookings@yahoo.co.uk

Climate Conversations in The Great Big Green Week - Eco Churches Together Saturday 14th June

9:30am-12:30pm or 2-5pm at The Centre, St Thomas' Church, Marton Street, Lancaster. The climate emergency can seem overwhelming, but there are many things we can do locally to take action. If you're tired of the doom and gloom and would like to join in a conversation with other people from North Lancashire in a friendly, supportive atmosphere, then this is for you - An interactive workshop led

by Dr. Jan Maskell exploring carbon footprints and what actions we can take to reduce them. Open to all, suitable for teenagers and upwards. Refreshments will be provided. Free booking from <https://foodfutures.org.uk/events/climate-conversations-2025/>



Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)

Our Cornerstone Facebook page is [here](#)

Dates for your diary

May

2nd 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
4th 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone
4th 6.30pm Youth Fellowship at Scotforth Road
8th 1.15pm Midweek Holy Communion at The Cornerstone
12th 6pm Meeting about this year's Pride
29th 7.30am: Ascension Day Prayers at Ashton Memorial

June

6th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
8th June at 4pm: Pentecost Praise and Party - no morning or evening service.
11th June Church Council.

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