

June 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

June 1st

am Deacon Jane Harper
pm Simon Stewart

June 8th

4pm Pentecost Praise

June 15th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion
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June 22nd

am Paul Bowden
pm Deacon Pru Cahill

June 29th

am Rev Paul Turner
pm Rev Linda Catlow

July 6th

am Lynne Blair
pm *Local Arrangement*

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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Bible Month – the Gospel of John

On Sunday 1st June we will be launching this year's Bible Month which focuses on the gospel of John. The services each Sunday in June (except Sunday 8th - Pentecost) will use the Bible month materials and we are challenged to use the month to read or re-read the whole of John's gospel. A Daily Reading Guide has been produced to help with this - a copy was sent with the notices, but if you want a printed copy it can be requested on the Methodist Church page: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/the-bible/bible-month/>.

Pentecost Praise: 8th June at 4pm, Scotforth Road

At 4pm on Sunday 8th LMC is hosting a Circuit gathering: Pentecost Praise, instead of our regular services. After the service there will be a bring and share tea. All are welcome!

Recruiting Cornerstone Centre Manager

We are seeking a part-time Centre Manager for The Cornerstone. The successful applicant will help oversee daily operations, support volunteers and staff, and help develop our community space. More details [here](#) and application form from Simon simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com ; apply by 9th June.

Church Action on Poverty Update

The [Church Action on Poverty](#) Sunday that took place in March was the most successful for many years. Churches across the UK used the 'Dreams and Realities' paintings to spark reflection and discussion about tackling poverty, and raised over £7,000 that will support work to reclaim dignity, agency and power.

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

Christian Aid Week: Thank You

A huge thank you to all who helped with LMC's fundraising for Christian Aid Week 2025:

delivering envelopes, donating, counting donations. We raised a total of £1,222 (prior to Gift Aid) from the combination of delivery-only envelopes, envelopes at church, loose change, and the digital envelope. An estimate including Gift Aid brings the total up to £1,431, Should anyone still wish to give via the [digital envelope](#),



Christian Aid do leave this open for a few weeks.
Thank you again for an excellent result.

Games Café, 7-9pm, May 2nd 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 kateehaywood@gmail.com

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](#).

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.

Pride Celebration, Sunday June 22nd

10am: Prayers in Preparation for Pride – at The Cornerstone

11am: Pride Parade with 'Big Jesus' (hopefully!)

12-3.30pm: 'Christians at Pride' Stall in Dalton Square

4pm: Pride Celebration Service with Communion - led by Revs Linda & Michael (The Cornerstone)
Please contact Simon if you could give some time to staffing the stall or if you could bake some cakes!

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 June 1st.

'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. Last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: June 25th

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

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda,
1.15pm: a reflective midweek service on Thursday 12th June. 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 £5). 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 Friday June 6th. 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 - June 7th & 21st

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

MWiB Social Evening June 4th

On Wednesday June 4th we are holding a Social Evening, 7pm at Dolphinholme, in aid of All We Can’s project ‘Living Water’. In the past they have met with much success and we ask you to join us for fun and fellowship Please come - you’ll enjoy the fun and the *Jacob’s Join Supper*

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

June

- 1st 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone
- 6th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
- 8th 4pm: Pentecost Praise and Bring-and-Share Tea at Scotforth Road
- 11th Church Council at The Cornerstone
- 14th Climate Conversations at St Thomas’s
- 22nd 10am Pride Celebration meet at The Cornerstone

July

- 4th 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