July 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

July 6th

am Lynne Blair

pm Local Arrangement

July 13th

am *Local Arrangement* pm Rev Emma Holroyd

Holy Communion

<u>July 20th</u> am Rev Linda Catlow

Holy Communion 4pm at Warton: Circuit Farwell Service

<u>July 27th</u> am Peter Gorst pm Simon Stewart

<u>August 3rd</u> am Keeley Lund *3pm LGBTQ+ Open Table*

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 Study on the Bible Month theme: John's Gospel.

We will hold a weekly series on John's Gospel during July. This will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Foyer at LMC: Scotforth Road.

01/07 Session 1: Embracing God - Chapter 1; Led by Linda 08/07 Session 2: Signs, conversations and controversy - Chapters 2-12; Led by Paul

15/07 Session 3: Jesus' Discipleship Course - Chapters 13-17; Led by Barry

22/07 Session 4: 'The hour', the Resurrection and our Drama -Chapters 18-21; Led by Linda

All are welcome to join a time of sharing and discussion.

Palestine & Israel – The Real Situation: 10.30-12.30 July 25th

Rev Dave Hardman, Methodist Liaison Office based in Jerusalem, Israel and the West Bank, Palestine, and Bea Foster, of Women for Peace Burnley, will discuss the current situation for <u>The Tent of</u> <u>Nations</u>, an educational and environmental Christian project in Bethlehem. Hosted by East Meet West in Partnership with NL Methodist Circuit at Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road. Refreshments provided, and donations welcome.

If you would like to help serve tea/coffee please contact Rev Linda.

Silent Climate Vigil: 20th July 12.15-45 in Market Square

And on the third Sunday of every month until COP30 in November. Lancaster Quaker Meeting have held this in recent months and invite members of other local churches and faith communities to join them.

We stand on behalf of all those suffering the effects of climate change. We stand grieving for the destruction of our planet, habitat and living things. We stand in solidarity and hope with all seeking courageous climate action and adaptation

The statutory Climate Change Committee has just published its assessment that carbon budgets can be met and would be beneficial to the national economy – unlike what some political parties allege.

'Chewsday' Lunch Café at The Cornerstone

We are just starting to offer food again on a Tuesday lunch-time as Barry Catlow has offered to prepare paninis, soup, baked potatoes and drinks at very reasonable prices, from 12noon till 2pm as part of our 'Places of Welcome'. If you feel you could offer regular volunteering time to help Barry with preparation, dishwashing or serving, please get in touch. An even better offer would be for someone to come in and bake some fresh cakes to be sold as part of the lunch. To do that we would ask you (and pay for you) to do a Food Hygiene course, which can be done online. However, that will not be a requirement for just helping in the kitchen!

Morecambe Bay Foodbank is Appealing!

You may have seen recent reports about Foodbanks seeing a big drop in donations: MB Foodbank having to use financial donations to make up the shortfall. Many thanks to those who are able to make regular bank transfers – we add the GiftAid for those who donate through LMC and are registered with LMC, and food can be left in the trays in the entrance lobby.

Games Café, 7-9pm, July 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 asall 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. We're not meeting in August. email Kate for further info <u>kateehaywood@gmail.com</u>

Litter Pick on 6th July after the service

As part of our environmental activities we are picking litter around Scotforth. Litter pickers & bags provided. All offers of help gratefully received. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. See Elaine for further details.

Youth Fellowship 6.30pm on 13th July

Easter Offering Service at Wesley Methodist, Heysham – 3pm on 13th July

We have been asked to provide some readers. Please contact Rev Linda if you would like to read.

Farewell Service for Rev Emma - July 20th

at Warton Methodist Church at 4 pm followed by tea.

We will have a collection for Emma on Sunday 6th July at both LMC services. This will go towards the gift from the Circuit.

Prayer Buddy Torrisholme

Please continue to pray for Torrisholme. They approach a time of change, as they welcome a new minister at the start of September. We pray that their church may be strong in fellowship and that they may each feel remembered and valued, even when life is a struggle. They especially give thanks for the family of the church.

Christian Aid Restore Campaign



The Restore Campaign aims to get the UK Government to take action on debt and the climate crisis – the two biggest

drivers of poverty – without costing the average UK taxpayer. "We believe the UK Government needs to stand up to greedy lenders and reckless polluters - taking on those who are fuelling the climate crisis and trapping people in poverty.

"By calling for action to tackle the drivers of poverty, we can join God's work to restore creation and see the flourishing of all people. <u>Find out more and join</u> over 6,000 people who've already signed it!

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 July 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!

The Cornerstone House Group: Fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.30pm, currently using the Bible Month series on John's Gospel. Next meeting: July 3rd

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: July 30th

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

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, 1.15pm: Thursday 10th July. 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! *The group will finish for their summer break on 17/07 and resume on 4/09.*

Theological Book Group, on <u>Zoom</u> once a month. On July 18th we are concluding reading: *'How To Be a Bad Christian (And a Better Human Being)'* by Rev. Dave Tomlinson and looking at options for our next book. Meet at 3.30pm. Please contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

'Writers Inc'. Writers' group for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm on 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Saturdays - July $5^{th} \& 19^{th}$

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

Quiet Day July 12th 10-4pm at Lune Valley Methodist Hub organized by <u>Be still with</u> God – please bring your lunch.

Save the date: Tuesday 2nd September Welcome Service for Rev Melanie Greenall,7 pm at Torrisholme Methodist. Melanie will have Pastoral Charge of the Morecambe Churches and Caton. Our LMC Facebook page is <u>here</u> Our Cornerstone Facebook page is here



Dates for your diary

<u>July</u>

- 5th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road 6th 11.30am Litter Pick after morning service
- 6th 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service at Cornerstone 13th 3pm Easter Offering Service, Heysham
- 13th 6.30pm Youth Fellowship, Scotforth Rd 20th 12.15 Silent Climate Vigil – Market Square
- 20th 4pm Rev Emma Farewell Service, Warton
- 25th Palestine & Israel Update at Scotforth Road

<u>August</u>

3rd 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone <u>September</u>

2nd 7pm Welcome Service for Rev Melanie Greenwall at Torrisholme.

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 <u>Imcnotices@gmail.com</u>