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# September 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

## September 7<sup>th</sup>

am Rev Kara Cooper  
3pm LGBTQ+ Open Table  
pm Simon Stewart

## September 14<sup>th</sup>

am Rev Linda Catlow  
Holy Communion  
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## September 21<sup>st</sup>

am Local Arrangement  
pm Deacon Pru Cahill

## September 28<sup>th</sup>

4pm Harvest Service

## October 5<sup>th</sup>

am Rev Linda Catlow  
Holy Communion  
pm Rev Melanie Greenall

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  
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# Lancaster Methodist Church

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## Into the New Church and School Year....

*One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go; from the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you. Sydney Carter, Words © 1971 by Stainer & Bell Ltd. Singing the Faith: 476*

As we step into September, we are stepping into a new church and school year. This is a time of change. Our prayers are with the children and young people as they begin either in new schools, colleges and Universities, or new classes; our prayers are with the staff of these educational establishments as they build new relationships with new classes, meet new and old students. Our prayers are with Methodist Ministers who have moved into new Circuits and begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. We especially pray for Rev Melanie Greenall who has moved into our North Lancashire Circuit and will be pastorally caring for the three Morecambe churches and Caton. This means that I will now be caring for Silverdale and Warton Methodist Churches, alongside Lancaster.

Our prayers are also with LMC's new Cornerstone Centre Manager, Craig Chapman and Little Pebbles Leader, Annika Smith. We welcome them both into LMC and look forward to working with them.

Whatever changes you may go through in this new church year, may you know God is travelling with you. God is here always loving us, here to help and guide us. So I pray for all of you, as you travel from the old to the new. Blessings, Rev Linda  
*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21.*

## Harvest Service Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, Scotforth Road

Our appeal this year is in two parts, financial donations to support Lancaster Let's BeFriends, and bringing non-perishable foods for us to donate to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. You can drop food off on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, between 10 and 12 - come for a cuppa as well if you would like! – or at the service on Sunday afternoon. If you can't make either of these times then you can bring food along at any other Sunday service or to the Welcome Space on Wednesday morning between 10 and 12.

[Let's BeFriends](#) is a befriending service that helps to break the cycle of homelessness. They provide companionship and support to people who are homeless, about to become homeless or recently accommodated after a period of homelessness, and provide support to obtain and maintain tenancies and to engage in local services in order to create and sustain healthy ways of living.

## **Little Pebbles is moving to Tuesday morning**

with our new Little Pebbles Leader, Annika Smith. We need some volunteers to help with setting up and refreshments. If you are interested in helping, please see Lesley Brookbanks or Rev Linda. Little Pebbles said farewell to their Leader of 5 years, Lisa, and to volunteers, Barbara and Vida, at the end of July. We thank them for all the joy and fun they created for the Little Pebbles families.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Welcome Service for Rev Melanie Greenall**, 7pm at Torrisholme Methodist. Melanie will have Pastoral Charge of the Morecambe Churches and Caton.

## **Prayers for Middle East Peace**

There is an emerging plan from a coalition of Christian agencies to invite our Member Churches and individual Christians to join in **Prayers for Middle East peace on Sunday 21 September, the UN International Day of Peace**. This is at the very early stages of development, but we wanted to get the date into your calendar. More details and resources will become available over the next few weeks.

**Silent Climate Vigil: 21st September 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*

## **Games Café is Back!! 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 7-9pm, Scotforth Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Choose from a wide range of board games and card games - come and play an old classic or learn something new.

Come and go - come for as long or as short a time as you like. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your friends! Meet new friends!

## **'From Strawberry Fields to Killing Fields'**

Art Exhibition on the situation in Gaza by Christine Dawson. 11am to 5pm in Room 1, September 12, 13, 14, with Palestinian Food provided by Global Village Café on the Saturday.

## **'Reflect in the City' every Wednesday**

A quiet reflective service with meditative singing and readings, 6.30-7pm by Zoom, open at 6.20. Everyone is welcome to join us for about 30 minutes of prayer, song, silence and reflection. Contact [LMCNotices@gmail](mailto:LMCNotices@gmail.com) for the link.

## **Torrisholme Prayer Buddy**

We continue to pray for all who attend Torrisholme, and for those who now find it too difficult to get there in person. May they each feel a valued part of the church. As their new minister, Melanie, arrives in September, we also pray that she will settle in well and that the church will feel supported by her leadership. As school restarts, we especially remember their after school club. May the children and leaders find joy in each other. Torrisholme wish to give thanks for the sense of family that church provides.

## **JPIT Highlight Increasing Child Poverty**

Levels of child poverty in the UK are rising, and set to continue rising. 4.5 million children are currently growing



up without access to the essentials of life. But we believe that should and can change. This autumn, as the government finalises its long-delayed child poverty strategy, please tell your MP that it's time for bold action. There needs to be an ambitious plan for transformation, backed with the government spending that's going to be necessary to have an impact. This includes abolishing the two-child limit on benefits, which on its own could lift half a million children out of poverty.

Please [Take action now](#)

**The Cornerstone House Group:** Fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.30pm. We are about to start using the Home Group Series guide on *Paula Gooder's Heaven*. Next meeting: September 11<sup>th</sup> – all welcome at The Cornerstone.

## **'Chewsday' Lunch Café at The Cornerstone Every Tuesday**

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 or make soup 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.

### Meetings at The Cornerstone this month

For any further details, contact Simon [simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com](mailto: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 September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**'Big Questions'** Spiritual searching group, every Tuesday at 7pm. Currently we are using journals to help us notice the spiritual moments in our week. Come and share with us.

**Emotional Health 12 Steps Support Group**, Thursdays 6.15pm. Due to a lack of facilitators to lead we are currently taking a break but please watch this space for any developments

**Emotional Health Group for People with Special Needs:** For friendship, fun, arts & crafts and serious discussion. Last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda**, 1.15pm: Thursday 11th September. 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 £5). Good company and excellent cake!

**Theological Book Group**, on Zoom once a month. We are starting a new book, so please feel free to join us: *'The Heart of Christianity'* by Marcus Borg. The first meeting will be 3.30pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

**'Writers Inc'. Writers' group** for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays - September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)**



**Our Cornerstone Facebook page is [here](#)**

### Dates for your diary

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm Welcome Service for Rev Melanie Greenwall at Torrisholme.

7<sup>th</sup> 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone

9<sup>th</sup> 10am Little Pebbles begins its new year.

11<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm Holy Communion at The Cornerstone

21<sup>st</sup> Prayers for the Middle East and at 12.15 Silent Climate Vigil – Market Square

28<sup>th</sup> 4pm Harvest Service at Scotforth Road

**Little Pebbles** is our parent/carers & toddler group and meets every Tuesday 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](mailto:lmcnotices@gmail.com)*

