
August 2026

Sunday morning worship takes place at 10.30am on Zoom and in-person at Scotforth Road. Evening worship is at The Cornerstone at 6.30pm.

August 2nd

am Paul Bowden
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
pm Rev Linda Catlow

August 9th

am Barry Catlow
pm *Local Arrangement*

August 16th

am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communion
pm Simon Stewart

August 23rd

am *Local Arrangement*
pm Rev Melanie Greenall

August 30th

10.30am *Circuit Service*
at Torrisholme

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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Voices of Christians in Palestine - 02 July 2026

The voices of Christians in Palestine have been heard by the Methodist Conference, meeting in Telford, with the Conference receiving the Kairos II document as part of the Mission Committee presentation. This is an update on the first Kairos document regarding the effect on Palestinian Christians of the occupation of Palestine that was first published in 2009 and called for Christians worldwide to respond with faith, hope and love.

Kairos II responds to the events in Gaza after 7 October 2023 and was launched in November 2025 as *A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide*. Developed collaboratively, it renews the call for justice and an urgent, global Christian response.

A Notice of Motion was passed by the Conference, asking for a study resource to be produced based on Kairos II that can be used for churches. It also asked for the President of the Conference to write to the UK Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and the governing bodies of other jurisdictions in which the Methodist Church of Great Britain has a presence, urging them to uphold international law and to take the actions outlined in the [Time To Act campaign](#).

Kairos II was presented to the Conference by Father Fadi Diab, Rector of the Anglican Parish in Ramallah. Speaking at the Conference, Father Fadi commented, "Kairos II emerged during one of the darkest chapters in Palestinian history, during and after the genocidal aggression against the community in Gaza, and the restrictions on the Palestinian people in the West Bank.

"The last three years have changed us for ever. In Gaza we have seen the decimation of an entire society...this document (Kairos II) is not an abstract theological reflection but a cry of a people whose faith is being tested.

"The pain and destruction we have seen requires a new voice, stronger even than Kairos I. Kairos II has a clear message to the international community, to the Palestinian community and to the international Church. The Church cannot be neutral and cannot remain silent in the face of destruction of life."

[You can read Kairos II here.](#)

How do we decide what to do in response to injustice?

The Methodist Church has made a commitment to be a [Justice Seeking Church](#). How can we do justice in ways that are sustainable, flourishing and transformative, and are rooted in God? Our practices for justice include **what we do in response to injustice** and **how we do it**.

All of these actions have a place in a justice-seeking Church:

- **Responding to need**
- **Relationship building**
- **Changing rules or practices at local, national and global level**
- **Ethical Living**

- **Creative witness**
- **Visible activism**

Public demonstration and protest can be a powerful and highly visible way for some people of highlighting injustice and standing in solidarity with others. Some people have felt called to non-violent civil disobedience. The Methodist Conference report, *Accept and Resist*, says that acts of civil disobedience or resistance can be Christian responses and should be focused on policies, not individual persons, and should only be engaged in after careful self-reflection, prayerful discernment, and a commitment to accepting the consequences of engaging in such acts. eg participation in demonstrations, civil disobedience or resistance.

'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.

Welcome Space on any Wednesday at LMC
Scotforth Road between 10 and 12 for a cuppa and chat!

Circuit Service at Torrisholme Methodist Church at 10.30 am Sunday 30th August: There will be no services at either LMC Scotforth Road or Cornerstone on this day because we are all invited to come and join this Circuit Worship. If you require a lift please speak to a Steward or Rev Linda.

Coming soon—our Harvest Appeal Sept 2026

This autumn for harvest we will be supporting All We Can's harvest appeal, which this year focuses on the work of their partner Pikin-to-Pikin in Sierra Leone. All We Can is a Methodist international relief and development charity. Sierra Leone is still living with the impact of the decade-long civil war that ended in 2002, which left the country with widespread poverty and damaged infrastructure. Countless children are still unable to access the education they need. Pikin-to-Pikin works to remove barriers, open pathways to learning, and create space for children to flourish. We will also be collecting food for the local foodbank.

More information to follow in our September newsletter and services.

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 August 2nd.

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

'Big Questions' Spiritual searching group, every Tuesday at 7pm. Come and share with us.

'Stronger Together' We all need a little help from time to time so join us for 'Stronger Together', a group designed for people to come together to share their emotions and feelings in a safe and supportive environment. No judgement. Just support, kindness and connection. We are all in this together. 6-7pm every Thursday, Room 4 at The Cornerstone

Emotional Health Group for People with Special Needs: For friendship, fun, arts & crafts and serious discussion. Next meeting: Aug 19th

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, Thursday August 13th 1.15pm: a short reflective service. 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 term time only – currently on summer break.

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month. We are about to begin a new book in August *'The Challenge of Jesus - Rediscovering who Jesus was and is'* by N. T. Wright. You are welcome to join us for the first time! The first meeting for the new book will be 3.30pm on August 28th. Please contact Simon or LMCNotices for the zoom link.

'Writers Inc'. Writers' group for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm on 1st and 3rd Saturdays - August 1st & 15th.

The Cornerstone Music Café, every Monday, 1-3pm. on summer break for August.

Global Village Café lunch club for refugees and asylum-seekers: Every Wednesday from 12.30pm. Open to the general public, price for lunch £7.50 (waged).

‘Chewsday’ Lunch Café every Tuesday 12- 2pm

A hearty lunch of omelette, jacket spud or panini for just £3! If you feel you could bake some fresh cakes or make soup to be sold as part of the lunch please contact Ruth, our new centre manager. To do that we would ask you (and pay for you) to do a Food Hygiene course, which can be done online.

The Cornerstone ‘House Group’, fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Open and friendly discussion on faith, Christian life and ethical issues. On a summer break, meeting again in September.

Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)



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Dates for your diary

August

2nd 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone

14th 1.15pm Holy Communion at Cornerstone

30th 10.30am Circuit Service at Torrisholme

September

20th Launch of Harvest Appeal,

27th Harvest Service led by Rev Phil Gough,

Little Pebbles is our parent/carer & 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 .