

September 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.

September 6th

am Peter Gorst

3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*

pm Rev Linda Catlow

Holy Communion

September 13th

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pm Simon Stewart

September 20th

am *Local Arrangement*

pm Barry Catlow

September 27th

4pm Rev Phil Gough

Harvest Service

October 4th

am Lynne Blair

3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*

pm Helen McGregor

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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Harvest Appeal and Services

Our Harvest Appeal starts on Sunday 20th September and we celebrate Harvest in September 27th with Rev Phil Gough leading our service at 4pm, followed by our Harvest Meal together.

This autumn we are supporting All We Can's harvest appeal –

A Harvest That Lasts.

All We Can is the Methodist international relief and development charity: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk>, and the appeal focuses on All We Can's partner, **Pikin-to-Pikin**, in Sierra Leone.

Money raised will support Pikin-to-Pikin's work and the wider work of All We Can. In Sierra Leone, the legacy of the decade-long civil war which ended in 2002, and the long process of rebuilding, have left lasting scars; countless children are still unable to access the education they need. Poverty, gender discrimination, long and sometimes dangerous journeys to school, and unsafe or under-resourced learning environments all combine to prevent children from pursuing the futures they dream of. They face barriers they cannot overcome alone.

All We Can's local partner, Pikin-to-Pikin, is working tirelessly to remove those barriers. Through advocacy within local communities, through school support programmes, and through study groups and safe learning spaces, they are helping children access the education they deserve.

The harvest of education is an unending one – it's a harvest that lasts, and will sustain and nourish for a lifetime.

£28 could support two children with a study group;

£509 could link 500 adolescent girls and women to

programmes that provide an alternative to child marriage and teenage pregnancy, including health services and support to stay in school.

Our appeal will run from Sun Sept 20th until Sun Nov 1st. Donations can be made by card/cash/cheque donation using the provided All We Can envelopes with their GiftAid declaration (please complete this if you can, as it adds an extra 25% to your donation); or by bank transfer to the LMC bank account, marking your donation 'Harvest Appeal'.

Read more about Pikin-to-Pikin here:

[https://www.allwecan.org.uk/partners/pikin-to-pikin-movement-\(p2p\)](https://www.allwecan.org.uk/partners/pikin-to-pikin-movement-(p2p))

Thank you for supporting this appeal.

Games Café, 7-9pm, Sept 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 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.

Dear friends

Happy New Church Year!

On Tuesday 1st September, we step into the new church year. This year our Methodist President, Rev Mark Slaney and Vice President, Caroline Stead, have given us two words to reflect on: Sorrow and Joy. Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.' (John 16:20) Jesus was preparing his followers for his death on the Cross, a sorrowful time, but then his resurrection – the sorrow turned into joy.

As we step into this new church year it is inevitable that we will face both sorrow and joy in our lives and we will see it across our world. What we don't exactly know is when or how it will happen but we do know that God is with us in all the joys and sorrows of life. God will comfort us in sorrow and celebrate with us in joys.

If you would like a copy of the new Methodist Prayer Handbook, entitled Sorrow Joy, please contact our Circuit Operations Manager, Susan Gorst: circuit@northlancsmethodist.org.uk. Price: £4.99.

We have a joyous occasion to look forward to in this new Church Year. On Sunday 11th October at 10.30 am there will be a Service of Baptism, Confirmation and Welcome into Membership. This is a time when four people will make a public commitment to God through Jesus Christ. Also we will welcome a number of new members into our congregation. This will be a joint service for our two LMC congregations: Scotforth Road and Cornerstone. A time to gather together, to support one another in a time of joy.

I look forward to sharing in this new church year with you. God bless you all. Rev Linda.

Vacancy: Cornerstone Finance Officer – please contact Rev Linda if you would consider taking on this role.

Lacuna Concert 3pm 6th Sept - Scotforth Rd
Lacuna Upper Voice Choir present Ebb and Flow, a curated collection of enchanting harmonies around the serene theme of water. Donations in aid of CancerCare, with refreshments after.

Music for All Concert 7.30pm on 12th Sept
at Torrisholme Methodist Church, featuring the Morecambe Brass Band under the direction of

Steve Tarry. Tickets are £12 (or pay at the door), with all proceeds supporting church funds.

Harvest Supper – 27th September

We shall have our Harvest Meal together after the Harvest Service, which starts at 4pm and is lead by Rev Phil Gough. The basic meal is hot pot with mushy peas and red cabbage; a gluten free option will also be dairy free. The vegan/vegetarian option will be a veg hotpot/ (vegan) butter pie. There is a pizza option for young people.

The meal costs £9 per person, £6 per person for pizza. We invite people to donate towards the cost of the meal on the day. If you are able to donate the full cost, that would be great, but all are welcome regardless of whether this is possible. As in previous years, extra portions will be ordered to accommodate any visitors or those who forget to order!

Sign up sheets for the Harvest meal will be put up at Scotforth Road and Cornerstone on Sunday the 6th of September. The last day for signing up is Sunday 20th as the caterer needs numbers the following day. If you cannot signup, email lmcnotices@gmail.com with your choice. Any queries, please ask Lesley.

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

14th September: Rev Linda Catlow; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

The World Methodist Council – Reflections from the Secretary of the Conference

The Secretary of the Conference, the Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, recently visited the World Methodist Council (WMC) in El Salvador. There were discussions about the future direction of the Council and on the theme of the gathering – 'the Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit'. Amongst many profound moments, it was illuminating to hear about justice in the light of a liberation theologian's reading of John's Gospel, peace from the perspective of violence-torn Colombia, and joy from the perspective of indigenous peoples in the Pacific. [More details here.](#)

**Lancaster Churches Together AGM 7.30 pm
17th Sept at Trinity United Reform Church,
Bowerham Road – all welcome**

Our AGM will be a short business meeting followed by a talk by Reverend Claire McEnery who has led a fascinating career with Lancashire

Constabulary both as a Detective Superintendent and latterly as a Police chaplain. Refreshments will be served at what promises to be an interesting and entertaining talk.

'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!

Meetings at The Cornerstone this month

For any further details, contact Simon simoncornerstonecafe@gmail.com

'LGBTQ Sunday', 3pm first and 3rd Sunday of every month LGBTQ-led informal service with reflection and conversation – a safe space for all. Next on September 6th and 20th.

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.

New time: 12-1pm every Thursday

Emotional Health Group for People with

Special Needs: For friendship, fun, arts & crafts and serious discussion. Next meeting: Sept 30th

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda,
Thursday September 10th 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 Starts again on September 10th

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month - *'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 was in August but it's

not too late to join. 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 - September 5th & 19th.

The Cornerstone Music Café, every Monday, 1-3pm, resumes Sept 7th.

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 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. Next on Sept 3rd

Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)

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Dates for your diary

September

4th 7 pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road

6th 3pm Lacuna Concert at Scotforth Road

7th 7.30pm JPEG meeting on Zoom

9th 7.30pm Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting at Garstang Methodist Hub

12th 7.30pm Torrisholme Concert

14th 2pm Monday Meeting Point

17th 7.30pm Churches Together at Trinity URC, Bowerham Road

20th Launch of Harvest Appeal,

27th 4pm Harvest Service led by Rev Phil Gough,

29th 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting at Lune Valley Methodist Hub at

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

