November 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.

November 1st
am Deacon Jane Harper
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
pm Deacon Pru Cahill

November 8th
am Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communcion
pm Simon Stewart

November 15th
am *Local Arrangement*
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
pm Rev Linda Catlow
Holy Communcion

November 22nd
am Deacon Rebekah Sims
pm Lynne Blair

November 29th
am Rev Linda Catlow
Circuit Service

December 4th
am TBC
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
pm TBC

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 Street (NE off Dalton Square), LA1 1PX

Lancaster Methodist Church

www.LancasterMethodistChurch.org.uk
registered charity No. 1170840
Minister: Revd Linda Catlow (07787 829921)

Harvest Appeal

Many thanks to all who donated to our Harvest Appeal, supporting All We Can's harvest appeal – ***A Harvest That Lasts*** **-** focusing on All We Can's partner, **Pikin-to-Pikin**, in Sierra Leone.
The harvest of education is an unending one – it's a harvest that lasts, and will sustain and nourish for a lifetime.
The total raised is over £1000, including GiftAid.

Tent of Nations – Community Existence under Threat

The Methodist Church has expressed its grave concern at an Israeli Military Committee's decision to impose conditions on the Tent of Nations, in Palestine, which threaten the community's existence.
The Tent of Nations is a farm six miles south-west of Bethlehem and a Christian educational and ecological centre that promotes peace in the region. Established in 1916, the Nassar family have been welcoming people from around the world, including many Methodists, for decades. The land was purchased more than 100 years ago by the Nassar family, who hold original registration and deed documents dating from the British Mandate. In 2017, the farm received the World Methodist Peace Award. Click here for more details

Games Café, 7-9pm, October 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.

Circuit Service at LMC Scotforth Road: Sunday Nov 29th

We welcome our brothers and sisters from around our circuit to a special Circuit Service at 10.30 on Nov 29th.

Cornerstone Christmas Craft Fayre, Sat Nov 28th, 11am to 3pm. Unique, handmade, fair-trade gifts, with food by Global Village Café. Contact Ruth our Centre Manager if you would like to help or have a table: cornerstonemanagement784@gmail.com.

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

9th November: Peter Logan on Greenland; 2.00 pm in the Foyer

Net Zero and UK Oil & Gas Extraction

The government has approved production from the Jackdaw Gas Field and is yet to decide about the larger Rosebank Oil

Field. If Rosebank is approved, the burning of the fossil fuels extracted would emit more than the annual emissions of 28 'low-income' countries combined – including Uganda, Ethiopia and Mozambique. But it is unlikely to affect UK prices of gas or oil. Leaders from some of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries are calling on the international community to agree to phase out fossil fuel production altogether. Through this approval, the UK Government is weakening its position as a global leader in climate action and signalling that short-term gain is more important that protecting the most vulnerable. Read more about the issues here.

Christmas gifts that keep on giving…

If you are already thinking about this Christmas, why not consider giving or asking for a charity gift?

Christian Aid has a wide range of gifts: "**A Christmas gift with real meaning: Help create a fairer, more just world, one gift at a time**", with items such as *Olive Tree Sapling, Train a Tailor* and *A Space to Learn and Play*. https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk/pages/christmas-charity-gifts

All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, also has a wide range of 'Extraordinary Gifts': "**Discover gifts that do far more than fill a stocking. Whether by helping families grow enough food to feed their children, enabling women and girls to start their own businesses, or ensuring communities have access to safe water and hygiene facilities—every Extraordinary Gift helps create lasting change through the work of our incredible local partners**", with items such as *Precious Water, Sewing Solutions* and *Lighting Up Lives.* https://www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts

Check out the websites for how it works.

Illegal Israeli Settlement at Beit Sahour

"They have taken the land where we planned a hospital and children's play area. Already there is friction with the settlers, it has made taking children to school unpredictable, we fear leaving the house."

The Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, shares this blog on the impact of the Israeli settlement at Beit Sahour in the West Bank.

Vacancy: Cornerstone Finance Officer

Clive Horsford has kindly temporarily stepped back into this whilst we continue to search for a volunteer to take on the role. Please contact Rev Linda if you would consider taking on this role.

Cornerstone Reception Volunteers

We are in desperate need of more regular volunteers to sit on the reception desk at Cornerstone. Without them, it is not safe for the doors to be left unlocked, and many people are being accidentally missed or unintentionally turned away before they even make it across our threshold. The Cornerstone, and Lancaster Methodist Church as a whole, has always prided itself on being a safe and welcoming place for all, and we need your help to continue that work in a way that also maintains building security and the safety of the people working and attending groups here. If you could offer just 2 hours a week of your time, that would make a huge difference. To apply, submit a completed application form to Ruth McKenny, Centre Manager, at cornerstonemanagement784@gmail.com.

'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 for the link.

Welcome Space on any Wednesday at LMC

Scotforth Road between 10 and 12 for a cuppa and chat!

On any Tuesday 10-2pm at The Cornerstone

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 November 1st and 15th.

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.
12-1pm every Thursday

Emotional Health Group for People with Special Needs: For friendship, fun, arts & crafts and serious discussion. Next meeting: Nov 25th

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, Thursday November 8th 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. *This has now moved to the LMH Studio behind St. Thomas' Renewal. We hope that a Friday café with Middle Eastern mezze food will soon take its place!*

'The Making Place' craft cafe every Thursday, 10am -1pm. 1pm (entrance £5).

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. Next on Oct 23rd

'Writers Inc'. Writers' group for any budding scribblers... 10.30am to 12pm on 1st and 3rd Saturdays - November 7th & 21st.

The Cornerstone Music Café, every Monday, 1-3pm.

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.

The Cornerstone 'House Group', fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Open and friendly discussion on faith, Christian life and ethical issues. Next on November 5th

Our LMC Facebook page is here

Our Cornerstone Facebook page is here

Dates for your diary

November

3rd 7.30pm JPEG meeting on zoom
6th 7pm Games Cafe at Scotforth Road
9th 2pm Monday Meeting Point
28th 11am-3pm The Cornerstone Fairtrade Christmas Fayre.
29th 10.30am Circuit Service at Scotforth Road

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 .