
April 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.

April 5th

am All Age Easter Service
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
No Evening Service

April 12th

am Rev Kara Cooper
pm Rev Linda Catlow

April 19th

am David Battarbee
pm Michael Hampson

April 26th

am Rev Linda Catlow
pm Deacon Pru Cahill

May 3rd

am *Local Arrangement*
3pm LGBTQ+ *Open Table*
pm Simon Stewart

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

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Minister: Revd Linda Catlow (07787 829921)

Easter and Holy Week Events

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd at Cornerstone

You are invited to a Service with Meal at 6 pm at The Cornerstone - led by Rev Paul. Please book in for the meal on the sign-up sheet at Scotforth

Good Friday – April 3rd at Scotforth

Prayer Stations from 10am, concluding with a short service at 2.30-3pm.

The Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness through the City is at 12 noon, from Dalton Square.

Easter Day – April 5th

6.30am Churches Together Service in Dalton Square, followed by breakfast at Baptist Church

10.30 am All Age Worship at Scotforth Road by our local team.

There will be no evening service at The Cornerstone.

Christian Aid Week 2026: looking for volunteers

Delivery-only collection– can you help deliver envelopes?

A big thank you to those folk who have already agreed to deliver Christian Aid envelopes this year. If you'd be willing to join the delivery team putting envelopes through doors of local houses on Sunday 10th or Monday 11th May please talk to Elaine Morphet at church or email her via lmcnotices@gmail.com with 'FAO Elaine' in the subject line. There will be stickers on the envelopes asking people to take them to a drop-off point or use a QR code to donate, so there is no door-knocking is needed.

Christian Aid Week theme: where hardship means hunger... urban farmers can grow hope

More information about the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal is found later in the newsletter.

70K in May

If you a walker, runner or cyclist you might like to take up Christian Aid's [70K in May](#) challenge and ask your sponsors to donate through the LMC digital envelope using this link:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/lancaster-methodist-church> or this QR code:



Explore the five Methodist Priorities for Justice:

- Tackling inequality and poverty: seeking life in all its fullness
- Enabling a flourishing environment: right relationship between people, planet and God
- Seeking justice for refugees: one people, one world
- Opposing discrimination: all are made in the image of God
- Pursuing peace: seeking justice and reconciliation

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/social-justice/a-justice-seeking-church/priorities-for-justice-what-can-we-do/explore-the-five-methodist-priorities-for-justice/>

[For more details and to find out what groups and organisations in the Methodist family and beyond are doing on these issues, Ctrl-Click here](#)

Questions to ask

- What are you already doing?
- What would help you to take action on one of these priorities?

Christian Aid Week: urban farming in Kenya



In the crowded and noisy settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every day knowing that they must go

and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. With no formal work opportunities, heartbreakingly low pay, and no social support, it's a precarious and frightening daily struggle.

The relentless stress is overwhelming. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,' says Fridah Moraa, a recently widowed grandmother determined to support her family on what little she earns.

'Now I'm responsible for everything.' She has to cover school costs, rent and water as well as food.

With tools, seeds and specialist training from Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah's now making the most of a small space in the city to grow a steady supply of fresh vegetables that she can cook for her family and sell on her market stall. With this help, combined with her inner strength and unstoppable resolve, Fridah is overcoming poverty to protect the youngest members of her family from the threat of malnutrition. Fridah rightly takes pride in all she is achieving: 'When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. Urban farming has changed my life.'

Please think about how you can help more people overcome poverty through urban farming by supporting Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), maybe by distributing envelopes, taking up the 70k in May challenge or making a donation. (See article at start of newsletter for practical ways to help.)

£5 could buy the seeds that kickstart a family's nutritious vegetable garden.

£10 could pay for a pair of chickens that produce fertiliser for an urban farmer.

£15 could purchase hand tools that mean an urban farmer can tend their crops.

£30 could buy the trio of cone garden planters that host hundreds of plants in a tiny city space.

Monday Meeting Point – All Welcome!

14th April: AGM 2.00 pm in the Foyer

The Holy Land – Reflections on a Visit

The Revd Mark Slaney, President Designate, visited the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem and partners in Israel/Palestine from 5 to 17 February. [Here is his report on the visit.](#)

'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.

Games Café, 7-9pm, March 27th 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. Great fun with free drinks and snacks, so please come along or suggest it to your friends. email Kate for further info kateehaywood@gmail.com

Welcome Space on any Wednesday at LMC

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

The Cornerstone House Group: Fortnightly

on a Thursday at 7.30pm. Open and friendly discussion on faith, Christian life and ethical issues. Next group: April 16th – all welcome at The Cornerstone.

Meetings at The Cornerstone this month

Please note: The Cornerstone will be closed on Good Friday (3rd) and Easter Monday (6th)

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 5th April.

Bereavement Support Café: 10.30am to 12noon every Monday (not April 6th)

'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. Last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting: April 29th

Lunch-time Holy Communion with Rev. Linda, suspended while Linda is away

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. (Will take place at The Studio behind St. Thomas's on Good Friday)

'The Making Place' craft cafe every Thursday, 10am -1pm (entrance £5). Good company and excellent cake! Next on April 16th

Theological Book Group, on Zoom once a month. We are reading 'The Heart of Christianity' by Marcus Borg. The next meeting will be 3.30pm on April 17th. 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 - April 11th & 18th.

The Cornerstone Music Café, every Monday from 13th, 1-3pm. Come along for a sing-a-long of timeless classics with our very own house band! Tea and coffee available.

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). (Easter break on April 6th)

'Chewsday' Lunch Café every Tuesday 12- 2pm
If you feel you could bake some fresh cakes or make soup to be sold as part of the lunch please contact Simon. To do that we would ask you (and pay for you) to do a Food Hygiene course, which can be done online. (Easter break on April 7th)

Our LMC Facebook page is [here](#)



Our Cornerstone Facebook page is [here](#)

Dates for your diary

March

27th 7:00pm Games Café at Scotforth

April

2nd 6pm Maundy Thursday service and meal

3rd 10am-3pm Prayer Stations at Scotforth

3rd 12 noon Walk of Witness from Dalton Square

5th 6.30am Churches Together Service at Dalton Square

5th 10.30am Easter Day Service at Scotforth

5th 3pm LGBTQ Sunday Service – at Cornerstone

14th 2pm Monday Meeting Point at Scotforth Rd

May

1st 7:00pm Games Café at Scotforth

10th-16th Christian Aid Week

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.