
May 2019

Usually Sunday morning worship takes place at 10.30 am at Scotforth Road while evening worship is at 6.30 pm, at The Cornerstone.

May 5th

am Revd Steve Charman
Holy Communion

7 pm Circuit Service @
Emmetts

May 12th

am Revd Steve Charman
pm Simon Stewart

May 19th

am Revd David Atkinson
pm Revd Steve Charman
Holy Communion

May 26th

am Lynne Blair
pm Alison Ransome

Please stay after morning service and join us for a cup of tea, coffee or juice.

Our morning services are designed to be child-friendly. Junior Church and Youth Fellowship meet for children and young people. Pre-school children are welcome to use the play corner at the left-hand front corner of the church or the crèche area in the foyer.

Lancaster Methodist Church

Scotforth Road, (corner of Kensington Road),
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Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff

of prayer

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world.

Prayer Booklets for 'Thy Kingdom Come' are available in the foyer at Scotforth Road or from the table in the Quiet Room at The Cornerstone.

Games Cafe Friday 3rd May

7-9pm at Scotforth Rd. Play games, eat cake, chat and make new friends!

Why not come and join us?

Ecochurch Green Weekend June 1st/2nd

As part of our commitment to the Ecochurch initiative, we are planning a 'Green Weekend' in June to celebrate God's creation and reflect on our place within it. We plan to include activities for everyone in the church family – a film, themed worship, a guided walk up Clougha on Saturday, a lunch and litter pick in the streets around Scotforth Rd after church on Sunday, and reflective activities at Cornerstone.

Everyone is very welcome to be involved the planning or to help out on the weekend - please talk to any member of GANG/the Ecochurch group, or **pop along to our meeting on Monday May 20th at 8 pm at 30 Cork Rd.**

An Update from The Cornerstone

Administrator and Bookings Coordinator - We have a new member of staff - Sandra Usselmann (who is a member of LMC and regular worshipper at both Scotforth Rd and The Cornerstone). Sandra has joined our staff team as our Administrator and Bookings Coordinator, based at The Cornerstone. She will be working roughly 2 hours each day (Mon-Fri), overseeing our extensive bookings and invoicing for both The Cornerstone and Scotforth Road and also some other administrative tasks. Please pray for Sandra as she settles into this new role.

Café Staff

We are in the process of shortlisting and interviewing for 3 part-time permanent staff for the Cornerstone Café, please pray for this process and all those involved.

New Office

We have created a new office from a redundant space - we have found that our small meeting rooms / offices are in such high demand that we needed additional space!

Become a Dementia Friend - Monday 20th May

This is an Alzheimer Society initiative supported by South Lancaster Churches Together. Join us for this free interactive Information Session to learn how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. Become a

Dementia Friend and join more than 2 million others taking action. From being more patient in a shop queue to campaigning for change, every action counts. Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend.

At Trinity URC, Bowerham: arrive from 7pm for a 7.15 start, finish by 8.30pm.

Collections for March amounted to £3208

Cornerstone Sunday Evening Congregation

At 5pm on Sunday 12th May, join the Cornerstone Sunday stewards for a cuppa, cake & an informal opportunity to share ideas about the Cornerstone Sunday evening services. It is also an opportunity to hear about wider church & circuit issues.

'8th Age of Man' masculinity group - 7.30pm May 7th at The Cornerstone. A friendly and welcoming group that explores contemporary issues of masculinity. Very supportive set of guys, willing to share and help each other grow. Newcomers very welcome!

Outside 'Advertising' / Noticeboards / Banners

How can we communicate more effectively with the people who walk / drive past our building? What can we do to tell people what goes on inside the building?

We have a couple of noticeboards - how could they be utilised more effectively?

We have a few hooks on the wall which can be used to attach a banner - or something else?

If you have an interest in this aspect of our mission and ministry, please speak to Lesley, Susan, Paul or Steve.

3Generate - Volunteers needed

What is 3Generate?

3Generate is the Children and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church in Britain. It is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for hearing the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church, focussing on fun, faith and friends.

It is a milestone event in the spiritual lives of many young people and we recognise that it can only happen thanks to the support of so many

committed volunteers. This year we need about 250 volunteers to run the event smoothly.

The event is taking place from 7pm on Friday 22 November until 2pm on Sunday 24 November at Pontins in Southport. We need most volunteers to arrive by lunchtime on Friday 22 November.

Volunteer teams consist of 3 main categories:

- Venue/programme teams who work within each of the venues to help children and young people engage with the 3Generate programme.
- Care teams who are focussed on supporting participants and sometimes their leaders.
- Operational teams include customer service roles such as reception and also practical roles such as the set-up and take-down volunteers.

Speak to Steve about this, or you can find more information at -

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/volunteering/>

THE COAST OF DISCIPLESHIP: District Chair Walk

Rev Paul Davis (Chair of Lancashire District) walks the Lancashire coast from 12th-19th May. Paul will be calling at Methodist churches, en-route, to hear about the work of the church in each community and to have a cup of tea/coffee for sustenance.

He comes into our Circuit on Saturday 18th May as follows:

Day 7 Saturday 18th May

Arrive Wesley Methodist Church Heysham 09:15. Depart 09:45

Arrive Bare Methodist 11:45. Depart 12:45

Arrive Tor'holme Methodist 13:20. Depart 13:40

Arrive Cornerstone Lancaster 14:40. Depart 15:10

Arrive Scotforth Road: 15:35

Approximate distance 10 miles

So he will be visiting both The Cornerstone and Scotforth Road. Even if you are unable to join the walk, please come along to meet him and others who are walking with him and chat with them about the life of our church.

If you want to join him on Sunday, the plan is as follows: **Day 8 Sunday 19th May**

Arrive Warton Methodist Church. 13:00. Depart 13:45 (lunch)

Arrive Silverdale Methodist Church 15:55

Approximate distance: 5 miles

Anyone is welcome to join him for all or part of his walk - contact Steve if you would like to see his full journey plan.

Cornerstone Regular Events - just turn up!

11-11.20am every Tuesday - Quiet Time

1.45pm every Tuesday ' - A Space to Create', Reflection, sharing, arts and crafts.

11.30am every First and Third Wednesday - The Prayer Tree

6.30pm every Wednesday 'Reflect in the City'

Dates for your diary

May

3rd 7pm Games Cafe, Foyer, Scotforth Road

5th 7pm Circuit Service - Easter Offering, Emmetts Methodist Church

7th 7.30pm '8th Age of Man', The Cornerstone

11th 9.30am District Synod, Blackpool

12th Start of Christian Aid Week

18th Rev Paul Davis visiting The Cornerstone and Scotforth Road

20th 8pm GANG meeting (Global Action Now Group), 30 Cork Road

June

1st-2nd LMC Environment Weekend

1st Church Walk

2nd after morning worship - Lunch & Litter-pick in local streets

6th Start of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

6th 7.30pm Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting, Emmetts

7th 7-9pm Games Cafe, Foyer, Scotforth Road

9th 10.30am Our church AGM as part of morning worship

The next Newsletter will be out **for May 26th**

Housegroups meet

@Cornerstone (contact Ian/Alison Love 845384)

Thurs fortnightly (contact Alison/David Findlay)

Little Pebbles is our parent & toddler group and meets every Friday in term time at Scotforth Road from 09.30-11am.

For more information contact Emma Hardiman emmawood18@hotmail.co.uk.

Little Stars is our parent/carer, baby and toddler group and meets every Monday am from 10-12.

The notices are normally distributed each month, with a second issue if needed. Please send items, if possible by email, to

notices@LancasterMethodistChurch.org.uk

Alternatively send or give them to Ian Love.

*If you would like an e-copy of the Notices, send an email to the above address.
The email address for room bookings is
bookings@thecornerstonelancaster.org.uk*
