

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing AUGUST 17th 2025

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

These take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 -12 midday.

Sunday Aug, 17th	Rev.J.Gill Holy Communion	10.30am .	Church
Monday Aug, 18th	Badminton Open Church	10AM - 12mid 10.45 -12 midday	Croft View Church
Tues Aug. 19th	LUNCH	12 -3pm	Church
Wed, Aug. 20th			.
Thursday Aug. 21st	Prayer Meeting	8.30am	Church
Friday August 22nd	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm 7.15pm	Croft Halls Church
Saturday August 23rd	Coffee Morning Sri Lankan Charities	10.00am	Church

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing August 24th 2025. please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, August 20th.**

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SUNDAY August 17th 2

10.30am
Stewards
Creche*
Jr Church*

Rev. J. Gill. Holy Communion
Sarah and Doreen
School Holidays
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Barbara Dickinson The Grove (11am)

WELCOME

We welcome any visitors and anyone who is joining us for the first time today. Please introduce yourself to one of our stewards who wear name badges. For safety reasons, would parents please look after their children after the service both inside and outside the church?

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club every Tuesday 12noon till 3pm

Thank you for offers of help.

Please remember all are welcome to join us for lunch and a chat!

Margaret Coates

**CHURCH
FLOWERS**

August 17th Mrs Wallis
August 24th Mrs Hughes
August 31st Mrs Stone

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Janet Quinlan Leadgate (9.45am)

SUMMER SPECIAL is happening this year! The dates are Tuesday 26th August to Sunday 1st August. If you have been involved before I will be getting in touch soon to confirm if you want to be involved again. And if you know of anyone who might want to join us either as a volunteer or a participant get them to save the date! More details soon. Kath Jones

COLLECTION OF TIN CANS FOR KOGS

Hi everyone. Please could you keep any tin cans for use at Kogs end of term party and also for Summer Special? They can be left in the Sparks room at church in front of the Kogs cupboard. Thank you. Kath

NO COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Please note there will be no coffee morning on Saturday, August 30th as the church is being prepared for the Summer Special Service on Sunday, August 31st.

GNR FUNDRAISER FOR HENRY DANCER DAYS

Some of you will remember Henry Dancer, a great friend of our eldest son, George. Henry attended Lanchester EP school and then started in year 7 in September 2009 at St Bede's along with his group of besties - Joe, Cameron, George and Harry. They were affectionately known as the "fab five"! Henry began suffering with pains in his leg during the autumn of his first term... to cut a very long, traumatic and painful story short, Henry died a year later at the age of 12 in November 2010 from osteosarcoma (bone cancer) which had spread.

Henry's mum, Jane, set up a charity in Henry's memory (he was an only child) called Henry Dancer Days. The charity supports other families going through similar difficult journeys, and it does amazing work. One example is the setting up of the Storyteller project, which now runs on children's cancer wards in hospitals in the North East and beyond. Professional storytellers work with children and young people in hospital, giving them and their parents/carers some much needed respite and a brief escape from the situation they find themselves in.

I am doing the Great North Run this year to raise funds for HDD. Like most charities, times are hard and it's becoming increasingly challenging to fundraise. Jane really struggled to recruit runners this year, so I decided to give it a go and have recruited a couple of colleagues along the way (thanks guys!).

If you would like to sponsor me I would be very grateful; the link to my page is below:

[Ali's page for Henry Dancer Days](http://ajbellgreatnorthrun2025.enthuse.com)
ajbellgreatnorthrun2025.enthuse.com

Many thanks and God bless,
Alison Grimes

DATE FOR THE DIARY!

Friday 5th September, 7.30pm

Songs of the North East with Graeme Danby and Valerie Reid. Tickets costing £12 are available from Margaret Coates Tel 01207 521650. It will be a fun evening!

ECO SHOPPING – WASHING UP LIQUID

Given that washing-up liquid finds its way down into the drains and eventually into our waterways, logically they should not contain substances that could harm the environment. But most mainstream washing-up liquids contain synthetic fragrances and petrochemical surfactants, whose biodegradability is questionable.

Certain ingredients are harmful to human health and the environment e.g. triclosan, phthalates, parabens, and formaldehyde. Interestingly Fairy (Procter & Gamble) scored 0/100 points in the harmful ingredients category as assessed by Ethical Consumer, Ecoleaf stocked in our Eco stall scored 80/100 (the higher the score the more ecofriendly the product!).

Palm oil is a controversial ingredient used in many products, with links to environmental destruction and workers' rights abuses. Fairy's owner Procter & Gamble also scored 0/100 points for this category, Ecoleaf 40/100. For these reasons, amongst others, we are stocking Ecoleaf in our Eco Stall, also reducing plastic waste by refilling the bottles which many of you have kindly collected for this purpose.

ECO SHOPPING – LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Which is the most eco-friendly for washing clothes: powder, liquid, pod or sheet? Ethical Consumer advise buying powder or liquid – either are good choices. Powders often come in plastic-free packaging and are more concentrated than liquid as they don't contain water.

Pods and sheets may be light and convenient, but they usually contain PVA or PVOH. Polyvinyl alcohol is a type of plastic. The NGO Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS) is campaigning against the use of biodegradable plastics, stating that they “*can present similar hazards in the natural environment to plastics*, and the testing methods for biodegradable plastics do not yet reflect realistic use or existing environmental conditions.”

With this in mind we plan to continue stocking liquid laundry detergent in our Church Eco Stall, & hopefully get some powder as an alternative in the near future.

KOGS' SUMMER UPDATE

That's us finished for the Summer now- phew! A well-deserved rest for our leaders is definitely needed! We've had a cracking school year for 2024-25 which involved: Christmas Festive PJ Film nights, our annual trip to Seahouses for a long weekend away, our SUPER TEA-ROUPER ABBA fundraising afternoon tea, highland games night and so much more as well as our usual weekly activities that includes games, messy / water games/ Cell sessions / crafts and a 2 – course meal.

We already have planned lots of new exciting things for our return in September for the 2025/26 School year.

We of course ended our year in style with a summer Country and Western Themed party which of course involved lots of fancy dress, a cowboy supper (Jacket potatoes with chilli) , a 90 minute line dance lesson, a craft using real reused horse shoes, games and of course a visit from of favourite Ice Cream man Kevin from Iced Dreams!

In our near future we will be heading back to Seahouses once again 1st-4th May and will see the return of our festive PJ film night, Christmas party night and new exciting crafts, workshops and much more!

We are pleased to let you know our books will be opening up to new (and old) members on our return on Monday 8th September so please come along and give it a try!

We offer a range of activities including: 2 course meal, games, messy games, day trips, evening trips, residential weekend trips, crafts, drama, cell sessions and much much more!

We start at 5pm to 7.30pm, Monday's during School Terms (and some half terms) At Lanchester Methodist Church for all ages 8 – 18 years! The cost of the sessions is £3 per person weekly or £30 per person a term but your first week is free! All activities (excluding additional trips) and your weekly meal are included.

For more information contact Laura & Peter Cole on 07428500059 / 01207 654291 or email kidsofgod@hotmail.co.uk We also have a Facebook page if you'd like to see more or get in touch with us that way, www.facebook.com/kidsofgodlanchester

We hope to see you soon! KoGs Leaders.

