

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing December 14th

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday, Dec. 14th	Nativity. All Age Worship	10,30am	Church
	Service of Remembrance	6pm	Church
Monday December 15th	Badminton	10AM -	Croft View
	Open Church	12mid	Church
	KOGs	10.45 -12 5 -7.30pm	Church
Tues Dec.16th			
Wed, Dec. 17th	CHRISTMAS CRAFTING Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section	1.30 -3,30	CHURCH
		6.15 - 7.30pm	Croft View
		7.30 -9pm	Croft View
Thursday Dec. 18th	Open Prayers	8.30pm	CHURCH
	Toddler group	10 – 12, 30pm	CHURCH
	Anchor Boys	6-7pm	Croft View
Friday Dec. 19th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halla
Saturday Dec 20th	Coffee Morning Sri Lanka Charity	10am	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS. If you any items for the week commencing **Dec. 21st 2025** or **December 28th** please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, December 17th**

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THE NORTHWEST DURHAM CIRCUIT

LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY December 14th 2025

Third Sunday in Advent



10.30am
Stewards
Creche
Jr. Church

Local Arrangement, **Nativity**. All Age Worship
Jen and Doreen
See notice
Sonia and Elaine

6pm
Stewards

**Service of Remembrance led by Rev.S.Earl
Jennifer and Philip**

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?

CRECHE

Sadly we are not able to provide a creche at present, but there are toys, books etc in the back room if parents/carers wish to take their children out of the service. Children of any age are very welcome to join in with junior church although we ask if any child under 3 could come out with a parent / care

CHURCH FLOWERS

December 14 th	Mrs Hall
December 21 st	Christmas Flowers
December 28 th	Christmas Flowers

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st 2025

4th Sunday in Advent

10.30am	Rev. Stuart Earl. Carol Service
Stewards	Sarah and Bill
Creche	See notice
Junior Church	All Age worship
6pm	Carol Service Rev. Stuart Earl
Stewards	Philip and Lynn

NATIVITY

After missing a few years, we are excited to announce that our nativity is returning this year on **Sunday 14th December at 10.30am**. We would love you to take part. All ages welcome! Range of parts available; both non-talking and talking, dressing up or not dressing up, just let us know how much you would like to do! If you have any musical talents you would like to use in the service, we would love to include them too. Please invite any children / young people you know to take part, but also we would love a few adults to help us out too. We can supply outfits if needed or bring your own if you prefer. Please let Kath (Tel 07704160449) or Sonia (07736774141) know if you would like to help.

CAROL SINGING

This Christmas we hope to revive the tradition of Carol Singing around Lanchester. We are meeting outside of Church on **Tuesday 23rd December at 5.30pm**. It would be fantastic if as many people as possible could join us to help with the singing. Also, if you would like us to sing a carol at your home or the home of someone who might appreciate a visit (within walking distance in the village!) please could you contact us with the address and post code. We are very happy to sing for free to spread joy this Christmas, but if people want to make a donation we will be collecting for Willowburn Hospice. If you are singing please wrap up warm and if you have one bring a torch or lantern. Please contact Sonia (on 07736774141) or speak to any member of the Foxhills Cell Group if you would like to sing or have a carol at your home.

AN EXCITING CHRISTMAS CONCERT! 'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Innominata Choir will be performing at Annfield Plain Methodist Church on **Saturday 20th December at 7pm**. The concert will include familiar carols for choir and audience as well as some beautiful readings with carols from composers such as Bob Chilcott, Peter Warlock and Sarah Quartel. 'Twas The Night Before Christmas will be sung in the second part of the concert. A wonderful, innovative Cantata by Oliver Tarney, the words of the poem unfold interspersed with traditional carols. Please join us for a real celebration of Christmas! For Tickets costing £12 to include refreshments please email: innominatachoir@gmail.com or Tel: 01207521650 Margaret Coates

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 6TH JANUARY

The EP School nativity will be taking place in Church on **Tuesday 16th December** so there will be no lunch club on that day or the following week. We look forward to meeting with everyone again in the new year, on **Tuesday 6th January**. Margaret Coates

HEALTH AND HOPE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Health & Hope festive coffee morning on Saturday 6th December. The amazing amount of £769.10 which was raised on the day will be a great help to the Myanmar team.

SOUND THE TRUMPETS

Thank you to all who came to the concert which was a great evening. A varied programme with some lovely Christmas music meant there was definitely something to suit everyone's taste! The concert ended with the church lights dimmed while the trumpeters played 'Silent Night' which was very moving and afterwards everyone enjoyed festive refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies. £360 was raised to support the work of Willow Burn Hospice. Thank you, Margaret Coates

COFFEE MORNING SAT DEC 27

There will be a coffee morning on **Saturday, December 27th**. Dulcie Richards is holding it on behalf of a Ukraine charity

LANCHESTER WIVES & FRIENDS

2026 7th January 12pm ; In house Buffet lunch cost £10. Names & money to Dianne please

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS JAN 3 AND 10 (NEXT YEAR!)

The rota for the later part of the year is filling up nicely, but these two dates are still available. If you would like to take one of these for a charity of your choice, or the church charities, please let me know. Many thanks
Judith Brown 07947 600415,

ZOOM CIRCUIT BIBLE BOOK

2026 Dates and Books

Jan	Tuesday 20	Matthew	chapters	17-end
Feb.	Tuesday 24	Revelation	chapters	1-11
March	Tuesday 24	Revelation	chapters	12 to end

New members welcome at any time . We are a friendly bunch, no-one needs to speak and all views are respected . Each month we read the book or half a book at home and then share our thoughts when we meet by zoom. If you would like more info or to be added to the Zoom contact list please contact me at
janetquinlanachord@hotmail.com
God bless
Janet

ECO SHOPPING – CHOCOLATE THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, how can we choose the most ethical chocolate to match our budget? Extract from 'Ethical Consumer': - Over 70% of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa, primarily in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. Oxfam reports that up to 90% of cocoa farmers in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire don't earn a living income, forcing them to rely on child labour because they can't afford adult workers, involving practices that harm children's health, safety, or morals. Approximately 2.1 million children work on cocoa farms in these regions. Fairtrade certified chocolate has a set minimum price for cocoa to protect farmers.

Pesticide use is rife in cocoa cultivation, especially worrying due to the prevalence of child labour on cocoa farms and the lack of access many farmers have to proper protective equipment. Chocolate production is a major cause of deforestation. EU deforestation law states 'By December 30, 2025, all cocoa entering the EU must be deforestation-Mondelēz (own Cadbury, Green & Black) is urging for a delay of another year.

Of the 'affordable' chocolate that is readily available I found Oxfam chocolate, scoring 87/100, a clear leader at £2.40 for 100g. Ferrero, Lindt, Mars, Mondelēz and Nestlé all score under 25/100 overall for ethicality – with Cadbury's scoring 3/100!!

Our eco stall now has Oxfam Fairtrade milk and plain chocolate at £1.20 for 50g bar.

THE GLENDALE CHOIR – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Glendale Choir are giving a concert of Christmas Music and Carols at Leadgate Methodist Church (followed by coffee, tea, mince pies and cake) on **Tuesday 16th December at 4.30pm**. No tickets required. There will be a retiring collection.

WATOTO CHARITY

Watoto brings hope and healing to vulnerable women and children in Uganda and South Sudan. Watoto villages provide homes, families and holistic care to over 3000 children. Baby Watoto rescues orphaned and abandoned babies giving them a bright future and the Watoto Neighbourhood Projects return dignity to Africa's greatest resource, her women. God is at the centre of everything Watoto do.

Mark and Julia Lloyd from Lanchester recently spent time in Uganda volunteering with Baby Watoto. They plan to return for 3 – 4 months next year and would love to be able to take out much needed supplies of premature baby milk, nappies, bottles and as much as they can fit into 6 suitcases to support this charity. As part of their fundraising for the children and women they are hosting, together with some wonderful volunteers, a Christmas Crafting afternoon at Lanchester Methodist Church. Please see below or find all the information in the poster accompanying these notices.

Christmas Crafting

Lanchester Methodist Church

Wednesday 17th December 2025 1.30 – 3.30pm

Refreshments available – Tea/Coffee and Mince Pie

Tickets £12 – to include a Framed Craft, Stick Christmas Tree and Mini Bobble Hat Party Favor

