

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing July 12th 2026

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday July 12th	Rev.Stuart Earl. Holy Communion	10.30am	Church
	PICNIC Circuit Service	4pm 5pm	Church Church
Monday July 13th	Badminton	10am – 12mid	Croft View
	Open Church KOGs	10.45 – 12 5 – 7.30pm	Church Church
Tues July 14th	Lunch	12 -3pm	Church
Wed, July 15th	Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior Section	6.15 - 7.30pm	Croft View
		7.30 -9pm	Croft View
Thursday July 16th	Open Prayers Toddler Club	8.30pm 11am to 1pm	CHURCH Church
	Anchor Boys	6 -7pm	Croft View
Friday July 17th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halls
Saturday July 18th	Coffee Morning. Raising funds for Charles trip to Borneo. Please see notices re. Pilgrimage walk and Summer Concert.	10am - 12mid.	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing July 19th please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, July 15th**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS AT THE BACK
OF CHURCH,**



THE NORTHWEST DURHAM CIRCUIT

LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026

10.30am Rev. Stuart Earl. Holy
Communion

Stewards Jennifer and Jen
Creche See notice

Jr Church Kath and Elaine

4pm **PICNIC – Please see notice.**
5pm **Circuit Service. Rev.Stephen Lindridge**
Stewards **Jennifer and Lynn**

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

July 12 th	Mrs Polley
July 19 th	Mr Holroyd
July 26 th	Mrs Ashcroft

SUNDAY July 19th 2026

10.30am	Owen Temple
Stewards	Bill and Margaret
Creche	See notice
Junior Church	Sarah and Claire

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on July 19th
Kath Jones White (lead 11am)

LUNCH CLUB

We will continue to meet every Tuesday throughout July from 12noon till 3pm. All are welcome so please pop in for a light lunch or just a drink and a chat. There will be a break during August, returning on 8th September. Margaret Coates

CIRCUIT PICNIC AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday 12th July at 4pm there will be a circuit 'bring your own picnic' at our church. Tea and coffee will be provided.

This will be followed by a service at 5pm for both Stuart and Jenny Gill as they finish their ministerial work in our circuit.

Please come along to give your support.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST CUTHBERT'S CAVE IN NORTHUMBERLAND. SATURDAY 18TH JULY

Our next pilgrimage opportunity is on Saturday 18th July when Sarah Hay will use Northumbria Community liturgy to lead us on a pilgrimage to St Cuthbert's cave in Northumberland. We will meet in the St Cuthbert's Cave National Trust carpark at **11am**. The walk is approximately a 3 mile round trip, slightly uphill, but on a well-marked track / path. There is the opportunity to go a little further beyond the cave to a higher 360 degree viewpoint for those that wish. There will also be the chance to visit Old Bewick church for those who would like to after the walk. As before, feel free to do as much or as little of this as suits you. Please let Sarah Hume know if you are planning to come along and use the sign-up sheet at the back of church so that we can lift share as much as possible. Any questions just ask or send me an email
Sarah Hume
sarahruthhume@gmail.com

STUART'S FAREWELL PARTY AND POEM

For those who missed our Farewell Lunch for Stuart last Sunday (and for those who'd like to read it again!) here is a wonderful poem by Sonia Filmer paying tribute to Stuart as he retires as our Minister.

Stuart,

As the Countdown(!) to your retirement has begun,
We're here to show our gratitude and have lots of fun.
Celebrating you entering this new chapter of your life,
Spending lots more time with your lovely wife.

You got us to open our church gates wide,
Encouraging us to be inclusive and welcome all inside.
And we've certainly never heard you say,
The words, 'I did it my way!'.

Christmas Day was spent trying to guess,
What would behold us with your fancy dress?
Always up for anything, a real good sport,
As long as we didn't include that carol with the weather report!

Across the sands to Lindisfarne you led the way
With reflection, inspiration and a space to pray.
Although all of it was very good,
Our highlight was when you got stuck in the mud!

Many kids think that Grumpy is your name,
A reflection of your jokes and Holiday Club fame.
Around the village as Batman you would walk,
Greeting many with a smile and space to talk.

Thank you for the love and the way you've shown us you care,
Through the good and the bad you've always been there.
We pray that God will hold you in his hand,
In your next adventures and in the unplanned.

With love from Lanchester Methodist Church.

SUMMER CONCERT WITH INNOMINATA CHOIR SATURDAY 18TH JULY, 7PM AT ANNFIELD PLAIN METHODIST CHURCH Please come along to enjoy an evening of madrigals, well-known folksongs and solo songs by British 20th century composers. For tickets, costing £12, telephone : 01207521650, email: innominatachoir@gmail.com or see me at church!
Margaret Coates

KOGS FUNDRAISING EVENT – SATURDAY JULY 18TH

Our next fundraising event will take place on **Saturday 18th July** from 5pm – 8pm at Lanchester Methodist Church.

We are holding a World Cup Football Themed Family & Friends BBQ!

Tickets are on sale NOW costing £6 per person and £4 Children under 8 years.

Come join us for food, football themed quiz, world cup songs, clips from previous world cups, lawn games and more!

Great food & Great Fun. Bring your family, bring your friends, Wear your colours!

KOGS SUMMER 2026 REPORT

Our last date for the Summer term will be **Monday 13th July** and we will return again on **Monday 7th September** If you'd like to give KoGs a go you can find us on a Monday evening (5pm – 7.30pm) at Lanchester Methodist Church during School Terms. The cost of the sessions is £3 per person but your first week is free! (All activities and your weekly meal is 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

A DAY FIT FOR ROYALTY FOR KOGS LEADERS!

Laura and Pete Cole who are in charge of Lanchester Methodist Church's Youth Group "KoGs" have recently had the privilege of attending the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh on Tuesday 30th June 2026. They received the invitation after being anonymously nominated for their services to voluntary youth work within the church.

Laura who started the group alongside her best friend at age 15, has now been running KoGs every Monday (during term times) for 19 years. Pete who married into the group after being recruited by Mervyn Burdon (Laura's Dad) to become a leader has been helping run it for 17 years.

They had an absolutely incredible day and it has left them with memories they will cherish forever. The Gardens and Palace were breath takingly beautiful, the food and other refreshments were divine and the overall atmosphere was indescribable.

From the two brass bands, traditional bagpipers, the royal archers and of course the King himself, the whole day was a truly unforgettable experience.

Both Laura and Pete would like to say a HUGE thank you to all who made this amazing day an opportunity and a memory they will always cherish. To our anonymous nominator - We do not have the words for how truly grateful we are and how much we appreciate the help, love and support you have all given us to make this happen.

Finally, none of this would have been possible at all without the man who inspired Laura's journey and love for youth work and encouraged her to make it happen, her dad Mervyn.

Laura has watched her dad for 35 years in various voluntary youth working roles.

From Boys Brigade officers and Company Captain, to Oxhill Youth Club, Football Teams, Cricket Clubs, Pantomimes, Hockey Coaching all the way to Christian Youth work he has more than an incredible 45 years in youth work and she is so thankful to be following in his footsteps.

Once again to you all, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Laura + Pete Cole



