

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing March 1st 2026

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday, March 1st	LA Foxhills Cell Group	10,30am	Church
	Churches Together Songs of Praise for Lent.	6pm	Roman Catholic Church.
Monday March 2nd	Badminton Open Church	10AM - 12mid	Croft View Church
	KOGs	10.45 -12 5 -7.30pm	Church
Tues March 3rd	Lunch	12 -3pm	Church
Wed, March 4th	Wives and Friends (See notice re. World Day of Prayer)	1.30pm	Church
	Junior Section Boys Brigade.	6.15 - 7.30pm	Croft View
	Company & Senior section	7.30 -9pm	Croft View
Thursday March 5th	Open Prayers Toddler group	8.30pm 10 – 12, 30pm	CHURCH CHURCH
	Anchor Boys Ladies Night	6-7pm 7.39pm	Croft View Lanchester Social Club
Friday March 6 th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halls
Saturday March 7th	Coffee Morning. Tennis Club	10am - 12mid.	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing **March 8th** please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, March 4th**

Minister: Rev. Stuart Earl, 33 Ford Road, Lanchester.

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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 March 1st 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am
Stewards

LA Foxhills Cell Group
Jennifer and Doreen

Creche
Jr. Church

See notice
Kath and Claire

6pm

**Churches Together Songs of Praise for Lent
(Roman Catholic Church)**

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on March 1st2026

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 / carer

CHURCH FLOWERS

March 1st Mrs Ashcroft
March 8th Mrs Jablonski
March 15th Mrs Somersall

SUNDAY MARCH 8th 2026 Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am Rev. S. Earl. Holy Communion
Stewards Bill and Doreen
Creche See notice
Junior Church Sarah and Inge

6pm Circuit Service led by Rev.Gill. South Moor United.

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Kath Jones Blackhill and Shotley Bridge Uniting(11am)

CHURCHES TOGETHER SUNDAY 1ST MARCH SONGS OF PRAISE FOR LENT 6PM

A warm welcome to everyone to join with fellow Christians in the village to remember the period of Lent in the Christian year. The service will be held in the Roman Catholic Church.

David

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH

Wednesday March 11th at Lanchester Methodist church 12 midday until 2pm.

Tickets £7 to include a hot drink and tray bake available from

Dianne Emerson 01207 520817

Kathleen Bell 01207 521793

Judith Brown 07947 600415 or email judith@bordinelbrown.me.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The 2026 World Day of Prayer service has been inspired and prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women living in Nigeria. The theme of the service this year is "I will give you rest, come" (Matthew 11:28-30) Wives & Friends group of Lanchester Methodist church is hosting the service on **Wednesday 4th March at 1:30pm** and all are welcome to join us in prayer, and in hearing about the women's shared struggles in recent times and how they can inspire us to work towards a world **devoid of** injustice, insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair.

The offering, taken during the service, is for the work of World Day of Prayer and for projects run by Christian charities at home and abroad. Similarly, proceeds from the coffee morning to be held in the Methodist church on **Saturday, 28th February from 10:00 am will be donated to World Day of Prayer.**

Dianne Emerson (local secretary WDP)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT STANLEY FOOD BANK

We are in need of someone to work in the store every alternative Wednesday between 10 and 12 noon alongside another volunteer. The food bank is in The Venue. If this is something you feel you would like to do or would like to know more about, please get in touch with Margaret Lynn @ margaretlynnwols@gmail.com or mobile 07788661500 or in person at church.

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH, 7.30PM

A glorious, spell-binding semi-staged performance of Oliver Tarney's St Mark Passion will be given by the Durham Singers in St Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw. Written between 2017 and 2019, the work draws on many of the parables and miracles from Mark's Gospel to frame the narrative, giving a voice to those who are traditionally voiceless - a sacred and secular rendering of the events surrounding Easter. The performance will feature seven world-class soloists and alongside the Durham Singers there will be a professional semi chorus and the Durham Singers Camerata. This will be a moving and challenging concert, asking all of us about what it means to have faith in the modern world. Tickets costing £20 are available from Margaret Coates Tel. 01207521650 or please speak to me at church.

THANK YOU

Wow wow wow!!! A big thank you to all who came and supported the Watoto Children's Choir on Saturday 14th February either in person or online. We all enjoyed a wonderful experience of worship, dance and testimonies from the choir and the most exciting part, that some people made a commitment to follow Jesus. We raised almost £1000 including money raised from the Church Coffee Morning. More children and women received sponsors which we have seen and heard has such a significant impact on their lives and futures and there will also be a few new homes in the north-east for the beautiful handmade stuffed giraffes and elephants!

The choir have asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for all the hospitality they received and making them feel so loved and welcome, Are we ready for the new tour in 2027????!!!

Mark & Julia Lloyd ☺

UPDATE FROM KOGS – FEBRUARY 2026

Hello everyone!

We have come back with a bang after Christmas.

Extremely full of busy and planning! Here's a look at some of the things we have coming up to try and keep our costs at a minimum and make it as affordable as we can!

COFFEE MORNING AND SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH @ LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH
10AM -1PM.**

We will be hosting the coffee morning on Saturday 14th March alongside our shopping experience.

We are asking ALL members to take part. This will be from **9.30am -1pm**. Members will be in full control of the morning from cooking the bacon sandwiches to selling on our stalls!

We will have our usual cakes, tray bakes and bacon sandwiches to sell as normal with the addition of our shopping experience stalls.

This will include craft items made by our members, knitted items made by people and of course an array of other treats to grab a bargain!

On that note, if you have ANYTHING you would like to rehome please let us know/bring it in so we can add it to our stalls!

(look out for our posters made by Lucas coming soon!)

KOGS COOK BOOK!

COMING SOON!

We are in the beginning stages of putting together our own KoGs Cookbook not only to raise money for our group but as a memory to look back at for our members.

We are asking all our members / parents/ grandparents/ friends /family members for their favourite recipes and would love to include some of our Church family's recipes too!

Everything from: cakes, soups, traybakes, smoothies, main meals, desserts, starters- we want it all! Please email or send recipes with your name to kidsofgod@hotmail.co.uk

We are hoping to have this ready to sell between Summer/September.

We are pleased to announce we are teaming up with the Henry Dancer Days charity and will be donating some of our money raised to them.

For those who don't know:

Henry Dancer was a past KoGs member and Henry Dancer Days is a charity that was started to keep Henry's name alive after he sadly lost his awful battle with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) at the age of 12.

Henry Dancer Days supports children and their families who are suffering with the devastating effects of childhood cancer.

This is also why we are pushing for sponsorship for one of our leaders Pete who is taking on his first Great North Run for the charity in September!

If you'd like to donate even £1 towards his run please visit –

<https://ajbellgreatnorthrun2026.enthuse.com/pf/peter-cole>

Many thanks,

Laura, Pete + KoGs Leaders.