

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing March 22nd 2026

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

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| Sunday, March 22nd | Rev.Stuart Earl | 10.30am | Church |
| Monday March 23rd | Badminton Open Church | 10AM - 12mid | Croft View Church |
| | KOGs | 10.45 -12 5 -7.30pm | Church |
| Tues March 24th | Lunch | 12 -3pm | Church |
| Wed, March 25th | Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section | 6.15 - 7.30pm | Croft View |
| | | 7.30 -9pm | Croft View |
| Thursday March 26th | Open Prayers Toddler group | 8.30pm 10 – 12, 30pm | CHURCH CHURCH |
| | Anchor Boys | 6-7pm | Croft View |
| Friday March 27 th | Indoor Bowls | 1.30pm | Croft Halls |
| Saturday March 28th | Coffee Morning. Sri Lanka Charity | 10am - 12mid. | CHURCH |

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing **March 29th** please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, March 25th**

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



THE NORTHWEST DURHAM CIRCUIT
LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH
We ARE A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCH
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SUNDAY March 22nd 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.30am Rev. Stuart Earl
Stewards Sarah and Bill
Creche See notice
Church Kath and Elaine

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on March 22nd 2026

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 22nd Mrs Dixon
March 29th Mrs Coates
April 5th Easter Flowers

SUNDAY MARCH 29th 2026 Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday



10.30am Local arrangement. David Palmer
Stewards Jennifer and Margaret
Creche See notice
Junior Church Sarah and Claire

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Ian Andrew Annfield Plain (10.15am)

VILLAGE EASTER CARD

We are experimenting this Easter with putting the 'card' as a feature in the Village Voice instead. Any feedback would be welcome.
David Hughes
Chairman Churches Together

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.

PILGRIMAGE ACROSS THE SANDS TO HOLY ISLAND FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

As part of our year of pilgrimage we are going to be walking across the sands to Holy Island on **Friday 10th April**. It promises to be a day of great fun and fellowship so please do join us if you can. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church which we will use to work out transport arrangements so please do sign up if you are coming. If you are unable to walk the sands then you can still join in, either by driving up to Holy Island and meeting the walkers as they come off the sands or by visiting a prayer space in church that day for your own private devotions. Any questions please just ask! Sarah Hume (Please see attachments to these notices.)

JOIN OUR AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

At Lanchester Methodist Church, we are looking to strengthen our audio/visual team.

Live streaming our services provides a valuable service to over 20 people during the service and between 60 and 100 people throughout the week. We have opportunities for people to help with:

- Video
- Sound
- Words on the screen

Full training is provided. New helpers can shadow experienced team members to get a feel for the role, and once trained, will try out the role with support from someone experienced.

All our current team members have learned from the ground up. These roles are a great way to serve the church while being part of a strong and supportive team.

If you are interested or would simply like to find out more, please speak to Richard Hume or any member of the tech team on a Sunday morning.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way -together we raised an amazing £930!

KOGS NEWS-

Hello everyone! we have been extremely busy as always. We've had lots of workshops including a visit from Jane Nattress from the charity Henry Dancer Days, Richard East from the Prison Me No Way! Service came to show us what jail life is like (amongst other things) And this week we were joined by Joy Wingfield for a Mother's day Beading Workshop.

There's only 7 weeks left until our annual Seahouses residential this year! With that in mind, we held a Coffee Morning and Shopping Experience on March 14th.

KoGs News- continued

Cook Book –

We are asking all our members / parents/ grandparents/ friends /family members for their favourite recipes and would love to include some of our Church families' 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. Please send us your recipes by Monday 11th May.

EXCITING NEWS!

Our very own Pete & Laura have received (and accepted) an invitation to the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace Edinburgh for their services to Youth Work at Lanchester Methodist Church!

They will be heading off to Edinburgh to Party with the Royals in Holyrood Palace on 30th June!

This was an anonymous nomination, but they would like to say a massive thank you to whoever it was! If it was you -THANK YOU!

To keep up to date with all the things we get up to add us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/kidsofgodlanchester

We do have room for a few more so it's still not too late to join us!

KoGs (Kids of God) is a Christian based youth group that meets in the Methodist Church on Monday Evenings.

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.

Ages 8 – 18 years.

The cost of the sessions is £3 per person but your first week is free! (All activities and your weekly meal is included)

See you Saturday! (we hope)

Laura , Pete and the KoGs Leadership team.

