

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing May 3rd 2026

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday May 3 rd	Rev. Stuart Earl Holy Communion	10.30am	Church
Monday May 4 th BANK HOLIDAY			
Tues May 5 th	Lunch	12 -3pm	Church
Wed, May 6 th	Wives and Friends Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section	1.30pm 6.15 - 7.30pm 7.30 -9pm	Church Croft View Croft View
Thursday May 7 th	Open Prayers Toddler Club Anchor Boys Ladies Night	8.30pm 11am to 1pm 6 -7pm 7.30pm	CHURCH Church Croft View Lanchester Social Club
Friday May 8 th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halls
Saturday May 9 th	Coffee Morning. Fundraising for BB badge expenses,	10am - 12mid.	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing May 10TH please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, May 6th.**

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
We ARE A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCH
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SUNDAY MAY 3RD 2026

10.30am Rev. Stuart Earl. Holy Communion
Stewards Sarah and Margaret
Creche See notice
Jr. No Junior Church as no leaders available
Church

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on May 3rd 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 / care

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 3rd Mrs English
May 10th Mrs Morris
May 17th Mrs Coates

SUNDAY MAY 10th 2026

10.30am Sean Conroy
Stewards Jen and Bill
Creche See notice
Junior Church Sarah and Inge

6pm Circuit Service lead by Rev. Deborah
Wainwright at White le Head Methodist
Church

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Kath Jones Delves Lane (11am)

ANNUAL CHURCH GENERAL MEETING

The annual Church General Meeting will be held during the Sunday service on **17th May 2026**. All are welcome. The meeting will be interwoven within the service, including updates on our Church Mission Plan, Finances, Church Leadership, Church Council and open forum discussion. Anyone interested in being nominated as a representative on Church Council, please contact Jen (jewdavies@yahoo.co.uk) or Stuart before the meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Church Council meeting will be at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th June 2026**. Please send any requests for items to be included on the agenda to jewdavies@yahoo.co.uk by 21st May.

THURSDAY TODDLER GROUP – CHANGE OF TIME

During the summer months, the Toddler group will change from 10 - 12midday to **11am to 1 pm**. This is from now until July when the summer holiday starts. The group only uses the church during term time.

WIVES AND FRIENDS

Lanchester Methodist Wives and Friends. We welcome all who would like to join us on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm

May 6th: Graham Soult a retail consultant who will speak about bygone days on the High Street. Graham has recently appeared on the TV programme " Inside Greggs".

PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 9TH MAY

As part of our year of pilgrimage opportunities, we will be prayer walking our village on **Saturday 9th May between 10 – 12**. There are ways for us all to join in so please do put the date in your diary! We won't be walking en masse as we did last month, instead you are encouraged to walk with one or two others in a small group or as a family, or even to walk around on your own if you prefer. Either way the idea is to pause to pray at different points around our village e.g. the schools, shops, other churches etc. You can decide for yourself how long you take and how far you go so this is something which should be accessible to most people.

Those who are not able to physically walk around the village can spend some time sitting on the benches in our church garden (or inside the church if the weather is not too good) and pray for the village from there. Prayer cards will be available from in church with a picture of some of the different places around Lanchester and prayers for each place written which can be read out at each location if this is something which you would find helpful.

You are encouraged to start and /or finish your prayer walk in church where you can enjoy a hot drink at the coffee morning too! If you are not able to take part on 9th May please consider prayer walking our village at another time which suits you. Any questions please just ask! Many thanks Sarah Hume sarahruthhume@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING Saturday May 16th 10am-midday at Lanchester Methodist church

Come and join us for cakes, books, plants and bric-a-brac.
Donations of any of the above gratefully received!

If you need items collecting please contact me, Judith Brown 07947 600415 judith@bordinelbrown.me.uk

**A NIGHT AT THE OPERA WITH GUEST ARTIST GRAEME DANBY
SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 7PM AT ANNFIELD PLAIN METHODIST
CHURCH**

Innominata Choir with full orchestra will be performing very well known opera choruses and a complete performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial By Jury.

This promises to be a fun and entertaining evening!

Tickets costing £12 are available from Margaret Coates Tel 01207 521650
or

email:innominatachoir@gmail.COM

KOGS NEWS-

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**.

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)

Laura , Pete and the KoGs Leadership team.