

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing November 16th 2025

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday, Nov. 16th	Clive Gray	10.30	Church
Monday Nov. 17th	Badminton Open Church KOGs	10AM - 12mid 10.45 -12 5 -7.30pm	Croft View Church Church
Tues Nov. 18th	Lunch	12 -3pm	CHURCH
Wed, Nov. 19th	Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section	6.15 - 7.30pm 7.30 -9pm	Croft View Croft View
Thursday Nov. 20th	Open Prayers Toddler group Anchor Boys	8.30pm 10 – 12, 30pm 6-7pm	CHURCH CHURCH Croft View
Friday Nov. 21st	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halla
Saturday Nov. 22nd	Coffee Morning Lisa's Little 'uns	10am	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing Nov. 23rd 2025. please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, November 19th**

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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 November 16th 2025

10.30am
Stewards
Creche
Jr Church

Clive Gray
Philip and Sarah
Please see notice.
Kath and Claire

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on Nov. 16th

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?

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

We continue to meet every Tuesday from **12noon until 3pm**. All are welcome for lunch or to pop in for a coffee and chat!
Margaret Coates

CHURCH FLOWERS

November 16th Mrs Rowe
November 23rd Mrs Wingfield
November 30th Mrs Coates

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd 2025

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

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Janet Quinlan Annfield Plain (10.15am)

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please return all packed shoe boxes to church by **Monday 10th November** so that I can send them on the next part of their journey. Thank you. Olna
During the week church is open at the following times.

Mon. 10.45 - 12 Tue. 12 - 3pm

Thurs. 10 - 12. 30 Sat. 10 – 12

This is something we have supported over many years and I hope we can make the effort again this year. Remember the shoeboxes that we send will deliver Good News and great joy, bringing priceless smiles, unimaginable excitement and hope to children in great need. Thanks, Olna

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

At Christmas it is really important to support local families who will be struggling to afford presents for children. Therefore, **we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and books every Monday and Wednesday 11am-12noon from Monday 17th November until Wednesday 10th December as well as on Sunday mornings from 16th November.** At the entrance to church there will be a box labelled "Toy Appeal" in which to place your gifts, please. Thank you for your support. Margaret Coates and Philip Holroyd

WATOTO STORIES OF RESTORATION TOUR

Date and time: Wednesday 3rd December 2025 6.30pm

Venue: All Saints Catholic Church Parish Centre, Kitswell Road, Lanchester, DH7 0JH

Watoto is a charity that brings hope and healing to vulnerable women and children in Uganda and South Sudan. A Watoto Village is a safe place where orphaned and vulnerable children can experience the love of a family. The villages provide homes, families and holistic care to over 3000 children. Watoto Neighbourhood provides adult literacy classes, discipleship, business skills training and job opportunities to some of the most vulnerable women in Africa, women who have been left to bear the brunt of war, poverty and disease.

Come and listen to Allen, a Watoto Graduate who was once orphaned and abandoned as she shares her testimony of growing up in the Watoto family. She will share her testimony of redemption, restoration, and the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

You're invited to this special event where you'll have the opportunity to meet two remarkable women, Allen and also Ritah, and hear their incredible stories of how their lives were transformed by the love of Jesus.

Refreshments available!

Although there is no charge for this event, an offering will be taken to contribute towards the work of Watoto. There will also be the opportunity to purchase beautiful merchandise made by the talented Watoto Neighbourhood women.

CHRIST MAS CONCERT SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 7PM

An ensemble of four excellent trumpeters will be performing a range of Christmas music, including carols. Mince pies with mulled wine will be served at the end of the concert. Tickets costing £12 are now available. email: soundthetrumpet2025@gmail.com Tel: 01207 521650 I will also have a supply of tickets on Sunday mornings. Please come along to enjoy this festive occasion which will be raising money for Willow Burn Hospice too! Thank you! Margaret Coates

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**

KOGS AUTUMN UPDATE!

On Monday 13th October we held our first trip of the new 25/26 school year. A trip to Knitsley Farm Shop and Granary Café in Knitsley.

We heard from 3 Generations of the Jewson Family including the legend that is Billy himself!

Massive thank you to the Farm Shop for our amazing behind the scenes tour which included a talk about the business and the buildings from Ellen, Rachel in the bakery for answering questions and to Ian in the boning shed for showing us around and where our meat actually comes from, and of course to William for letting us meet his pigs!

We had a beautiful meal of Chicken and chorizo lasagne thanks to Rachael Jewson.

And of course thanks to our own Pete for actually teaching us all about meat and how to make sausage! (You'd think it was his job- it is by the way!)

Once again thank you to all involved- we LOVED our session and member feedback says "BEST NIGHT EVER"!

We have lots coming up in the next few weeks as we start to get excited about bonfire night and dare I say it - CHRISTMASSS!!

We have received a few donations recently and we would like to say a huge thank you to those who have very generously sent them.

We won't name any of you but you know who you are!

It makes a MASSIVE impact to us and we would like to thank you for all your thoughts and support. They really do help keep all of our running costs to a minimum!

At KoGs we offer a range of activities including: 2 course meal, games, messy games, day trips, evening trips, residential weekend trips, crafts, drama, cell sessions/ life skills and much much more!

We start at 5pm to 7.30pm, Monday's during School Terms (and some half terms) At Lanchester Methodist Church for all ages 8 – 18 years!

The cost of the sessions is £3 per person weekly or £30 per person a term but your first week is free!

All activities (excluding additional trips) and your weekly meal is included.

We are open to anyone who would like to join us, you don't have to have a religious background!

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