CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing November 1st 2026.

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.
These take place on Mondays

Sunday November 1st	Philip Mason	10.30am	Church
Monday November 2nd	Badminton Open Church KOGs	10am – 12mid 10.45 – 12 5 - 7.30pm	Croft View Church Church
Tues. November 3rd	LUNCH CLUB	12 -2.30pm	Church
Wed, November 4th	**Wives and Friends Please see notice.** Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section	1.30pm 6.15 - 7.30pm 7.30 -9pm	Church Croft Hall Croft Hall
Thursday November 5th	Open Prayers Toddler Club Anchor Boys **Ladies Night**	8.30pm 11am to 1pm 6 -7pm 7.30pmish	CHURCH Church Croft Hall .Lanchester Social Club
Friday November 6th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halls
Saturday November 7th	Coffee morning. **Boys Brigade**	10am – 12mid.	CHURCH

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

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

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SUNDAY November 1st 2026

10.30am	Philip Mason
Stewards	Sarah and Margaret
Creche	See notice
Jr.Church	NO JUNIOR CHURCH

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

Rev.Rick Ormrod	White le Head 911am)Holy Communion)
Kath Jones	Annfield Plain (10.15)

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?

CHURCH FLOWERS
November 1st Mrs Hall
November 8th Mrs Dixon
November 15th Mrs Rowe

SUNDAY November 8th 2026



10.45am **Ecumenical Service.**
Remembrance Service on the Village Green.

6pm **Circuit Service at Annfield Plain Methodist Church led by Rev.Rick Ormrod.**

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on November 8th
Clive Gray Blackhill and Shotley Bridge uniting
Rev. Rick Ormrod Medomsley (11am) at Church of England

FRIENDSHIP ACROSS BORDERS FUNDRAISING
Thank you to all who came to our coffee morning in September. We raised £236. Here is another opportunity to support the visitors to the women held in Derwentside.

MUSIC & POETRY EVENING
Saturday 7th November at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)
Blackhall Mill Community Centre NE17 7EQ
More information & Tickets £10
available at https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendshipacrossborders1/2407575
Or contact christine.slatcher@gmail.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
The time for packing shoeboxes to send to children, for whom the box may be the only Christmas gift they receive, is here once again. If you are able to pass this joy onto one or two of these children then I'm hoping the leaflets will be available at church on Sunday. We do still have some boxes from last year so ask me if you want one. Please bring filled boxes to chapel by **10th NOVEMBER**. You can if you wish pack and send a box on line by going to **Operation Christmas Child UK 2026**
Thanks Olna 520664

LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH WIVES & FRIENDS
We welcome all who like to join our meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.Wednesday 4th November
Eric & Sylvia Hepplewhite will speak about their experiences of visiting Buckingham Palace & Eric receiving the Maundy Money from King Charles at Durham Cathedral. Also of their inspiration for the installation of the clay poppy display in 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War.

FEEDBACK FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 8TH
At its meeting on 8th October, Church Council celebrated many encouraging developments in the life of our church and community. Highlights included successful summer and youth activities, the growing Mustard Seed Project funded by a £3,500 grant, preparations for Advent and Christmas, ongoing outreach through Food Week, Churches Together and support for women at the Derwentside Immigration Detention Centre, and continued progress towards our Silver Eco Church Award.

Council also approved the annual accounts, noting a positive financial position supported by regular donations, Gift Aid and reduced utility costs, and agreed to investigate options for introducing a card reader to support future giving.

Everyone was encouraged to take part in the community suicide prevention training **on 17th October** and showing of the People's Emergency Briefing **on 25th October** and to support the many upcoming Christmas events and opportunities for outreach.

The meeting also expressed thanks to all those serving across the church, particularly in pilgrimage activities, youth work, safeguarding and pastoral care.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23rd February 2027 at 7.30pm.** Full minutes of the meeting will be available to read in the red file in the porch area of the chapel.

LANCHESTER FOOD WEEK OCTOBER 24TH TO 31ST 2026
Our church is again taking part in Lanchester Food Week, from 24th to 31st October 2026. We are pulling together a programme of events for this. If you would like to run any extra food related events during this week, we would love to be able to offer as many things as possible. Church hire will be free for this week and all events get well advertised in the village via the Lanchester food week team, so if you have a favourite charity you would like to run an event for, or any other ideas, then this is the perfect time to do it. Please speak to Sonia (or email soniaanddavid@btinternet.com / text 07736774141) or any of the church leadership team.

CHRISTIAN AID
Our "Big Brekkie" on Saturday October 17th raised an amazing **£447.15.** Thank you to all who helped in any way.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY.
We hope to send some nativities from house to house around the village in December, ideally with each house keeping a knitted angel. If anyone is able to knit or crochet angels to give out that would be appreciated. We have three nativities currently but if you have any more you would like to donate, we could send more around. Please pass on angels or nativities by November to Sonia or others from the leadership team.

KOGS FESTIVE FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER.
Our Festive Fundraiser tickets are now on sale and will take place at Lanchester Methodist Church on **Saturday 28th November from 4:30pm.** They will be priced at £5 per Child under 8 years and £8 per Adult and can be bought via Laura + Pete – 07428500059, Kath Jones – 07704160449 or Email us at Kidsofgod@hotmail.co.uk
Each ticket includes Homemade Broth Supper + Bread Roll, Tea / Coffee, Mince Pies and Gingerbread men
Additional hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase throughout the event.
We will have light entertainment and will be showing the film 'The Nativity' after the meal.
There will also be Homemade apple chutney and lots of festive jam (Made by Pete) on sale as well as some jewellery and other crafts.
Get your tickets before they sell out!
KoGs Merch is available and open to everyone.
Our merch is a fabulous way to help us spread the word that we are here. All items are sold at cost price and we never make a profit on them! We have everything from pens, backpacks and water bottles to fleeces, gillets, dryrobes and more!

All information for these are on the Yellow KoGs board at the back of the church!

We are very pleased to let you know we have opened up our books again and have a few spaces available if you would like to come along and give it a go! 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/kidsofgodlanchest

