

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing September 7th 2025

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday Sep.7th	Sean Conroy	10.30am	Church
Monday Sep.8th	Badminton Open Church KOGs	10AM - 12mid 10.45 -12 5 -7.30pm	Croft View Church Church
Tues Sep. 9th	Lunch	12 -3pm	CHURCH
Wed, Sep. 10th	Junior Section Boys Brigade. Company & Senior section	6.15 - 7.30pm 7.30 -9pm	Croft View Croft View
Thursday Sep. 11th	Open Prayers Open Church Anchor Boys Men's Meditation	8.30pm 9-11.30pm 6-7pm 7.30pm	CHURCH CHURCH Croft View Lanchester Social Club
Friday Sep. 12th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halla
Saturday Sept. 613h	Coffee Morning Donkey Sanctuary	10am	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing September 14th 2025. please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, September 10th.**

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THE NORTHWEST DURHAM CIRCUIT

LANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY September 7th 2025

10.30am
Stewards
Creche
Jr Church

Sean Conroy
Philip and Doreen
To be confirmed
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Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on **September 14th**

Clive Gray Medomsley (11am)
Janet Quinlan Consett (9.45am)

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?

LUNCH CLUB

We will meet for lunch and chat once again on **Tuesday 2nd September, from 12noon until 3pm.** All are welcome! Margaret Coates.

CHURCH FLOWERS

September 7th Mrs Skipsey
September 14th Mrs Bennet
September 21st Mrs Lynn

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 2025

10.30 Rev. Stuart Earl. Holy Communion
Stewards Jennifer and Di
Creche* To be confirmed
Jr Church* Sonia and Elaine

6pm Circuit Service. Rev. Stuart Earl
Stewards Philip and Lynn

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Kath Jones South Moor (10..45am) Church Anniversary

SUMMER SPECIAL – THANK YOU

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in Summer Special this year! According to feedback it was a success once again. Roll on next year! But take a break first! Kath

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENT – SEPTMEBER 16TH

On **September 16th at 7pm Rev. Stuart Earl** will be presenting 'Reflections on a New Start'. He extends an invitation to all to join him! The session will be followed by refreshments.

CIRCUIT ZOOM BIBLE BOOK CLUB (NEW MEMBERS WELCOME)

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 23 September**

We will be sharing our thoughts on **1 Samuel**

We are a friendly group, quite a mixed bunch and all we do is read the book before the meeting and literally share things that have Struck us , inspired us , challenged us , confused us , etc .

No-one has to speak : you can just listen if you prefer

All opinions and views are respected

If you want to find out more , please feel to phone me on 07708 560129

or email me on janetquinlanachord@hotmail.com

Janet Quinlan

GNR FUNDRAISER FOR HENRY DANCER DAYS

Some of you will remember Henry Dancer, a great friend of our eldest son, George. Henry attended Lanchester EP school and then started in year 7 in September 2009 at St Bede's along with his group of besties - Joe, Cameron, George and Harry. They were affectionately known as the "fab five"! Henry began suffering with pains in his leg during the autumn of his first term... to cut a very long, traumatic and painful story short, Henry died a year later at the age of 12 in November 2010 from osteosarcoma (bone cancer) which had spread.

Henry's mum, Jane, set up a charity in Henry's memory (he was an only child) called Henry Dancer Days. The charity supports other families going through similar difficult journeys, and it does amazing work. One example is the setting up of the Storyteller project, which now runs on children's cancer wards in hospitals in the North East and beyond. Professional storytellers work with children and young people in hospital, giving them and their parents/carers some much needed respite and a brief escape from the situation they find themselves in.

I am doing the Great North Run this year to raise funds for HDD. Like most charities, times are hard and it's becoming increasingly challenging to fundraise. Jane really struggled to recruit runners this year, so I decided to give it a go and have recruited a couple of colleagues along the way (thanks guys!).

If you would like to sponsor me I would be very grateful; the link to my page is below:

[Ali's page for Henry Dancer Days](#)

ajbellgreatnorthrun2025.enthuse.com

Many thanks and God bless,
Alison Grimes

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Songs of the North East with Graeme Danby and Valerie Reid. Tickets costing £12 are available from Margaret Coates Tel 01207 521650. It will be a fun evening!

ECO SHOPPING – UNDERSTANDING FOAM IN WASHING UP LIQUID

I have heard a concern expressed that our Ecoleaf washing-up liquid does not produce as much foam as other brands. Doing some research, here is what I have found:-

When washing up by hand, creating a bowl full of bubbles is not the way to go. Foam in the water actually holds on to soiled particles, and as well as using more detergent than necessary in the first place, you also need more water to rinse it off.

More foam in washing up liquid does not necessarily mean better cleaning; it's often a marketing tactic. The effectiveness of a detergent comes from its surfactants, which break down grease and dirt, not from the amount of bubbles produced.

Surfactants - The foaming effect is not essential for cleaning; in fact, many effective cleaning products are low-foam or foam-free. Many mainstream brands add extra foaming agents to create more suds, which can mislead consumers into thinking they are using a more effective product. In summary, while foam may look appealing, it does not equate to better cleaning.

ECO SHOPPING – WASHING UP LIQUID

Given that washing-up liquid finds its way down into the drains and eventually into our waterways, logically they should not contain substances that could harm the environment. But most mainstream washing-up liquids contain synthetic fragrances and petrochemical surfactants, whose biodegradability is questionable.

Certain ingredients are harmful to human health and the environment e.g. triclosan, phthalates, parabens, and formaldehyde. Interestingly Fairy (Procter & Gamble) scored 0/100 points in the harmful ingredients category as assessed by Ethical Consumer, Ecoleaf stocked in our Eco stall scored 80/100 (the higher the score the more ecofriendly the product!).

Palm oil is a controversial ingredient used in many products, with links to environmental destruction and workers' rights abuses. Fairy's owner Procter & Gamble also scored 0/100 points for this category, Ecoleaf 40/100. For these reasons, amongst others, we are stocking Ecoleaf in our Eco Stall, also reducing plastic waste by refilling the bottles which many of you have kindly collected for this purpose

UPDATE FROM KOGS

Summer Holidays are over and the dreaded return to school has already happened... It's not all bad though because it can only mean one thing...**KOGS IS RETURNING! Monday 8th September @ Lanchester Methodist Church!**

Lots coming up this session that include a very special trip to Knitsley Farm Shop for a private butchery workshop, autumn crafts, Christmas festivities and cell topics that include Thanksgiving, Mind over Matter, Changing Seasons and many many more. This is of course all on top of our usual mad games and activities!

Newsletters about our return to Seahouses will be coming out in the next month or so but for now the date for the diary is Friday 1st- Monday 4th May 2026 and we can't wait!

KoGs – Merch, we have everything from polo shirts, gilets, waterproof coats, fleeces to personalised water bottles! See our board at the back of the church for more details and contact Laura if you'd like to order anything. All of our items are sold at cost price and we never profit from them! Please show KoGs your support by wearing some of our merch!

If you're wondering who / what we are then let me explain! 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 are open to all religions/backgrounds and to those outside of the village too because let's face it, the more the merrier!

If you'd like to join us at KoGs on a Monday we are open from School Years 4 – Sixth form with the opportunity to join our leadership team after that, so the fun really does have no end! We start at 5pm to 7.30pm, Monday's during School Terms. The cost of the sessions is £3 per person but your first week is free! (All activities and your weekly meal are included)

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. All of our leaders are DBS checked, have Safe Guarding and Creating Safer Spaces Training, Have Food Hygiene Certificates and are First Aid Trained so you're always in safe hands.

