

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Week commencing August 2nd 2026

FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE COLLECTIONS.

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

Sunday August 2nd	David Brown	10.30am	Church
Monday August 3rd	Badminton Open Church	10am – 12mid 10.45 – 12	Croft View Church
Tues August 4 th			
Wed, August 5 th			
Thursday	Open Prayers	8.30pm	CHURCH
August 6th	Ladies Night	7.30pm	Lanchester Social Club
Friday August 7 th	Indoor Bowls	1.30pm	Croft Halls
Saturday August 8th	Coffee Morning. Wives and Friends	10am - 12mid.	CHURCH
	NAME THAT TUNE (SEE NOTICE)	7PM	CHURCH

CHURCH NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK. If you any items for the week commencing August 9th please telephone Margaret on 07795 034427 or email churchnotices@hotmail.co.uk by **Wednesday, August 6th**.

**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
www.lanchestermethodistchurch.org.uk

SUNDAY 2nd August 2026

1030am David Brown

Stewards Jennifer and Bill
Creche See notice
Jr Church School Holidays

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

Aug. 2nd Mrs Burrows
Aug 9th Mrs Coates
Aug. 16th Mrs Wallis

SUNDAY August 9th 2026

10.30am LA – Leadership Team
Stewards Sarah and Margaret
Creche See notice
Junior Church School holidays

6pm **Circuit Service at Lanchester
Methodist Church led by Ian Andrew.**

Members of the church community who will be leading worship and working for God elsewhere on August 9th

Clive Gray South Moor Utd (10.45am)

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

We will be having a summer break throughout August and returning on Tuesday 8th September from 12noon until 2.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming everyone again in the Autumn so please come along. Margaret Coates

NAME THAT TUNE

There will be a fun evening at church on **Saturday 8th August** starting at **7pm.**

In teams of 4-6 people we will be listening to very short pieces of music or chords and trying to recognise the start of the music being played by Peter Parfitt who is a great jazz pianist!

There will be a range of well-known music including pop, sixties, musicals, jazz and classical.

Refreshments of cheese and biscuits, nibbles and soft drinks will be served. For tickets costing £10 please telephone: 01207521650 or see me at church on Sunday.

Please come along- it will be a relaxing and sociable evening.

Margaret Coate

CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

If anyone would like to receive the Circuit Newsletter directly to their inbox, please contact Joan Littlefair (methodists nwdc) via the following email address:

nwdurhamcircuit@hotmail.co.uk

Joan will add you to her distribution list.

STUART'S FAREWELL PARTY AND POEM

For those who missed our Farewell Lunch for Stuart (and for those who'd like to read it again!) here is a wonderful poem by Sonia Filmer paying tribute to Stuart as he retires as our Minister.

Stuart,

As the Countdown(!) to your retirement has begun,
We're here to show our gratitude and have lots of fun.
Celebrating you entering this new chapter of your life,
Spending lots more time with your lovely wife.

You got us to open our church gates wide,
Encouraging us to be inclusive and welcome all inside.
And we've certainly never heard you say,
The words, 'I did it my way!'.

Christmas Day was spent trying to guess,
What would behold us with your fancy dress?
Always up for anything, a real good sport,
As long as we didn't include that carol with the weather report!

Across the sands to Lindisfarne you led the way
With reflection, inspiration and a space to pray.
Although all of it was very good,
Our highlight was when you got stuck in the mud!

Many kids think that Grumpy is your name,
A reflection of your jokes and Holiday Club fame.
Around the village as Batman you would walk,
Greeting many with a smile and space to talk.

Thank you for the love and the way you've shown us you care,
Through the good and the bad you've always been there.
We pray that God will hold you in his hand,
In your next adventures and in the unplanned.

With love from Lanchester Methodist Church.

KOGS SUMMER UPDATE

We are currently on a break for the summer holidays at the moment.

But don't panic! – We will be back VERY soon, **Monday the 7th September** to be exact!

When I tell you we have SO much coming up, I mean we have SO MUCH coming up! We will be starting with 2 weeks of Science with guest Speaker Roy Quinlan.

We have planned an evening session at Hall Hill Farm, A Trip to Tynemouth Aquarium in October, Our Festive Fundraiser on Saturday 28th November, Our Christmas Party – This year themed to “Winter Wonderland”, Christmas Movie Night, Day Trip to Sheffield to watch Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey Team in the New Year (You can blame Laura for this one!), **KoGs! A 20 YEAR CELEBRATION Event in April**, Our yearly residential to Seahouses 30th April – 3rd May 2027 and are planning to revisit our Homeless awareness month we did a few years back with a Sleepout Fundraising event.

Our Festive Fundraiser tickets will be on sale from September 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, Festive Hot Chocolates, Teas and Coffees, Mince Pies and Gingerbread men. We will have light entertainment and will be showing the film ‘The Nativity’ after the meal.

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/kidsofgodlanchester