
March 2019

Usually Sunday morning worship takes place at 10.30 am at Scotforth Road while evening worship is at 6.30 pm, at The Cornerstone.

March 3rd

am Local Arrangement
– *Focus on Prayer*
pm Revd Steve Charman
Holy Communion

March 10th

am Revd Steve Charman
Holy Communion
pm Circuit Service @ T'holme

March 17th

am Lynne Blair
pm Simon Stewart

March 24th

am Revd Steve Charman
pm Alison Ransome

March 31st

am Paul Bowden
pm Local Arrangement

April 7th

am Revd Steve Charman
Holy Communion
pm Simon Stewart

Please stay after morning service and join us for a cup of tea, coffee or juice.

Our morning services are designed to be child-friendly. Junior Church and Youth Fellowship meet for children and young people. Pre-school children are welcome to use the play corner at the left-hand front corner of the church or the crèche area in the foyer.

Lancaster Methodist Church

Scotforth Road, (corner of Kensington Road), Lancaster
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The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street (NE off Dalton Square), Lancaster

Lancaster Methodist Church

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Minister: Revd Steve Charman (01524 33327)

Fairtrade Fortnight is 25 February – 10 March



For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. This year the special focus is on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much.

Saturday March 9th Fairtrade Stalls at The Cornerstone 11am to 2pm, - homemade Fairtrade chocolate, gifts and crafts from St. Thomas's Craft Aid and The Fig Tree, with information about ethical investment opportunities.

How To Love and Be Loved': Meeting the God Who Changes Lives 7.30pm Wednesdays through Lent,

beginning on March 13th at The Cornerstone with Simon Stewart. The 'Red Letter Christianity' movement refocused the church on the words of Jesus. I intend to go a bit further and focus on Jesus's predominant teaching, Love. It is a much used and abused term so I would like to explore it in depth, beginning with God's love *for us* but moving into God's love *through us*. All welcome – see the Poster (attached) for more details.



South Lancaster Churches Together Lent Series - 7.30pm Thursdays during Lent

We share in a journey through Lent exploring 'Love in Action' - venues:

14th March URC, Bowerham

21st March St.Paul's, Scotforth

28th March LMC, Scotforth Road (see below)

4th April St.Bernadette's

Christian Aid: Love in action - maternal health in Sierra

Leone Thursday March 28th at 7.30 pm, Scotforth Rd. Ruth Platt, Christian Aid regional co-ordinator for Lancashire, will be sharing with us about the work of CA in Sierra Leone as part of the Lent series of services. All welcome

Worship in the Wilderness - Sunday mornings in Lent 2019 at Scotforth Road

This year we will be exploring a Lent series on Sunday mornings, journeying with Jesus through the desert. We will explore this rich biblical theme, which touches on subjects such as simplicity, silence, sorrow, truth-speaking and being led by the Spirit.

"What place does sorrow have in worship?", "What does it mean to worship sacrificially?" and "Is there more to Lent than fasting from chocolate?" A life-giving journey, exploring biblical, creative and transformational themes, such as:

- Ash Wednesday - A Secret Journey
- First Sunday - A Spirit-led Journey
- Second Sunday - A Simple Journey
- Third Sunday - A Sorrowful Journey
- Fourth Sunday - A Sacrificial Journey
- Fifth Sunday - A truth-Speaking Journey
- Palm Sunday - A Surprising Journey

There is an accompanying *Personal Devotions* book - an A5, 56 page full colour book. It contains five daily readings per week up to Palm Sunday. There are biblical reflections, creative responses and practical applications for connecting the ideas to real life.

This book is designed to be used alongside the Sunday worship series. The themes and scripture reflections of the *Personal Devotions* compliment the Sunday material. However, it also stands alone as a Lent book without the Sunday Services. It could also easily be adapted for a small group.

The book costs £4.50 and is available from Lesley Brookbanks.

Keep Calm and Plan a Local Arrangement,

7.30pm Wednesday 13th March at Galgate Methodist Chapel

A workshop for Worship Leaders, Church Stewards and anyone else who has responsibility for leading Local Arrangement services (Local Preachers are not needed for this session!)

Come and share your experiences, your good ideas, your joys, (perhaps even some of the

things that have gone wrong!) bring any helpful resources

Monday Meeting Point, Mondays 7:30pm

(Lower Room, side door) Social evenings with a variety of speakers. There is a small charge to cover the speakers' expenses.

4th March: Celebrating St.David's Day with
Thelma Price

18th March: Members Evening

1st April: Easter Meditation with Lynne Blair

Neighbourhood Chaplains Information Event

7.30pm Monday 4 March at Bare Methodist Church. More information from

www.neighbourhoodchaplains.co.uk

Maundy Thursday 18th April at TheCornerstone,

time TBC (*possibly drop-in anytime 3-7pm*)

We are planning a special 'Worship event' on Maundy Thursday at The Cornerstone Cafe.

We are hoping it will be something suitable for anyone in the community who might normally

come to the Cafe or other Cornerstone events/activities but perhaps wouldn't normally attend worship - so it won't be a usual type of service, nor will it be 'Cafe Church' as we have done it in the past. Some thinking so far:

- people need to be able to come and go at a time that suits them
- there should be a variety of ways to engage
- it needs to be appropriate for all ages and differing abilities
- there needs to be food (perhaps on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis)
- it should feel like the normal Cafe but with something 'extra'
- it will probably encompass the whole of the Holy Week / Easter story rather than just Maundy Thursday

We're still in the early stages of planning, but you might like to make a note in your diary!

Games Cafe Friday 1st March and 5th April

7-9pm at Scotforth Rd. Play games, eat cake, chat and make new friends!

Why not come and join us?

Collections for January amounted to £3358

Craft & Chat fortnightly Mondays 2pm

11th & 25th March: Please come along and have a chat (and bring your "craft" if you wish!), Foyer at Scotforth Rd

Cornerstone Special Events

'8th Age of Man' Masculinity Group. March 12th

7.30pm monthly gathering for anyone interested in making sense of masculinity in these challenging times. Join us for a brew and open sharing and discussion.

Are you interested in getting involved in dementia-friendly events?

Trinity URC Lancaster are exploring the idea of holding dementia-friendly events once month during the day at Bowerham and would like to know if anyone would be interested in getting involved. It is likely that they will be organising some training as part of this.

If you think you might be interested, please could you contact Rev Dr Irene John on flagminister@hotmail.com or tel 01524 923736 and she will be happy to give you more information; alternatively please speak to Gill Burgess.

Being a Dementia Friendly Church, Friday 15th

March 9.30-4pm at St Thomas Church, Penny Street. Sharing information and ideas, including two great initiatives for churches to reach those living with dementia and their carers. Lunch provided (£3)

For more details and to book please contact Jeanette Main - jeanette@st.tees.org.uk 07486 985 357

Cornerstone Regular Events - just turn up!

11-11.20am every Tuesday - Quiet Time
1.45pm every Tuesday - 'A Space to Create', Reflection, sharing, arts and crafts.
11.30am every First and Third Wednesday - The Prayer Tree
6.30pm every Wednesday 'Reflect in the City'

Dates for your diary

March

- 1st 1.45pm World Day of Prayers Service, Trinity URC, Bowerham.
- 1st 7pm Games Cafe, Foyer, Scotforth Road
- 4th 7.30pm Monday Meeting Point, Scotforth Road
- 4th 7.30pm Circuit Meeting, Bare
- 6th 7.30pm Church Council, Scotforth Road
- 9th all day Bible Month Training event, Knutsford
- 10th 7pm 'Sing for Joy' Circuit Service celebrating singing, Torrisholme
- 12th 7.30pm Masculinity Group, TheCornerstone
- 13th 7.30pm Local Arrangement Workshop, Galgate
- 14th 7.30pm Churches Together Lent Series, Bowerham URC
- 18th 7.30pm Monday Meeting Point, Scotforth Road
- 21st 7.30pm Churches Together Lent Series, St.Paul's, Scotforth
- 28th 7.30pm Churches Together Lent Series, Scotforth Road
- 30th Clocks Change!

April

- 1st 7.30pm Monday Meeting Point, Scotforth Rd
- 4th 7.30pm Churches Together Lent Series, St.Bernadette's
- 5th 7pm Games Cafe, Foyer, Scotforth Road

Housegroups meet

@Cornerstone (contact Ian/Alison Love 845384)
Thurs fortnightly (contact Alison/David Findlay)

Little Pebbles is our parent & toddler group and meets every Friday in term time at Scotforth Road from 09.30-11am. For more information contact Annika Smith 07935827104.

Little Stars is our parent/carer, baby and toddler group and meets every Monday am from 10-12.

The next Newsletter will be out for April 7th

The notices are normally distributed each month. Please send items, preferably by email, to notices@LancasterMethodistChurch.org.uk Alternatively send or give them to Ian Love. If you would like an e-copy of the Notices, send an email to the above address.

The email address for room bookings is bookings@thecornerstonelancaster.org.uk
