

Notices for Sunday 25th March 2018

Ponteland Methodist Church

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell Tel 822057

LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

*There is a valued informal atmosphere at our Church and it would be appreciated if conversations in the main Church are **held quietly 5 minutes before Worship** to give you time to talk to God. You are most welcome to have tea or coffee with us after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

Holy Week / Suffering and Glory

Palm Sun 25 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Joint Brigades Parade Service – Rev Tim Woolley - “Raising up a Name” and “What does the cross mean to us?” Rev Jona Sewell – Communion - "The Withered Fig Tee"
Mon 26 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Ecumenical Lenton Study – Lentwise – ‘Shelter - Finding security’
Tues 27 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship – Easter Communion Service – Rev Jona Sewell Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 28 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 29 th	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Maundy Thursday Upper Room Communion Service Lentwise Study in St. Mary’s hall – ‘Shelter - Finding security’
Fri 30 th	10.00am 11.15am	Good Friday Service – Rev Jona Sewell followed by Raising of the Cross on the village Green – refreshments here afterwards
Sat 31 st	9.30am	Meanders led by Margaret Wells (825037)
Easter Sun 1 st April	10.00am 6.30pm	All Age Worship Easter Day Communion Service – Rev Jona Sewell Rev Juliet Wriglesworth

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Peter Michell, Pete Cowey, Andrew Pay.

(pm) Irene Holmes, Pete Cowey.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Woolley and Rev Jona Sewell.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-

Rev Tim Thorpe, Blucher 10.45am; **Rev Jona Sewell**, Lemington 10.30am;

Rev Tim Woolley, Milbourne 6.30pm

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : John 12 : 20-26.

6.30pm : Mark 11 : 12-21.

The following questions are from today's readings using the NIV version:-

1) What did Jesus refer to the temple area as when he drove out those buying and selling?

2) Who did the Greeks ask ' we would like to see Jesus?'

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Mark 11 : 1-11, or John 12 : 12-16, Psalm 118 : 1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50 : 4-9a,
Psalm 31 : 9-16, Philippians 2 : 5-11, Mark 14 : 1-15 : 47 or Mark 15 : 1-39 (40-47).**

CHURCH STEWARDS One of the agenda items at the forthcoming Church AGM is the appointment of Church Stewards. If you would like to prayerfully consider taking on this important role, please speak to Angela or Andrew for more information. *Angela*

TRADCRAFT There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall after this morning's service. Orders placed last week have arrived and can be collected from the stall. *Bev*

THE TURNING Come and join us when we next meet on Easter Saturday 31st March. The Turning Venue: **St. Luke's Church**, Claremont Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4AH Time:**9:30** (Doors 9am) Training & Testimonies then worship at 10am. On the streets for 10:45 until 11:45. Testimony time 12 all wrapped up by 12:30.- See *Gaye* for further info.

TOOLS WITH A MISSION At a joint meeting of Women's Focus and the Men's Forum, *Trefor Robinson*, (Tim Woolley's father-in-law) told us about his work with **TWAM** which collects old tools, repairs and arranges for them to go to countries, mainly Africa. If you have any of the following that you do not need, please bring them to the church and they will be collected. **Engineering tools** :- lathes, bench and band saws. **Garden tools** :- spades, forks, rakes and hoes, sledge hammers and pick axes. **Sewing machines** :- manual, electric, treadle, plus cottons, needles, etc. **Knitting machines**: including needles, machine wool and materials. **Bikes** :- Men's traditional and adult mountain/trail bikes (not racing bikes) **Computers** :- desktop, laptop, notebook, widescreen monitors and peripherals and Educational text books.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The total collection for our rescheduled service at St. Matthews on the 16th was **£286.33**. Many thanks to all who participated. *Chris C.*

REV PAUL ALLINSON will be leading a short Easter Service at The Royal Hampton on **Wed 28th at 3:30pm**. All are welcome *Jona*

WEST END FOOD BANK Thank you all so very, very much for your really generous support of Food Bank donations over the Lent period. The food supply has been extremely gratefully received and appreciated, resulting in many families benefitting from our kindness. Despite the weather in the final week, **17.26 KG** was still provided. Of course, enormous needs for food still continues and many families have to be fed, so, may our response and generosity be maintained. Thank you again. *Brian*

CHURCH HALL CHAIRS The Finance and Property committee have taken the decision to replace the chairs in the Church Hall. We have chosen a sample of Alpha Furniture's best selling chairs which will be on our premises for the next few weeks. We would very much welcome your feedback. The colour and fabric of the sample chairs is not important at this stage, it is the suitability of the chairs for use in the hall which we would very much value at this time. This includes the comfort and stacking flexibility of the chairs. Please give any feedback to **Geoff Lisle, Andy Anderson or Nigel Bates**.

DOOR CODES At the recent F and P meeting it was agreed to change the front doors and key safe codes on **Friday 6th April**. This is good custom and practice every so often as a security issue. An email will be issued to key members next week. *Geoff and Andy*

ALPHA AT THE BRIDGE is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. With fully revised material, there's never been a better time to join in with Alpha sessions at the Bridge, at PMC from 10am. Next sessions are **8th April** - "Why did Jesus die?" and **22nd April** "How can I have Faith?" *Tim Woolley*

CLOTHES BAR **Lemington** Methodist Church have become involved in a project that will see them host a clothes bar. This will work similarly to a food bank where people in need can turn up and collect clothes. Initially the clothes bar will focus on children's clothes (**aged 3-12**) to help local families in need. We are hoping the circuit can help by collecting quality used children's clothes and also buying brand new underwear for children, as used underwear cannot be accepted. We are also hoping that people will be willing to volunteer their time. The clothes bar will initially open only one morning per week, on a **Tuesday** beginning in April. The more people that volunteer the less they will be needed on the rota. I ask that you prayerfully consider this venture and support it in any way you can. Please contact me should you wish to volunteer or if you have any questions regarding this. Sincerely. *Jona*

CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT - **Thursday April 26th - 7pm** at Ponteland Methodist Church. Don't miss GARETH DAVIES-JONES, an award winning professional singer-songwriter, who plays a variety of instruments. His 11 albums include memorable melodies about lighthouses, maritime daring and tragedy, WW1 tunnellers, history of mining, landscape of Northumberland, the Sermon on the Mount, songs of hope, love and longing. Gareth will also be showing a Christian Aid exhibition - 'Inherit the Earth'. Tickets are **£10** from *Ann Cooper* (01661 824347) & *Pauline Groves* (01661 824764).

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday. There are 2 groups - Stepping Stones for children up to school year 4, and Rock Solid for school years 5-8.

SHADE UK are hosting a Chinese meal at the 'New Rendezvous' in aid of SHADE on **Monday 23rd April** - meet at 7pm for 7:30pm. Tickets are **£18** and available from either Joan Bullous or Jean Tweedie.

THE SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP Sponsored by Ponteland Churches Together, resume after Easter with a 10 study series of discovery **“What’s So Amazing About Grace?”** beginning on **April 19th**. We look forward to seeing you there in the small room at **St. Mary’s Parish Centre 7.30 – 9pm**. More info from *David Butler* on 823664

PRAYERS

O Beauty, so ancient and so new! Late have we loved you, though you were always with us. Call still to our heart, burst still on our deafness and scatter even yet our blindness. Still let our hearts pant for you, still let our soul hunger for you and touch us even yet with the gift of your peace. *Amen*

Holy God of the morning: still our minds. Holy God of creation: create through us new life and vitality today. Holy God of whispering gentle breeze: come to us in sighs too deep for words. Holy God of crashing thunder: break into our lives and into our complacency. Holy God of sun and warmth: encourage us to reach out with love. Holy God of the evening: fill the fading light of this day with your awesome presence that we might worship you, honour you, glorify you, bless you, praise and adore you as we take our rest. *Amen*

If you have people (or other subjects of intercessory prayer) for whom you wish the Church to pray for, please can you let the Church Stewards know at least 10 minutes before the service starts so they can inform the preacher. Thank You.

DIARY DATES

Sun 15 th April	Church AGM,	11.30am.
Thurs 26 th April	GARETH DAVIES-JONES in concert	7pm
Sat 12 th May	Care and Share Spring Plant Sale.	10am-12noon
Sun 10 th June	Party in the Park	
Sun 8 th July	Church B-B-Q in the garden in aid of St. Oswalds	

CIRCUIT NOTICES March/April

Wed 28 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Wed 4 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study
Thurs 5 th	Heddon	10-11.30am.	‘The Garden Room’ cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 5 th	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group
Sat 7 th	Heddon	10am.	Circuit Men’s Coffee/Fellowship Morning. Spkr: Rev T. Thorpe.
Sat 7 th	Westerhope	10–11.30am.	Coffee Morning.
Tues 10 th	Lemington	2pm.	Ladies Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lanyon.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.

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Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) ‘a den of robbers’ (Mark 11:17)

2) Philip (John 12:21)