Notices for Sunday 28th January 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.*

4th in Ordinary Time / Healing Faith

Sun 28th Homeless Sunday	**10.00am** **10.00am** **6.30pm**	**The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell – Communion – 'Who can you trust?'** **Brian Lumsden - ' Good News for All '** **Rev Tim Thorpe – 'It's all about him'**
Mon 29th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 7.30pm	Prayers for people, this week's activities and next Sunday's preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :– Soup, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Carpet Bowls Church Steward's meeting at 18 Pinegarth
Tues 30th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship – ' Life on the Rock' – Rosemary Gray. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 31st	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 1st	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
Fri 2nd to Sun 4th		District Girls' Brigade weekend hosted by Ponteland Methodist Church
Sat 3rd	9.30am	Meanders led by Ann Reid
Sun 4th	**10.00am** **6.30pm**	**JOINT All-Age Parade service with the Bridge – Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Tim Woolley** **Rev Gordon Wynne**

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle.
(pm) Andrew Pay, Pete Cowey.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Tim Thorpe and Brian Lumsden. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Milbourne 6.30pm; **Rachel Wood**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am and **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Scots Gap 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Mark 1 : 21 – 28.
10am (Church) : Deuteronomy 18 : 14 – 20, Mark 1 : 21 - 28.
6.30pm : Psalm 34 : 1-10, Mark 1 : 21 - 28.

The following questions are from today's readings using the NIV version:-
1) What did Jesus say to the man who was possessed by an evil spirit?
2) Add the missing words to this phrase 'Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great …. any more, or we will … ' You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Deuteronomy 18 : 15 - 20, Psalm 111,
1 Corinthians 8 : 1 - 13, Mark 1 : 21 - 28.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE meet on **Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm** in the Church. Paperwork for the meeting has either been emailed or is in the Church pigeonholes. Please check your spam folder if the email doesn't appear to have arrived. If any Pastoral Visitor is unable to attend, please let me know in advance, preferably by emailing pmc.pastoral@sky.com. Thanks. ***Bev***

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT : **26th February to 11th March 2018**
Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 will challenge the British public to open their doors to Fairtrade and help close the door on the exploitation facing the people who produce the things we love to eat, drink, and wear. In Ponteland the events for the Fairtrade Fortnight include: -
A "Big Brew" in St Mary's Church Hall **from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 24th Feb**.
Fairtrade at the Open Door, PMC, **1pm to 4pm, Monday 26th February**.
Fairtrade Coffee Morning in Merton Hall from **9:30am - 11:30am on Friday 2nd March.**
A "Big Brew" in St Matthew's Hall from **10am to 12noon on Saturday 10th March**.
For all events you are invited to **'Come On In'** to sample Fairtrade tea, coffee, cake and biscuits and buy items from a Traidcraft stall.

ALPHA AT THE BRIDGE - "Explore Life, Faith and Meaning" - Beginning in March this year, the Bridge will be commencing with a series of Alpha Course sessions which will generally run on alternate weeks on a Sunday morning (same time, 10am, same place). Alpha is a great opportunity to discuss the basics of what the Christian faith is all about in an informal and friendly environment. More about this to follow soon, but more information can be found in the meantime by visiting www.alpha.org ***Tim Woolley***

THE SALVATION ARMY would like to thank our Church for a donation of **26 Pounds** that was raised from the sale of the 'Half Shilling Curate' book sold at the Christmas Fayre

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PONTELAND - LENT COURSE 2018

This year we have chosen **'Lentwise'** by Paula Gooder as our shared study. Topics to be covered week by week commencing **Monday 19th Feb** are:- Compass : Finding direction, Nourishment : Keeping going, Light : Gaining wisdom, Shelter : Finding security and Water : Enjoying refreshment. Week 1

19th February	**Monday 2.00pm**	Ponteland Methodist Church
	Monday 2.00pm	Milbourne Methodist Church
	Monday 7.30pm	59, Dunsgreen, Ponteland (01661 821 013)
22nd February	**Thursday 7.30pm**	St Mary's Parish Centre, Thornhill Road

And on the same days the 4 following weeks finishing on w/c **Monday 19th March** . People from any church or none are invited to attend. You do not have to purchase the book, which is currently out of print, but those who really want one can find good second hand copies through Amazon. Paula Gooder, 'Lentwise' ISBN 978 0 7151 42158 Church House Publishing ***Jona***

CREATING SAFER SPACE If you still need to attend the ***Creating a Safer Space course,*** some more opportunities are now available.

15th February 2pm Refresher Session & **7pm** Foundation Module - Trinity Gosforth.
17th February 10am Refresher Session & **7pm** Foundation Module - Blucher.
6th March 2pm Refresher Session & **7pm** Refresher Module - Heaton Methodist.

Foundation Module is for those who have not attended a Safer Space course before, Refresher Session is for those who have not attended within the last four years. Posters in the foyer for more details or call ***Peter Michell*** for info and to book a place.

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday as part of The Bridge Service. There are 2 groups - ***Stepping Stones*** for children up to school year **4,** and ***Rock Solid*** for school years **5-8.** More info from ***Chrys Hudson*** (821458) There is also provision for children attending Morning Worship.

PRAYERS

To you, O Lord, we bring a treasure, greater than the mountains, deeper than the ocean and more glorious than the sun; a gift outweighing all creation, even the gift of our heart, to be laid at your feet, to be placed on your breast, to be embraced by your Spirit. ***Amen***

God of love, we pray for this church where your love has been known for many years. We pray that we will welcome everyone in Jesus' name and that, as your love pours in, it will overflow to our neighbours. May each person come to know that they are loved by you and to love you in return. May all grow in faith as we learn and pray together, and may our faith be seen in action. ***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

Mon 12th Feb	Finance and Property Committee meeting
Mon 19th Feb	Care and Share Meeting
Mon 26th Feb – Sun 11th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Fri 2nd March	Women's World Day of Prayer @ St. Matthews 2.15pm
Wed 14th March	Bible Society Lunch, 12noon URC
Thurs 15th March	Church Council
Sat 24th March	Spring Concert – Graeme Danby
Thurs 29th Mar – Sun 1st April	Easter
Sun 15th April	Church AGM, 11.30am.

CIRCUIT NOTICES : February

Thurs 1st	**Heddon**	10 – 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' (Open Door) cuppa, company, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 1st	**Heddon**	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Fri 2nd	**Heddon**	7pm.	Film Night. – 'I, Daniel Blake'
Sat 3rd	**Heddon**	10am	Circuit Men's Coffee/Fellowship Morning. Spkr: Estwar Sanichar.
Sat 3rd	**Westerhope**	10 – 11.30am.	Coffee Morning
Sun 4th	**Heddon**	2.30-4.30pm.	Messy Church –Ecumenical event with St. Andrew's
Wed 7th	**Heddon**.	7pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs 8th	**Heddon**	10 – 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' (Open Door) cuppa, company, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 8th	**Heddon**	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 8th	**Heddon**	7– 9pm.	Photography Group (all levels welcome) This Session: The basics of using your camera and downloading photos.
Sat 10th	**Westerhope**	9am.	Prayer Fellowship
Sat 10th	**Blucher**	10am.	Coffee Morning for Chapel Funds.
Sat 10th	**Denton Burn**	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 10th	**Heddon**	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning for WaterAid.
Sat 10th	**Lemington**	10 – 12 noon.	Craft and Chat. All welcome.
Sat 10th	**Denton Burn**	4pm.	Messy Church.
Tues 13th	**Heddon**	1.30 – 3pm.	Craft and Chat.
Tues 13th	**Westerhope**	7.30pm.	Weekday Praise. Speaker: Barbara Lanyon
Wed 14th	**Denton Burn**	10am.	Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.
Wed 14th	**Heddon**	7pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs 15th	**Heddon**	10 – 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' (Open Door) cuppa, company, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 15th	**Heddon**	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) Be quiet! come out of him! (Mark 1:25) 2) Fire, Die (Deuteronomy 18:16)