Notices for Sunday 10th November 2019

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 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 **before and after** the Morning Service and tea after the Evening Service.*

32nd in Ordinary Time // A Community of Grace

Sun 10th	**10.00am** **10.50am** **6.30pm**	**Rev Jona Sewell - 'Sheep Branding ;The Shepherd & the Flock'** (people may leave during the 3rd Hymn to attend the service below) **Service of Remembrance at Ponteland War Memorial** **Rev Tim Woolley - Communion -'A Time to Remember, a Time to Forget'**
Mon 11th	**12.15pm** **1.00pm** 1.30pm 2.00pm	Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at the **URC Broadway**. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Open Door :– Soup, cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Carpet Bowls Open Door Bible Study - 'Paul, his Life and Teaching' (Acts 9:1-31)
Tues 12th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill's, - 10 Darras Rd. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 13th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 14th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus/Men's Forum Joint Meeting - 'Curious Northumberland' - Mr and Mrs Porrett
Fri 15th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 16th	9.30am	Meanders, led by John Angel - Barrasford
Sun 17th	**10.00am** **6.30pm**	**Estwar Sanichar** **Rev Jona Sewell**

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pam Varley, Rosie Brown. (pm) Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Tim Woolley.
We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Milbourne 6.30pm; **Rachel Wood**, Blucher 10.45am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Robin Brooks**, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Heddon(St Andrews) 10.30am and Westerhope 6pm and **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth,** Westerhope 10.30am and Blucher 6pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES
10am : Psalm 23, John 10 : 11-18.
6.30pm :Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-13, John 15 : 9-17.

The following questions are from today's readings using the NIV version:-
1) 'That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil' - complete this sentence. 2) Why does the man run away from the wolf attacking the sheep?
You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Haggai 1 : 15*b* > 2 : 9, Psalm 145 : 1-5, 17-21 *or* **Psalm 98,**
2 Thessalonians 2 : 1-5, 13-17, Luke 20 : 27-38.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY this month begins a study entitled **"Paul, his Life and Teaching"**. We will meet on **Monday 11th** looking at Acts 9, verses 1 - 31, and on **Monday 25th** looking at Acts 13, verses 13 - 52. We meet from 2.00 - 3.30pm, and would be delighted to welcome anyone who might wish to share with us. ***Chris Cogan***

DOOR STEWARDS The new door duty rota is about to be compiled. Would anyone wishing to come off the rota, or those who would be willing to be added please let me know. ***Pam Varley***

TRAIDCRAFT A selection of Traidcraft Christmas cards is currently displayed in the foyer and orders are being encouraged. Items from the current Traidcraft catalogue or website can be ordered at the same time. Please ensure a full description of items and the product code is included on your order form, especially if choosing items from the website. Any profit from sales will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange. Please place orders in Church Pigeonhole 'B' by next **Sunday 17th November**. Thank you. ***Bev***

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - This year the Fayre is being held on **Sat 14th December** with all that is raised going to Care & Share funds for donation to charities nominated by Church Council. There will be a variety of stalls and the committee would like contributions of items for sale to come more widely from Church members. The raffle will be run by Margaret Cowan so all prize contributions can be passed to her. Books can be passed to Geoff Lisle. Previously we have had a stall for unwanted gifts. We will have this again but the items MUST BE NEW and priced, please. I hope to have a stall of preserves, ginger wine and Christmas plants. I welcome any preserves to add to it. ***Syd Cowan***

PMC CHURCH YEAR BOOK 2019/2020 is now available from the stewards. ***Andy***

ALLAN ROBERTS was called to Higher Service on Wednesday. Funeral arrangements will be made known in due course. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and family.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA **Milbourne** Methodist Church invites you to join them for their Christmas Afternoon Tea taking place on **Sat 23rd November, 2 - 4.30 pm**, raising funds for Safe Families for children https://www.safefamiliesforchildren.com/

WHITE REMEMBRANCE POPPIES These are to remember all victims or war, to challenge militarism, to encourage a culture of peace and to reject attempts to glamorise war. They will be available without charge at the entrance to our Church again this year. If you support the above aims, and would like to wear one of these poppies, please take one.
Andrew Gonnet

SHADE UK CHARITY MEAL this Autumn we are off to the Ponteland Tandoori on **Monday 18th Nov, 7pm for 7.30 pm**. Tickets are priced at **£17** and are available from ***Jean Tweedie, Joan Bullous and Nigel Bates.***

CHRISTMAS CHOIR I have been asked to lead the choir again this year for the Candle-light Carol Service and rehearsals begin on **Tues 26th Nov at 7pm** with further dates on **Tues 3rd 10th and 17th Dec at 7pm**. I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. ***Jean***

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED We are presenting the Christmas story to our year 2 groups once again and require volunteers. Puppeteers are needed, also a king, chaperones and not least, those to help set up and take down. It is on the week of the **2nd - 6th December**. If you are able to help in any way, then please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. all help gratefully received. Many Thanks. ***Alison***

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN The Newcastle District are holding an Induction Service for the new President, Rev Marie Beard at **Brunswick** Methodist Church on Thurs **14th Nov - 10am** coffee and 10.30am Service. A Faith lunch follows (finger food only)

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE this week I summarise **1 JOHN** which is the longest of John's letters. He stresses believers are to live in the light and to rejoice that if we confess our sins we will be forgiven and cleansed – but we must stop regular sinning! We are to love one another - so John mentions love almost 30 times in Chapter 4 alone! ***Geoff***

CHRISTMASSY VISIT TO OBAN We have arranged a 5 day holiday (4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast) at the Royal Hotel. **Depart Mon 2nd Dec**, **return Fri 6th Dec**. Lots of 'treats' are to be enjoyed and a lovely itinerary is planned. Cost including outings is **£276** per person sharing. Some spaces are still available. Call ***Jean Tweedie*** (822474)

AWAKENING NORTH: The next meeting is in **Dinnington Village** on **23rd Nov**. We will group in front of Dinnington Village Hall at **10.30am** for the outreach in the village until 12.30pm, followed by the meeting & Worship between **7pm - 9pm**. ***Abraham***

PRAYERS

God of creation, we give you thanks for your transforming power and your gift of love in Jesus. Speak to us and fill your Church with the power of your Spirit. Enable us to see beyond the confines of our own desires, equip us to live lives of faith in this changing world, establish within us a desire for justice and mercy and enrich our lives, that in city,

town, or village we may delight in you. Wherever you call us to be your people may we recognise the possibilities of your kingdom, tread boldly as we carry the gospel and love others as you have commanded. ***Amen***

Blessed be God, who has promised humanity the gift of divinity, mortals the hope of eternal life and sinners the glory of resurrection. ***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

Thurs 21st Nov	7pm.	Circuit Event - Denton Burn - Fruitful Churches , What's next?
Tues 26th Nov	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Sat 7th Dec	10am	Brigades Coffee Morning
Sun 8th Dec	10am	Brigades Carol Service
Sat 14th Dec	10am	Church Care and Share Christmas Fayre
Sun 22nd Dec	6.30pm	Ecumenical Candlelight Carol Service here
Tues 24th Dec		Ecumenical Christmas Eve Carol Service at St. Mary's
Wed 25th Dec	**10.00am**	Christmas Day Family Service

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 11th	**Westerhope**	10am.	Oasis coffee morning plus quiet prayer and reflection
Tues 12th	**Lemington**	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Tues 12th	**Lemington**	2pm.	Ladies meeting
Wed 13th	**Heddon**	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. A new kind of 'church' with food, fellowship, worship and teaching
Wed 13th	**Denton Burn**	10am.	Beans and Banter Coffee Morning
Thurs 14th	**Heddon**	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Mon 18th	**Westerhope**	10am.	Oasis coffee morning plus quiet prayer and reflection
Tues 19th	**Lemington**	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 20th	**Westerhope**	4 - 5.30pm.	Messy Church
Wed 20th	**Heddon**	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. A new kind of 'church' with food, fellowship, worship and teaching
Thurs 21st	**Denton Burn**	7pm.	Circuit Engage event
Thurs 21st	**Heddon**	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 21st	**Lemington**	1.15pm.	Open Doors. Praying for the Persecuted Church
Sat 23rd	**Denton Burn**	10am.	Coffee Morning for Brownies

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

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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:13) 2) because he is a hired hand (John 10:12)