

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 14th January 2024

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

2nd in Ordinary Time // Messianic Ministry

- Sun 14th** 10.00am Rev Jona Sewell - Covenant Service - Are you listening? Bible Readings:- Lectionary 1 and 4
6.30pm David Forrester - ‘LISTENING’
Bible Readings :- Lectionary 1, 2 and 4.
- Mon 15th** 1.00pm Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall
2.00pm Open Door Bible Study-David, the king & the Human
3.30pm Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
- Tues 16th** 6.00pm Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors
7.15pm Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
- Thurs 18th** 9.30am Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments
- Fri 19th** 5.00 - 7.30pm Pizza Friday
- Sun 21st** 10.00am Rosemary Gray
6.30pm Rev Tim Woolley

LECTIONARY

- 1) 1 Samuel 3 : 1-10 (11-20), 2) Psalm 139 : 1-6, 13-18,
3) 1 Corinthians 6 : 12-20, 4) John 1 : 43-51.

PRAY FOR OUR OWN PREACHERS ELSEWHERE

Rev Jona Sewell at Westerhope, 6pm. Peter Hindle at Blutcher, 10.45am. Rosemary Gray at Milbourne, 6.30pm.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY

Open Door Study Group will meet again at **2pm. on Monday 22nd Jan.** The theme is **David, the king and the Human.** Bible references are:- **2 Samuel 2** - David annointed king over Judah, and **2 Samuel 5** - David becomes king over all Israel. We then look at both the story of David and Bathsheba, and of his son, Absalom. which continues through 2 Samuel, chapters 11 - 20. There will be an opportunity to share in soup at Open Door before the study.

Chris Cogan

MARION DANBY

My Mum, **Marion** is celebrating her **90th birthday!** Please join her for sandwiches and cake on **Monday 15th January**, anytime between **1pm - 4pm** in the lounge at **Meadowfield Park.**

Karen Cookson

ANDREW SHAW

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Andrew Shaw** will take place on **Monday 5th February at 12.30pm** here in Ponteland Methodist Church. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the hall. At the family's request, you are asked to wear the usual clothes you would wear day to day, and not to dress in black or wear formal funeral attire. Open Door and the Prayer Meeting will be cancelled that day.

Jona

LOST PROPERTY

Over the last few months, various items have been left in the church. There is a lost property box in the foyer, please check to see if anything belongs to you. We will leave it there until the end of the month when the remaining items will be disposed of.

Judith

RONNIE DUNN

Ron is now at home recuperating after his recent hospitalisation. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who sent get well messages and also thanks to Bev, Chris and Jona for arranging transport for me. *Bev*

PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting for all **Pastoral Visitors** on **Monday 5th February at 7pm**. Further details to be circulated shortly via email.

DIARY DATES

22 nd - 28 th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
24 th Jan	Care & Share Meeting
5 th Feb	Pastoral Committee Meeting
7 th Feb	Finance & Property Meeting
15 th Feb	Church Council
1 st March	World Day of Prayer
13 th April	The Donkey, The Whippet & the Giant Leek - Graeme Danby

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 15 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 16 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 18 th	Westerhope	1.30 - 3.15pm.	Carpet bowls.
Mon 22 nd	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 23 rd	Denton Burn	2pm.	Tues Fellowship. Burns Celebration
Tues 23 rd	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 25 th	Westerhope	1.30 - 3.15pm.	Carpet bowls.
Sat 27 th	Lemington	10am.	Coffee morning with cake stall.
Mon 29 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 30 th	Denton Burn	2pm	Tuesday Fellowship.
.			Margaret Storey- Update on Nicaragua
Tues 30 th	Lemington.	9.30am.	Clothes Bar.

PRAYERS

Turn our faces towards you, O God, dearer to us than life and wiser than thought, uncountable as the sand and unfathomable as the stars, breath of all being, desire of all hearts, everywhere present, ever revealing your glory.

Amen

Creator God, dweller in darkness, yet as light to you; from darkness you created earth, day and night, light and dark. Jesus, light of the world, in darkness treasures are illuminated by your light, seen brightest in darkness. Holy Spirit, revealer of treasures; give us strength to persevere searching for the light in the darkest times of life's journey. Holy Trinity, challenge me to befriend the darkness with your comforting presence; in time you will reveal hidden treasures that can be found amid suffering, pain and grief; then I will see things differently. Help me dig deep, mining for these treasures produced by immense pressure. Then may these treasures be stored in my heart and in heaven.

Amen

Pour into our hearts, O God, the love that casts out fear, the truth that sets us free and the grace that is sufficient for all our needs. Though you are unseen, do not be unknown. Though you are hidden from our eyes let us rejoice in your beauty at the last.

Amen

Holy Spirit of God, You promise to come to us in our need. When we have been hurt and feel low, when people take advantage of us for their own ends it's hard to know that you are there. We don't always know how to pray to you. Help us to discover your presence in the pain and confusion. Give us the hope that comes from realising that you know and understand us, and that the deepest longings of our hearts are an unspoken prayer that we might be renewed by your love, and transformed by your grace. *Amen*

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