

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 17th March 2024

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

5th in Lent // Passion Week // Love Everlasting

Sun 17th	10.00am	Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Would you like to see Jesus?’ Bible Reading:- John 12 : 20-33.
.	6.30pm	Geoff Orrock
Mon 18th	1.00pm	Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall
.	2.00pm	Ecumenical Lent Bible Study -
.	3.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
Tues 19th	6.00pm	Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors
.	7.15pm	Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
Thurs 21st	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments
Fri 22nd	2.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s (10 Darras Rd.)
Sat 23rd	9.30am	Meander - led by Gaye Templeton, meet in carpark
Sun 24th	10.00am	Hosanna! - led by Steve, Tricia, Kathryn and Claire with the theme ‘What’s Love got to do with it’
.	6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell

LECTIONARY

**Jeremiah 31 : 31-34, Psalm 51 : 1-12 or Psalm 119 : 9-16,
Hebrews 5 : 5-10, John 12 : 20-33.**

HOSANNA! – PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

You will have seen in Cornerstone that from **June** we will be trialling a new multi-generational worship service. To prepare for this we will be introducing this new style for Palm Sunday and Pentecost.

On **March 24th**, **Morning Worship** will be something for all ages as we celebrate Palm Sunday. The morning will start by offering a **light breakfast** from **9.30am** in the Stobert Room. This will be an opportunity to chat and make new friends. **Worship** will then begin in the **Church** at **10am** and will last for 40-50 minutes. There will be something for everyone to engage with, no matter how young or how old. The one aim is to worship together as the family of God. The service is being led by *Steve, Tricia, Kathryn and Claire* with a little help from their friends!

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY

Our next meeting will be on the **18th March, 2.00-3.30pm** when we continue our 6 week Ecumenical Lent Study, '**Act on Poverty**', compiled by Christian Aid. This ends on 25th March. This week is themed '**Hopeful**'. It considers where Jesus would place himself in our town and times. We look forward to meeting with our friends from the other churches. *Chris*

JOHN ANGEL

As some of you will know, John passed away last Saturday after a short illness. He was a longstanding member of both Meanders and Men's Forum and will be greatly missed. Janet has asked me to let you know that John's funeral will be at 10.30am on **Tuesday 26th March** at West Road Crematorium conducted by Jona and afterwards at the Badger. We continue to hold Janet and the family in our prayers. *Alan Groves*

THANK YOU

Barbara Bradley and many others thank the Stewards for the lovely gift of a plant for Mother's Day.

METHODIST WOMEN in BRITAIN

On the weekend of **Friday 5th to Sunday 7th April**, there is a retreat at Minister Acres entitled “**The Beauty and Wonders of God’s Creation as seen through the Rainbow**” led by Esther Hume. The price is **£199** and the weekend runs from **5pm Friday to 4pm Sunday**. Booking forms are available in the Church foyer or from **Kathleen Farquhar** and payment (details on the form) is due now.

THE DONKEY, THE WHIPPET & THE GREAT LEEK

There are only a few tickets left so if anyone is still considering going, they should get their ticket now or it may be sold out. Concert is on **Sat 13th April** in Ponteland Methodist Church at **7pm** and tickets are **£10**, available from *Alison Bates* (822194)

CIRCUIT NOTICES : MARCH

Mon 18 th	Westerhope 10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 19 th	Denton Burn 2pm.	Fellowship. 'Spectrum, Audiovisual' - Howard Wilson.
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Tues 19 th	Lemington 9.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 20 th	Denton Burn 10am.	Prayer Meeting at 123 Lanercost Drive.
Wed 20 th	Westerhope 2pm.	Women’s Fellowship. Palm Sunday readings
Thurs 21 st	Westerhope 1.30 - 3.15pm.	Carpet bowls.
Sat 23 rd	Blucher 10 - 11.30am.	Easter coffee morning with cakes, raffle and Easter Egg tombola.
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Sat 23 rd	Westerhope 10 - 11.30am.	Easter Coffee morning with Easter Egg tombola.
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PRAYERS

Come, Holy Spirit, inspiration of prophets and strength of apostles. Come, Holy Spirit, power of the Father and wisdom of the Son. Come, Holy Spirit, source of all joy and rest of the weary. Come, treasure of Majesty and mercy of the Most High. Come, Holy Spirit, come. *Amen*

When darkness fills our horizons, help us to remember what Jesus taught about the hidden treasures of God's love – how a traveller to Jericho, left beaten unconscious by the roadside, was unexpectedly rescued by a marginalised stranger; how a son who had ruined his life was welcomed home through a parent's unconditional love; and how a sheep, lost on a lonely hillside, was brought to safety by the faithful care of the shepherd. So may we, whatever our needs, find help and support – sometimes where we least expect – and when human resources fail, discover the riches of God's grace and the depth of his love, holding us safe forever. *Amen*

Everywhere and always, O Christ, let us feel your presence, the gift of grace upholding us, the gift of faith strengthening us, our hope fortified and our love reborn. *Amen*

Loving God, help us to see the hidden treasure in our communities. People who quietly go about doing wonderful things that make a difference, yet not seeking the limelight. Our churches are made up of individuals who tirelessly try to show your love to others, and so bring hope and help to people in need. Often these 'hidden treasures' are the catalyst behind a new project that encourages others to try something different. We bring them to you in gratitude for their selfless giving of themselves, emotionally, physically and spiritually. *Amen*

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 12noon, Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com