

**Notices for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**Ponteland Methodist Church**  
**Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel. 822057)**  
**LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN**

**6<sup>th</sup> of Easter // The Church in Action**

**MESSAGE FROM JONA**

The set Gospel reading for this Sunday is John 14:15-21 where Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come. I encourage you to stop and read the passage now. Depending on which translation you are reading the title that Jesus gives the Spirit may be "Helper", "Advocate", "Counsellor" or "Comforter" - the meaning behind the original Greek is of someone who is called in to help in time of need. Just as Jesus offered help, forgiveness, guidance, counsel, and support to those he encountered, so does the Spirit as they are of one and the same God! Jesus, however, was limited by physics and physicality in that he was in and of a certain time and location; the Spirit, though, has no such limitations and so is here to help in our need. We can experience and know help, forgiveness, guidance, counsel, support and so much more! This is good news! When was the last time you asked for the Holy Spirit's help? When was the last time you asked to be filled? God wants us to know him through the Spirit and to receive the same help that Jesus gave his disciples. Give thanks!

**Prayers**

A reminder of the invitation to join me in daily prayer at 1:30pm, or whenever works for you. This week we pray:

**Continual Prayers** for:

An outpouring of God's Spirit on the Church, our communities and wider.

Those suffering with Covid-19 and their families and friends

The NHS staff and all who are responding.

Those struggling with loneliness.

Our own church community that we may show Christ in our response to those around us and each other.

**Weekly Prayers** for:

Our local businesses which might be struggling.

Those who live on our street.

The work of Foodbanks.

Those working on a vaccine.

Our local care homes.

Please don't allow this list to be prescriptive, pray as the Spirit leads

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***Rev Jona Sewell***

## LECTIONARY

**Acts 17 : 22-31, Psalm 66 : 8-20, 1 Peter 3 : 13-22, John 14 : 15-21.**

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

- 1) What was the inscription on the altar that Paul found?
- 2) Which fat animals were offered as a sacrifice?

You will find the answers on the back page.

### OUR STREET CAN INITIATIVE

There is now a great need for food and other items for those people who are vulnerable due to Covid 19. Throughout Northumberland the Community Response teams are getting referrals of those affected. This is a new initiative called "Our Street Can". So if you would like to help by giving any of the following items you may well discover there is a collector on your street. If you have access to the internet you can check this website [www.ponteland.co/our-street-can](http://www.ponteland.co/our-street-can) where you will be able to check to see if there is a donation point nearby? If not, you can either give them to me or I will collect them.

This is what they need:-

FOOD DONATIONS - Non perishable and wrapped unused food

CLEANING PRODUCTS AND NAPPIES

TOILETRY DONATIONS

Unused items including Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hair brushes, Deodorant, Sanitary Towels, Body Lotion, Shampoo.

Please contact me **Rosemary Gray** tel. 822493 email address:-

[rosemary.gray19@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.gray19@gmail.com)

For further information about the initiative you can also contact **Ela Akay**, email address:-

[ela.akay@doctors.org.uk](mailto:ela.akay@doctors.org.uk)

### TRADCRAFT

St Matthew's fairtrader Steve Helm has surplus Traidcraft stock which he will not now be able to sell via his regular church stalls or at Party in the Park. All the following products have best before dates of at least July 2020: instant coffee (including decaf), ground coffee, cookies (double choc chunk, stem ginger, chewy fruit & nut), milk chocolate, tangy orange milk chocolate, nuts (brazils, cashews, walnuts), exotic fruit muesli, sweets (butterscotch, liquorice whirls.) Other products have best before dates of December or later, but as it is unlikely Steve will be able to resume stalls much before then, he would also like to be able to sell them now: sultanas, raisins, tea, more coffees, honey, dark chocolate, small chocolate bars (white, milk, dark) and coconut milk.

Please email me ([pmc.pastoral@sky.com](mailto:pmc.pastoral@sky.com)) if you would like a full list of products and prices and if you would like to buy anything. I will deliver and collect payment for Steve. Our church buildings may be closed and our activities halted, but we can still support Traidcraft as it helps people work their own way out of poverty, something that will be even more important as communities try to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you,

*Bev*

## **HEDDON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We want to continue our monthly circuit men's fellowship and although we missed this month, we have someone available for **6<sup>th</sup> June**. Normally we start at 10am and this person has agreed to come online at that time. We've been using '**Zoom**' to keep the church going and **Tim Thorpe** has agreed to be our speaker in June!

Here's the link for Zoom. If people haven't used this before the link should start up and download the required platform to their chosen device!

Steven Philipson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Men's fellowship

Time: Jun 6, 2020 10:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960526947>

Meeting ID: 869 6052 6947

I hope you can 'Zoom in' and enjoy Tim's talk

*Steve Phillipson*

## **VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNINGS**

**Tracey Hume & Elaine Lindridge** invite you to two 'coffee mornings with discussion' via Zoom The first will be **on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** when we will discuss a recent article from Pete Grieg (founder of the 24/7 prayer movement). You will need to read the article which can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/pete.grieg.1/posts/10219435784460035>

For those not on Facebook, feel free to email Elaine or Tracey for a copy.

This will be helpful for those who would like to discuss how we might respond to the things Pete raises.

The second will be **on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am** - the subject will be Holiday Clubs and Holiday @ Home. This will be useful for anyone considering how to offer something in place of their usually holiday activities this summer.

Links to both Zoom meetings can be found below.

Topic: **Virtual Coffee Morning - Holiday Clubs / Holiday @ Home**

Time: Jun 2, 2020 10:30am      Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87287052713?pwd=NFdzVnhwREpkVVl3YnMwZStKMGRUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 8705 2713

Password: 206251

Topic: **Virtual Coffee Morning - Pete Grieg article discussion**

Time: May 26, 2020 10:30am      Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83324014138?pwd=Lzc2cndXcEdDdVRiNi9hakVJUFhBZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 2401 4138

Password: 490266

*Elaine Lindridge*

Newcastle Upon Tyne District Evangelism Enabler  
loving God - serving people - making disciples

## PRAYERS

Loving God, in your very being you exist in relationship, living in love and service with yourself, and with us. In reflection of this you call us into the community, that in knowing one another, listening to one another, and serving one another, we might encounter you. Through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, when you encountered a hungry crowd, or a family in need of healing, or a group isolated from society, you responded with action, feeding, resurrecting, welcoming. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us, especially as we encounter new challenges. Help us to turn to one another in love, responding in action, in service of your hope. *Amen*

Let the door of our heart be open to receive, O Christ; the soul of our being unlocked, to welcome you; and the gate of our life flung wide, for your entering in. *Amen*

Energising, life-giving, playful God, whose Spirit teases out of creation things old and new, be creative in and through us; be creative beyond us, so that what you hope and will for the world may come into being, justly, abundantly and joyously. Help us to face honestly and boldly all the flaws and frailties that flow from the freedom you have given us. Open us up, with the whole of creation, to the future that is yours alone to give. Involve us not to create your kingdom, but to welcome its arrival in our actions and words. We pray in the name of Christ, who proclaims and embodies the kingdom we seek. *Amen*

O consuming fire, O Spirit of love, descend into our hearts and there transform us until we are fire of your fire, love of your love, and Christ himself is formed within us. *Amen*

Loving Lord, give us the courage to reach out in new ways with the good news of your love.

As we travel in new directions, help us to be always alert to the prompting of your Spirit, always aware of your presence and open to the needs of those we encounter on the way.

As we seek to be witnesses to your love, help us to be a blessing to all those that we meet on our journeying. *Amen*

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 1pm.  
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or by E-mail :- [Geoffandangela@btinternet.com](mailto:Geoffandangela@btinternet.com)**

**Bible Quiz Answers**:- 1) To an unknown God (Acts 17: 23)    2) Rams, bulls and goats (Psalm 66:15)