

Notices for Sunday 27th October 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.*

30th in Ordinary Time // Messiah and Lord

Sun 27th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell – ‘When I consider your work...’ (The Service includes the Baptism of Jacob Johnny Thackray) Bible Society Service - at St. Mary’s. NO SERVICE HERE
Mon 28 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Open Door Bible Study - Colossians:2:16 > 3:17 led by Chris Cogan
Tues 29 th	2.30pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s, - 10 Darras Rd. No Brigades this week as it’s Half Term Holiday.
Wed 30 th	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home. All Welcome
Thurs 31 st		No Toddlers today as it’s Half Term.
Fri 1 st ALL SAINTS DAY	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 2 nd	9.30am 3.00pm	Meanders, led by John Angel The Marriage of James Dodds and Geraldine Hayes
Sun 3rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Pat Brooks Alan Golphin

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Rosie Brown and Brenda Rutter.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHER TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell. We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-

Rev Tim Woolley, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm;

Rev Colin Barrick, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Denton Burn 10.30am

Steve Small, Heddon 10.30am and **Ann Cooper**, Seaham Methodist Church 3 pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

10am : Psalm 139 : 1-16, Psalm 8, Mark 2 : 13-14.

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

1) Who was the son of Alphaeus?

2) complete this verse – "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my....
....." where? You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Joel 2 : 23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4 : 6-8, 16-18, Luke 18 : 9-14.

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED We are presenting the Christmas story to our year 2 groups once again and are in need of volunteers. We need puppeteers, a king, chaperones and not least, those to help set up and take down. It is on the week of the **2nd - 6th December 2019**. 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*

OPEN DOOR moves to the earlier winter time of **1pm - 4pm** from next week (Nov 4th) and **SOUP** will be back on the menu. The usual selection of scones & cakes are also available. Please feel free to drop in and enjoy good food and fellowship! *Judith*

PRAYER MEETING The time moves to **12.15pm** from next week to tie in with Open Door's earlier winter timetable.

TRADCRAFT 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 **Sunday 17th November**. Thank you. *Bev*

BIBLE SOCIETY LUNCH held recently at the URC raised **£1143.40**. An excellent total!

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*.

1940's AFTERNOON TEA The Girls' Brigade are really excited to be hosting a 1940's style afternoon tea on **Saturday 9th November from 1pm -3:30pm**. We have been very lucky to receive a grant from Ponteland Town Council to do this, but we still need your help. If you happen to have an afternoon tea cake stand that we could borrow, that would

be brilliant. We are also looking for homemade cakes and scones for the event. Please could you let me know if you are able to contribute. It would be wonderful to see as many people from Church support this event and we would love you to come in appropriate dress/costume if you are able to. **Fiona** (07434924898) or **fionaholmes@hotmail.co.uk**

BASSENFELL MANOR The annual weekend is approaching at the Christian Centre - from **24th -26th January 2020**. Our speaker is to be **Rev. Colin Barrick** and I am now taking bookings. The cost of the weekend is as follows:- Adults **£105**, Children **£40** (5 - 16 years inclusive on day of departure) Under 5 years – free. For further details and to book a place, please contact me direct. **Carol Dent** (824834) or **dent_family@hotmail.com**

CHURCH OFFICE DOOR For security and due to a lot of expensive equipment now stored in the office, we have had a ‘keypad’ lock fitted. It is identical to the main front door (which has also been renewed) and the code is the same. All office users and those that need access to the key safe should know the code already. If you have forgotten it or have a valid reason to require it, please contact either Andy, Geoff or Pauline. All key codes are due to be changed in April next year due to the need to remain security compliant. **G and A**

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)

WHAT’S NEXT? is a Circuit Event which will take place on **Thurs 21st Nov at Denton Burn - 7 to 9 pm**. 3 years ago we asked – ‘What are God’s priorities for our circuit and its churches?’ Things are going well – read the special newsletter available to all members. **WHAT’S NEXT?** will remind us of the **5 Practices of Fruitful Churches** and keep us moving forward. We need your thoughts and ideas. If transport is a problem, please speak to **Ann Cooper** (01661 824347)

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE This week, **1 PETER** which is a letter from the Apostle Peter encouraging his fellow believers, in particular, his Jewish brethren, to persevere during persecution. He reminds us all that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation – God’s special possession. Rather than simply enduring the pain of persecution, we must look deeper towards the cause and what can be learned from it. Make it a positive thing to build on rather than a negative one to stumble over. **Geoff**

SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE are running on an ‘as and when’ needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. It would be really useful to have a small group of volunteers who could be called on at the start of a service if needed, to come out and support the designated leader. No preparation or leading is required! If you feel you could help in this way, please speak to **Chrys Hudson**.(821458)

PRAYERS

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we may be faithful to your gospel in our witness, attentive to your voice in our prayers and sensitive to your presence in our neighbour; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gracious God, in a world where corruption, deceit, suspicion and 'fake news' regularly fill the headlines, we are full of gratitude for the gospel of Christ, which brings light, hope, truth and 'good news' into our lives. May the confidence that we have new life in Christ make a difference to how we respond to the people and circumstances we encounter, so that our words and actions become 'good news' for others. In the name of Christ, **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

Sat 9 th Nov	1pm-3.30pm	1940's Wartime Tea Party at PMC
Thurs 21 st Nov	7pm.	Circuit Event - Denton Burn - Fruitful Churches , What's next?
Tues 26 th Nov	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Sat 7 th Dec	10am	Brigades Coffee Morning
Sun 8 th Dec	10am	Brigades Carol Service
Sat 14 th Dec	10am	Church Care and Share Christmas Fayre
Sun 22 nd Dec	6.30pm	Ecumenical Candlelight Carol Service here
Tues 24 th Dec		Ecumenical Christmas Eve Carol Service at St. Mary's
Wed 25 th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service
Mon 20 th Jan		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 28 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning plus quiet prayer and reflection
Wed 30 th	Heddon	6.30 - 8pm.	'Days of Wonder' inc. a buffet supper. All welcome
Thurs 31 st	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 31 st	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group
Sat 2 nd	Heddon.	10am.	Men's Coffee Fellowship.
Sat 2 nd	Westerhope	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning for Shoebox Appeal
Mon 4 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning plus quiet prayer and reflection
Tues 5 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 6 th	Heddon	6.30 p.m.	'The Livingroom Community'. A new kind of 'church' with food, fellowship, worship and teaching
Thurs 7 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 9 th	Heddon	10.30am.	Church Walk – approx. 5 miles. Meet outside church with packed lunch.
Sat 9 th	Lemington	10am.	Craft and Chat
Sat 9 th	Lemington	3pm.	Messy Church

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

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