

Notices for Sunday 29th November 2020
Ponteland Methodist Church
Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel. 822057)
LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

1st in Advent // God’s Word at Work

MESSAGE FROM JONA

This week we continue our exploration of the **Methodist Way of Life** as Juliet will explore the theme of worship. The importance of worshipping together in the same physical space cannot be underestimated and this one of the reasons, I believe, that the church council voted last month for us not to return to our building; we want to wait until we can ALL be together, and not just a small, socially distant, number of us.

However, we must remember that worship is about more than what might happen on a Sunday morning - it can happen anytime through watching a pre-recorded service online or prayerfully reading through a service, it can happen at any time of the day through our prayers, reading, walking, talking and exploring... worship can happen anytime and anywhere as it is as much about an attitude of heart as it is about a physical location (of course a location can help but that, in itself, is not enough!)

Why not join the online discussion group to further explore worship on **Wednesday evening at 7:30pm** via Zoom:

Jona Sewell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Circuit Discussion Group

Time: Dec 2, 2020 07:30 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82275076940?pwd=aGVReWJ4K1BWdjJ2c09aY0tUS1oxQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 7507 6940

Passcode: 003784

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LECTIONARY

Isaiah 64 : 1-9, Psalm 80 : 1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1 : 3-9, Mark 13 : 24-37.

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

- 1) What do you know when the twigs of the fig tree get tender and the leaves come out?
- 2) Add the missing words to this verse :- “For in him you have been in every way – in all your and in your”

You will find the answers on the back page.

CIRCUIT VIDEO SERVICE

This weeks service is led by **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth** from Blucher Chapel.

The theme is “**A Methodist Way of Life – Worship**”

The Bible readings are from **Isaiah 64:1-9, Luke 11 : 1-13 and Psalm 93 : 1-4 and 12-15**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE PRODUCE

I am selling my home produce of jams, chutneys etc. for **Care and Share Funds** just in time for Christmas. You can order them by telephone **01661 824459**. You will need to collect **with payment** from **30 Callerton Court, NE20 9EN** which can be arranged when you make your order. If there is nothing on my list that takes your fancy, you can still help Care and Share Funds by making a donation to our Church Treasurer, **Peter Michell** (Gift Aided if applicable). Here is the list and prices:-

Jams priced at £1.60 - Blackcurrant (24 jars), Redcurrant (2), Blueberry (8), Blackberry (2), Rhubarb and Ginger (2).

Marmalade (8) at £1.70.

Chutnies at £1.70 - Apple (4), Beetroot (7), Red Tomato -hot (2)

Pickled red cabbage (3) at £1.30

2019 Ginger Wine (9) at £2.50 (This had a preservative added at bottling last year)

Every item is offered on a first come, first sale basis hence the reason for giving numbers as there would have been on a table in the hall if we had been able to hold a Christmas Fayre.

I look forward to your orders,

Syd Cowan

THE INJUSTICE ADVENT CALENDAR

Traidcraft Exchange is offering us an alternative advent calendar online; no chocolate, beauty samples, teabags or small portions of cheese here...

They have partnered with a hand-picked selection of organisations and every day in Advent they will email you an opportunity to stand up for justice in a simple way. This could be by signing petitions, sending short emails, maybe even texting a friend. The task will always be free and will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Please join me by signing up at <https://traidcraftexchange.org/injustice-advent-calendar>

Bev

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who placed orders for Christmas cards and other Traidcraft products. The profit from these sales of **£55.23** has been donated to Traidcraft Exchange.

WEST ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH HUB DROP IN

Your generous donations of warm coats and strong shoes have been very gratefully received by the asylum seeker clients who attend the West Road Baptist Church Hub drop in. Each week the Hub provides a small cash donation to about 15 people who have no other funding, but are provided with basic accommodation and one meal a day. We also have many other individuals and families who live on limited government funding. Throughout the lockdown a local charity has provided generous weekly donations of both fruit and vegetables, and general groceries to our charity. These are delivered by our volunteers each Friday.

Our Christmas delivery will be on **Friday 19th December**. To make this a special event we hope to include small gifts for our clients.

On this basis we are appealing for gloves and socks for the men, toiletries for the ladies, and childrens hats and gloves. We would also be grateful for donations for the children's activity packs which are being organised by one of our volunteers.

We would be happy to collect donations. The closing date for donations will be the early part of the week commencing **Sunday 13th December**.

We are very conscious that we are appealing to your generosity again - and wish to thank you all.

David and Chris Cogan

SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND SUPPORT 'ACTION FOR CHILDREN' THIS CHRISTMAS

Regrettably, some of our Christmas traditions will be different this year. It is unlikely that we will be able to have a Christmas Day service in church. In recent years, the collection taken would have been given to Action for Children. You may have read the article in November's Cornerstone inviting you to make a donation to Action for Children instead of putting your Christmas greeting card to everyone on the noticeboard, and because it will not be possible to use the pigeon-holes for sending your Christmas cards to church friends in person. It would be a great pity if our usual donation to Action for Children is hindered. So, why not send your Christmas wishes by having your names added to a special shared greetings centrefold of the December issue of Cornerstone? To participate please, kindly, send your donation - by bank transfer (sort code: 40-52-40; account code 00024788), cheque, or even cash, to our treasurer, Peter Michell, 18 Pinegarth, NE20 9LF. Gift Aid will be added where possible. Then, if you wish, send Peter your name(s) as you would like it to appear in Cornerstone - by email peter_michell@hotmail.com telephone, post, semaphore or Aldiss lamp (No! avoid the last two options – Peter is no good at either!). Please ensure that your donation and name(s) **arrive before 30 November**, in time for the Christmas Cornerstone publication deadline, though later donations will still be welcome! Thank you for supporting Action for Children which is a national children's charity originally set up by a Methodist minister from Newcastle upon Tyne. You may know it better by its previous name - the Nation Children's Home. Founded in 1869 to help destitute children, this wonderful charity served over 360,000 children, parents and carers last year. Try Googling 'Rev Thomas Bowman Stephenson' to read more about the fascinating story.

Rachel Wood

HEDDON 'Zoom' Service

This Sunday the service is headed up by **Rev Colin Barrick** - here's the details:

Topic: Sunday Service

Time: **Nov 29, 2020 10:30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172750490?pwd=cGx5TUlxQks4RkI4YndKbjJNc1VhUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 7275 0490

Passcode: Hebrew1025

Steve Phillipson

HEDDON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mens fellowship on **5th December** is the return of **Rev Nico Hilmy-Jones!** Again, the link is the same as previous. But I would encourage any men with access to zoom to come and be a part of this. It's about fellowship, not what chapel is heading it up!

Topic: Men's fellowship

Time: **Dec 5, 2020 10:00 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960526947?pwd=WWZMTENoQVN1eXM4dWgwMTArY3FZUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 6052 6947

Passcode: 2Tim1:7

Steve Phillipson

PRAYERS

To the One who can keep us from falling, and bring us safely into his glorious presence, joyful and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all ages, now and forever. *Amen*

Gracious God, as we respond to your call in our lives, nurture within us the wisdom to respect your gift of life and your creation. May the roots of our faith be strengthened so that we reflect your kingdom values of justice, peace, hope and life for all. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen*

We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work; our lips to sing your praise; our life to proclaim your glory and our heart to serve you in our neighbour; for Jesu's sake. *Amen*

Holy Creator, who gives creation as a graceful gift and donates life to all within it, who holds creation in care and love, and not with domination, who creates each second from nothing and impregnates it with grace, grant that we may see the holiness of each moment and respond to it in love. As creation hints at your goodness and beauty, let us glimpse you beyond it; let us live in thanks and be as holy custodians of all you have given.

Amen

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 1pm.

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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Summer is near (Mark 13:28) 2) enriched, speaking, knowledge (1 Corinthians 1:5)