

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 3rd March 2024

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

3rd in Lent // The Call to Righteousness

Sun	from 9am	Bouncy Church - Rev Jona Sewell - ‘The Lost Sheep’
3rd		Services at 9.40am and 10.30am
.		Bible Reading :- Luke 15 : 1-7.
.	6.30pm	Alan Golphin - ‘Jesus can change our lives’
.		Readings:- Romans 5:1-11, Hebrews 12:1-11, Mark 10:46-52.
Mon	1.00pm	Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall
4th	2.00pm	Open Door Bible Study - ‘Act on Poverty’
.	3.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
Tues	6.00pm	Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors
5th	7.15pm	Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
Thurs	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments
7th		
Fri	2.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gills (10 Darras Rd.)
8th		
Sat	9.30am	Meanders - meet in car park
9th		
Sun	10.00am	Rev Tim Woolley
10th	6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell

LECTIONARY

Exodus 20 : 1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1 : 18-25, John 2 : 13-22.

WEEKLY GIVING

For those members, friends and visitors who prefer to place their offerings weekly onto the collection plate, it is now on a stand at the rear of the Church. There is also now a facility to pay by credit or debit card or by mobile phone payment App - a card reader has been placed next to the collection plate. This 'tap and pay' method has become a more widely used method of paying for purchases and likewise to donate to Churches. Please speak to our treasurer, ***Peter Michell*** if you want advice or help using it.

MEN'S FORUM

Our next meeting is on Thurs 14th March at 7.30pm in the Stobert Room. We are fortunate at this meeting to have **Lord Donald Curry of Kirkharle** as our speaker. Lord Curry has been an active crossbench Peer since 2011 but had previously been involved with various agricultural committees. In 2001 he was asked to chair the Policy Commission on the future of Farming and Food. Lord Curry was a Founding trustee of the Prince's Countryside Fund, chaired the Council of the Royal Veterinary College, and also the NFU Insurance. In recent years he has served on several different Lord's committees for rural-related affairs and is very well placed to give his view on the future of agriculture. Originally a farmer in Northumberland he has many interests one being Anglican International Development, particularly in South Sudan. ***Alan Groves***

BOUNCY CHURCH

Please support us at Bouncy Church for our **9.40am** service this Sunday. Your presence is important for us all - to the families who come, the team that makes it all happen practically and all church members. May we be united in supporting the growth of our church!' The second service is at **10.30am** but please enjoy some healthy food and drinks before or inbetween the services. ***Isobel***

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) must be made by **15th March**.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY

Our next meeting will be on the **4th 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 ‘**Broken**’ and looks at how we can be generous in challenging times. We look forward to meeting with our friends from the other churches. *Chris*

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

We have **Paul Dixon** sharing **this Saturday 2nd March**. Starting time **10am**. Once again, we will gather at Heddon Methodist Church, sup some tea & coffee, chew on bacon sandwiches and enjoy each other’s company. Even if you haven’t been for a while, you are invited to spend some time in fellowship. Have a blessed day, God bless, *Steve Philipson & Jim*

CIRCUIT NOTICES ; MARCH

Mon 4 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 5 th	Denton Burn	2pm.	Fellowship. ‘Magistracy’ - Vivien Edington
Tues 5 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 6 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Agape service.
Wed 6 th	Westerhope	2pm.	Fellowship. Rev Lynda with Communion
Wed 6 th	Westerhope	7.30pm.	Circuit Preachers’ Meeting.
Thurs 7 th	Westerhope	1.30 - 3.15pm.	Carpet bowls.

PRAYERS

Let your peace rule in our hearts, O Lord that we may delight in your strength, rejoice in your grace and find our fulfilment in your will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Faithful God, we trust in your promise that the darkness so often contains treasures: maybe not of our choosing, or initially inviting; maybe lacking the shine and allure of other more obvious treasure.

May we have the wisdom to dig deep, to slow our days, to sift our diaries, to make the space to spot the hidden, to explore and appreciate all that you have for us. Help us to see life afresh through your eyes, to appreciate its darkness and light, its dirt and beauty, and to be so much more deeply aware of the treasury of your overflowing love. *Amen*

O God we come to you God of the displaced, who created space for all, God of the refugee, who carved a place for all, God of the poverty-stricken strangled by the cost of living, God of the marginalised and the ignored, You are God of the moon and the sun, the stars and all of creation. We come to you. When our world loses meaning, O God we come to you. When our faith becomes institutionalised and we lose our direction, O God we come to you. When our service through the Church is repetitive and draining, O God we come to depend on you. When our hope is stifled by our fear of the world's wars and greed, O God we come and we trust you. When our vision becomes blurred by the tears of pain, anxiety, lack and loss, Lord God we come to you. Turn our eyes to see in your ways. Open our ears to hear your understanding of life. Breathe your hopefulness into our hearts, so that our hands and feet and heads may think and act only for you, as you help us to come to you. *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

