

Notices for Sunday 5th January 2020
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.*

2nd of Christmas // The Glory of God

Sun 5th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Covenant Service - ‘Light Perception’ Rev Tim Woolley - Communion - ‘Aromas & the Magi ‘ (Frankincense and Myrrh)
Mon 6 th	12.15pm 1.30pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls NOTE – Open Door and Open Door Bible Study resume <u>next Monday</u>
Tues 7 th	12.30pm	DOMUS Bible Study at Ann Cooper’s, 15 Guardians Court. NOTE – BB Restarts <u>next Tuesday</u> 14th .
Wed 8 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 9 th	9.30am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jean Thompson Women’s Focus - ‘Our Minister’ - Rev Jona Sewell Men’s Forum - No Meeting this month
Fri 10 th	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls (NOTE NEW TIME)
Sat 11 th		
Sun 12th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell Rev Colin Barrick

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Rosie Brown, Peter Michell, Alison Bates.
(pm) Brenda Rutter, Pam Varley.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Tim Woolley.

We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Scots Gap 6.30pm; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Lemington 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rosemary Gray**, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Stamfordham 10.00am and Milbourne 6.30pm and **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Westerhope 10.30am and 6pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : John 1 : 1-9, Acts 9 : 1-19.

6.30pm : Isaiah 60 : 1-6, Matthew 2 : 1-12.

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

- 1) What was John sent from God to be a witness to?
- 2) Which places did the herds of young camels come from?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Jeremiah 31 : 7-14, Psalm 147 : 12-20, Ephesians 1 : 3-14, John 1 : (1-9) 10-18.

AUDREY MacDONALD was called to Higher Service on New Year's Day. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with David and the family at this very sad time. Funeral details will be made known in due course.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the yearly collection, whether through Collection boxes, Collections, Envelopes or Personal donations - a total of **£827.41** before Gift Aid was raised. If anyone would like a collection box, please speak directly to me. Regards & Blessings *Rachel*

DOMUS on 7th Jan will be at the earlier time of **12 for 12.30pm** at Ann Cooper's house in 15 Guardians Court. *John Gill*

FOODBANK Last Monday 200 food bags were given out by the West Road Food Bank. This shows the size of the problem around Christmas and the New Year and yet contributions are down at this time. Please can we make a special effort to donate during January and February? You can also make a financial contribution and gift aid it by putting it in an envelope, writing your name on it and putting it in the FoodBank donation box (emptied after every service). The Church Treasurer (Peter Michell) will deal with the rest. *Andrew*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY We continue in January and February when we plan on continuing our theme '**The Life and Sayings of Paul**' meeting between 2-3.30pm.

13th Jan - Poor Yet Rich, 1Cor: 4: 8-13 & 2 Cor. 6::3-10. **27th Jan** - The Power of Praise, Acts 16: 16-40. **10th Feb** - Becoming a Spiritual Mentor, Acts: 20: 13 -38 and

24th Feb - Truth on Trial, Acts: 25:23-26 and 32. Why not come along? *Chris Cogan*

THE CLOTHES BAR - thank you to everyone who supports the Clothes Bar at Lemington by donating children's clothes and toiletries and to those of you who are volunteering. Just this week we gave clothing to 42 children, from 18 families. We are in need of clothing for **5 - 12 year olds**, especially winter clothing for girls. The Clothes Bar re-opens on **January 7th** Many thanks!
Hazel

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)

MEN'S FORUM is **cancelled on 9th Jan**. The next meeting is planned to be a meal at the Blackbird on **Feb 6th** . More details in a couple of weeks.

AWAKENING NORTH Just a quick reminder of the next event at **Westerhope** Village on **Saturday 11th January at 7pm**. Please don't miss this great opportunity to reach out to the people in the Villages and witness Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. We also know people respond to personal invitations, and we don't want anyone to miss out. Please could you prayerfully invite family and friends, anyone you know who lives in the nearby villages. I would be happy to drop off or post you some invites to give to them. We believe in the power of interceding and praying, and that's very important. Please do join us for future events - if you can't come, please do pray. And if you live in any of these villages or know other Christians who do, please encourage them to join us and pray. If you do have any prayer requests, please email it to prayer@awakeningnorth.co.uk Let's continue to pray for a revival in our villages. We will group in front of Westerhope Village Hall NE5 1NE at **10.30am** for the Outreach in the Village until **12.30pm**.
Abraham Matthew

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Be to us at all times, O Lord, our unending joy, our eternal bliss and our enduring comfort. Be to us light in the darkness, strength in temptation and refreshment in the desert. Being penitent for our sins may we never be separated from you and longing for your face may we behold you in heaven.
Amen

God of unimaginable love, we give you thanks and praise. For the love that welcomes the unlovely, for the love that pardons the unworthy, for the love that knows no limit, we give you thanks and praise. In the love that inspires our worship, in the love of which we would learn more, in the love we share in our caring, we give you thanks and praise. As your love in us serves our neighbour, as your love tells its story through us, as your love calls us your people, we give you thanks and praise.
Amen

God of all our senses, show us how to express your gospel to all through: experiencing the aroma of the presence of Jesus in our own lives; tasting the joy of your love in worship as we honour you; listening for your voice in others, challenging us to be relevant for today; seeing opportunities to quietly and noisily express your grace to a hurting world; touching the hearts of those around us as we share your peace. God of all creation, teach us to experience your glory through all our senses so that we can engage creatively with our communities and share with them your love in action. *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 11 th Jan	7pm	Awakening North: Westerhope Village
Sun 19 th Jan	6.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service @ St. Matthews
Mon 20 th Jan	12.15pm	Christian Unity Service at PMC followed by a light lunch
Sat 8 th Feb	7pm	Awakening North: Ponteland
Sat 21 st March	3pm	The Marriage of Ron and Bev
Sat 14 th March	7pm	Awakening North: Whalton Village

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 6 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 7 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar.
Wed 8 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Beans and Banter
Wed 8 th	Heddon	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching with Peter Greig.
Thurs 9 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 11 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Tuesday Creche Coffee Morning.
Sat 11 th	Heddon	10.30am.	Church Walk – approx. 5 miles. Bring a packed lunch.
Sat 11 th	Lemington	10am.	Craft and Chat
Sat 11 th	Lemington	3pm.	Messy Church
Mon 13 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 14 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar.
Wed 15 th	Westerhope	4- 5.30pm.	Messy Church
Thurs 16 th	Heddon	10- 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 16 th	Lemington	1.15pm.	Open Doors. Praying for the Persecuted Church.
Sat 18 th	Denton Burn	7pm.	Film Night 'Free Solo'

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) the light (John 1:8) 2) Midian and Ephah (Isaiah 60: 6)