

LECTIONARY

Ruth 3 : 1-5, 4 : 13-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9 : 24-28, Mark 12 : 38-44.

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

- 1) What did the poor widow put into the temple treasury?
- 2) What was Boaz doing on the threshing-floor?

You will find the answers on the back page.

JENNY LEWIS

Jenny was called to Higher Service having passed away at Grange Lea Rest Home two weeks ago. She has been a member of our Church for many years and used to be Women's Focus secretary.

There will be a private family service at the West Rd. Crematorium on **Monday 8th November** at 9.45am followed by 'A Celebration of Life' Service here at **Ponteland Methodist Church at 10.30am led by Rev Jona Sewell**. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service and all are welcome to attend.

Jenny's daughter Sue and son-in-law Robin can be contacted by email or in writing ravs@talktalk.net or Mr and Mrs Johnson, 14 Briarwood, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5DA. They are happy to share their contact details here. *Geoff/Bev*

LILLIAN SMITH

Lillian was called to Higher Service having passed away at Redbrick Nursing Home on **Saturday 30th October** after a being poorly for the last year. Following a number of stays in both the RVI and Hexham Hospitals, she finally accepted she needed full time nursing care and entered Redbrick in June.

She has been a member of the Church as long as she has lived in Ponteland and loved to join in its activities. Her Bible was always with her.

There will be a service for Lillian at the Church on **Wednesday 17th November at 11.00am** followed by her interment at the Woodland section of Prestwick Cemetery at 12noon.

Lillians nephew Michael can be contacted by Email at Mikewade60@btinternet.com or at Mr & Mrs Wade, 12 Towers Close, Bedlington, NE22 5ER

THE PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The meeting planned for **Tuesday 9th November** has been **postponed**. It will take place instead on **Tuesday 25th January at 2pm** in the church. *Bev*

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Now that I'm back from my sabbatical I would just like to say thank you to **Pat and Robin** for all the cover they provided whilst I was off, it really is appreciated. I'd also like to thank all who took on extra during my absence: my colleagues, the circuit and church stewards and leadership teams, and anyone else who did a little bit extra - thank you.

Jona

PASTORAL VISITS

If you are happy to receive me then I am now happy to offer home visits again. I am fully vaccinated, am home testing twice a week, and am happy to wear a mask for your reassurance if you prefer; please do get in touch if you'd like me to come visit you in your home.

Jona

OPEN DOOR

Please note that we have cancelled Open Door on **November 8th** as the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Jenny Lewis will be taking place. We will be serving soup again, along with the usual cakes and drinks, from **Monday November 15th** . Opening times **1pm - 4pm**

Judith

EXHIBITION OF HOPE AT PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH

Visit our colourful exhibition on **Sat Nov 6th (10 - 4) and Sun Nov 7th (12 - 4)**. Creative arts by the whole community - inspired by Lockdown memories & future hopes. Free refreshments will be provided.

Sunday worship at **10am on Sun Nov 7th** will praise God for people's creativity & feature stories behind the art works. **PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

Ann

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We plan on meeting **back in church on Monday 8th November at 2.00pm**. **Isobel** will be leading us as we study 'Women of the New Testament', beginning with **Elizabeth**.

Please note there will be no Open Door that day. All are welcome.

Chris

FOCUS

The next meeting of Focus is on **Thursday Nov 11th at 2pm** EVERYONE IS WELCOME to an afternoon at the Movies. Enjoy a good film with popcorn, ices & other treats! Please bring your friends.

Ann Cooper

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

6th November is the first Saturday of the month and we have yet another guest speaker, **David Stapler**, gracing our fellowship. We will gather both at the Chapel at **Heddon** and on zoom. 10am this Saturday 6th Nov.

Join Zoom Meeting 6th Nov 10:00am

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

Meeting ID: 869 6052 6947 Passcode: 2Tim1:7 God bless, *Steve Phillipson*

PRAYERS

At your Last Supper, Lord, there was a place for all, a place for disciples who believed, as well as for one who doubted. There was a place for the power seekers and the powerless, for the 'rock' who would crumble when challenged and for one who valued you at thirty pieces of silver. There was enough room. When we are tempted to pick and choose our table companions, Lord, forgive our judgmental attitudes and help us to find room at life's table for all, marvelling that even we ourselves are among the guests. *Amen*

Grant us, O God, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices; that in your light we may see light, and in your path may not stumble; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Gracious God, your love includes us all, yet through the upheaval of pandemic and lockdowns the divisions between people have become accentuated.

We confess that too often we have not listened to those who have a different voice or offer a different perspective.

We confess that at times we operate from a place of privilege and do not always deal well with the power that we have.

Help us to understand the breadth, depth and height of your love for us and for others so that we work with humility, across the divisions, for justice for all, so that our lives as well as our words will proclaim your all-encompassing love. *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**

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) 2 very small copper coins (Mark 12:42)
2) winnowing barley (Ruth 3:2)