

Ponteland Methodist Church

Cornerstone



October 2019

REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The regular weekly activities within the Church are outlined below.
There are phone numbers given to ring if you need further information.

SUNDAY

- 10.00am Morning Service and Sunday Club
- 6.30pm Evening Service
- Holy Communion, morning and evening as announced

MONDAY

- 1.15pm Prayers
- 1.30pm Carpet Bowls
- 2.00pm Open Door
- 2.00pm Open Door Bible Study (2nd & 4th Monday)

TUESDAY

- 2.30pm Women's Fellowship (fortnightly)
- 5.45pm Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys
- 7.00pm Boys' Brigade - Junior/Company sections

WEDNESDAY

- 5.45pm Girls' Brigade - Explorers (term time only)
- 6.00pm Girls' Brigade - Junior/Company sections

THURSDAY

- 9.30am Toddler Thursday (term time only)
- 7.30pm Women's Focus (fortnightly)
- 7.30pm Men's Forum (monthly)

FRIDAY

- 7.30pm Carpet Bowls

SATURDAY

- 9.30am Meanders (fortnightly, tel: 871844)
- 10.00am Mini-Meanders (monthly, tel: 821845)
- For details of House groups phone Chris Cogan on 0191 271 2637

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MINISTER'S LETTER

I recently spent a wonderful day at Boys' Brigade camp. While I was there we did an activity that I had never done before – Kayaking. Once we had climbed into our individual kayaks and made ourselves comfortable, we were pushed, one by one, off the landing area and onto the water.

When I was first pushed onto the water it felt very alien to me. The slightest lean either way made it feel like I was going to capsize and sink. I was struck by the grace and ease by which the instructors moved. They seemed to be able to get the kayak to go wherever they wanted and to turn, however quickly and in whatever direction they wanted. Meanwhile I struggled to go straight and, even though I managed to turn, it took a while to get pointing in the right direction. However, with a bit of instruction and a little bit of practice I was amazed at how quickly I took to it, and how quickly the skills began to develop. By the end of the session, and with growing confidence, we were all sliding in our kayaks down a bank and onto the water with a great splash. *See photo.*

I wonder if trying new faith activities or sharing our faith can be a bit like this. We feel uncertain, like we might capsize, and we see other people doing it who seem confident and certain, and we think 'I could never do that'. But when we try it, when we have the confidence to push ourselves off and trust that the Spirit will hold us, then we find that we don't capsize. And at first, we might struggle, words might not come easily, we might be uncertain of the direction of travel and what it is we need to say or do. Yet, with practice, our faith and our confidence are built, and our gifts and ability develop.

Part of what it means to be followers of Jesus is to share what we are about; to tell people about God's love and grace; to show God's compassion, and to be a people who build peace, work for justice, and tell others the good news of Jesus.

I pray that, young or old, we will have the confidence to give this a try and to take opportunities. Doing this we will learn, grow in confidence, and others will come to discover what we have learned - that God is great and worthy of our trust, lives and service.

God Bless



Jona

NEWS FROM 1ST PONTELAND GIRLS' BRIGADE

The motto of the **Girls' Brigade** is "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ" and its **Aim** is "To help **girls** become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life".

We are delighted to let you know that our Girls' Brigade has now started back up again. We have welcomed 52 girls this year ranging from ages 5 to 19.

GB has rearranged itself a little and has renamed the four groups as follows:

Nvestigate (ages 5-8)

Ngage (ages 8-11)

Ncounter (ages 11-14)

Nspire (age 14+)



We have great plans. We are going to investigate issues that deal with helping others, relationships, money matters and stewardship. Our leaders are full of great ideas and want the girls to have the best experience in learning.

We also have three sleepovers planned. We do this because being together in fellowship is important and fun. We play games and share food together. Sleepovers also encourage the girls to join the Sunday congregation and worship God together with the Church community.

In May we are going to have GB camp and we will be staying at the Youth Hostel in Seahouses.

Recently GB has been able to secure some funding to organise a community event and we would like to invite you all to a 1940s style Remembrance Afternoon Tea on 9th November. It will take place at Ponteland Methodist Church. There will be more information nearer the time but please book this date in your diaries and come along with anticipation.

Although we are blessed with many helpers, we are open to folk who wish to gain experience in enabling our girls to grow in our own Church and care for them. We have a rota in place which allows anyone wishing to support us to choose when they can



be available. So if you feel you would like to help, we welcome you with open arms.

We also appreciate your prayers. Please pray for us as we work with the folk in our community and look after young girls with so much potential. We want everyone to have hope and know that we are here for them.

If you wish to get in contact with the leadership team, please email Fiona Thompson on pontelandgb@hotmail.com.

Helle Sewell

HELLO FROM ALISON

Well we really are well into the swing of things again, lots of good stuff going on and lots of ideas to come.

I have returned to both the Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Brigade and it has been great to see some new faces alongside the old ones we had last term. Lots of exciting things happening and I am involved more in the Anchor Boys with some devotions for the older ones to be planned and the GB Nvestigate (explorers to the older generation!!) group co-leading and helping out where possible. There are a few things we could pray for for both these groups, that is the Anchor boys could still do with a few more lads to help fill out the section and in the Girls' Brigade we have various events to prepare for including our sleepover for harvest on 5/6th October, plus exciting events in November and December. Watch this space!!!

Coming up in December is the **Christmas Journey** event from **2nd to 6th December**. There will be a rota going up on the notice board in the foyer: if you are free and able to help then please fill in your name. We hope to have around 100/150 children come through the doors that week. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help.

I have restarted doing assemblies at both Ponteland Primary monthly and as and when at Richard Coates Primary School. The High School is going through a reshuffle as they now take children from Year 7 up to Year 13 which is taking a little re-adjustment so the lunch club there is on hold at the moment. I hope to get back to doing something when it all settles down. I am back at Toddlers on a Thursday morning mingling with the parents/grandparents/carers of the children and sticking and glueing and painting with the children. Check out the Toddlers' noticeboard in the hall to see what we have been up to. All that aside I am able to have really great conversations with the adults and therefore making links into the community. A real joy. In other news I am talking to the headteacher at Richard Coates School to start a new lunch club after the October half-term. It is exciting times and I look forward to what God has in store for us here in this place. Please continue to pray for the work and the lives that we reach through all the work that goes on in the building week in week out. Blessings to you all.

Alison Maynard

Ponteland Medical Group and our Patient Participation Group invite you to attend our patient education series.

Exercise in later life

Gordon Allan- Health Walks

Janet Walton- Exercise for all

Dr Lily Lamb- Why is exercise important in later life?

Wednesday 9th October

12:30-1:30

Ponteland Medical Group NE20
9SD

All welcome, maximum capacity of 50 people.



Hi A Long Trek

I can remember when Daddy came in and said
“Get up all of you...or we’ll soon be dead.”
Another day, another walk
So tired we can hardly talk
Daddy is trying to urge us on
Mummy soothes with our favourite song.
It was a long way to sail across the sea
The journey was slow, not at all quick
A lot of us frightened and terribly sick
At night it was cold in that little boat
But Mummy covered us with her long black coat
They say that we’ll soon be there
But I can’t figure out exactly where.

Noreen Green

SPIRAL NOTEPADS

Ideal Christmas gift

Very useful notepad with pen, paper, sticky markers and a ruler. Comes in four colours - black, grey, blue and red.

This item has been customised with name of Church and our mission statement.



£3 each from Rosemary Brown



SHARING MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Saturday, September 21st, a week later than scheduled, the sun shone, the wind calmed and I was finally able to take to flight. It was a wonderful - though scary - experience!

Preparation was meticulous. There were positions to prove: if you couldn't lift your legs high and hold them there, if you couldn't arch your back backwards, there was no sky diving. Having passed the tests, however, I was then kitted out with my flying suit. Straps and fasteners were checked and rechecked and I was ready to go.

We made our way purposefully across the tarmac to the helicopter. I say 'we' because there were five of us with our tandem partners, to be dropped off at intervals three miles above the ground. Sitting on the floor of the 'plane' as it rose upwards, life began to feel a little unreal. Was I really going to jump out of this airborne vehicle from fifteen thousand feet?

The red light flashed and I knew that was the moment for putting on my goggles and moving to the shutter door. The aircraft hovered, the door was raised and I sat over the edge of its frame. I looked down at the world below. The moment had come to take off into 'space'. And so I did.



Rushing through the air, free falling for ten thousand feet was amazing. My sense of hearing acute, as the wind roared around me, but true to aerodynamic forces, my sense of speed at 120 mph was as though drifting downwards on a cushion of air.



The sea glistened and rippled in the morning sunshine, the jigsaw of fields was patchwork, and the world looked at peace. Suddenly the roar of the wind was no more. At five thousand feet the parachute opened bringing with it an awesome silence



as we began the gentler descent to earth.
But not all was over. A breeze changed our course. We were caught in its vacuum, suspended at two hundred feet. Finally, it allowed our descent but not to our intended landing. Uncere-



moniously, we slid to a halt in an adjacent field!
A jeep raced to meet us and quickly restored us to awaiting family and friends.
It was a great experience, all the more enjoyed for its purpose and the support of so many. To date, just over £2000 has been raised and will be used for a project to benefit the residents in Azure's care.



With my thanks again, to Peter for giving me this wonderful opportunity, and to you, my friends, for the great interest you have shown and the support you have been.

Isobel Hindle





As you are aware, I have been the Co-ordinator of ONE Opportunity North East for the past three years. I lead a programme that works very closely with young people across the two Districts – Newcastle and Darlington. Each year we welcome young people

onto a year-long programme. Our purpose is to invest in young people by supporting them in their roles at their local churches. This year we have a young person who will be taking on a project at Ponteland Methodist Church. His name is George Pearson and his role will be to help the church to be visible on the internet. Some of you may know George from the Boys' Brigade. The Church has hired George to work on the Ponteland Methodist Church website and to be the person who regularly updates the website with current and relevant information. George will also help to work on the Newcastle West Circuit Website and make sure that all the people who look at the website will find current and relevant information about our churches in the Circuit.

If there is any information you would like to see appear on both websites, then please email George on digitalhelpponteland@gmail.com and state clearly when and where you want the information to appear.

George is also happy to help anyone with technology-related issues, For example, if you have any issues or questions about your smart phone, tablet, laptop or computer.

Helle Sewell

BIBLE SOCIETY LUNCH

This is on **Thurs 17th Oct, 12 noon** at the **URC Broadway**. This very popular event is not to be missed and tickets, priced **£8**, are available from

Val Michell, Judith Orton or Angela Lisle

PRAYER MATTERS

I read recently: “to be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing”.

I also read: “if you only pray when you’re in trouble, then you’re in trouble”.

Soren Kierkegaard said: “Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays”.

The point I am making is that, in case you didn’t already know it, prayer is important. Whether that prayer is communal or personal, whether it’s praying for yourself or others, whether it’s a silent cry to God or an act of surrender, prayer matters.

As we move forward as God’s people, I want to encourage each and every one of us to be a person and to be a people of prayer. I encourage each of us to be devoted to God daily, carving out the time to spend seeking a greater awareness of His presence whatever the theme and content of our prayer might be.

I also want to remind us all of the weekly prayer meeting that takes place on a Monday in the Church lounge. I encourage you to come along at 1:15, just before Open Door, to join the meeting. Here there is no obligation to pray out loud, you can pray quietly too. Here you can join others in praying for our world, community, Church and each other, and together there is opportunity to pray for those things that burden us, and for God’s leading in all things. If you’re free why not come along – regularly or occasionally. We’d love to see you there.

God Bless

Jona

MINI MEANDERS

Our next walk is on **Sat 12th Oct** and we plan to walk on paths by the river at **Wansbeck Riverside Park** beyond Morpeth and near Guidepost/Sheepwash. This is a pleasant area and we can walk on the flat paths for 2-3 miles. You may like to bring a drink and snack, but I am sure we will find somewhere for refreshments when we have finished the walk. Please meet at our Church car park at **10am**. For enquiries, please ring Jennifer Hardy (821845) or Margaret and John Bell (01670 503013)

Jennifer Hardy

SEPTEMBER

One of the most beautiful seasons of the year. It was the seventh month of the Roman calendar but the ninth in modern times. The Anglo-Saxons called it “gerstmonth”, the barley month.

The countryside is looking so beautiful with the soft and subtle tones of fields now harvested and the deciduous trees are just beginning to boast their Autumn vibrant colours.

Garden flowers are still providing colour too and the berries are becoming extremely vibrant with Hypericum changing from red to deepest shiny black and hips and haws brightening the hedgerows. Michaelmas daisies are always so welcome and of course 29th is Michaelmas Day.

After a rather disappointing August it has been a joy to experience some beautiful golden days. Some started quite chilly but as the sun rose higher the temperature has risen too. Hopefully in October we may have some late summery weather as for a few days commencing 13th October it is “St Martin’s Little Summer” followed by “St Luke’s Little Summer” commencing on 18th October.

This year the beech trees have yielded a huge crop of masts and it is so exciting to see a red squirrel feasting. It’s a few years since they last visited this garden and because of the pox problem, it really is exciting to see a return. I’m not sure how many are visiting but the one I do see frequently is young and extremely colourful. Also the garden birds who have been somewhat conspicuous by their absence, are very high profile now on the nuts and seeds. They usually return mid-September as the fields are not quite such good feeding grounds, now the harvest is in.

One of the joys of the chilly evenings for those with open fires or log burners is that we can settle down for evenings in, with the cheery and comforting blaze of fragrant logs. As the clocks change on October 27th, we will be into another season altogether with central heating and fires - then the next thought might possibly be..... CHRISTMAS!!

Jean Tweedie



THE OPEN DOOR

This is an easy recipe to bake. You can use any berries fresh or frozen for the filling. I used a mixture of raspberries, blackberries and red currants. You could use a berry jam but that would make it sweeter.

Judith

Raspberry oat slices

For the berry filling

200g/7oz raspberries
50g/2oz sugar
2 tbsp cornflour

For the crumble mix

100g /4oz soft light brown sugar
125g/4½ oz plain flour
100g/4oz porridge oats
¼tsp bicarbonate of soda
125g/4½oz butter

From Nov 4th
Soup will be served
Opening times will be
1pm-4pm



Cook the berries in a saucepan with 50ml/2flox water until just boiling.

Turn down the heat and simmer for 2-3mins.

In a bowl combine sugar and cornflour.

Stir into the fruit and continue to cook for 2-3mins, stirring frequently, until the mixture is thick and jammy.

Set aside to cool.

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan.

Grease and base-line a 20cm/8in square cake tin.

Combine the sugar, flour, bicarb and porridge oats .

Rub in the butter to form a crumbly mixture.

Press $\frac{3}{4}$ of the mixture into the base of the tin.

Spread the berry filling over the base.

Sprinkle the remainder of the crumble mixture over the top and lightly press into the berry filling.

Bake for 35 to 40 mins until lightly brown.

Allow to cool before cutting into squares.

MEMORY WALK
Saturday 26th October 2019 Entry Form
Entry fee £10 per person

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Contact telephone number:

Which walk would you like to take part in?: 7km / 14km / 22km

T-shirt size?: Adult: XS, S, M, L, XL

Children: 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years

Under 16's are welcome on the 7km or 14km walk. Under 16's **MUST** be accompanied by an adult who has registered on the same walk.

In case of an emergency please give us NOK / emergency contact details:

Name: **Contact number:**

Your place will not be confirmed until your £10 entry fee is paid

You can pay by:

- Bank transfer: Acc Name: Miss Julie Barnett Acc No: 34706297 Sort Code: 07.04.36. Please include **"Memory Walk and your name"** as a reference
- Cheque: Made payable to Miss Julie Barnett and sent to Julie Barnett, Strolls with Poles, 8 Altree Grange, Sunderland SR5 1QG

Please let us know if you are paying for more than one entry. Separate entry forms are required.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE EMAILED OR SENT TO:

strollswithpoles@gmail.com or Julie Barnett, Strolls with Poles, 8 Altree Grange, Sunderland SR5 1QG

All monies will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

Terms and Conditions

I understand that I am taking part in this event at my own risk and take full responsibility to ensure that I am physically well enough to complete the event. I will not hold the organisers, employees, staff or voluntary workers of Strolls with Poles responsible for any injury, loss or harm resulting from my taking part in this Memory Walk.

Signed: **Dated:**

For more information contact www.strollswithpoles@gmail.com or visit our website www.strollswithpoles.com



WALK ALL OVER DEMENTIA

Challenge yourself on our Memory Walk at Cresswell Beach

Saturday 26th October 2019

Choose your challenge! - 7km - 14km - 22km

Book your place at: www.strollswithpoles.com/shop/

Cost: £10 per person - All monies donated to the Alzheimer's Society

Dementia is the UK's biggest killer, with one person developing dementia every three minutes

Unite with us in "Your walk Your way" to raise vital funds for the Alzheimer's Society

Organised by

STROLLS WITH POLES & PONTELAND MEANDERS



It won't be long till the 26th October which is the date of the Memory Walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society. Any application forms received after 10th October will not receive a T-shirt, however anyone is welcome to join in the walk including dogs and children. There is also a 'Just Giving' website if you wish to donate, 'Strolls with Poles & Ponteland Meanders' or contact me. Thank you for your ongoing support and to everyone who has either entered or donated so far.

Angela Lisle

VILLAGE NEWS

Ponteland Flower Show 14th September

Well done to all those who entered exhibits into this show and made it an interesting event. Particular praise goes to those of our Church members who won prizes – Pat Brooks, Margaret and Syd Cowan, Carol Dent, Pauline Groves, Judith Orton and Val Michell.

Branches Restaurant near Waitrose

This restaurant has recently closed

Northumberland CC Consultation on Library Services

At a recent meeting of NCC it was agreed to hold a 12 week consultation to gather opinions on how libraries should operate. Between 2015 and 2017 visitors to the libraries decreased by 11.5%, the number of books issued was down by 31.4% and membership declined by 12%. Plus more than one-third of the staff were made redundant including most of the qualified librarians. I do not know what form the consultation is to take - I do not use the library since it moved from the centre of the village. Instead I use the library in Merton Hall and I buy more books.

Ponteland Medical Group

The Care Quality Commission has rated Ponteland Medical Group as “good” following a recent inspection. In 2017 and 2018 inspections identified areas for improvement. The practice improved its ratings in nine of the 18 indicators used. The Group was also praised in the recent National GP Patient Survey.

Ageing Well in Ponteland

There is to be an event giving advice on health and social support available. This will take place in Merton Hall, Merton Way, 9.30am to 12 noon on Thursday 17th October.

Music in the Park

The first of these events took place in 2010. Attendance has dwindled in recent years so the Ponteland Town Council has decided to bring the event to an end.

Environment Agency

On Wednesday 18th September the Environment Agency held an event in Memorial Hall where they explained the planned work to be carried out to maintain the flood defences in Ponteland.

Jennifer Hardy

MEANDERS BUS TRIP TO LANERCOST

The annual Meanders bus trip this year was to Lanercost Priory. It was a warm sunny day in September!



The first stop was the Roman Army Museum near Greenhead. Some visited the museum and the rest headed for the Roman wall and the footpath to Birdoswald. This part of the wall is well preserved and there is even the remains of a Roman bridge

but alas the river has moved and left it high and dry.

Birdoswald was our lunch stop and a rendezvous with the bus.

Several people decided to join the walking party and walk to Lanercost Priory. It was such a hot day and we were all dying for an ice lolly when we stumbled on “Matthew’s Honesty Box”.. A couple of fridges by the path and for £1 you could help your self to refreshments. A very welcome break. Of course our leader, Matthew Cooper, tried to credit for this opportunity but a photo of the owner soon dispelled this idea.

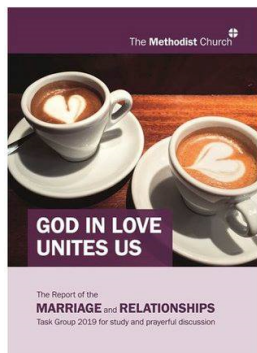
Andy Anderson





Marriage and Relationships Consultations

Monday 20th January, 10am - Lanchester Methodist Church, DH7 0ER
Monday 20th January, 7pm - Houghton Methodist Church, DH4 4BH
Wednesday 22nd January, 2pm - Alnwick Methodist Church, NE66 1NP
Wednesday 22nd January, 7pm - Cullercoats Methodist Church, NE30 3LJ
Wednesday 29th January, 2pm - Amble Methodist Church, NE65 0AG
Thursday 30th January, 7pm - Wesley Memorial, Gateshead, NE9 5EY
Saturday 1st February, 2pm - Great Lumley Methodist Church, DH3 4JB
Tuesday 4th February, 7pm - Hexham Trinity Methodist Church, NE46 3LS
Saturday 8th February, 10am - Castletown Methodist Church, SR5 3DS
Thursday 27th February, 10am - Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ
Thursday 27th February, 7pm - Dunston Hill Methodist Church, NE11 9NQ
Saturday 29th February, 10am - Westerhope Methodist Church, NE5 5HA



The Marriage and Relationship Report was discussed at the 2019 Conference and commended for study and prayerful discussion. Throughout our District, 12 dates are offered for these consultations lasting two hours per session.

If you would like to attend please make sure you read the report first. Every minister has a copy and further copies are available from the District Office or download your own from the Methodist Church in Britain website www.methodist.org.uk.

District Office - admin@newcastlemethodistdistrict.org
Telephone - 0191 4901626

GARDENING FOR OCTOBER 2019

Thanks everyone who exhibited and attended Ponteland Parish Flower Show and congratulations to all those who won prizes. Next year the show will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020. October is the month when people think of “putting the garden to bed for the winter”. For many of us it is the start of a gardening year. Yes, it's clear-up time and time to start afresh. Weeds do need to be cleared and our less hardy roots and corms lifted, dried and put away in a frost-free place for the winter. I am referring to gladioli, begonias and dahlias in the main. Last autumn I lifted the gladioli corms when the foliage started to yellow, snapped off the old shrivelled corms at the base that had flowered and removed the small cormlets (you can keep the largest of these, start them off in late March in the greenhouse and they will grow into flowering corms in two years). Instead of wrapping the cleaned corms in newspaper where previously some have dried out I placed them slightly covered (about half) in trays of almost dry compost. I was amazed how quickly they came away in the spring even in the cold, dark garage. They needed to be ‘slowed’ but still most of them flowered in August. The begonias I lift in October (all from planters and troughs), cutting off the flowers and foliage down to 2-3 inches and treating the cut ends with flowers of sulphur powder. They are dried in the greenhouse (and there are a lot of them), wrapped in newspaper and put in cardboard boxes and kept in the garage during winter. The best way to deal with dahlias is to lift immediately after frost has blackened the foliage, cut back stems to about 2-3 inches and box upside down in almost dry peat or compost (to allow the stems to drain) and label the bottom of the box “TOP” turning the boxes over in February as growth can start, even in the garage, moving them to trays in a heated greenhouse to get new growth in March. Cuttings can be taken when they have grown to at least two pairs of leaves or the whole plant can be potted up and grown on.

We have dead-headed our very successful Agapanthus pots and top-dressed with potash. They go under the bench in the greenhouse after it has been cleared of summer crops and insulated for the winter. After an unsuccessful last year with autumn crocus (*Colchicum speciosum* – also known as “naked ladies”), the corms were re-potted last autumn (with the small ones scrapped)

and they are now in full flower (writing 24 August) and looking very good.

Last autumn we expanded the number of terracotta pots planted with dwarf iris and they mainly bloom in February and March often before snowdrops are in full bloom. They have just been planted with new bulbs filling in with best of 2019 bulbs. Many varieties only grow to about 6 inches - they can be planted in the garden in a full sun area where you can enjoy seeing them. There are many varieties (we have mainly blue "Pauline") and can be bought at garden centres at about £3 - £4 for twenty bulbs. You will need to add a few new bulbs in the garden each year to keep continuity as the bulbs tend to split into smaller ones (similar to tulips) and only the largest flower again. Ideal partners planted in the garden include crocus, scilla and chionodoxa. Alnwick Garden have these planted in grass under trees but to retain them you must not cut the grass until after they have died back.

If you want a new tree you may consider Sorbus. There are now varieties with berries in pinks, whites, yellows, oranges and less deep reds of the common Rowan. Bob Swift has named his six favourites as Sorbus vilmorinii (red fading to pink berries), S.cashmiriana (pale pink), S.'Autumn Spire' (yellow), S.ulleungensis 'Olympic Flame' (orange-red) and S.'Leonard Messel' (bright pink). They all have distinctive foliage colours in the autumn, grow up to five to six metres and do not have invasive roots like willow does.

Each year I buy 50 paperwhite daffodils, half of them are already planted in 3 pots (in the frame) and the rest will be planted at the end of October. The first group should come into flower late November/early December and the second group in January so we can have daffodils (and they are perfumed) in the porch for about four months. As they are "treated" bulbs I scrap them afterwards but you can try planting them in the garden. Amaryllis (Hippeastrum) is a wonderful bulb to grow singly indoors.

Good gardening in October.

Syd Cowan

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

Tuesday 8th	2.30pm Women's Fellowship—Harvest
Thursday 10th	7.30pm Focus—Members' Night—Childhood photos 7.30pm Forum—Gordon Allan & Robin Hudson—Connecting our community to health
Saturday 12th	10.00am Mini Meanders
Thursday 17th	Noon Bible Society Lunch at URC 7.30pm Church Council
Tuesday 22nd	2.30pm Women's Fellowship - Ann Cooper on Malaysia
Thursday 24th	7.30pm Focus—Pat Hodgson—Melody Travel
Saturday 26th	9.00am onwards Memory Walk at Druridge Bay

FAMILY NEWS

Brian Lumsden passed away last Sunday. He was a much-loved preacher in our Church and throughout the circuit. His funeral will take place on **Wednesday 9th October, 10:30am** at Westerhope Methodist Church.

Gordon Renwick, a member at Westerhope, - his funeral did take place on **Wednesday 2nd October, 1:45pm** at Westerhope Methodist Church.

Geoff and Angela Lisle's daughter, **Mary Lisle** and **Ben Hall** have announced their engagement.

Thank you for all the lovely flowers, Church flowers, cards and gifts which I have received during my spell of illness. They are all greatly appreciated. I thank Jona for his welcome visit. Although I am much better, it is taking a long time to feel perfectly well. Thanks to you all. Hope to get to attending Church again in the near future.

Anita Anderson

Preachers October

6th 10.00am Sewell (HF AA)
6.30pm Sewell
13th 10.00am Small
6.30pm Sewell (S)
20th 10.00am Sewell (S)
6.30pm LA
27th 10.00am Sewell
6.30pm *Bible Society
at St Mary's*

Preachers November

3rd 10.00am P Brooks
6.30pm Golphin
10th 10.00am Sewell
6.30pm Woolley (S)
17th 10.00am Orrock
6.30pm *No Service*
24th 10.00am Woolley
6.30pm Orrock



LUNCH

**Thursday 17th Oct, 12 noon
at URC Broadway**

This very popular event is not to be missed and tickets, priced £8, are available from

Val Michell, Judith Orton or Angela Lisle

From The Editors

*Don't forget that copy for the November edition of Cornerstone should be with the editor by **Friday 25th October 2019**. The editor's email address is andrew73anderson@gmail.com. The editorial committee is Andy Anderson, Jennifer Hardy, Jona Sewell and Viv Whyte.*