

Notices for Sunday 16th July 2017
Ponteland Methodist Church

Minister – Rev Tim Thorpe Tel 822057

LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

*There is a valued informal atmosphere at our Church although that we do ask that conversations are **held quietly** 5 minutes before Worship in the main Church.*

You are most welcome to have tea or coffee with us before and after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.

15th in ORDINARY TIME

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| Sun 16th July | 10.00am 6.30pm | Mr Brian Lumsden – ‘God’s call to all’ Rev Tim Thorpe – ‘Life, as it was meant to be’ - Communion |
| Mon 17 th | 1.15pm 2.00pm | Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. |
| Tues 18 th | 2.30pm | Women’s Fellowship Garden Party at the Michell’s, 18 Pinegarth |
| Wed 19 th | | Brigades recommence on 12 and 13 th September. |
| Thurs 20 th | 9.30am | Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities & refreshments till 11 am. (last one till 14 th September) |
| Fri 21 st | | Bowls recommence on 1 st September |
| Sat 22 nd | 9.30am 7.30pm | Meanders led by Linda Wilkinson and Ann Kelway (823448) Roughshod Reactive performed by Riding Lights (see page 3) |
| Sun 23rd | 10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm | The Bridge - Rev Gordon Wynne Rev Pat Brooks - Communion Rev Tim Woolley |

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am)
(pm)

Angela Lisle, Peter Michell, Brenda Rutter
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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Thorpe and Brian Lumsden.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-

Rev Tim Woolley; Denton Burn 10.30am and Heddon 6pm.

Peter Hindle, Heddon 10.30am and **Ann Cooper**, Blucher 10.45am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Mark 1 : 1-20.

6.30pm : Jeremiah 31 : 31-34, Romans 8 : 1-11.

Today's questions are from the above readings using the NIV version:-

- 1) What did John the Baptist like to eat?
- 2) Who were the first four disciples called by Jesus?

Answers on the back page.

**LECTIONARY : Genesis 25 : 19-34, Psalm 119 : 105-112,
Romans 8 : 1-11, Matthew 13 : 1-9, 18-23.**

THE TURNING Many of you will have heard about The Turning mission and outreach movement that visited Tyneside last month. Members of The Bridge, Ponteland Methodist Church and our wider Circuit along with more than 40 other churches have been going onto the streets to tell people that "God loves them and has an awesome plan for their lives" Many 100's of people have responded to the clear message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and have put their trust in him through prayer. Those who responded are being followed up in 1-2-1 discipleship through local churches.

The Turning has only been running for 12 months and in that time has been to many towns and cities across the UK and seen amazing responses when ordinary people share an extraordinary message. A summary of the past year's work is now available online: <http://annualreport2017.theturning.eu/> I'd encourage you to take a look, it's very exciting! However, things have not ended there, in fact there are plans for the Turning to continue in the year ahead including missions across Wales, England, Scotland and Europe.

Locally the Tyneside churches have decided to continue with monthly outreach until the bigger Tyne and Wear mission next year. The next three will take place on the following dates: **Sat 29th July** – Outreach to West End, West Road, Stamfordham Road and Benwell. Venue: Westgate Road Baptist Church. **Sat 19th August** – Outreach to Gosforth High St and Central Park. Venue: TBC. **Wed 27th** – **Sat 30th Sept** – Outreach to University Campuses in Newcastle. Venue: City Church.

Most of these events will meet for training at 9am, refreshments 9:30am and worship from 10am before heading out at 11am and should be finished by about midday. For more information or to sign up please contact Tim Brown, pastor of Destiny Church Newcastle, on 07794506136, or get e-mail updates at timbrownsnr@googlemail.com

Alternatively speak to me or reply to this message for more info. The verse in John 4 is as true today as when Jesus said it: "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Please do be praying for this movement of God's Spirit, those involved, those who have prayed and your own response.

Mark and Caroline Reynolds

PASTORAL LISTS Please could pastoral visitors check all the contact details for people on their list and inform Bev by the end of August of any changes or omissions, so that records can be updated for the start of the new Methodist year in September. *Bev*

RIDING LIGHTS – ROUGHSHOD REACTIVE A reminder that tickets, priced **£5** are now available from *Syd Cowan (824459)* or *Gaye Templeton (825648)* or on the door. The performance by this professional Yorkshire theatre group is **here in our Church at 7.30pm on Sat 22nd July**. Strawberries and cream will be served after the performance.

FIONA STEWART This September, it will be a year since we lost our lovely Mum to cancer. My family and I have put together a team to run the Great North Run in memory of her to raise money for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation charity. If anyone would like to sponsor us to run the half marathon, check justgiving.com/fundraising/teamMcKinnon Thanks in advance for your support. *Lizzie and family*

BIBLE READING ROTA I will shortly be compiling the new rota, effective from **Sept 2017 to Aug 2018**. If you would like to consider reading from the Bible during the services or to be removed from the list, can you please let me know by **July 31st**. *Angela*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD For July, we are collecting sponges, flannels and soap. You can pass on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. A day will be set aside in the Autumn to assemble all the items collected throughout the year. If you prefer, you can still assemble your own shoebox. *Elizabeth and Angela*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GARDEN PARTY This Tuesday at 2.30pm at the home of Val and Peter Michell (18, Pinegarth). Please bring a faith tea for everyone to share and also a cup, saucer and plate. If possible, a garden chair too! Many thanks to our kind hosts.

MEANDERS TREASURE HUNT is open to anyone who wants to take part. It's on **Thurs 27th July** beginning at Heddon Methodist Church at **5.30pm**. The clues are mainly in Heddon, Milbourne and Ponteland and a meal will follow at Rialtos around **7.30pm**. If you wish to take part, even if you don't have a car, please contact Alan (824764) or Marianne Groves or Elizabeth Armstrong (07581105876).

AN AUCTION BONANZA "All Hands" is an overseas project for Methodist Women in Britain and they are seeking to assist the government and local authorities to help Nepal which was devastated by earthquakes 2 years ago and whole families were left with nothing. MWiB intend to hold an auction to raise funds. Could you offer an item such as a 2nd hand picture, a hamper of food, something you want to dispose of following a makeover or a practical offer of assistance? Perhaps you know of a local firm that would provide afternoon tea, a meal or a discount voucher? Promises of items should be made to *Judith Oldroyd* (0191 5192201) or Judith.oldroyd2@gmail.com by **August 12th**. The auction will be at **Cullercoats Methodist Church on Sat 23rd September at 2pm**.

PRAYERS

When the darkness of this world is past, may Christ the Morning Star, bring to all God's saints the promise of the light of life that opens into everlasting day. *Amen*

For freedom Christ has set us free; for freedom to love and to be loved, for freedom to grow and discover. Freedom to learn, freedom to thrive, freedom to laugh, freedom to play. For freedom Christ has set us free. We will not submit again to slavery; to the slavery of prejudice and hatred, the slavery of hunger and deprivation, the slavery of privilege, the slavery of repression, the slavery of terror, the slavery of greed, the slavery of empty ritual. For freedom Christ has set us free; we will not submit again to slavery. *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

Thurs 27th July – Meanders Treasure Hunt, 5.30pm Heddon.
Tues 15th Aug – Women's Fellowship garden party at Ann Coopers. 2.30pm.
Sun 27th Aug -- 10am and 6.30pm Rev Tim Thorpe's last Services at Ponteland.
Sat 2nd Sept – 9am Meanders bus trip to Melrose.
Tues 5th Sept - 7pm. Rev Jona Sewell's welcome service led by Rev Stephen Lindridge.
Sat 30th Sept - 6.30pm Harvest Supper with entertainment by Rock Choir.
Sun 1st Oct - 10am Harvest Service

CIRCUIT NOTICES July and August

Wed 19th **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30pm. Messy Church. Topic: Biblical Seaside.
Sat 22nd **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for Bible Society.
Tues 25th **Denton Burn** 7.30pm. Tuesday Evening Fellowship Coffee Evening
Sat 29th **Blucher** 3 – 4.30pm. Messy Church
Sat 29th **Denton Burn** 7pm. Film Night. 'Risen' Story of the Resurrection through the eyes of a non-believer.
Sat 29th **Lemington** 10 – 11.30am. Coffee Morning with cake stall and cards.
Sat 12th **Lemington** 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Craft and Chat.
Sat 19th **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30am. Action for Children Coffee Morning

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves 07725052009

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by Thursday 29th June, 5pm.
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgley Drive. NE20 9BL
or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com**

If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

If you have to leave any paperwork for Geoff to be included in the notices, drop it in the pigeon holes at Church, **but please ring him** to let him know.

Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) Locusts and Wild Honey (Mark 1:6)

2) Simon, Andrew, James and John (Mark 1:16,19)