

Notices for Sunday 23rd July – 6th Aug 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 and it would be appreciated if conversations in the main 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 Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

16th / 17th /18th in ORDINARY TIME

Sun 23rd July	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Gordon Wynne – ‘All together now’ Rev Pat Brooks – Communion – ‘Chosen – a very special word’ Rev Tim Woolley – ‘Maturing our Christian Worldview’
Mon 24 th	1.15pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, activities and next Sunday’s preachers. The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Open Door Bible Study in the lounge
Wed 26 th Thurs 27 th	7.30pm 5.30pm	Prayer Walk Meanders Treasure Hunt starting in Heddon.
Sun 30 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Mr Steve Small – ‘A Church full of prayer’ Mr Peter Hindle - "Who's in charge here?" Mr Dennis Carss
Mon 31 st	1.15pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, activities and next Sunday’s preachers. The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Sat 5 th	9.30pm	Meanders led by Matthew Cooper (0191 5814278)
Sun 6th Aug	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley - ‘Prayer as Communion’ Mrs Rosemary Gray Mr Geoff Orrock
Mon 7 th	1.15pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, activities and next Sunday’s preachers. The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Sat 12 th	10.00am	Midi Meander led by Linda Wilkinson and Ann Kelway (823448)
Sun 13 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Mr Steve Small – ‘Get out of the boat!’ Rev Stephen Lindridge

CHURCH STEWARDS

Angela Lisle, Andrew Pay, Peter Michell,
Irene Holmes, Pete Cowey, Brenda Rutter.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Woolley, Rev Gordon Wynne and Rev Pat Brooks. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Tim Thorpe, Scots Gap 10.30am; Rev Tim Woolley, Westerhope 10.30am; Peter Hindle, Denton Burn 10.30am and Rosemary Gray, Blucher 10.45am.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS ON 30th JULY:- Steve Small, Peter Hindle and Dennis Carss. We also pray for those of our number who are preaching elsewhere on the 30th :- Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and Westerhope 6pm and Rev Robin Brooks, Westerhope 10.30am.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS ON 6th AUGUST:- Rev Tim Woolley, Rosemary Gray and Geoff Orrock. We also pray for those of our number who are preaching elsewhere on the 6th:- Rachel Wood, Westerhope 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES (23rd)

10am(Br) : Acts 12 : 1-18 (Peter imprisoned and rescued)

10am : Luke 6 : 12-14, Mark 1 : 16-20.

6.30pm : Romans 8 : 12-25, Matthew 13 : 24-30, 36-43.

BIBLE READING FOR 30th JULY

10am (Br) : Matthew 6 : 5-14.

10am : 1Kings 3 : 5-12; Romans 8 : 26-39; Matthew 13 : 31-33, 44-52.

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

- 1) What was the name of disciples James and John's father?
- 2) What was the name of the servant girl at the house of Mary?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARIES

23rd July Genesis 28 : 10-19a, Psalm 139 : 1-12, 23-24,
Romans 8 : 12-25, Matthew 13 : 24-30, 36-43.

30th July Genesis 29 : 15-28, Psalm 105 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128,
Romans 8 : 26-39, Matthew 13 : 31-33, 44-52.

6th Aug Genesis 32 : 22-31, Psalm 17 : 1-7, 15,
Romans 9 : 1-5, Matthew 14 : 13-21.

THESE NOTICES Cover 3 weeks, the next issue will be on August 13th covering 2 weeks. They will then revert to weekly from August 27th

Geoff

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*

CREATING A SAFER SPACE WORKSHOPS There will be a Creating a Safer Space - Foundation Module run at **Stamfordham** on **31st July at 7pm**; and Refresher sessions run at **Trinity Gosforth** on **28th September** starting at **2pm** and another at **7pm**. See the poster on the Noticeboard in the Foyer. *Peter Michell*

CORNERSTONE, the Anglican/Methodist drop-in centre on Armstrong Rd. Benwell (NE4 7TU), is, on the weekend of Sat 29th and Sun 30th July, both celebrating its **30th** year and saying thank you and farewell to the manager for the past 11 years, Revd. John Carr. Cornerstone is a long-term 'risk-taking mission and service' venture of our circuit. Saturday's celebration is at the Armstrong Rd. facility and the school play ground across the road. It will last from **noon to 4pm** with stalls for Benwell organisations, children's activities including a bouncy castle, and food including a BBQ. Sunday's celebration will be a **4pm** service at St. James Church, Benwell Lane (NE15 6RR) followed by refreshments. *Peter Hindle*

BBQ Despite the less than glorious weather, we are delighted to report that our 5th annual fund-raising BBQ on Saturday July 15th was our most successful ever. While it will be a couple of weeks or so before we have the final figure, the two charities (*Unique* for those affected by rare chromosome disorders and *Reaching the Unreached* [RTU] for street children in rural South India) will share at least **£2,500**. On behalf of both charities, a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed. *Peter & Isobel Hindle*

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*

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**.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* 07725052009

PRAYERS

Warm, loving Spirit of God; open our ears, that we may listen in order to understand, not simply to reply; open our minds, that we may receive new insights into the nature of your love; and open our hearts, that we may share generously the gifts of your grace. Thus will we truly be disciples of Jesus Christ, and know the truth, the truth that will set us free.

Amen

Liberating Lord, under the burden of your cross you walked free of constraint; and by your resurrection you lead us into the glorious freedom of the children of God. As you free us from fear, let us live out your love; as you free us from anxiety, let us live in your joy; as you free us from hatred, let us live in your peace; as you free us from shortness of temper, let us live with your patience; as you free us from callousness, let us live by your kindness; as you free us from greed, let us live with your goodness; as you free us from violent impulse, let us live with your gentleness; as you free us from inconstancy, let us live through your faithfulness; as you free us from disobedience, let us live in your self-control.

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

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

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.
Fri 18th **Stamfordham** 3pm Uniting Church invite you to join them for afternoon tea.
Sat 19th **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30am. Action for Children Coffee Morning
Sat 26th **Lemington** 10 – 11.30am. Coffee morning with cake stall and cards.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by Thursday, 10th August 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.

Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) Zebedee (Mark 1:19) 2) Rhoda (Acts 12:13)