

Notices for Sunday 11th November 2018

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 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 after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

LEST WE FORGET – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sun 11 th *see Page 3*	10.00am 10.40am 10.50am 6.45pm	Rev Jona Sewell – Joint Service – ‘Remembering sacrifice’ Parade from the Leisure Centre to the Memorial Hall Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial Celebration of Peace on Coates Green including the Last Post (6.55pm), lighting the Beacon on St Mary’s Church (7pm), singing of war songs and a Reading and Blessing by Rev Capt. Paul Allinson. Refreshments follow in the Parish Centre.
Mon 12 th	<u>12.15pm</u> 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St. Matthew’s Church. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Open Door Bible Study - ‘I Am the Resurrection’, to be led by Rev David MacDonald
Tues 13 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s, - 10 Darras Rd. Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 14 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 15 th	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am
Fri 16 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 17 th	9.30am	Meander led by John Angel
Sun 18 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell Brian Lumsden Rev Colin Barrick

CHURCH STEWARDS

Pam Varley, Peter Michell, Andrew Pay.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- **Rev Jona Sewell.** We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rachel Wood**, Heddon 9.30am and Westerhope 6pm. **Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

10am : 1Kings 17 : 8-16, Mark 12 : 38-44.

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

- 1) What did the poor widow put into the temple treasury?
- 2) What did Elijah ask the widow to make for him?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

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

SHADE LUNCH Tickets priced **£10** are now available for the lunch on **Sunday 25th Nov at 12noon.** (Please note that the date is wrong in Cornerstone – it is definitely on the **Sunday!**) Tickets available from **Joan Bullous** (822048) or **Jean Tweedie** (822474)

TRAIDCRAFT GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE WITH A NEW PIONEERING PLAN FOR ETHICAL TRADE.

The Board of Traidcraft has accepted a plan for the future of the plc which will maximise the profitable parts of the business, phase out loss-making lines, create a membership culture and set a new high bar for ethical trading in the UK. The full text of this recent announcement is on the Fairtrade noticeboard in the hall. Whilst this news is encouraging, the majority of Traidcraft's staff in Gateshead will still be made redundant and many thousands of producers in developing countries will not be able to be supported by the new slimmed down version of the company. Please continue to hold the developing situation in your prayers and continue to support Traidcraft and its sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange. How about a visit to the Traidcraft HQ on Team Valley for their **Winter Warehouse Sale** on **November 15th and 16th from 10am till 7pm** or on **November 17th from 10am till 3pm**? Despite this news from Traidcraft, we still need the enthusiasm, imagination and the commitment of a small group of people to consider PMC's status as a Fairtrade Church and to report back to Church Council at its next meeting in March. If you are able to help, please contact **Bev or Andrew**. Thank you.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDIES continue on the following dates before Christmas, **2pm** on **Mondays :- 12th Nov – 'I Am the Resurrection'**, to be led by **Rev David MacDonald**. **26th Nov – 'I Am the Way'**, to be led by **Rev Jona Sewell** and **10th Dec – 'I Am the True Vine'**, to be led by **Peter Hindle**. We welcome all who want to join us. **Chris Cogan**

OPEN DOOR Due to staff shortages, the earlier winter time of **1pm** will not start until **next Mon(19th)** when soup will be served as well as scones, cakes and tea and coffee. If you feel you can help us with making and serving soup, then please let me know. **Judith**

TODAY'S SERVICE The congregation are reminded that there will be an opportunity at around **10.40am** to leave to attend the service at the Memorial Hall where Jona will also be taking part. Andrew Pay will lead the remainder of the Church Service. NO SERVICE here at 6.30pm – we are encouraged to join the Celebration of Peace on Coates Green.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR I have been asked to lead the choir again this year for the Candle-light Carol Service and rehearsals begin on **Thurs 6th Dec** at **7pm** with further dates on **Wed 12th** and **Wed 19th Dec** at **7pm**. I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean*

MONDAY PRAYER GROUP has moved to the earlier time of **12.15pm** when they meet this week at **St. Matthews** for the monthly Ponteland Churches Together joint meeting. This time of 12.15pm remains throughout the winter as published. *Andrew*

THE FOOD BANK truly appreciate our very generous and continued weekly support to them over many years. Another healthy supply this week , Thank You. *Brian Davis*

MILBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH are holding a Christmas Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 24th November, 2 - 4.30 pm**. All proceeds in aid of **Charlie Bear for Cancer Care Fund**. All are welcome. *Caroline Dodds*

DOOR STEWARDS The current rota runs till the end of **January 2019**. We will shortly be compiling the next one and, due to 3 people unable to continue, there is an exciting opportunity for you to prayerfully consider this very important welcoming role within our Church. If you would like to know more about the duties involved with a view to becoming a Door Steward, then please ask me for more information. *Maurice Milburn*

LEMINGTON CLOTHES BAR This is growing at a rapid rate and is truly blessing the local community. Also, as the winter is setting in quickly, they are still in need of winter clothing for both boys and girls of all ages(up to age 12) and any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you so much for all your support with this. Blessings *Hazel Sargaent*

PRAYERS

Let the fragrance of your glory draw us into your presence, O Christ. Let the perfume of your love be our salvation and let the scent of your sacrifice bring us your blessing. *Amen*

Heavenly Father, when we're tempted to feel despondent, when our lives seem dreary or dull, and the world around us looks fragile and forlorn, surprise us with your Spirit. Challenge us to stop, listen and look again: to see a world transformed by your love, a people bearing your divine image, and a new day, open to all the rich possibilities of your infinite, amazing grace. *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

Sun 25 th Nov	Toy Service 10am followed by the Shade Lunch, 12noon
Sun 9 th Dec	BB/GB Carol Service
Sun 23 rd Dec	6.30pm - Candlelight Carol Service
Mon 24 th Dec	7pm - Ecumenical Carol Service at St. Mary's
Tues 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Service 10.30am
Sun 6 th Jan	10am Covenant Service 6.30pm Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson
14th – 20th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 13 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Tues 13 th	Lemington	2pm. Ladies Meeting A.G.M.
Tues 13 th	Westerhope	7.30pm. Weekday Praise. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lanyon
Wed 14 th	Denton Burn	10am. Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 15 th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm. Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.
Sat 17 th	Heddon	10.30am. Church Walk. Bring a packed lunch. Suitable for all levels
Sat 17 th	Westerhope	10am - 12noon. Christmas Fair
Tues 20 th	Heddon	1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Craft and Chat – topic to be confirmed
Tues 20 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 21 st	Westerhope	4 - 5.30pm. Messy Church. Topic: 'We wait for Jesus'
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	1.15 – 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.
Sat 24 th	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 24 th	Heddon	9am -12noon. Ladies Breakfast - Guest Speaker: Miriam Leighton
Sat 24 th	Lemington	10am. Christmas coffee morning. Tombola, cakes, cards, festivegoods
Sat 24 th	Blucher	3- 5pm . Messy Church
Sat 24 th	Denton Burn	7pm. Film night 'The Post'.
Tues 27 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) 2 small copper coins. 2) A small cake of bread. (1 Kings 17:13.)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)