

Notices for Sunday 12th November 2017

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

**32nd in Ordinary Time – The God of Abraham’
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Sun 12 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - "The things we do for love" - Joint Service (At approx. 10.45, there will be an opportunity to leave to attend the Memorial Hall Remembrance Service) Geoff Orrock – ‘Remembrance’
Mon 13 th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.00pm	Ecumenical Prayer meeting here for this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request The Open Door :- Soup , cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Carpet Bowls Open Door Bible Study – New study on Esther begins today.
Tues 14 th	3.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sheila Bousfield led by Rev J Sewell Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections Church Christmas Choir Rehearsal led by Jean Thompson
Wed 15 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 16 th	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Induction of MWiB President at Brunswick Methodist Church (see p.3) Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary’s Church Hall
Fri 17 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls - match including refreshments
Sat 18 th		(Final Meander of the season next Saturday led by Andy)
Sun 19 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Steve Small – ‘Worship’ Brian Lumsden Rev Jona Sewell - "Rethinking the Parable of the Talents"

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Peter Michell, Brenda Rutter, Andrew Pay.

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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Geoff Orrock.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Westerhope 6pm; **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Heddon 9.30am and Milbourn 6.30pm; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Blucher 10.45am and **Peter Hindle**, Denton Burn 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Luke 9 : 57 - 62.

6.30pm : Isaiah 52 : 7 - 12, Matthew 5 : 1 - 12.

The questions from **today's service readings** above (using the NIV version) require you to add the missing words from these verses:- **1)** "Blessed are the for they will the earth." **2)** "Touch no thing! Come out from it and be, you who the of the Lord"
You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Joshua 24 : 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78 : 1-7,

1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18, Matthew 25 : 1-13.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Care and Share are organising as usual and it will take place on **Sat 9th Dec, 10am-12noon**. There will be a craft stall which proved very popular last year. If you would like to create or craft something to sell on the stall, please see *Judith/Pauline*. We are also requesting donations of gifts suitable for the raffle (bottles welcome as long as non-alcoholic), cakes, and preserves. Cakes and perishables to be brought down on the morning or the Friday afternoon please. *Gaye*

CIRCUIT CHRISTMAS PARTY The whole circuit is warmly invited to a Circuit Christmas party on **Sat 2nd Dec** to be held at **Ponteland**. It will start with food at **6.30pm** followed by fun and games and a short epilogue, ending at about **9pm**. Please come and bring your friends. For catering purposes please let *Ann Cooper* know if you are coming.

MORE PENS, NEW IMPROVED! Due to popular demand, they are now available at **£1** each from *Andy Anderson*. They make ideal Christmas presents! Each pen is engraved with Church name, post code and Mission Statement, so ideal way to publicise our Church.

DOMUS Will not be meeting this Tuesday (14th) as members may be attending the Thanksgiving Service for Sheila Bousfield. **John Gill**

FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS On Thursday 30th November at 7pm there will be a meeting for anyone who has been, or who wishes to be, involved in the ongoing fruitful congregations work. This will be an opportunity for the groups to share what has been happening and think together about the future. *Jona*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR rehearsals begin **this Tues 14th at 7pm** with further dates on Tues 21st Nov, Wed 29th Nov and Wed 13th Dec. The Candlelight Carol Service is on **Sun 17th Dec at 6.30pm**. Just bring your voice and I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean*

FRUITFUL CHURCHES SKILLS AUDIT: A questionnaire has been created to collect the skills of members of our congregation, to allow us to share jobs within the church family and help us to let the love of Christ be known and grown within the community. Can you please take time to fill in this questionnaire, thinking prayerfully about the skills you have to offer PMC. Please tick both the skills you are willing to offer and those you already offer. We will accept as much or as little as you can offer and when you can offer it. Preferably, please use the online questionnaire found online at <http://ponteland-methodist-church.org.uk/skillsaudit.html>. Alternatively, a small number of paper copies will be available if you are unable to use the online version. . *Irene, Judith & Andrew G.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL A personal thank you to everyone who either gave us items throughout the year, assembled their own boxes or made generous monetary donations. 60 will be sent off next week. *Angela & Elizabeth*

LIVING CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND is a 2 week experience of Christianity in Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Galilee taking place from 5th – 19th February 2018.

Led by **Rev John Howard**, Mission Partner Israel/Palestine and **Rev Dr Stephen Skuce**, Director of Scholarship, Research and Innovation, The Methodist Church.

This is very different to a traditional pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit some of the holy sites, but the emphasis is a lot more upon meeting the people and hearing of their lives. This will include doing some voluntary work. The focus is upon the Christian Community of the Holy Land – though in order to understand more of their situation we will also be meeting Muslims and Jews. For further details please contact John Howard John_d_howard@hotmail.com or speak to me. *Bev*

WMiB The induction of our new President, Gillian Patton will take place at **Brunswick Methodist Church** on **Thursday 16th November at 10.30 am**. The speaker is **Rev Stephen Lindridge**, Chairman of the District. We extend a warm welcome to all ladies and gentlemen to join us at this service which will include the Lord's Supper. During the service, a cheque will be presented to 'All Hands' for relief work in Nepal, the chosen charity of our outgoing President, Rev Judith Oldroyd. Refreshments will be served from **10 am** in the lower hall and afterwards we will share a faith lunch - each contributing to a common table. Hoping to see as many of you as possible. *Kathleen*

CHRISTMAS APPEAL for WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE. 201WERS is holding its usual festive appeal. This year they appeal for cash or goods for the destitute living in our city. They are requesting either cash donations, basic toiletries and sweets or chocolates. There is a particular problem with homeless destitute men this year. Items are requested before 4th Dec please. We are more than happy to deliver and collect your donations if necessary. Collection boxes will be available in the foyer. With grateful thanks, *Chris C.*

WEST END FOOD BANK will be especially grateful for your festive donations this year. The roll out of Universal Credit here is leaving some families with no means of support in the transition period to this new benefit. Donation box is under the pigeon holes. *Joyce D*

CARE & SHARE COMMITTEE Next meeting- Mon 20th Nov, 7.30pm -37 Avondale Rd

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday. There are 2 groups - *Stepping Stones* for children up to school year **4**, and *Rock Solid* for school years **5-8**. More info from *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

PRAYERS

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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.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 14th **Westerhope** 7.30pm. Weekday Praise. Speaker – Rev Derek Aldridge.

Wed 15th **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30pm. Messy Church.

Thurs 16th **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door).

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Fri 17th **Stamfordham** 12-1pm. Soup and Pud lunch at church on the green. All welcome.

Fri 17th **Blucher** 7pm. Christmas Concert with group ‘Just Us’. Tickets £4 including supper now on sale.

Sat 18th **Westerhope** 10- 12noon. Christmas Fair opened by Rev Juliet. Stalls include cakes, cards. Christmas goods, tombola, raffle etc.

Tues 21st **Heddon** 1.30 – 3pm. Craft and Chat – Christmas Wreaths with Carol

Thurs 23rd **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.

Sat 25th **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for ‘Aid work for Sri Lankan children’.

Sat 25th **Lemington** 10 - 11.30am. Christmas Coffee Morning including stalls, tombola, cakes, cards, raffles and refreshments. All welcome.

Sat 25th **Blucher** 3pm. Messy Church.

DIARY DATES : December

Sun 10th - BB/GB Carol Service led by Rev Tim Woolley

Sat 16th - Care and Share Christmas Concert – Lemington Male Voice Choir

Sun 17th - 10am - Bridge Christmas Service led by Rev Tim Woolley

Sun 17th - Candlelight Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm led by Rev Jona Sewell

Sun 24th - Holy Communion Service 6.30pm (St Mary’s are having their own service)

Mon 25th - Christmas Morning Service 10.30am

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.

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Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) meek, inherit (Matthew 5:5) 2) unclean, pure, carry, vessels (Isaiah 52:11)