

Notices for Sunday 13th Aug and 20th 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.*

19th/20th in ORDINARY TIME

Sun 13 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Joint service with The Bridge - Steve Small – ‘Get out of the boat’ Rev Stephen Lindridge – ‘Lord, if it’s you,... meeting Jesus’
Mon 14 th	2.00pm	The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Tues 15 th	2.30pm	Women’s Fellowship Garden Party at Ann Cooper’s, 15 Guardian’s Ct.
Sat 19 th	9.30am	Meanders led by John and Margaret Bell
Sun 20 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Pat Brooks Rev Tim Thorpe - Communion
Mon 21 st	2.00pm	The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Sun 27 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Tim Thorpe – Communion (Tim’s last services at Ponteland) Rev Tim Thorpe
Mon 28 th		Bank holiday –NO Prayer meeting or Open Door

CHURCH STEWARDS

Sun 13th Andrew Pay, Irene Holmes, Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.

Sun 20th Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle, Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Stephen Lindridge and Steve Small.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Lemington 10.30am; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Stamfordham 10am; **Rev Robin Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am; **Ann Cooper**, Scots Gap 10.30am and **Peter Hindle**, Blucher 10.45am.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS ON 20th AUGUST:- Rev Tim Thorpe and Rev Pat

Brooks. We also pray for those of our number who are preaching elsewhere on the 20th:-
Rev Tim Thorpe, Scots Gap 10.30am and **Rachel Wood**, Blucher 10.45am .

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES (13th)

10am : Matthew 14 : 22-33.

6.30pm : Romans 10 : 5-15, Matthew 14 : 22-33.

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

- 1) Who got out of the boat to follow Jesus walking on the water?
- 2) On which watch of the night did Jesus walk on the lake?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARIES

Sunday 13th - Genesis 37 : 1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105 : 1-6, 16-22, 45b,
Romans 10 : 5-15, Matthew 14 : 22-33.

Sunday 20th - Genesis 45 : 1-15, Psalm 133,
Romans 11 : 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15 : (10-20), 21-28.

THESE NOTICES cover 2 weeks, the next issue will be on **August 27th** when they will revert to weekly until Christmas *Geoff*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GARDEN PARTY at 15 Guardian's Court, North Rd.

Ann Cooper warmly invites you to a garden party on Tuesday 15th August at 2.30 pm (indoors if weather bad) (No need to bring crockery or napkins)

If your surname begins A to J, please bring a small savoury contribution.

If your surname begins K to T, please bring a small sweet contribution.

If your surname begins U to Z, you don't need to bring anything!

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF WOMENS FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE TELL ANN YOU ARE COMING (824347) ALL ARE WELCOME. *Ann Cooper*

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 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

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 has now been issued and emailed to everyone on the email list or given to those that aren't. If you require a paper copy, please ask me. *Angela*

WELCOME SERVICE Rev Jona Sewell, his wife Helle and son Aidan will be welcomed to the ministry of our Church on **Tuesday 5th September** with a service led by Chair of the District, Rev Stephen Lindridge (who coincidentally is preaching here, 6.30pm on Sunday 13th August.) It starts at **7pm** – please come along to welcome and meet them!

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** are holding an auction to raise funds at **Cullercoats Methodist Church** on **Sat 23rd September at 2pm**. Please contact **Judith Oldroyd** (0191 5192201) or Judith.oldroyd2@gmail.com if you want more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD For **AUGUST**, we are collecting hairbrushes, combs and hair clips. 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*

JOB VACANCY – CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR Our Circuit (Newcastle West) is seeking a part-time (initially 12 hrs/week) administrator who could work from home or in an office in Ponteland. The work will be varied and requires a self-starter who is willing to work with minimal direction once familiar with the role.

Good IT skills (including web management) are essential as is a willingness to handle financial matters, to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act (2017 Revision), the keeping of confidences under all circumstances and empathy with the ethos of the Methodist Church.

Salary **£9.75 per hour** plus pension contribution. Specific work hours to be agreed; some flexibility will be required (e.g. occasional evening meetings). 4 Weeks pro rata vacation plus statutory holidays.

For fuller details of the position and personal requirements please contact as below.

Applications to be made in writing (e-mail preferred) by close of business Friday September 8, 2017.

Contact details: peter@familyhindle.net; Peter Hindle, 6 Church Fields, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 7EB.

RESTART DATES FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1st** - Friday Bowls
- Mon 4th** - Monday Bowls and Church Prayer meeting
- Tues 5th** - DOMUS
- Mon 11th** - Open Door Bible Study
- Tues 12th** - Women’s Fellowship, Boys’ Brigade
- Wed 13th** - Girls’ Brigade
- Thurs 14th** - Toddler Thursdays, Women’s Focus and Men’s Fellowship

KNITTED BIBLE EXHIBITION to be held at Westerhope Methodist Church 15-17 Sept Prepared by ladies from Hartlepool. Please see poster on Church notice board for details.

PRAYERS

God of grace and mercy, we acknowledge before you that which is so easily hidden, and the struggles with those things which can imprison and bind us: struggling to make ends meet; the challenge of finding affordable housing; substance abuse; the stress of finding a place in society again; damaged and broken relationships; mental and physical illness. May we find sanctuary beneath your everlasting arms. May we offer the love of Christ which sets us free, and enables us to become the people you call us to be.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Gracious God, known and encountered in broken bread, grant us the openness to see you in our broken humanity, the courage to share that common humanity and the contentment to find in you all we need. Gracious God, who knew and experienced flight from terror, grant us the compassion to see and hear you in the faces and cries of refugees, the willingness to be their voice and to plead their cause, and the strength to work for justice and peace from sunrise to sunset. Gracious God, provider of this good and bountiful world, grant us the wisdom to see it as yours and not ours, the faith to share it with a generosity of spirit and the humility of heart to acknowledge it as your good gift to all. Gracious God, grant us compassion, melt our cold hearts, give us tears of empathy and sorrow, fan within us your love so that we may experience the freedom to share your passion, in your ways, to your praise and glory.

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.

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves 07725052009

DIARY DATES

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 August

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, 24th 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) Peter (Matthew 14:29) 2) the fourth (Matthew 14:25)