

## Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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.*

#### **28<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time : The Eternal Priest**

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Steve Small - 'Building for the future' Ann Cooper - 'Get yourself a new outfit' Rev Jona Sewell - "'Who are you?" they asked'
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, this week's activities and next Sunday's preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study Group at the Gill's – 10, Darras Road. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers                      6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 12noon 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Bible Society Autumn Lunch at the URC Broadway Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary's Church Hall.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley - 'When generosity gets extravagant' Rev Jona Sewell - Communion Rev Tim Woolley

#### **CHURCH STEWARDS**

(am) Irene Holmes, Brenda Rutter, Angela Lisle.

(pm) Andrew Pay, Irene Holmes.

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:-** Rev Jona Sewell, Ann Cooper and Steve Small. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Heddon 10.30am; Rev Tim Thorpe, Blucher 10.45am & Milbourne 6.30pm. Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and 7pm; Ann Cooper, Westerhope 6pm.

**BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES**

10am (Bridge) : Micah 6 : 6-8, Mark 12 : 37-44.  
10am (Church) : Matthew 22 : 1-14, Philippians 4 : 1-9.  
6.30pm : Exodus 3 : 1-14, John 8 : 21-29.

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

- 1) What happened to the man who was not wearing wedding clothes?
- 2) Jesus watched the crowd putting money into what?

You will find the answers on the back page.

**LECTIONARY**

Exodus 32 : 1-14, Psalm 106 : 1-6, 19-23,  
Philippians 4 : 1-9, Matthew 22 : 1-14.

**DOOR STEWARDS** The current rota runs until the end of **January 2018**. For Colin to compile the next one, he needs to know if anyone currently on the rota can no longer fulfil the role, or conversely, if anyone feels that they would like to prayerfully consider this important role within the Church, can they please let me know. *Maurice Milburn*

**PONTELAND BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP** invite you to their AUTUMN LUNCH on **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12noon** at **The United Reformed Church**, Broadway. Tickets, priced **£8**, are available from *Val Michell (871885), Judith Orton or Angela Lisle*

**SHADE UK** The annual SHADE lunch will take place this year on a **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon**. Tickets cost **£10** for Adults, **£5** for Under 12's. Tickets are available from *Joan Bullous (822048) or Jean Tweedie (822474)*.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL**

For **OCTOBER**, we are collecting sweets. You can pass them on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. We would just like to remind everyone that the last date for shoebox gifts or donations is **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October**. If you would like to sponsor a shoebox, the suggested amount this year is **£5** and you can also pay online where they give you a barcode to print out. For those people who are packing their own shoeboxes, the Dedication Service will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am**. Thank you for all your support. *Elizabeth and Angela*

**FAIRTRADE** The new **Traidcraft** catalogues have arrived and were available in the Foyer. However, due to popular demand, please could catalogues be returned as soon as possible after use back to the foyer, to allow others the chance to place their orders too. Browse through the exciting new range of clothes, gifts, food and Christmas cards. Orders to be placed by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October please. *Bev*

**BILL DRAPER** has been called to Higher Service after passing on Thursday. We pray for Valerie and the family and the funeral details will be published next week.

**DISASTER APPEAL** thank you for your contributions to the Christian Aid emergency appeal over the last two weeks, **£258** was donated from Ponteland Methodist folk. *Jona*

**PASTORAL VISITORS** Please could Pastoral Visitors collect their updated lists from the pigeonholes. Included are the new membership cards for distribution. Thank you, *Bev*

**MINI MEANDER** Please join us on our next ‘mini’ -**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October** – from the Cheese Farm on the Blagdon Estate. We will be walking on tracks through the estate (3-4 miles). At the end of the walk, we can have refreshments in the cheese farm café. Meet in our Chapel car park at 10am. Any enquiries please contact *Jennifer Hardy or Rosemary Gray*

**THE BRIDGE** We are planning a shared lunch after the service on **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**, at **12noon**. Everyone is welcome to come to the lunch, no matter what their age, or which service they go to! Although the Bridge is organising it, we want everyone to know they are welcome. Please do come along and bring a contribution to lunch – savoury, sweet or drinks. If you have family or friends who would like to come to lunch but not the service, please feel free to bring them along. We will confirm details nearer the time.

**ECG:** Day Conference, including youth and children’s work, is on **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-4pm** at Chester-Le-Street Methodist Church, speak to Steve Small for more details. *Caroline*

**CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE** this year will be at **10.30am** to allow *Jona* to take Lemington’s Christmas Service at 9.30am. Church Council approved this rescheduling.

**SUNDAY CLUB** meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday as part of The Bridge Service. 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)

There is also provision for children attending Morning Worship.

A crèche is available each Sunday morning for children up to age 3.

**CHURCH CARETAKER** : *Marianne Groves* 07725052009

### **PRAYERS**

Lord, before ever you made us, you loved us. Nor has your love ever slackened, nor ever shall. In love all your works have begun, and in love they continue. In this love our life is everlasting, and in this love we shall see you and be glad forever. *Amen*

Lord Jesus, alpha and omega, our beginning and our end, rejoicing that you are with us in the midst of life, we pray: for those who have lost touch with their origins and roots, for people whose lives lack aim, purpose and direction, and for all of us to know your presence as we journey daily from our past selves to our future with you. *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.

**SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Sponsored by **Ponteland Churches Together**, the new series of **9** studies are "**A Passion to Witness**" to help Christians share their faith. The subjects are :-  
**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** - Why don't we share it ? **26<sup>th</sup>** - How to pray when sharing it ?  
**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** - How to tell my story. **9<sup>th</sup>** - Using the Bible to share the gospel.  
**16<sup>th</sup>** - How should we answer questions ? **23<sup>rd</sup>** - How to lead someone to Christ.  
**30<sup>th</sup>** - How to push the boundaries of our Church.

### **DIARY DATES**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Service at Grange Lea – Led by Andrew Pay and Angela Lisle  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Bible Society Sunday – Ecumenical Service here at 6.30pm  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Steward's Meeting at 42 Ridgely Drive  
 Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Joint Forum/Focus Meeting- 'Wild and Wicked Women of the North East'  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – SHADE LUNCH Sat 11<sup>th</sup>/Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – GB Sleepover in Church Hall  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Care and Share Meeting  
 Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Rotary Christmas Fayre – Merton Hall  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Care and Share Christmas Fayre  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – BB/GB Carol Service led by Rev Tim Woolley  
 Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Care and Share Christmas Concert – Lemington Male Voice Choir  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Candlelight Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm led by Rev Jona Sewell  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Holy Communion Service 6.30pm (St Mary's are having their own service)  
 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### **CIRCUIT NOTICES**

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6pm.	The Living Room – Alternative Worship.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	1.30 – 3pm.	Craft and Chat – Book art with Jill
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	4 – 5.30pm.	Messy Church. Topic: Noah
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blucher</b>	7pm.	Circuit Event with Rev Tim Woolley.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 – 11.30am.	Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	7pm.	Film Night – 'Sing Street'.
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 – 11.30am.	Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blucher</b>	2pm.	Early Christmas Fayre opened by Mrs. Kay Thorpe. Cakes, breads and home produce stalls plus raffles etc.
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	10–11.30am.	Ladies Weekend. Coffee Morning with tombola, cakes and cards for sale.

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.**  
**Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL**  
**or by E-mail :- [Geoffandangela@btinternet.com](mailto:Geoffandangela@btinternet.com)**  
**If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.**

**Bible Quiz Answers** :- 1) He was tied hand and foot and thrown outside (Matthew 22:13)  
 2) The temple treasury ( Mark 12: 41)