

Notices for Sunday 16th September 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.
24th in Ordinary Time // Ministry and Oversight

Sun 16th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell "Who do you say I am?" David Forrester Rev Jona Sewell – Communion – service includes blessing a new member
Mon 17th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	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. Finance and Property Meeting in the Lounge
Tues 18th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at the Gill's 10, Darras Rd. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 19th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 20th	9.30am 7.00pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Circuit Meeting at Denton Burn
Fri 21st	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 22nd	9.30am 10.00am	Meander bus trip to Ripon – meet at bus stop opposite St Mary's Hall Macmillan Coffee morning at Milbourne Methodist Church
Sun 23rd	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Steve Small Rev John Howard Rev John Howard

CHURCH STEWARDS

- (am) Brenda Rutter, Pam Varley, Andrew Pay.
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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and David Forrester.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-

Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and Heddon 6pm; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm; **Brian Lumsden**, Milbourne 6.30pm and **Geoff Orrock**, Scots Gap 10.30am

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Mark 8: 27-38

10am (Church) : Mark 7: 24-37, James 2: 1-17

6.30pm : Mark 8: 27-38

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

1) Which village did they go to?

2) Who would reject Jesus?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Proverbs 1 : 20-33, Psalm 19 or canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 7 : 26 – 8 : 1,
James 3 : 1-12, Mark 8 : 27-38.**

HARVEST LUNCH This year, we are holding a meal after the Harvest Sunday Parade Service at 12noon on the 7th October. Tickets priced **£7** (children under 11 free) are available from **Angela Lisle** (822532), **Andrew Pay**(871550) or **Pam Varley** (872174)

METHODIST WOMEN in BRITAIN present "JOURNEYS" at **Seahouses** Methodist Church on **Sat 22nd Sept between 10 am and 3 pm**. Join friends and make new ones as we explore through Worship, Bible Study and Workshops. Bring a packed lunch and donations are invited for tea and coffee. For car drivers, the 'SatNav' is NE68 7RF.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING Please could all pastoral visitors note that the meeting of the Pastoral Committee on **Tuesday 25th September** will commence at the earlier time of **7pm**, with a speaker from Tyneside & Northumberland Mind, followed by a short business session. Thanks, **Bev**

BASSENFELL MANOR CHRISTIAN CENTRE Fri 25th – Sun 27th January 2019

I am now taking bookings for this weekend where our speaker will be **Rev Jona Sewell**. The cost of the weekend is as follows: Adults **£105** and Children **£40** (5-16 years inc) and under 5 years, free. If you would like to go on the weekend, please let me have a non-returnable deposit of **£50** per adult and **£20** per child, together with a cheque dated 11th January 2019 for the balance (Adult £55 pp, Child £20 pp) ASAP and no later than 30th September. (Cheques payable to C J Dent). It would also be a great help if you could let me know if you are unable to go this year. Kind regards **Carol Dent**

CHARITY CONCERT An Evening of Song with the Dishforth Military Wives Choir in aid of the Royal Society for Blind Children, it's on Saturday 29th September, 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Steven Opticians. Bruce Grant, who has organised it, will be at Church on Sunday morning selling tickets.

CULTURE KITCHEN in the community foods from around the world. This will be held at St Mary's Church Sat Sept 29th from 12.30-2.30pm. Tickets are free with donations welcome. Please add your name to the list in the foyer or let **Pauline Groves** know.

MEET REV JOHN HOWARD Rev John Howard, minister at Ponteland and circuit superintendent from 1998 to 2005, has spent the last two years as the Methodist Church's mission partner in Israel/Palestine. Next Sunday he will be preaching at both the 10am and 6:30pm services, including reflections on his time in the Holy Land. After the morning service, at 11:30am, there will be a more informal opportunity, over tea and coffee, to discuss with John the challenges and hopes for the Middle East.

FOOD BANK The Food Bank truly appreciate our generous contributions of food. Every donation goes a long way towards feeding individuals and families in need. Thank you. Brian.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING at Milbourne Methodist Church - **Sat 22nd Sept 10am - 12noon**. Please join us for coffee & cake for this very worthwhile charity. There will also be a cake stall and any donations of cakes would be very welcome. Thank you.

Caroline

'SEARCHLIGHT' resumes in St Mary's Parish Centre (Church Hall) in October.

TIM AND KAY THORPE The following letter has been received from our former Minister and his wife – “To all our friends in the Circuit, thank you so much for your very kind and generous gift to us on the occasion of our leaving the Circuit. We have been overwhelmed by your love and grace. It has been an honour to serve with you and minister with lovely people. The desire to grow and to face the challenges of a rapidly changing world have been an inspiration to the District and to us personally. The Circuit is in good shape with four excellent and gifted ministers. Hold them in your prayers and work with them. Special thanks to the excellent Circuit Stewards both past and present and the wonderful supernumeraries, preachers and worship leaders. We go in peace and will hold you in our hearts and prayers. Love in Christ.

Tim and Kay Thorpe

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.

PRAYERS

Remember, Lord, your Church, to deliver it from all evil, and to perfect it in your love. From the four winds gather it together in holiness, into the life of your kingdom; for yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen*

Lord, forgive our hesitations in life. Give us courage to walk through open doors and to step over new thresholds into the unknown. Help us to embrace new experiences.

Thank you that, when we walk in step with you, our anxieties are shed, our trust deepens and our world is transformed. Thank you for your loving 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

Tues 25th September	Pastoral Committee meeting 7pm
Sun 7th October	Harvest Festival Parade Service and Harvest Lunch at 12noon
Thurs 18th October	Church Council 7.30pm
Sun 21st October	Circuit 'Engage' event at Stamfordham, 6pm
Sun 28th October	Ecumenical Bible Society service led by Ann Cooper, 6.30pm
Sun 11th November	Joint Service for Remembrance Sunday, 10am Joint Remembrance Service at St. Mary's, 7pm
Sun 25th November	Toy Service 10am Shade Lunch
Sun 9th December	BB/GB Carol Service

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 18th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar.
Tues 18th	Heddon	1.30 - 3.00pm. Craft and Chat. Crafts by Jill.
Wed 19th	Heddon	7.00pm. Bible Study.
Thurs 20th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship & fellowship
Thurs 20th	Heddon	1.15- 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 20th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm. Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Sat 22nd	Denton Burn	10.00am. Coffee Morning in aid of Leprosy Relief.
Sat 22nd	Heddon	10.00am - 3.30pm. Ignite Alumni
Tues 25th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar.
Wed 26th	Heddon	7.00pm. Bible Study.
Thurs 27th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship & fellowship.
Thurs 27th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 27th	Lemington	1.15pm. Lemington Riverside School Harvest Festival at church.
Sat 29th	Heddon	9.00am - 12noon Ladies Breakfast. Speaker: Joan Histon.
Sat 29th	Lemington	4.00pm. Harvest tea followed by film 'The Shack'.

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

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If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)