

Notices for Sunday 17th June 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.*

11th in Ordinary Time / Watch and Pray / World Refugee week

Sun 17 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley -Alpha Course -How does God guide us? Rev Jona Sewell – Communion – “Drawing alongside” Circuit Event - ‘Engage’ at Scots Gap. (NO SERVICE HERE)
Mon 18 th	11.00am 1.15pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Nancy Gill led by Rev Jona Sewell followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Please note that there will be NO Open Door this week.
Tues 19 th	6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible study resumes NEXT Tuesday at John Gills.. Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 20 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 21 st	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am Searchlight Ecumenical Bible Study Group
Fri 22 nd		
Sat 23 rd	10.00am	Mini Meander – see page 2
Sun 24 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Jona Sewell - Communion David Forrester – “Meeting people where they are” Rev Jona Sewell

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Tim Woolley.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere: - **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Lemington 10.30am and Scots Gap 6.30pm; **Rev Robin Brooks**, Scots Gap 10.30am, **Rev Pat Brooks**, Westerhope 10.30am and **Ann Cooper**, Blucher 10.45am.

CHURCH STEWARDS (am) Angela Lisle, Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.

BIBLE READING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

10am : Acts 8 : 26-35.

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

- 1) What was the Ethiopian reading whilst sitting in his chariot?
- 2) Which two cities does the desert road run from?

You will find the answers at the bottom of page 3.

LECTIONARY

**1 Samuel 15 : 34 > 16 : 13, Psalm 20,
2 Corinthians 5 : 6-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mark 4 : 26-34.**

JOAN MARSHALL has been called to Higher Service. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving here on **Wed 27th June at 2.45pm** followed by refreshments at Ponteland Golf Club. All are welcome to both the service and the golf club.

MARGARET PENRY was called to Higher Service on Monday evening. The Funeral will take place here on **Monday 2nd July at 10.30am** followed by a private burial at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to join the family in the hall for refreshments from 12noon.

MINI MEANDER Please join us for our next walk at Woodhorn County Park on **Sat 23rd June**. It is an easy walk on tracks around the lake there. Refreshments will be available at the Woodhorn Museum Café. Please meet in our Chapel car park at 10am. For any queries, please contact **Jennifer Hardy** (01661 821845)

EVANGELISM the Circuit Leadership Team, linking with the ongoing Fruitful Congregations work, are encouraging churches to revisit the theme of evangelism for the month of June. Churches and preachers are encouraged to use these themes for their 'main' service:-
June 17th Week 3 - Drawing alongside Acts 8:26-35
June 24th Week 4 - Meeting people where they are 1 Corinthians 9:19-27.
People are also encouraged to attend the next Engage event on June 17, 6:30pm, Scots Gap

BBQ Don't forget the **St Oswald's Hospice** barbecue in our church garden (or inside if wet) on **Sunday 8th July**, 12 till 4, with food, games & entertainment. **Ann Cooper** would be most grateful for small tombola prizes and offers of help on the day, please. Call her for tickets on (01661) 824347.

HELP NEEDED One of our church members, who lives in the village, is looking for a willing, kindly driver who could offer a lift to and from the morning service once a month. If you could offer this service, please contact **Judith Orton** (872891). Thank You.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Have 2 more garden parties planned - both **2.30pm - 4pm. 17th July** at **Ann Coopers**, 15 Guardians Court, Ponteland and **14th August** in the **Church Foyer**. We shall continue to bring a faith tea for everyone to share. For Ann's, could you please bring a cup, saucer, plate and, if possible, a garden chair (tea will be provided) If the weather is inclement, the event will be held indoors. We look forward to seeing you. **Joyce**

DATA PROTECTION – We, as a Church, need to comply with the new Data Protection legislation (GDPR). This means that we must have a record of the data held by anyone who holds personal data in order to carry out their function in the Church. We have put together a list of all those in the Church who may be holding such data. This list comprises Church Officers, Pastoral Visitors, and rota makers. **This Sunday (17th June)**, you will find copies of this list of people around the Church. If your name is on it, there will be a form(s) for you to collect from a table at the front of the Church. These forms will be in alphabetical order of Surname and will be accompanied by an explanatory sheet. Please be good enough to collect your form(s), fill them in by **Sunday July 15th** and return them either to **Andrew Pay** or to the box in the vestry marked ‘**Data Protection Forms**’. If you receive a form but do not hold any persons’ data for Church use, please return the form with your name and function filled in and leave the form blank. **Rev Jona Sewell /Andrew Pay (Snr Steward)**

NEXT WEEKS NOTICES Please be aware that the edition dated **24th June** will also cover **1st July** due the editor’s holidays. Please let me have any information for events up to mid July as soon as possible and **certainly by Thurs 21st June, 6pm.** **Geoff**

CORNERSTONE The July/August edition will not be available until **Sunday 8th July** due to a technical hitch - the publisher is going on holiday for last week of June! **Andy**

A VISIT TO THE ISLE OF ARRAN We have 2 double rooms free for this 5 day visit to this beautiful island departing **26th July**. Cost is **£360 per person** (sharing) and includes ferry, coach and Dinner, Bed & Breakfast staying at the excellent Kinloch hotel at Blackwater Foot. Please call **Jean Tweedie** (822474) for further details.

THE SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP - “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” is a 10 part study series of discovery by Philip Yancey. Remaining dates are:- **June 21st** – Dispensing grace. **June 28th** – Counterforce.

We look forward to seeing you there in the small room, St. Mary’s Parish Centre between 7.30 – 9pm. Searchlight welcomes you to these meetings to learn how we might live as Christians in this modern world. For more information, contact **David Butler** on 823664

THE CLOTHES BAR is now open on Tuesday mornings in term time at **Lemington** between **9.30-11.30am**. A reminder that they are collecting baby and childrens’ clothes (up to age 12) & toiletries to help local families in need. The collection box is in the foyer.

WEST END FOOD BANK truly appreciate our kind contribution of **16.46Kgs** this week. Every donation whether small or large goes a long way to feeding individuals & families in need. Thank you. Please note we are now using the Green Bin for contributions which is either in in the foyer (so all users of the building can donate) or the vestry **Brian**

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)

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves (07725052009)

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) The book of Isaiah (Acts 8:28) 2) Jerusalem and Gaza (Acts 8:26)

PRAYERS

Jesus, abject and despised, let us not be ashamed to follow you. Jesus, blasphemed and condemned, let us not afraid to be counted your friends. Jesus, crowned and derided, let us not be overwhelmed by our injuries and grief. *Amen*

Loving God, we give you thanks for all those who work so hard, in all kinds of weather and, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, to produce food for our tables. May we never take those who work on the land for granted, but always be mindful of the struggles they face. We pray for all those who live in small villages where amenities are dwindling. May our rural churches and chapels support them in the fight for justice in daily living. We pray for young farmers groups, for chaplains in the auction markets and for the work of the Farming Community Network. And may we trust you for all that is to come as we give thanks for all that is past.. *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

Thurs 28 th June	Church Council
Sun 1 st July	Music in the Park
Sun 8 th July	Church B-B-Q in the garden in aid of St. Oswalds
Sun 8 th July	10.30am Celebration of Cowgate's Ministry
Sat 21 st July	Summer Circuit Event - Riding Lights Drama Group
Tues 31 st July	Meanders Treasure Hunt (Note : revised date)
Tues 4 th Sept	Welcome service for Rev Colin & Lesley Barrick Venue TBA

CIRCUIT NOTICES : June

Tues 19 th	Heddon	1.30 – 3pm.	Craft and Chat.
Tues 19 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Tues 19 th	Westerhope	7.30pm.	Circuit Preachers' Meeting
Wed 20 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship, fellowship.
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 21 st	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church.
Sat 23 rd	Denton Burn	2pm.	Blooming Tea Party for Marie Curie.
Sat 23 rd	Heddon	9am.	Ladies Breakfast. Spkr – Rev Tim Thorpe
Sun 24 th	Heddon	2.30 - 4.30pm.	Messy Church – an ecumenical session at Heddon Methodist Church with St Andrew's Church
Tues 26 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 27 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship, fellowship.
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.

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