

Notices for Sunday 17th March 2019

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.*

2nd in Lent // No other Gospel

Sun 17 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley - Ann Cooper - 'Under God's Wings' Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - 'Peter's confession'
Mon 18 th	9.45am 1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	'Open the Book' meeting in the Lounge (see p.3) 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. Open Door Lenten Bible Study - 'Living with the beyond'
Tues 19 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship - 'Looking after yourself' with Jane Harrington 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 4.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Lenten Prayer meeting in the Church
Fri 22 nd	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 23 rd		
Sun 24 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Joint service - Communion Rev Tim Woolley

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Pam Varley, Brenda Rutter

(pm) Pam Varley, Andrew Pay.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Tim Woolley and Ann Cooper. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Blucher 10.45am and Rev Colin Barrick, Heddon 10.30am and 6pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : (not available)

10am (Church) : Genesis 15 : 1-6, Philippians 3:17> 4:1, Luke 13 : 31-35.

6.30pm : Matthew 16 : 13-25.

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

- 1) When Jesus asked his disciples 'Who do people say the son of Man is?', name 3 replies.
- 2) Who will inherit Abram's estate?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Genesis 15 : 1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17> 4:1, Luke 13 : 31-35.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES are running weekly, as we lead up to Easter. We are always pleased to share these with our friends from the other Churches. We plan to host our group from **2 - 3.30pm on Mondays** at the Open Door - the other session is at the home of the 'Mundays', **60, Woodside** from **7.30pm**. also **Mondays**.

Each study stands alone. This year, we plan to study "Not a Tame Lion", a Lent course based on the writings of CS Lewis, by Hilary Brand. Each study stands alone. We would welcome anyone to share with us. Each study stands alone. All are welcome.

Study 2, on **18th March** is - **Living with the beyond**

Study 3, on **25th March** is - **Living with the unexplained**

Study 4, on **1st April** is - **Living with what we've been given**

Study 5, on **8th April** is - **Living with absence.**

Do come along! *Chris C*

PRAYING IN LENT During Lent there will be an extra weekly prayer gathering on Thursdays (**March 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18**) between **4:30 - 5pm** in the Church. This prayer time will be to pray specifically together in unity for our Church and community, especially for God's leading and our listening in all that we do. The prayer times will include quiet, images, words and music. Please come along if you can or pray at home if you can't! The Church that prays together grows together. *Jona*

MILBOURNE CHAPEL Milbourne Methodist Church has the decorators in and for the next few weeks, will be holding their services at Holy Saviour Church in Milbourne.

This includes the **17th and 24th March.**

Caroline Dodds

SPRING CONCERT with Graeme Danby is on **Saturday 13th April at 7pm.**

Tickets, priced **£7**, are available from *Syd Cowan*. (Children under 14 are free)

NEW BABY Ewan Peter Stewart was born on Wednesday 6th March, seven weeks early, to parents Alison (nee Holmes) and Alistair Stewart weighing in at 4lb 6oz.

Mum, Dad and baby all doing well. Grandma is elated!

Irene Holmes

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (24th) we will be having an extra joint service (not listed on the plan) where we will all have opportunity to share ideas and concerns about our future morning worship. Worship next week will therefore be slightly different in format but will conclude with us sharing Holy Communion together. I encourage you to come along and share your thoughts. Please continue to hold us all in prayer as we journey through this process. Thank you for your understanding *Jona*

OPEN THE BOOK Ponteland Methodist Church along with St Marys' & Richard Coates School are looking to introduce the 'Open the Book' project at the school in the near future. This would involve a team of people every two weeks going in to share a Bible Story with the children over the course of the school year. We have arranged an informal meeting with the North East Coordinator for Open the Book, Martha, to chat things over and to give us an idea of commitment required plus costs etc... If this is something you would like to be involved with or are interested in finding out more about it, then the meeting is on **Monday 18th March @ 9.45am** in the lounge here at Church. All are welcome, please come and support the work among our community. Speak to Rev Jona or Alison Maynard *Alison*

BIBLE SOCIETY LUNCH. A big thank you to all that supported the lunch at the URC last Wednesday. We made **£1217.80** which is a job well done! *Judith and Angela*

MEN's FORUM have arranged a visit to **Beamish** on **Thurs April 11th**. I need the numbers proposing to visit ASAP. The visit is in 3 parts comprising a talk on the massive new development reflecting life in the 1950's; a visit to the resource centre where all artifacts not on display are stored; and a visit to the museum itself. Please bring **£5** to cover costs. My contact details are Tel01661 820211 or meadowfield.29@gmail.com *Alan Scott*

BOB AND PAULINE SWIFT are my parents and would like to thank everyone for their kindness in sending cards, flowers and soup, as well as the welcome visits from members of the congregation that we have been receiving, during Pauline's ongoing illness. It is always a boost to hear from people and to be reminded that we are in your thoughts and prayers. *Claire Chetcuti*
Kind regards,

PRAYERS

We bless your name, O God, for all your servants who have fought the fight and kept the faith. Grant us grace to follow their good examples, to continue their work and to enjoy their fellowship in the glory of your kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Lord God, we love and adore you. Gazing at the splendour of a sunset, we are transported to a vision of the glory of heaven. Everything in heaven is yours. Standing on the mountain top, we are in awe of your creation spread before us. Everything on earth is yours. Hearing the sound of beautiful music, you lift us up above our cares. In your hands are all strength and comfort. Marvelling at the sight of springtime buds and blossom, you give us renewed hope. You alone are the source of new life. Lord God, we love and adore 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.

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves (07725052009)

DIARY DATES

Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th March	Easter Journey
Thurs 28 th March	Steward's Meeting
Tues 2 nd April	Leadership team meeting
Sat 6 th April 10am-4.30pm	'Walk Through the Bible' – New Testament
Sat 13 th April	Graeme Danby Concert
Sun 5 th May 11.30am	General Church Meeting
Sat 11 th May 10 – 12noon	Plant Sale
Sun 9 th June 1-5pm	Party in the Park
Thurs 20 th June	Church Council

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 18 th	Heddon	7pm	Circuit Meeting.
Tues 19 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 20 th	Westerhope	4 - 5.30pm.	Messy Church.
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm	Prayer Group.
Thurs 21 st	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat 23 rd	Heddon	9am - 12noon	Ladies breakfast. Guest speaker. Sue Perry
Tues 26 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	"The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat 30 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds
Sat 30 th	Heddon	10.30am - 1.30pm.	Church Walk. Suitable for most – approx 5 miles. Meet at church.
Sat 30 th	Lemington	10am.	Easter coffee morning with Easter Egg tombola, cakes, cards.

**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.**

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) John the Baptist., Elijah, Jeremiah. (Matthew 16:14)
2) Eliezer of Damascus (Genesis 15:2)