

## Notices for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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.*

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Robin Brooks - ‘On His Majesty’s Secret Service’ Rev Pat Brooks - Communion - ‘Don’t Count Cost’ Rev Jona Sewell - ‘The Good Gets Better’
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	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. Care and Share meeting at 37 Avondale Road ( <b>note:</b> rearranged date)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm 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 20 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers                      6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Mini Meanders led by Jennifer Hardy (see p.2)
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Jona Sewell - “Shifting Expectations - Riches, Camels and Needles” Rachel Wood Rev Tim Woolley

### CHURCH STEWARDS

(am and pm) Peter Michell, Brenda Rutter.

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:-** Rev Robin Brooks, Rev Pat Brooks and Rev Jona Sewell. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Blucher 10.45am; Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am; Rev Tim Thorpe; Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm; Peter Hindle, Cowgate 10.30am and Rev Gordon Wynne, Heddon 10.30am.

**BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES**

**10am (Bridge) : Matthew 6 : 1-4.**

**10am (Church) : Matthew 16 : 21-28, Romans 12 : 9-21.**

**6.30pm : John 2 : 1-11.**

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

1) At the wedding in Cana, Galilee, how much did each of the six stone water jars hold?

2) When you give to the needy, what instrument should you not announce it with?

You will find the answers on the back page.

**LECTIONARY**

**Exodus 14 : 19-31, Psalm 114 or Canticle : Exodus 15 : 1b-11, 20-21,  
Romans 14 : 1-12, Matthew 18 : 21-35.**

**MINI MEANDERS** Our next walk is on **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** and will be centred at **Hauxley** Wildlife Discovery Centre at the North end of Druridge Bay. The newly opened centre replaces the one that was destroyed in an arson attack. We can walk around the lake (1.25m) and then on a track or on the beach. Please bring a packed lunch but there is a café at the Discovery Centre. Please meet in our Church car park at **10am**. *Jennifer Hardy*

**HARVEST SUPPER** will be on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** at **6.30pm** followed at **8pm** by a concert with the Ponteland branch of **Rock Choir** (you may have seen them at 'Party in the Park') Don't be alarmed by the word 'Rock.' They are much more than a choir. In fact, they are the UK's most popular national contemporary choir with multi layered singing to backing music. No instruments. They offer fun uplifting music from Simon and Garfunkel to Adele and all in between. NO STATUS QUO or Radio 1 music; more a cross between Radio 2 and Smooth Radio. Tickets, priced **£7**, are available from *Angela or Andrew Pay*. Apart from sharing in Christian Fellowship, the primary aim of the Harvest Supper is to raise funds for the charities that *Care and Share* support. We really hope you will join us.

**2017/2018 CHURCH YEARBOOK** is now available. Please ask a Steward for a copy if you require one.

**FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** meet on **Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm** in the lounge. Would members please collect their agenda from the pigeon holes. *Joyce Knowles*

**CAR WASH** *Junction 42* are again this year offering to wash your car while you Worship on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** between **10 and 12noon**. All proceeds will go towards taking 80 guys and girls away for a weekend of Christian fellowship and discipling at our annual October Retreat to Whitehaugh Park Newcastleton between 6-8<sup>th</sup> October. *Gaye*

**FIONA STEWART – TEAM MCKINNON** One year has now gone by since Fiona passed away, after a very short battle with cancer. Family members decided to enter the Great North Run to raise funds for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation for cancer research. **Team McKinnon** (Fi's maiden name) - consisting of daughter **Lizzie**, son **Al**, brother-in-law **Simon**, niece **Em** with partner **Gregg**, niece **Sarah** and nephew **Jamie** – was formed. Last weekend, all Team members successfully and safely completed the course. Donations are still being gathered - via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teammckinnon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teammckinnon) - but the grand total is likely to be over **£4,000**. Fi would be so proud of all of them and it was such a fitting gesture in memory of a wonderful lady. I would like to thank all those who have taken part and all those who generously made donations to such a good cause. I would also thank so many of you for all the comfort and support you have provided over this last year. It was much appreciated. *John Stewart*

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE (1<sup>st</sup> Oct)** This year we would like to make a special effort in celebrating God's goodness in providing for us so well, as well as giving to those who have less than ourselves. The Stewards have, therefore, agreed to do their fruit, veg, and flower shopping just before the weekend and to bring these perishable items to decorate the Church and to take this produce away after the service. If any Church folk would like to do the same, it would be most appreciated and would be a sign of our thankfulness to God. Please bring these items to the Harvest Supper (30<sup>th</sup> Sept) or on Sunday morning (1<sup>st</sup> Oct) **before the service** and take them away after the morning service. We are also collecting **non-perishable** items to decorate the Church, and, after the service, these will be donated to 'Benwell Food Bank'. A suggested requirements list follows:- **Baked beans, soup, cereal, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk or fruit juice. Our current shortage includes tins of fruit, rice pudding, powdered custard, meat, fish or soup.** Please bring your offerings along on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday morning. You can also give financially if you so wish. *The Stewards (point of contact - Andrew Pay)*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** For **SEPTEMBER**, we are collecting windup torches, scarves, hats and gloves. 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*

**BIG QUESTIONS – ANY ANSWERS?** The next two events in this series for the Tyne Valley giving a Christian perspective on topical science issues are as follows:-  
**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – ‘What significance do we have in a vast universe?’** – Prof Chris Done from Durham @ St Thomas More Catholic School Blaydon NE21 4BQ  
**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – ‘Science and morality: can I blame my genes?’** – Prof Keith Fox from Southampton @ Stocksfield Community Centre NE43 7HL. Both begin at **7.30pm** with refreshments from **7pm**. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion, entry is free and all are welcome – no scientific expertise or religious faith required! Ads on board.

**CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves 07725052009**

**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

Reveal yourself to us, O God, in the fullness of your glory, that we may know you as the Creator of heaven and earth; embrace you as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and receive you as the lifegiving Spirit of purity and love. *Amen*

God of life, you enable the day to dawn and call us to imitate you. Christ, born in a stable, you are with us at our birth. Christ, who worked as a carpenter, you are with us in our work. Christ, who excluded no one, you are with us in all our friendships and dealings with people. Christ, obedient in suffering, you are with us in the testing times of our lives. Christ, victorious in the face of opposition, you give us life, hope and resurrection. *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.*

### CIRCUIT NOTICES : September

- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster in foyer.  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> **Blucher** 10– 1.30 am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat & prayer.  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> **Denton Burn** 2.30-4 pm. ‘Come+Sing’. Support for those living with dementia.  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> **Heddon** 1.30 – 3 pm. Craft and Chat.  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30 pm. Messy Church  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> **Heddon** 10-11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> **Lemington** 1.30 pm. Lemington Riverside Primary School Harvest Festival service led by **Rev Jona Sewell**.  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> **Blucher** 7 pm. Harvest Concert with UKUS (Ukulele Band) with refreshments. Tickets £4 from Jan 07722223566 or Gillian 07736069563 or via our facebook page.  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Denton Burn** 7 pm. Film Night. ‘The Light between Oceans’.  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> **Lemington** 4 pm. Harvest Tea followed by film. £4.00 per head.  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> **Blucher** 10–11.30am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat and prayer.  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> **Heddon** 10–11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> **Lemington** 10 – 11.30am. Coffee Morning with cake stall and cards.  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> **Heddon** 9am. Ladies Breakfast. £5.00 per person. Speaker: **Rev Maureen Lloyd**. Book your place by ringing **Brenda** on 598518 or **Muriel** on 854788.  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30pm. Harvest Coffee Morning.

please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.  
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**Bible Quiz Answers** :- 1) 20 to 30 Gallons (John 2:6)      2) Trumpets (Matthew 6:2)