

Notices for Sunday 18th November 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.

33rd in Ordinary Time // ‘Signs of the Kingdom’

Sun 18 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Finding our security in God’ Brian Lumsden - ‘Encouragement’ Rev Colin Barrick - ‘3 Father in Heaven’
Mon 19 th	<u>12.15pm</u> 1.30pm <u>1.00pm</u> 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 :- Soup, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Open Door Bible Study
Tues 20 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship – ‘Fitness’ with Jane Harrington Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 21 st	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 22 nd	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus - ‘Canadian Rockies’ - Alan and Pat Porrett
Fri 23 rd	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 24 th	2.00pm	Christmas Afternoon Tea at Milbourne Methodist Church.
Sun 25 th (CHRIST the KING)	10.00am 12noon 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Joint All Age Worship including Toy Service Shade Lunch – still tickets left! (see page 3) Rev Robin Brooks

CHURCH STEWARDS

- (am) Peter Michell, Angela Lisle, Pete Cowey..
(pm) Andrew Pay, Pam Varley.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Colin Barrick and Brian Lumsden. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Heddon 6pm, Rev Tim Woolley, Lemington 10.30am; Rev Colin Barrick, Heddon 10.30am, Rev Pat Brooks, Westerhope 10.30am and Rev Robin Brooks, Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Mark 13 : 1-8.

10am (Church) : Psalm 146 and 1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-11.

6.30pm : Hebrews 10 : 11-18 and Mark 13 :1-8.

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

- 1) What did Jesus describe earthquakes in various places and famines as?
- 2) What is the coming of the day of the Lord described as?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

1 Samuel 1 : 4-20, 1 Samuel 2 : 1-10, Hebrews 10 : 11-14 (15-18) 19-25, Mark 13 : 1-8

CHRISTMAS CARDS As per last year, rather than people buying and giving Christmas cards to many different members, we are encouraging folk to give one, addressed to the whole Church, instead. These will be put together on a board where everyone can see the greetings from each other. We ask that the additional money that would be spent on cards is, instead donated with all collected money going to the Methodist Charity '**Action for Children**'. This way we use less card, which is better for the environment, and support a wonderful cause in the process. Please consider joining this Christmas initiative. *Jona*

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY (3rd - 7th December) This is an event offered to the year 2 pupils at the primary schools in the town. It takes the form of a journey where the children visit various 'areas' and find out about the Christmas Story. They visit Mary's kitchen, the Shepherd's hillside, the stable and the King's palace. Through this they hear about the birth of Jesus and why he came to save us. It is interactive throughout and really engages with the children. You may have read in the Cornerstone magazine about my need for help and this is still required. I do need a small army of people to help to set it up in Church on **Mon 3rd** and to take it down on **Fri 7th**. I also need people for when the children are here to perform as puppeteers, the King and the Angel Gabriel. If anyone can offer any help, I would really appreciate it. These events are great as community outreach and only can be with the help of volunteers. If you think you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or get in touch with me directly on email at **alisonmaynard1@hotmail.com** or phone **07772 482036** Help us to Bless the children this year with the true meaning of Christmas. Many Thanks. *Alison Maynard*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR I have been asked to lead the choir again this year for the Candle-light Carol Service and rehearsals begin on **Thurs 6th Dec at 7pm** with further dates on **Wed 12th and Wed 19th Dec at 7pm**. I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean*

The ALL AGE WORSHIP ANNUAL TOY SERVICE takes place next **Sunday morning, 25th Nov.** You are invited to bring along toys or unwrapped Christmas gifts which can be donated to **Cornerstone** in Benwell. Cornerstone will use these gifts to help parents provide a happier Christmas for their children. The families in need of this support are identified by the local schools. *Peter Michell*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE We are holding a joint 'Brigades and Church Christmas Fayre' on **Saturday 8th December** from **10am to 12noon** in the Church Hall. There will be lots of stalls of Cakes, Crafts, Candles, Home Made Wine and Preserves, Plants, Tombola, Refreshments and Raffle. All proceeds go towards our Youth Brigades and Care n Share supporting the local Community. We very much hope to see you all there. *Gaye*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS We would be extremely grateful for donations of cakes and raffle prizes too, these can be brought down on the day or left with me. *Gaye*

SHADE LUNCH Tickets priced **£10** are still available for the lunch **next Sunday (25th) at 12noon.** (Please note that the date is wrong in Cornerstone – it is definitely on the Sunday!) Tickets available from *Joan Bullous (822048) or Jean Tweedie (822474)*

TRAIDCRAFT GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE WITH A NEW PIONEERING PLAN FOR ETHICAL TRADE. The Board of Traidcraft has accepted a plan for the future of the plc which will maximise the profitable parts of the business, phase out loss-making lines, create a membership culture and set a new high bar for ethical trading in the UK. The full text of this recent announcement is on the Fairtrade noticeboard in the hall. Whilst this news is encouraging, the majority of Traidcraft's staff in Gateshead will still be made redundant and many thousands of producers in developing countries will not be able to be supported by the new slimmed down version of the company. Please continue to hold the developing situation in your prayers and continue to support Traidcraft and its sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange. Despite this news from Traidcraft, we still need the enthusiasm, imagination and the commitment of a small group of people to consider PMC's status as a Fairtrade Church and to report back to Church Council at its next meeting in March. If you are able to help, please contact *Bev or Andrew*. Thank you.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE This takes place on **28th /29th November** at Chester-le-Street Methodist Church and a few spaces are left. Anyone able to take advantage of a place at this short notice, please contact *Hazel Sargeant (07792150245)*

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)*

PRAYERS

Lord, forgive us when we listen, but do not hear; when we look, but do not see; and when we feel, but do not act; and by your mercy and grace draw us into the righteous deeds of your kingdom of justice and peace; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Loving Lord, by the power of your transforming Spirit help us to see the communities we serve and those with whom we serve through your eyes. With praise in our hearts for all that is past, help us to place our trust in you for all that is still to come. On this day, help us to walk the streets and fields of our island with our hearts open to those we meet, recognising your image in each one and opening ourselves to the opportunities you place before us.

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

Sat 8 th Dec	BB/GB/Care and Share Christmas Fayre from 10am(Note new date)
Sun 9 th Dec	BB/GB Carol Service
Sun 23 rd Dec	6.30pm - Candlelight Carol Service
Mon 24 th Dec	7pm - Ecumenical Carol Service at St. Mary's
Tues 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Service 10.30am
Sun 6 th Jan	10am Covenant Service 6.30pm Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson
14 th – 20 th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 20 th	Heddon	1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Craft and Chat – topic to be confirmed
Tues 20 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 21 st	Westerhope	4 - 5.30pm. Messy Church. Topic: 'We wait for Jesus'
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	1.15 – 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.
Sat 24 th	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 24 th	Heddon	9am -12noon. Ladies Breakfast - Guest Speaker: Miriam Leighton
Sat 24 th	Lemington	10am. Christmas coffee morning. Tombola, cakes, cards, festivegoods
Sat 24 th	Blucher	3- 5pm . Messy Church
Sat 24 th	Denton Burn	7pm. Film night 'The Post'.
Tues 27 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 29 th	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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Quiz Answers:- 1) The beginning of birth-pains (Mark 13:8) 2)Like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:2)