

Notices for Sunday 19th November 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.*

33rd in Ordinary Time - Canaan to Egypt

Sun 19 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Steve Small - 'Worship' Brian Lumsden and Les Dodd - 'Encouragement' Rev Jona Sewell - 'Rethinking the Parable of the Talents'
Mon 20 th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Prayers for people, this week's activities and next Sunday's preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :- Soup, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Carpet Bowls Care and Share meeting at 37, Avondale Road SHADE meeting in the Stobert Room
Tues 21 st	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship - Brian Lumsden - 'More Stories.....' Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections Christmas Choir rehearsal in the Church
Wed 22 nd	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 23 rd	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus - 'Music, Poetry, Life and Times' – Paul Braiden Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary's Church Hall.
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 25 th	9.30am	Meanders led by Andy Anderson -finishing at Heddon Methodist Church
Sun 26 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley Rev Jona Sewell - Communion Rev Tim Woolley

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Irene Holmes, Pete Cowey.
(pm) Peter Michell, Pete Cowey.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Brian Lumsden, Les Dodd and Steve Small. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Scots Gap 10.30am; Rev Robin Brooks, Blucher 10.45am; Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and 7pm; Peter Hindle, Lemington 10.30am and Rachel Wood Westerhope 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : John 4 : 7-24.

10am (Church) : Psalm 122 (StF 831) , 1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-11.

6.30pm : Matthew 25 : 14-30.

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

- 1) What did the man who received one talent do with it?
- 2) How many husbands did Jesus say the Samaritan woman had had?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Judges 4 : 1-7, Psalm 123,
1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-11, Matthew 25 : 14-30.**

PETER HINDLE Two weeks ago, I took my last service at Ponteland and you were kind enough to give me a gift which I greatly appreciate. It has been my privilege, honour and joy to serve God and the Church for **57 years** as a preacher (50 fully accredited) in the Methodist Church in the UK and the USA and the Anglican Church in Geneva, Belgium, Istanbul and the Coquet Valley. Today, I complete my work at Lemington and I want to thank all who have openly and prayerfully supported and encouraged me in so many ways over the years. To God be the glory.
Peter Hindle

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Care and Share are organising as usual and it will take place on **Sat 9th Dec, 10am-12noon**. There will be a craft stall which proved very popular last year. If you would like to create or craft something to sell on the stall, please see Judith/Pauline We are also requesting donations of gifts suitable for the raffle (bottles welcome as long as non-alcoholic), cakes, and preserves. Cakes and perishables to be brought down on the morning or the Friday afternoon please.
Gaye

CIRCUIT CHRISTMAS PARTY The whole circuit is warmly invited to a Circuit Christmas party on **Sat 2nd Dec** to be held at Ponteland. It will start with food at **6.30pm** followed by fun and games and a short epilogue, ending at about **9pm**. Please come and bring your friends. For catering purposes please let **Ann Cooper** know if you are coming.

MORE PENS, NEW IMPROVED! Due to popular demand, they are now available at **£1** each from **Andy Anderson**. They make ideal Christmas presents! Each pen is engraved with Church name, post code and Mission Statement, so ideal way to publicise our Church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT This year, the **Lemington Male Voice Choir** will entertain us on **Sat 16th Dec** at **7pm**, tickets, priced **£7** are available from **Syd Cowan** from next Sunday

FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS On **Thursday 30th November at 7pm** there will be a meeting for anyone who has been, or who wishes to be, involved in the ongoing fruitful congregations work. This will be an opportunity for the groups to share what has been happening and think together about the future. *Jona*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR rehearsals continue on **Tues 21st Nov at 7pm**, with further dates on **Wed 29th Nov** and **Wed 13th Dec**. The Candlelight Carol Service is on **Sun 17th Dec at 6.30pm**. Just bring your voice and I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean*

HEPSCOTT Most of you know my daughter, Tess, who works with Learning Disabled Adults at Hepscoff Horticultural Skills Unit and Café. Please support their Christmas Fair on **Wed 6th Dec (11am - 2pm)**. Stalls include Christmas wreaths and table decorations. Free mince pie with every drink purchased in the café. They will be selling cut Nordmann Fir trees which you can also order on 01670 623911 (5ft **£28**, 6ft **£34**, 4-5ft **£26**). Trees can be delivered. If you need a lift or want directions, please ask me. Many thanks. *Ann Cooper*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY will be studying the story of **Esther** during its sessions on the following dates **Nov 27th, Dec 11th, Jan 8th and Jan 22nd 2pm – 3.30pm** in the lounge. Studies on the story of Esther to consider :- lifelong effects? the love of power? security? working against oneself? where is God in our lives? loyalty? standing with courage? *Chris*

LIVING CHRISTIANITY in the HOLY LAND: 5th – 19th February 2018 is a 2 week experience of Christianity in Bethlehem, Jerusalem & Galilee. Led by **Rev John Howard**, (Mission Partner Israel/Palestine) and **Rev Dr Stephen Skuce**, (Director of Scholarship, Research and Innovation, The Methodist Church.) This is very different to a traditional pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit some of the holy sites, but the emphasis is a lot more upon meeting the people and hearing of their lives. This will include doing some voluntary work. The focus is upon the Christian Community of the Holy Land – though in order to understand more of their situation we will also be meeting Muslims and Jews. See the provisional programme on the Foyer noticeboard. For further details please contact John Howard email John_d_howard@hotmail.com *Bev*

SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Sponsored by Ponteland Churches Together, the new series of studies are "A Passion to Witness" to help Christians share their faith. The remaining subjects are :- **Nov 23rd** - How should we answer questions ? **30th** - How to lead someone to Christ. **Dec 7th** - How to push the boundaries of our Church. *David Butler (823664)*

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.
A crèche is available each Sunday morning for children up to age 3.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* 07725052009

PRAYERS

Grant to us, Lord, the peace of those who have learnt to serve you, the joy of those who are glad to obey you and the delight of those who rejoice in your praise; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O God, who journeyed with Abraham, laughed with Sara, waited with Simeon, rejoiced with Anna, we thank you for those whose lives are lived in your presence and for those who come to you later. We ask your blessing on those who work with older people in church and in the community, to maintain faith and bring fresh insights. We pray for active older people that, through Spirit filled grace, they may continue to follow your call. We pray for those whose lives move towards its conclusion, that they may know your peace and behold your glory, in Jesus' name. *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

Tues 21 st	Heddon	1.30 – 3pm. Craft and Chat – Christmas Wreaths with Carol
Thurs 23 rd	Heddon	10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.
Sat 25 th	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for 'Aid work for Sri Lankan children'.
Sat 25 th	Lemington	10 - 11.30am. Christmas Coffee Morning including stalls, tombola, cakes, cards, raffles and refreshments. All welcome.
Sat 25 th	Blucher	3pm. Messy Church.

DIARY DATES : December

Sun 10 th	- 10am	- BB/GB Carol Service led by Rev Tim Woolley
Sat 16 th	- 7pm	- Care and Share Christmas Concert – Lemington Male Voice Choir
Sun 17 th	- 10am	- Bridge Christmas Service led by Rev Tim Woolley
Sun 17 th	- 6.30pm	- Candlelight Christmas Carol Service led by Rev Jona Sewell
Sun 24 th	- 6.30pm	- Holy Communion Service
Mon 25 th	- 10.30am	- Christmas Morning Service
Sun 7 th Jan	- 10am	Covenant Service
15 th - 21 st Jan	-	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sun 21 st Jan	-	Church Lunch.
Sat 24 th Mar	-	Spring Care and Share concert with Graeme Danby

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com
If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) Dug a hole and hid his masters money in the ground (Matthew 25 : 18)
2) five (John 4 : 18)