

Notices for Sunday 1st October 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.*

26th in Ordinary Time – ‘Original Blessing’

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| Sun 1st OCT | 10.00am 6.30pm | Harvest Festival and Parade Joint Service with The Bridge led by Rev Jona Sewell - "What's in HARVEST ?" Rev Jona Sewell - "A potato with potential" |
| Mon 2 nd | 1.15pm 1.30pm 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 :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. |
| Tues 3 rd | 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 4 th | 5.45pm 7.00pm 7.45pm | Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders Prayer Walk – meet outside the Church. |
| Thurs 5 th | 9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm | Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Men's Forum - talk by Rev Jona Sewell. Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary's Church Hall. |
| Fri 6 th | 7.30pm | Carpet Bowls |
| Sun 8th | 10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm | The Bridge – Rev Tim Woolley – ‘Comfortably Numb?’ Alan Golphin Rev Tim Woolley - Communion |

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Andrew Pay, Peter Michell.
 (pm) Angela Lisle, Andrew Pay.

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

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Psalm 24 : 1-2, Luke 12 : 22-31.

6.30pm : Exodus 3 : 1-12.

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

- 1) Who was described as not dressed like a lily?
- 2) What did God ask Moses to take off while he was tending his flock by the burning bush? You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Exodus 17 : 1-7, Psalm 78 : 1-4, 12-16,
Philippians 2 : 1-13, Matthew 21 : 23-32.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD For **OCTOBER**, we are collecting *sweets*. You can pass them on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. A day will be set aside later in October to assemble all the items collected throughout the year. If anyone would like to sponsor a box, can they let us know. If you prefer, you can still assemble your own shoebox. *Elizabeth and Angela*

FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION - Still Reforming? It's 500 years since the Reformation – what can the Church learn from it today? Brunswick Methodist Church are hosting this event on **Sat 21st October**, from **2 pm to 5.15 pm**. Speakers at this ecumenical event include John Derry, Colin Carr and Thomas Jantzen. All are welcome. *Ann Cooper*

FAIRTRADE The new Traidcraft catalogues have arrived and are available in the Foyer. Please take one away and browse through the exciting new range of clothes, gifts, food and Christmas cards. Orders to be placed by **Sunday 29th October** please. *Bev*

BIG QUESTIONS – ANY ANSWERS? The next event in this series for the Tyne Valley giving a Christian perspective on topical science issues is on **Wednesday 11th October** – **'Are natural disasters Acts of God?'** – Prof. Bob White FRS (Cambridge) The venue is **Ponteland High School**. It begins 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! For details, see the advert on the Church notice board.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN There is a Network Retreat at The Passionists Monastery, Minsteracres on **3rd 4th and 5th October** led by our Chair of the District, **Rev Stephen Lindridge**. Details from Mrs Margaret Aughton, Brunswick Ch. (0191 2855770)

PONTELAND BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP invite you to their **AUTUMN LUNCH** on **Thursday 19th October**, 12noon at The United Reformed Church, Broadway. Tickets, priced **£8**, are available from **Val Michell, Judith Orton or Angela Lisle**.

DARLINGTON MWiB invite friends from Newcastle District to their President's Induction Day on **Thurs 12th Oct** at Stokesley Methodist Church. The induction service is at 11am led by Rev Ruth Gee and the afternoon service is at 2pm where the speaker is President June Anderson. Coffee is available from 10am and lunch and drinks are provided for guests. Please let Helen Weighell know if you are attending. Alan.helen@tesco.net

SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP resumes this week on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm In St. Mary's Church Hall. Sponsored by **Ponteland Churches Together**, the new series of 9 studies are "**A Passion to Witness**" to help Christians share their faith.

Oct 5th - What is the gospel ?

Oct 12th - Why should we share it ?

Oct 19th - Why don't we share it ?

Oct 26th - How to pray when sharing it ?

Nov 2nd - How to tell my story.

Nov 9th - Using the Bible to share the gospel.

Nov 16th - How should we answer questions ?

Nov 23rd - How to lead someone to Christ.

Nov 30th - How to push the boundaries of our Church.

We look forward to seeing you there where 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

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday.

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)

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

CHURCH CARETAKER : **Marianne Groves** 07725052009

PRAYERS

Grant us, O God, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your path may not stumble; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord Jesus, your way spreads like a labyrinth before my sight. Today, your Spirit may lead me to the outer edge where I shall feel far from your presence; or I may be drawn towards the centre where I shall sense you tantalisingly near. Thank you that I am never led to a dead end. Help me to trust that your path will unfailingly lead me home where I shall find both my end and my beginning in the Creator's love. **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

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| Thurs 19 th Oct | 7.30pm | ENGAGE Event at Blucher. |
| Sun 12 th Nov | | Remembrance Sunday |
| Sun 3 rd Dec | | 1 st Sunday of Advent |

CIRCUIT NOTICES : October

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| Thurs 5 th | Heddon | 10 -11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa. |
| Thurs 5 th | Westerhope | 7 pm. Meeting of District Circuit Tutors. |
| Fri 6 th | Heddon | 7 pm . Film Night – ‘Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close’. |
| Sat 7 th | Heddon | 10 am. Circuit Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Speaker: Rev Robin Brooks. For further details please contact John Banks (07890190750). |
| Sat 7 th | Heddon | 11am-4pm. Photography Group Exhibition. Pop in and see our displays. There'll also be someone on hand to give hints and tips on photography. |
| Tues 10 th | Westerhope | 7.30 am. Weekday Praise. Speaker – Mrs. Barbara Lanyon |
| Thur 12 th | Heddon | 10-11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa. |
| Thurs 12 th | Heddon | 7 – 9 pm. Photography Group (all levels welcome). |
| Fri 13 th | Stamfordham | 12 – 1 pm. Soup and Pud lunch. All welcome. |
| Fri 13 th | Westerhope | 7.30-9.30 pm. Preachers' Explore Evening. See ad on notice board. |
| Sat 14 th | Denton Burn | 10 am. Coffee Morning for Shoebox appeal. |
| Sat 14 th | Denton Burn | 4 pm. Messy Church. |
| Sat 14 th | Lemington | 10 – 12.00 noon. Craft and Chat. All welcome. |
| Sat 14 th | Westerhope | 10 – 11.30 am. Wesley Guild Coffee Morning. |
| Sun 15 th | Heddon | 6 pm. The Living Room – Alternative Worship. |
| Tues 17 th | Heddon | 1.30 – 3 pm. Craft and Chat – Book art with Jill |
| Wed 18 th | Westerhope | 4 – 5.30 p.m. Messy Church. Topic: Noah |
| Thurs 19 th | Blucher | 7 pm. Circuit Event with Rev Tim Woolley. |
| Thurs 19 th | Heddon | 10 – 11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa. |
| Sat 21 st | Denton Burn | 7 pm. Film Night – ‘Sing Street’. |

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive, NE20 9BL
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) Solomon (Luke 12:27) 2) Sandals (Exodus 3 : 5)