

Notices for Sunday 22nd 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.*

29th in Ordinary Time – ‘One Eternal Sacrifice’

Sun 22 nd	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley - ‘When generosity gets extravagant’ Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - ‘2 very small copper coins’ Rev Tim Woolley - ‘When hospitality gets radical’
Mon 23 rd	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 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. Open Door Bible Study : ‘Faith, Hope, Love & Everything Inbetween’
Tues 24 th	2.30pm	Women’s Fellowship led by Geoff Orrock – ‘Walk on the Wild Side’ NO BRIGADES OR TODDLERS THIS WEEK DUE HALF TERM
Wed 25 th	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home led by the Stewards. (see p3)
Thurs 26 th	1.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bill Draper led by Rev Tim Thorpe Women’s Focus - Impressions of Autumn in Canada - Alan/Pat Porrett Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary’s Church Hall.
Fri 27 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 28 th	9.30am 10.00am	Meanders led by Chris and David Cogan (Mitford Area) Mini Meander (Blagdon Estate) (see p3) CLOCKS GO BACK TO GMT TONIGHT
Sun 29 th (Bible Sunday)	10.00am 10.00am 12 noon 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell ‘Risk averse or God’s entrepreneurs?’ Geoff Orrock Shared Lunch in the Church Hall Rev Juliet Wriglesworth - United Ecumenical Bible Sunday Service

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Peter Michell, Brenda Rutter, Pete Cowey.
(pm) Pete Cowey, Angela Lisle.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Woolley and Rev Jona Sewell.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere :-

Rachel Wood, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rosemary Gray**, Westerhope 10.30am and **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : 1 Kings 17 : 7-16.

10am (Church) : Mark 12 : 41-44.

6.30pm : Genesis 18 : 1-8, Matthew 22 : 1-14.

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

- 1) What animals had been slaughtered for the wedding banquet?
- 2) What did Abraham ask Sarah to get to bake bread?

You will find the answers on the back page. (*Note – Editor's been watching bake off!*)

LECTIONARY

Exodus 33 : 12-23, Psalm 99,
1 Thessalonians 1 : 1-10, Matthew 22 : 15-22.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY We complete our final study on Faith, Hope and Love and Everything Inbetween on Monday(23rd) stating at 2pm. We start a new study on **Esther** on Mon 13th Nov, continuing on 27th Nov & 11th Dec. and would welcome new participants. Each study stands alone. Do feel free to come along for a taster. *Chris Cogan/ Rosemary G*

FRUITFUL CHURCHES SKILLS AUDIT: A questionnaire has been created to collect the skills of members of our congregation, to allow us to share jobs within the church family and help us to let the love of Christ be known and grown within the community. Can you please take time to fill in this questionnaire, thinking prayerfully about the skills you have to offer Ponteland Methodist Church. Please tick both the skills you are willing to offer **and** those you already offer. We will accept as much or as little as you can offer and when you can offer it. Preferably, please use the online questionnaire found online at <http://ponteland-methodist-church.org.uk/skillsaudit.html>. Alternatively, a small number of paper copies will be available if you are unable to use the online version. Thank you,
Irene, Judith & Andrew Gonnet.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR Jona has asked me to lead our choir again this year and I have accepted. We are looking for volunteer singers to attend rehearsal dates on **Tues 14th** , **Tues 21st** , **Wed 29th Nov** and **Wed 13th Dec**. The Candlelight Carol Service is on **Sun 17th Dec** at **6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean Thompson*

BIBLE SOCIETY Autumn Lunch was a great success – an excellent meal was shared by all! It raised **£1108** which I'm sure you will agree is very good indeed. *Val/Judith/Angela*

GRANGE LEA We are maintaining our links with this popular rest home and our Stewards are leading a service there on **Wed 25th at 2.30pm**. If you would like to attend, please feel free to go along, but please let one of us know. *Angela and Andrew*

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*

SHADE UK The annual SHADE lunch will take place this year on a **SATURDAY, 11th November at 12 noon**. Tickets cost **£10** for Adults, **£5** for Under 12's. Tickets are available from *Joan Bullous (822048) or Jean Tweedie (822474)*.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL
For OCTOBER, we are collecting sweets. You can pass them on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. We would just like to remind everyone that the last date for shoebox gifts or donations is **Fri 27th October**. If you would like to sponsor a shoebox, the suggested amount this year is **£5** and you can also pay online where they give you a barcode to print out. For those people who are packing their own shoeboxes, the Dedication Service will be on **Sunday 5th Nov** at 10am. Thank you for all your support. *Elizabeth and Angela*

MINI MEANDER Please join us on our next 'mini' -**Sat 28th October** – from the Cheese Farm on the Blagdon Estate. We will be walking on tracks through the estate (3-4 miles). At the end of the walk, we can have refreshments in the cheese farm café. Meet in our Chapel car park at 10am. Any enquiries please contact *Jennifer Hardy or Rosemary Gray*

THE BRIDGE We are planning a shared lunch after the service on **Sun 29th Oct, 12noon**. Everyone is welcome to come to the lunch, no matter what their age, or which service they go to! Although the Bridge is organising it, we want everyone to know they are welcome. Please do come along and bring a contribution to lunch – savoury, sweet or drinks. If you have family or friends who would like to come to lunch but not the service, please feel free to bring them along. We will confirm details nearer the time.

ECG: Day Conference, including youth and children's work, is on **Sat 4th Nov 10-4pm** at Chester-Le-Street Methodist Church, speak to *Steve Small* for more details. *Caroline*

FAIRTRADE A reminder that orders are to be placed by next Sun 29th October. *Bev*

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.

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 :-
Oct 26th - How to pray when sharing it ? **Nov 2nd** - How to tell my story.
9th - Using the Bible to share the gospel. **16th** - How should we answer questions ?
23rd - How to lead someone to Christ. **30th** - How to push the boundaries of our Church.

PRAYERS

Shine upon us, O Lord, with the light that surpasses all other light. Cleanse us with the fire that consumes all other fires and fill us with the love that transforms all other loves; for your own name's sake. *Amen*

Jesus, at my awakening, breathe new life into me. Jesus, in my growth, protect and guide me. Jesus, in my maturing, grant me wisdom and peace. Jesus, in my decline, offer comfort and hope. Jesus, in my passing, carry me home to eternal rest. *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

Mon 30th Oct – Steward's Meeting at 42 Ridgely Drive
Thurs 9th Nov – Joint Forum/Focus Meeting- 'Wild and Wicked Women of the North East'
Sat 11th Nov – SHADE LUNCH Sat 11th Sun 12th Nov – GB Sleepover in Church Hall
Sun 12th Nov – Remembrance Sunday Mon 13th Nov – Care and Share Meeting
Sat 2nd Dec – Rotary Christmas Fayre – Merton Hall
Sat 9th Dec – Care and Share Christmas Fayre
Sun 10th Dec – BB/GB Carol Service led by Rev Tim Woolley
Sat 16th Dec – Care and Share Christmas Concert – Lemington Male Voice Choir
Sun 17th Dec – Candlelight Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm led by Rev Jona Sewell
Sun 24th Dec – Holy Communion Service 6.30pm (St Mary's are having their own service)
Mon 25th Dec – Christmas Morning Service **10.30am**
15th – 21st Jan 2015 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sun 21st Jan - Church Lunch.
Sat 24th Mar – Spring Care and Share concert with Graeme Danby

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Thurs 26th **Heddon** 10 – 11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa
Sat 28th **Blucher** 2pm. Early Christmas Fayre opened by Mrs. Kay Thorpe.
Cakes, breads and home produce stalls plus raffles etc.
Sat 28th **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 28th **Lemington** 10–11.30am. Ladies Weekend. Coffee Morning with tombola, cakes and cards for sale.

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) Oxen and fattened cattle (Matthew 22:4) 2) 3 seahs of fine flour (Genesis 18:6)