

## Notices for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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.*

#### 25th in Ordinary Time // Vocation and Ministry

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am 10.00am  6.30pm	<b>The Bridge – Steve Small - ”Can My Church Grow?”.</b> <b>Rev John Howard – ‘Where I have just come from’, ‘Tent of Nations’ And ‘Praying together’</b> <b>Rev John Howard – ‘Change the World, for Christ’</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	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 - the ' <b>I am</b> ' sayings of Jesus.
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm  6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship - Flood Wardens - Colin Hall, introduced by Andy Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections Pastoral Committee meeting in the Church
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers                      6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus - ‘Ladies who laugh’ – Helene Dolder
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Culture Kitchen at St Mary’s Church (see P.3)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	<b>The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley – Communion</b> <b>Estwar Sanichar</b> <b>Rev Jona Sewell</b>

## CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pam Varley, Pete Cowey, Angela Lisle  
(pm) Peter Michell, Angela Lisle

### PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev John Howard and Steve Small.

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

**Rev Jona Sewell**, Stamfordham 10am; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Scots Gap 10.30am;

**Rev Tim Woolley**, Westerhope 10.30am and Denton Burn 7pm and

**Rev Colin Barrick**, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

### BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**10am (Bridge) : Mark 7 : 1-8.**

**10am (Church) : Micah 6 : 6-8, Luke 4 : 16-21.**

**6.30pm : Amos 8 : 4-7, John 17 : 20-26.**

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

1) What do the Pharisees and the Jews do before they eat?

2) The Lord has sworn by the pride of...who?

You will find the answers on the back page.

## LECTIONARY

**Proverbs 31 : 10-31, Psalm 1, James 3 : 13 > 4 : 3, 7-8a, Mark 9 : 30-37.**

**HARVEST LUNCH** This year, we are holding a meal after the Harvest Sunday Parade Service at **12noon on the 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Tickets priced **£7** (children under 11 free) are still available but not many are left! Please see Angela or Pam today if you haven't got yours so you can secure your seat at the table. It would also really help for catering purposes.

**PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING** Please could all pastoral visitors note that the meeting of the Pastoral Committee on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** will commence at the earlier time of **7pm**, with a speaker from **Tyneside & Northumberland Mind**, followed by a short business session. Thanks, *Bev*.

### BASSENFELL MANOR CHRISTIAN CENTRE Fri 25th – Sun 27th January 2019

I am now taking bookings for this weekend where our speaker will be **Rev Jona Sewell**.

The cost of the weekend is as follows: Adults **£105** and Children **£40** (5-16 years inc) and under 5 years, free. If you would like to go on the weekend, please let me have a non-returnable deposit of **£50** per adult and **£20** per child, together with a cheque dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for the balance (Adult £55 pp, Child £20 pp) ASAP and no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September. (Cheques payable to C J Dent). It would also be a great help if you could let me know if you are unable to go this year. Kind regards *Carol Dent*

**TRAIDCRAFT** It has been announced that Traidcraft PLC is to cease trading at the end of the year. This difficult decision has been made whilst Traidcraft PLC's assets remain considerably greater than its liabilities. The firm is not bankrupt and there is no reason to doubt its commitment to meet current orders. After discussion with Jona and Peter Michell, it has been agreed that we should proceed with the usual invitation to buy products from the Autumn catalogue. These are available in the church foyer. Please use this opportunity to show your support for Traidcraft PLC. Please hold in your prayers the 70 people facing redundancy at the Gateshead HQ, all those Fairtraders who have supported Traidcraft's work over nearly 40 years, but especially the thousands of people in developing countries whose lives have been transformed by Traidcraft, but who now face an uncertain future. The full text of the announcement is on the Fairtrade board in the hall for folks to read if desired. *Bev*

**CULTURE KITCHEN** in the community foods from around the world. This will be held at **St Mary's Church on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Sept from 12.30 to 2.30pm**. Tickets are free with donations welcome. Please add your name to the list in the foyer or tell *Pauline Groves*

**MEET REV JOHN HOWARD** John, who was minister at Ponteland and circuit superintendent from 1998 to 2005, has spent the last two years as the Methodist Church's mission partner in Israel/Palestine. Today, he will be preaching at both services, including reflections on his time in the Holy Land. After the morning service, at **11:30am**, there will be a more informal opportunity, over tea and coffee, to discuss with John the challenges and hopes for the Middle East.

In the prayers of Intercession, John will be using a brief song in Arabic, English and Hebrew. Here are the words :-

1. Ya rabba ssalami amter alayna ssalam, Ya rabba ssalami amter im la'qulubana salam.
2. God of peace in your wisdom, give us the will to seek peace;  
God of peace and of healing, fill with your peace every heart!
3. Ho adon Sar-Shalom, ta belibenu shalom; Ho radon Sar-Shalom, ten be'artsenu shalom.

**FOOD BANK** The Food Bank truly appreciate and admire our continued weekly support with very generous donations! Thank you so much! *Brian*

**'SEARCHLIGHT'** resumes in St Mary's Parish Centre (Church Hall) in October

**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**

To you, O God most high, we lift our hearts and to you we give our praise. To you we confess our sins and to you we come for pardon. To you we pray for others and to you we come for grace. To you we render our thanks and to you we ascribe all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

**Lord**, be our focus. When transformation of this world is far from linear, let us be patient. Where the troubles of today appear to be greater than those of yesterday, help us to pray. When the voice of your love is muffled by our selfish ways, may we repent. Lord, lead us. When the chance to do what is best for your kingdom is before us, come Holy Spirit. When making tough decisions is even harder than we imagined, give us courage. When the future looks so different from the present, increase our faith. Lord, bless us. When we worship you, may we be your blessing to others. Where we live and dwell, may we act kindly to all. When our race is run, may others give you thanks. (*Stephen Lindridge*) *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.

**CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves ( 07725052009)**

**DIARY DATES**

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	October	Harvest Festival Parade Service and Harvest Lunch at 12noon
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	October	Church Council 7.30pm
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	October	Circuit ‘Engage’ event at Stamfordham, 6pm
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	October	Ecumenical Bible Society service led by Ann Cooper, 6.30pm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	November	Joint Service for Remembrance Sunday, 10am Joint Remembrance Service at St. Mary’s, 7pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	November	Toy Service 10am Shade Lunch
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	December	BB/GB Carol Service

**CIRCUIT NOTICES**

Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	7pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship & fellowship.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	1.15pm.	Lemington Riverside School Harvest Festival at church
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blucher</b>	3 - 5pm.	Messy Church.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	9am - 12noon	Ladies Breakfast. Speaker: Joan Histon.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	4pm.	Harvest tea followed by film ‘The Shack’

**Note:** There are no soup lunches at **Stamfordham** during October.

**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) They give their hands a ceremonial washing (Mark 7:3)  
 2) Jacob (Amos 8:7)