

Notices for Sunday 24th March 2019

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.*

3rd in Lent // Law and Gospel

Sun 24th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Joint service - 'Worshipping as one' followed by Communion. Rev Tim Woolley - 'A Call to Repent'
Mon 25 th	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 Open Door Bible Study – 'Living with the unexplained' (Open Door is 'closed' this week due to 'The Easter Journey')
Tues 26 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 27 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 28 th	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus - 'Curiosities of Cresswell' - Barry Mead. Steward's Meeting at Pam Varleys.
Fri 29 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 30 th	9.30am	Meanders led by John Angel
Sun 31st (Mothering Sunday)	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - David Forrester Rev Colin Barrick Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

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

(pm) Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.

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

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Robin Brooks**, Lemington 10.30am, **Rev Pat Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am, **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Jona Sewell**, Westerhope 6pm; **Rev Maureen Lloyd**, Westerhope 10.30am and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Ephesians 4 : 1-6, 11-13.

6.30pm : Isaiah 55 : 1-9, Luke 13 : 1-9.

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

- 1) How many men died when the tower of Siloam fell on them?
- 2) What do you buy with out money or cost?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Isaiah 55 : 1-9, Psalm 63 : 1-8, 1 Corinthians 10 : 1-13, Luke 13 : 1-9.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES are running weekly, as we lead up to Easter. We are always pleased to share these with our friends from the other Churches. They run on Monday afternoons 2- 3.30pm **except the 1st April which is 3 - 4.30pm** - the other session is at the home of the 'Mundays', 60, Woodside from 7.30pm. also Mondays.

Each study stands alone. This year, we plan to study "**Not a Tame Lion**", a Lent course based on the writings of CS Lewis, by Hilary Brand. Each study stands alone. We would welcome anyone to share with us. Each study stands alone. All are welcome.

Study 3, on **25th March is - Living with the unexplained**

Study 4, on **1st April is - Living with what we've been given (3pm start)**

Study 5, on **8th April is - Living with absence.**

Do come along! *Chris C*

PRAYING IN LENT During Lent there will be an extra weekly prayer gathering on Thursdays (**March 28 & April 4, 11, 18**) between **4:30 – 5pm** in the Church. This prayer time will be to pray specifically together in unity for our Church and community, especially for God's leading and our listening in all that we do. The prayer times will include quiet, images, words and music. Please come along if you can or pray at home if you can't! The Church that prays together grows together. *Jona*

SPRING CONCERT with **Graeme Danby** is on **Saturday 13th April at 7pm.**

Tickets, priced **£7**, are available form *Syd Cowan*. (Children under 14 are free)

CHURCH STEWARDS One of the agenda items at the forthcoming Church AGM in May is the appointment of Church Stewards. If you would like to prayerfully consider taking on this important role, please speak to Angela or Andrew for more information.

Angela

DOMUS Bible Study is not taking place this week. It returns on **April 9th.**

John Gill

BRIAN DAVIS was called to Higher Service last Sunday. His funeral will take place on **Monday April 1st at 12:30pm** here at Ponteland Methodist Church followed by a private cremation at 2pm. There will also be refreshments in the Church hall afterwards.
Open Door will be closed

Jona

FOUNDATION and REFRESHER MODULES of 'CREATING A SAFER SPACE' .
A Foundation Module of the Creating a Safer Space safeguarding training will be run at **Westerhope on Tuesday 9th April** starting at **10 am**. A Refresher Module will be run at **Denton Burn** on the same day starting at **1:30 pm**. Both are expected to take about 2 hours. This is mandatory training (needs to be done every 4 years) for Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards and workers with children or vulnerable adults. First time attendees should attend the Foundation Module and those who are renewing their training should attend the Refresher Module. Please book places with Hazel Sargeant (07792 150245 or newcastle.west.methodist@gmail.com)
Thanks,

Peter Michell

MEN's FORUM have arranged a visit to **Beamish** on **Thurs April 11th** . I need the numbers proposing to visit ASAP. The visit is in 3 parts comprising a talk on the massive new development reflecting life in the 1950's; a visit to the resource centre where all artifacts not on display are stored; and a visit to the museum itself. Please bring £5 to cover costs. My contact details are Tel01661 820211 or meadowfield.29@gmail.com *Alan Scott*

CHURCHES TOGETHER : EASTER and CHRISTMAS CARDS New people are needed to help with distribution of a few Easter and Christmas cards in the following areas. Cecil Court, Grenville Court, Milbourne, Queensway, Edgehill - 51 to Greenacres, Cheviot View- 45 to the Nursery, Darras Road -31-65 & 24-50, Linden Way- 1-21 & 2 -14
If you can help, I would be extremely grateful.

Rosemary Rhodes (Tel.825139)

BOB AND PAULINE SWIFT are my parents and would like to thank everyone for their kindness in sending cards, flowers and soup, as well as the welcome visits from members of the congregation that we have been receiving, during Pauline's ongoing illness. It is always a boost to hear from people and to be reminded that we are in your thoughts and prayers.
Kind regards,

Claire Chetcuti

REQUEST FOR FOLDING BED Does anyone have a folding bed that is surplus to requirements? An African Mum, and 2 children, who have recently come to the Hubub Drop In at West Road Baptist Church, only have 2 beds. Dave and I could transport a folding bed to this needy family. We are always grateful for the ongoing interest and support we get from our church friends. *Chris Cogan* - Tel: 0191 2712637 / 07594472150

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

Grant to those who seek you, O Lord, the gift of your kingdom, the comfort of your grace and the vision of your glory; for your own name's sake. *Amen*

Lord Jesus, you call each one of us to follow you, to be your disciples and to make disciples. You enable us to live out that discipleship as we seek to transform the lives of those whom we meet and the communities to which we belong. You inspire us to be agents of change and to seize the moment to proclaim your love and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. You challenge us to live every day for you. May we be open to new ways and strengthened through your power. *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

Thurs 28 th March		Steward's Meeting
Tues 2 nd April		Leadership team meeting
Sat 6 th April	10am-4.30pm	'Walk Through the Bible' – New Testament
Tues 9 th April		Creating a Safer Space training (see page 3)
Sat 13 th April		Graeme Danby Concert
Sun 5 th May	11.30am	General Church Meeting
Sat 11 th May	10 – 12noon	Plant Sale
Sun 9 th June	1-5pm	Party in the Park
Thurs 20 th June		Church Council

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 26 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	"The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 28 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat 30 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds
Sat 30 th	Heddon	10.30am - 1.30pm.	Church Walk. Suitable for most – approx 5 miles. Meet at church.
Sat 30 th	Lemington	10am.	Easter coffee morning with Easter Egg tombola, cakes, cards.

**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.**