

Notices for Sunday 24th September 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.*

Sun 24 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Shifting Expectations – Riches, Camels and Needles’ Rachel Wood. Rev Tim Woolley – ‘Amazing Grace!’
Mon 25 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All are 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 and Love and all inbetween’ Finance and Property Meeting in the Lounge.
Tues 26 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship – Dedication Service led by Rev Jona Sewell 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 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus – ‘Laughter is the Best Medicine’ – Alan Wilmott
Fri 29 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 30 th	9.30am 6.30pm	Meanders led by John Angel Harvest Supper followed at 8pm by Rock Choir.
Sun 1 st Oct	10.00am 6.30pm	Joint Service - Rev Jona Sewell – Harvest Festival and Parade. Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Irene Holmes, Angela Lisle.

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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Tim Woolley and Rachel Wood. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Milbourne 6.30pm; Rev Tim Woolley, Lemington 10.30am; Rev Pat Brooks, Westerhope 10.30am; Rosemary Gray Heddon 10.30am and Rev Tim Thorpe, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Mark 10 : 17-31.

10am (Church) : Matthew 20 : 1-16, Philippians 1 : 21-30.

6.30pm : Jeremiah 4 : 11-12 + 22-28, Luke 15 : 1-10, 1 Timothy 1 : 12-17.

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

- 1) In the Parable of the Lost Sheep, how many sheep did Jesus quote as one of you having?
- 2) What currency were the vineyard workers paid in?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Exodus 16 : 2-15, Psalm 105 : 1-6, 37-45,

Philippians 1 : 21-30, Matthew 20 : 1-16.

HARVEST SUPPER will be **next Sat 30th** at **6.30pm** followed at **8pm** by a concert with the Ponteland branch of Rock Choir (you may have seen them at 'Party in the Park') Don't be alarmed by the word 'Rock.' They are much more than a choir. In fact, they are the UK's most popular national contemporary choir with multi layered singing to backing music. **No** instruments. They offer fun uplifting music from Simon and Garfunkel to Adele and all in between. **NO STATUS QUO** or Radio 1 music; more a cross between Radio 2 and Smooth Radio. Tickets, priced **£7**, are available from Angela Lisle. Apart from sharing in Christian Fellowship, the primary aim of the Harvest Supper is to raise funds for the charities that Care and Share support. We really hope you will join us. *Angela*

NEW 2017/2018 CHURCH YEARBOOK is now available. (Orange cover, A5 format only) Please ask a Steward for a copy if you require one. *Angela/Andrew*

CAR WASH *Junction 42* are again this year offering to wash your car while you Worship **TODAY** between **10am and 12noon. (£5)** All proceeds will go towards taking 80 guys and girls away for a weekend of Christian fellowship and discipling at our annual October Retreat to Whitehaugh Park, Newcastleton between 6-8th October. *Gaye*

FAIRTRADE The new **Traidcraft** catalogues have arrived and are available in the Foyer. Please take 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*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE (1st Oct) This year we would like to make a special effort in celebrating God's goodness in providing for us so well, as well as giving to those who have less than ourselves. The Stewards have, therefore, agreed to do their fruit, veg, and flower shopping just before the weekend and to bring these perishable items to decorate the Church and to take this produce away after the service. If any Church folk would like to do the same, it would be most appreciated and would be a sign of our thankfulness to God. Please bring these items to the **Harvest Supper** (30th Sept) or on **Sunday morning** (1st Oct) before the service and take them away after the morning service.

We are also collecting non-perishable items to decorate the Church, and, after the service, these will be donated to 'Benwell Food Bank'. A suggested requirements list follows:- **Baked beans, soup, cereal, tinned tomatoes or vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk or fruit juice.** Our current shortage includes **tins of fruit, rice pudding, powdered custard, meat, fish or soup.** Please bring your offerings along on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday morning. You can also give financially if you so wish.

The Stewards (point of contact - Andrew Pay)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD For SEPTEMBER, we are collecting **windup torches, scarves, hats and gloves.** You can pass on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. A day will be set aside in the Autumn to assemble all the items collected throughout the year. If you prefer, you can still assemble your own shoebox. *Elizabeth and Angela*

BIG QUESTIONS – ANY ANSWERS? The next two events in this series for the Tyne Valley giving a Christian perspective on topical science issues are as follows:-

Thurs 28th Sept – ‘Science and morality: can I blame my genes?’ – Prof Keith Fox from Southampton @ **Stocksfield Community Centre NE43 7HL.**

Wed 11th Oct – ‘Are natural disasters Acts of God?’ – Prof. Bob White FRS (Cambridge) @ **Ponteland High School.** Both begin 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! Advert on 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)

SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP resumes next month 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 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.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* 07725052009

PRAYERS

All creation blesses you, O Lord. Exiles offer you worship. Pilgrims hallow your name. Saints adore you. Humanity offers its praise. And we your servants lift our hearts and voices to you in joy and thanksgiving. *Amen*

Gracious God, you are almighty and greater than anything we can imagine, and yet you are a friend and closer to us than every breath we take. You are forever generous and there are no boundaries to your love. In a world that is forever changing, you remain constant. Help us to remain firm in you. As your people, may we seek to build each other up. May walking together strengthen our pilgrimage, trusting in Christ's name, and by the power of the Spirit. *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 Sept/Oct

Tues 26th **Blucher** 10–11.30 am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat and prayer.

Thurs 28th **Heddon** 10–11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.

Sat 30th **Lemington** 10 – 11.30 am. Coffee Morning with cake stall and cards.

Sat 30th **Heddon** 9 am. Ladies Breakfast. £5.00 per person. Speaker: Rev Maureen Lloyd. Book your place by ringing Brenda on 598518 or Muriel on 854788.

Sat 30th **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30 pm. Harvest Coffee Morning.

Sat 30th **Blucher** 3 – 4.30 pm. Messy Church

Sat 30th **Denton Burn** 4 pm. Harvest Tea and entertainment.

Thurs 5th **Heddon** 10 -11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.

Thurs 5th **Westerhope** 7 pm. Meeting of District Circuit Tutors.

Fri 6th **Heddon** 7 pm . Film Night – ‘Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close’.

Sat 7th **Heddon** 10 am. Circuit Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Speaker: Rev Robin Brooks. For further details please contact John Banks (07890190750).

Sat 7th **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.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com

Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) 100 (Luke 15 : 4) 2) Denarius Matthew 20 : 9, 10, 13)