

Notices for Sunday 25th November 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.*

Week before Advent // Dedicated to the Lord // Christ the King

Sun 25 th	10.00am 12noon 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Joint All Age Worship and Toy Service SHADE Lunch in the Church Hall Rev Robin Brooks - 'The Kingdom of God'
Mon 26 th	12.15pm 1.30pm 1.00pm 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 - ' I Am the Way ' to be led by Rev Jona Sewell
Tues 27 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill's, - 10 Darras Rd. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections Leadership Team meeting
Wed 28 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 29 th	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
Fri 30 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 1 st DEC	9.30am	Meander led by Andy Anderson followed by refreshments in the foyer.
Sun 2 nd ADVENT 1	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Steve Small David Forrester Rev Jona Sewell - Communion

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Andrew Pay, Peter Michell.

(pm) Angela Lisle, Brenda Rutter

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Robin Brooks.

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

Rev Robin Brooks, Westerhope 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Luke 4 : 16-21.

6.30pm : Daniel 7 : 9-10, 13-14. Revelation 1 : 4b-8, John 18 : 33-38.

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

- 1) When the Ancient of Days took his seat, what was white like wool?
- 2) What was handed to Jesus when he stood up to read in the synagogue?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

2 Samuel 23 : 1-7, Psalm 132 : 1-12 (13-18), Revelation 1 : 4b-8, John 18 : 33-37.

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY This is an event offered to the year 2 pupils at the primary schools in the town. It takes the form of a journey where the children visit various 'areas' and find out about the Christmas Story. They visit Mary's kitchen, the shepherd's hillside, the stable and the Kings palace. Through this they hear about the birth of Jesus and why he came to save us. It is interactive throughout and really engages with the children.

For those who have very kindly volunteered to help with the Christmas Journey, these are the times we are meeting at for the different sessions in December:- **Mon 3rd - 10am**, begin setting up. **Tues 4th - meet at 1pm** for those puppeteers and actors and chaperones. **Thurs 6th - meet at 10am** for the morning session and then again at **1pm** for the afternoon session. **Fri 7th - 10am** for the taking down of the set. Many thanks for your support and help - it's very much appreciated.

Alison Maynard

WESTEND FOOD BANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL The West End Food Bank's website tells us that Christmas is the time of year when they struggle the most to supply demand. They have launched an appeal to raise **£50k** by Christmas and have asked for extra food donations. We are, therefore, putting a money donation box next to the green Food Bank bin to accept donations during December. We are also asking everyone to bring something for the food bank every week during December. Please help those who are less fortunate than us, especially at this time of year.

Andrew Pay and Brian Davis

FAIRTRADE CHURCH In the light of the recent changes announced by Traidcraft plc, there will be a meeting at church on **Wed 5th December at 7pm** for anyone interested in discussing ways to continue and to develop our Fairtrade Church status. Please let **Bev** or **Andrew** know if you hope to attend. Thank you for your support.

Bev

CHRISTMAS CHOIR I have been asked to lead the choir again this year for the Candle-light Carol Service and rehearsals begin on **Thurs 6th Dec at 7pm** with further dates on **Wed 12th and Wed 19th Dec at 7pm**. I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals.

Jean

CHRISTMAS CARDS As per last year, rather than people buying and giving Christmas cards to many different members, we are encouraging folk to give one, addressed to the whole Church, instead. These will be put together on a board where everyone can see the greetings from each other. We ask that the additional money that would be spent on cards is, instead donated with all collected money going to the Methodist Charity 'Action for Children'. This way we use less card, which is better for the environment, and support a wonderful cause in the process. Please consider joining this Christmas initiative. The board should be up ready in the foyer for the 1st Advent Sunday on **2nd December**. *Jona*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE We are holding a joint 'Brigades and Church Christmas Fayre' on **Saturday 8th December from 10am to 12noon** in the Church Hall. There will be lots of stalls of Cakes, Crafts, Candles, Home Made Wine and Preserves, Plants, Tombola, Refreshments and Raffle. All proceeds go towards our Boys' and Girls' Brigades and Care n Share supporting the local Community. We very much hope to see you all there. *Gaye*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS We would be extremely grateful for donations of cakes and raffle prizes too, these can be brought down on the day or left with me. *Gaye*

PETE AND JULIE COWEY are delighted to announce that they are now grandparents. James and Katey have a baby boy born Friday 16th November. All are doing well.

PRAYERS

Grant us grace, O God, to take your Son for our Redeemer; his life for our example, his word for our rule, his Spirit for our guide, his wounds for our healing and his cross for our salvation, that he may take possession of our hearts, now and forever. *Amen*

Loving Father, what meaningful words can I say to you when you have heard them all so many times before? What can I offer you when every gift I have is already yours? So I bow my head in reverence and silence, and strive to meet with you, shutting out the noise and clamour of everyday life. And in the stillness, I wait to hear your word so that by your grace I may journey on my way as your loyal, humble servant. *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

Sat 8 th Dec	BB/GB/Care and Share Christmas Fayre from 10am (Note new date)
Sun 9 th Dec	BB/GB Carol Service
Wed 19 th Dec	Christmas Carols on Coates Green 8 – 8.30pm
Sun 23 rd Dec	6.30pm - Candlelight Carol Service
Mon 24 th Dec	7pm - Ecumenical Carol Service at St. Mary's
Tues 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Service 10.30am
Sun 6 th Jan	10am Covenant Service 6.30pm Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson
14 th - 20 th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CIRCUIT NOTICES Nov/Dec

- Tues 27th **Lemington** 9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
- Thurs 29th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
- Thurs 29th **Heddon** 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
- Thurs 29th **Heddon** 7pm. Bible Study.
- Sat 1st **Heddon** 10 - 11.15am. Men's Coffee Morning. Speaker: Pastor Tom Leighton
- Sat 1st **Westerhope** 10 - 11.30am. Christmas Coffee Morning.
- Sat 1st **Westerhope** 10am - 2pm. Advent Prayer stations available for personal reflection
- Mon 3rd **Westerhope** 9am.- 12noon & 1 - 2.30pm. Advent Prayer stations - family lounge
- Tues 4th **Lemington** 9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
- Tues 4th **Westerhope** 9am. - 3pm . Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
- Wed 5th **Westerhope** 9am. - 12noon. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
- Thurs 6th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. Advent Coffee Morning. Tea, company, friendship, fellowship and mince pies (supporting local Charities)
- Thurs 6th **Heddon** 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
- Thurs 6th **Heddon** 7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study.
- Thurs 6th **Westerhope** 1.30 - 3.30pm. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
- Thurs 6th **Westerhope** 7.30pm. Circuit Preachers' Meeting.
- Fri 7th **Stamfordham** 12 - 1pm. Christmas Soup & Pud lunch at the church on the green
- Fri 7th **Westerhope** 9am- 12noon. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
- Sat 8th **Blucher** 10 - 11.30am. Coffee Morning in aid of Action for Children
- Sat 8th **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
- Sat 8th **Lemington** 10am - 12noon. Craft and Chat.
- Sat 8th **Lemington** 4 - 6pm. Messy Church.
- Sun 9th **Heddon** 2.30 - 4.30pm. Messy Church - joint ecumenical family session with St. Andrew's at Heddon Methodist. Come and meet the Puppets. Theme: 'Christmas'
- Tues 11th **Lemington** 9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
- Tues 11th **Heddon** 1.30 - 3pm. Craft and Chat Christmas Party.
- Tues 11th **Westerhope** 7.30pm. Weekday Praise.
- Wed 12th **Denton Burn** 10am. Beans and Banter.
- Thurs 13th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. Advent Coffee Morning. Tea, company, friendship, fellowship and mince pies (supporting local Charities)
- Thurs 13th **Heddon** 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
- Thurs 13th **Heddon** 7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study.
- Fri 14th **Lemington** 6pm. Ecumenical Carol Service at Lemington Centre.

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.