

Notices for Sunday 26th August 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.*

21st in Ordinary Time // Crossing Jordan

Sun 26th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Tim Woolley – Communion - "God with skin on" Brian Lumsden – ‘Endurance’ Rev Tim Woolley - ‘Image of the Invisible Gods + Worthy Distraction’
BH Mon 27 th		Monday Carpet Bowls, Open Door and the Prayer meeting all resume next Monday. All cancelled today. Open Door Bible Study resumes on 10 th September
Tues 28 th		DOMUS resumes on 4 th September Women’s Fellowship resumes on 11 th September Boys’ Brigade resumes on 11 th September
Wed 29 th	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home led by Ann Cooper Girls’ Brigade resumes on 12 th September
Thurs 30 th		Thursday Toddlers resume on 6 th September Women’s Focus resumes on 13 th September Men’s Forum resumes on 6 th September
Fri 31 st		Friday Carpet Bowls resumes next Friday 7 th September
Sat 1 st Sept	10.00am 12noon	Midi Meander – led by Jim and Marian Falcus till 3pm - Family Fun Event in the Church Garden
Sun 2nd	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Ann Cooper - 'Hearts and voices' Geoff Orrock Maureen Ridley

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Angela Lisle
(pm) Andrew Pay, Brenda Rutter

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Woolley and Brian Lumsden.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-
Rachel Wood, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am;
Rev Juliet Wriglesworth, Westerhope 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Colossians 1 : 15-23 (The Message version)

10am (Church) : Exodus 2 : 1-10, Exodus 3 :1-6, Exodus 6 : 28 > 7 : 1-7.

6.30pm : Colossians 1 : 15-28, Luke 10 : 38-42.

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

- 1) Which two sisters opened their home to Jesus?
 - 2) Which two brothers spoke to Pharaoh and how old were they?
- You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**1 Kings 8 : (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84,
Ephesians 6 : 10-20, John 6 : 56-69.**

OPEN DOOR : HELP NEEDED. We are looking for new recruits to join our team. Do you have a few hours to spare on a Monday afternoon to help serve tea and cakes and enjoy a chat? If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information, please speak to **Judith Orton** (tel.872891) or email. john.orton1949@gmail.com Thank You.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY will recommence on **Monday 10th Sept, from 2 - 3.30pm**, meeting in the lounge. Our next few sessions will be on the 'I am' sayings of **Jesus**. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and would welcome anyone who would like to come along for a taster. *Chris*

METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER HANDBOOK 2018/2019 The new edition 'World Transformed' is now available, **price £3.50** from **Judith Orton**.

BIBLE READING ROTA The new edition covering September 2018 to August 2019 has been e-mailed to all readers. Hard copies are available from me if you need one. *Angela*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our first meeting back is **11th Sept** and is the Dedication Service with Communion led by **Rev Jona Sewell**. A Bring & Buy stall will be operating.

WOMEN'S FOCUS meets on **Thursday 13th September** at **7.30pm** in the upper room. We begin this year's varied programme with a quiz night. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month and would be delighted to welcome visitors. *Chris*

CONCERT CANCELLATION The dance concert on **Sept 8th** at **St Mary's** featuring Elliot Smith has been cancelled. Please contact point of sale for a refund.

HARVEST LUNCH This year, we are holding a meal after the Harvest Sunday Parade Service at **12noon** on the **7th October**. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend. *Angela*

MERTON WAY CAR PARK I am not sure if you use this Car Park (behind the Merton Way shops) but it is being closed for a major makeover & extension. Work will start later this month & last 3 months. It is sure to be very disruptive to parking in the village but it will be a major improvement, once complete. *Andy*

HEDDON METHODIST CHURCH are having a Prayer and Activity day on **Wed 5th September**. It is open to all to come along anytime between **10am - 4pm** (come and go as you choose) The day includes prayer stations and activities to help us focus and direct our prayers. Commencing at 10am with a short time of worship to open the day and ending with another short time of worship at 4pm to close the day. See poster or the foyer screen.

METHODIST WOMEN in BRITAIN present “**JOURNEYS**” at Seahouses Methodist Church on **Sat 22nd Sept** between **10 am and 3 pm**. Join friends and make new ones as we explore through Worship, Bible Study and Workshops. Bring a packed lunch and donations are invited for tea and coffee. For car drivers, the ‘SatNav’ is NE68 7RF.

MEN’S FORUM resumes on **Thurs 6th Sept** with the annual Pie and Pea Supper. Please let Geoff know by **Thurs 30th Aug** if you would like to be there. Cost is pegged at **£5**. We hope to have a guest after dinner speaker after the meal. Annual subs of **£10** will be collected by Alan Groves as well. *Geoff*

GRANGE LEA On **Wed August 29th at 2.30pm**, there will be a Care Home Service at Grange Lea which *Ann Cooper* will lead. The support of helpers to talk to the folk attending and assist with the singing would be much appreciated. *Andrew Pay*

REV COLIN BARRICK There will be a welcome service for Colin and his wife Lesley at Westerhope on **Tues 4th Sept at 7pm**. The Preacher is **Rev Stephen Lindridge**.

KATIE WILTSHIRE has just finished her National Citizen’s Service Award for the ‘Tiny Lives’ charity for premature babies. Her team raised **£446.66p**. Katie would just like to thank all the Church members and friends for their generous donations. *Rosie*

SUNDAY CLUB In order to give the leaders a break over the summer holidays, there will be no organised Sunday club or creche **until 2nd September**. *Chrys*

CIRCUIT NOTICES : August/September

Thurs 30th **Heddon** 10- 11.30am. “The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship and fellowship

(September Circuit Notices will be available by next week)

PRAYERS

To you, O Lord, we bring a treasure, greater than the mountains, deeper than the ocean and more glorious than the sun; a gift outweighing all creation, even the gift of our heart, to be laid at your feet, to be placed on your breast, to be embraced by your Spirit. *Amen*

God of love, we pray for this church where your love has been known for many years. We pray that we will welcome everyone in Jesus' name and that, as your love pours in, it will overflow to our neighbours. May each person come to know that they are loved by you and to love you in return. May all grow in faith as we learn and pray together, and may our faith be seen in action. *Amen*

Creator and sustainer of all that is, we worship you. Saviour and friend of all humanity, we worship you. Enabler and comforter of each disciple, we worship you. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we worship you. New every morning is your love, eternal is your presence. From start to finish, we worship you, the first and the last. *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 1 st Sept	Family fun event in the Church Garden 12noon – 3pm
Tues 4 th Sept	Welcome service for Rev Colin & Lesley Barrick at Westerhope
Wed 5 th Sept	Steward's Meeting at 42 Ridgely Drive, 7pm
Sat 8 th Sept	Ponteland Parish Flower Show
Wed 12 th Sept	Circuit Preachers meeting 7pm Westerhope
Mon 17 th Sept	Finance and Property Meeting
Mon 17 th Sept	Care and Share Meeting
Thurs 20 th Sept	Circuit Meeting 7pm Denton Burn
Sat 22 nd September	Meanders bus trip to Ripon
Sun 7 th October	Harvest Festival Parade Service and Harvest Lunch at 12noon
Thurs 18 th October	Church Council 7.30pm
Sun 21 st October	Circuit 'Engage' event at Stamfordham, 6pm

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) Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38,39) 2) Moses, 80 and Aaron, 83 (Exodus 7:7)

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves (07725052009)