

Notices for Sunday 27th August 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 27 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Tim Thorpe – Communion – ‘That You might Know’ Rev Tim Thorpe – ‘When Jesus Nudges You’
Mon 28 th		Bank Holiday - No Prayer Meeting or Open Door.
Tues 29 th		DOMUS restarts next Tuesday, Fellowship and BB on the 12 th
Wed 30 th		GB restarts on the 13 th
Thurs 31 st		Toddlers, Focus and Forum restart on the 14 th
Fri 1 st	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls restarts tonight
Sat 2 nd	9.00am	Meanders Bus Trip to Melrose – bus leaves from Thornhill Road opp. St Mary’s Church Hall.
Sun 3 rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell – Joint service with the Bridge. To be arranged

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle, Brenda Rutter
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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHER TODAY:- Rev Tim Thorpe.

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

Rev Tim Woolley; Denton Burn 10.30am and Westerhope 6pm.

Rosemary Gray, Cowgate 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : John 10 : 8-10 + Ephesians 3 : 14-21.

6.30pm : 1 Samuel 3 : 1-10 + Matthew 15 : 21-28.

Today's questions are from the above readings using the NIV version:-

- 1) When the Canaanite woman came to Jesus and knelt before him saying "Lord help me", what did he reply?
- 2) When Jesus said he was the gate for the sheep, who were all that ever came before him? You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY : Exodus 1 : 8 > 2 : 10, Psalm 124,
Romans 12 : 1-8, Matthew 16 : 13-20.

WELCOME SERVICE Rev Jona Sewell, his wife Helle and son Aidan will be welcomed to the Ministry of our Church on **Tuesday 5th September** with a service led by Chair of the District, **Rev Stephen Lindridge** It starts at **7pm** – please come along to welcome and meet them! Refreshments afterwards in the hall.

HOLY ISLAND VISIT On **Fri 15th Sept**, "Tweedie's Tours" are departing from the Memorial Hall at **9.30am**. The return fare is **£13** which includes the driver's gratuity. The entry to the visitor centre at the Priory is by English Heritage card or a small fee and is extremely interesting. Return to Ponteland is expected to be at **6pm**. Please phone **Jean Tweedie** on 01661 822474 to reserve a place.

JONA'S SERVICES – NAME BADGES It would be of great assistance that if you have a name badge (issued to Church and Door Stewards, Open Door and Toddler Helpers) please could you wear it on his first Sunday Morning Service next week and the Welcome Service on the 5th. It would help Jona enormously as he will have so many names to remember. Thank you in advance. *Angela and Andrew, Senior Stewards*

SOUND SYSTEM Don't be alarmed at the speakers on stands at the front of the Church. We need to have them positioned further forward than where they were in the windows. This is because of the sensitivity of the microphones, the speakers need to be further away and forward from the pulpit and lectern. To find the optimum position, we will experiment by moving them slightly each week and when we find the best position, will remount them on the walls again, once again hopefully in a window recess. *Geoff and Andy*

AN AUCTION BONANZA "**All Hands**" is an overseas project for Methodist Women in Britain and they are seeking to assist the government and local authorities to help Nepal which was devastated by earthquakes 2 years ago and whole families were left with nothing. MWiB are holding an auction to raise funds at Cullercoats Methodist Church on **Sat 23rd September at 2pm**. Please contact Judith Oldroyd (0191 5192201) or Judith.oldroyd2@gmail.com if you want more information.

‘CREATING A SAFER SPACE’ WORKSHOPS Refresher sessions run at **Trinity Gosforth** on **28th September** starting at **2pm** and another at **7pm**.

See the poster on the Noticeboard in the Foyer.

Peter Michell

MEN’S FORUM recommences on **Fri 14th Sept** with the legendary Pie and Pea Supper prepared and served up by Peter and Geoff. If you want to partake in this veritable feast, please can you let **Geoff** know by **Sun 10th**. His contact details are on the back page.

The cost is **£5** (pay on the night) and the supper will be followed by a talk from Geoff Orrock on ‘Timothy and the five pound note’

Geoff

CHURCH YEAR BOOK The new issue, in A5 Format only, will be available with September’s Cornerstone next Sunday. Please collect your copy from the door stewards.

JOB VACANCY – CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR Our Circuit (Newcastle West) is seeking a part-time (initially 12 hrs/week) administrator who could work from home or in an office in Ponteland. The work will be varied and requires a self-starter who is willing to work with minimal direction once familiar with the role. Good IT skills (including web management) are essential as is a willingness to handle financial matters, to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act (2017 Revision), the keeping of confidences under all circumstances and empathy with the ethos of the Methodist Church.

Salary **£9.75 per hour** plus pension contribution. Specific work hours to be agreed; some flexibility will be required (e.g. occasional evening meetings). 4 Weeks pro rata vacation plus statutory holidays. For fuller details of the position and personal requirements please contact as below. Applications to be made in writing (e-mail preferred) by close of business **Friday September 8th, 2017**. Contact details: peter@familyhindle.net
Peter Hindle, 6 Church Fields, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 7EB.

PRAYERS

We give thanks for the resurrection power of Jesus, that no tomb can withstand and no enslavement restrain. We pray that those under political, economic, social and cultural oppression may experience liberation through the grace of God, the acts of leaders of goodwill and the sacrificial mission of the Church in all parts of the world. We pray that we, as disciples, may have the courage to let go of our instincts of self-preservation and, in doing so, find the true freedom reserved for those who take up their cross and follow Jesus, the saviour of the world.

Amen

Lord, we thank you for the freedoms that are ours. We remember those who are trapped by the decisions and actions of others, as well as by themselves. We pray for those in dark places and ask that they may begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, know hope restored and freedom gained. We ask that you grant to all the freedom that comes from knowing Christ’s transforming love in our lives.

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

Tues 5th Sept - 7pm. Rev Jona Sewell's welcome service led by Rev Stephen Lindridge.
Sat 30th Sept - 6.30pm Harvest Supper with entertainment by Rock Choir.
Sun 1st Oct - 10am Harvest Service

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Fri 1st **Heddon** 7pm. Film night. 'Lincoln'.
Sat 2nd **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for Leprosy Mission.
Sat 2nd **Heddon** 10am. Circuit Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Speaker: Pastor Tom Leighton. More info from John Banks (07890190750).
Sat 2nd **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30am. Wives and Friends Coffee Morning.
Sat 9th **Lemington** 10 – 12noon Craft and Chat.
Tues 5th **Blucher** 10 – 11.30am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat & prayer.
Thurs 7th **Heddon** 10– 11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.
Sat 9th **Denton Burn** 4pm. Messy Church.
Sat 9th **Heddon** 10 – 11.15am. Men's Coffee Fellowship.
Tues 12th **Blucher** 10 – 11.30am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat & prayer.
Wed 13th **Denton Burn** 10am. Beans and Banter coffee morning.
Thurs 14th **Heddon** 10 – 11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.
Thurs 14th **Heddon** 7 – 9pm. Photography Group (all levels welcome).
Fri 15th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster sent to your church.
Sat 16th **Blucher** 2.30 – 4.00pm. Afternoon tea for all the family. £3.00
Sat 16th **Denton Burn** 10am Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 16th **Denton Burn** 7pm. Fund-raising concert by Junction42.
Sat 16th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster sent to your church.
Sun 17th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster sent to your church.

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves 07725052009

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 5pm.
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgley Drive. NE20 9BL
or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com
If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.**

If you need to leave any paperwork for Geoff to be included in the notices, drop it in the pigeon holes at Church, **but please ring him** to let him know.

Bible Quiz Answers :- 1) "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs"
(Matthew 15:26) 2) Thieves and robbers (John 10:8)