

## Notices for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Ponteland Methodist Church

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### 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.*

#### 30<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time ‘The Meaning of Faith’

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 12 noon 6.30pm	The Bridge-Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Risk averse or God’s entrepreneurs?’ Geoff Orrock – ‘Fun, Fellowship and Furthering Faith’ Bridge Shared Lunch in the Hall. Rev Juliet Wriglesworth - United Ecumenical Bible Sunday Service. Guest speaker : John Martin – Chairman of the local Gideons.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. (next week, 12.15pm) <b>Carpet Bowls</b> The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship. (next week, 1pm) Steward’s meeting at 42 Ridgely Drive.
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm 7.00pm	Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers                      6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary’s Church Hall.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30pm 7.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Vanessa Brown at HEDDON Methodist Church led by Rev Tim Thorpe Carpet Bowls
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	ECG Day Conference at Chester-Le-St Methodist Church
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rosemary Gray - Giving. ‘Corner’ Peter Hindle - “ <b>S</b> aints & <b>s</b> aints” - includes dedication of shoe boxes. Rev Jona Sewell - Communion

## CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell, Irene Holmes.  
(pm) Andrew Pay, Irene Holmes.

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:-** Rev Jona Sewell, Geoff Orrock and Rev Juliet Wriglesworth. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Milbourne 6.30pm; **Ann Cooper**, Heddon 10.30am and **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Westerhope 6pm.

## BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**10am (Bridge) : Matthew 25 :14-30.**  
**10am (Church) : Psalm 126, Matthew 11 : 25-30, 1 John 1 : 1-4.**  
**6.30pm : Psalm 119 : 97-112, Ephesians 6 : 10-18, Luke 4 : 1-12.**

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

1) What did the servant who received one talent of money do with it? 2) Add the missing words to this verse " He will command his ..... concerning you to ..... you carefully; they will lift you up in their ....., so that you will not ..... your .... against a ....."

You will find the answers on the back page.

## LECTIONARY

**Deuteronomy 34 : 1-12, Psalm 90 : 1-6, 13-17,**  
**1 Thessalonians 2 : 1-8, Matthew 22 : 34-46.**

**FRUITFUL CHURCHES SKILLS AUDIT:** A questionnaire has been created to collect the skills of members of our congregation, to allow us to share jobs within the church family and help us to let the love of Christ be known and grown within the community. Can you please take time to fill in this questionnaire, thinking prayerfully about the skills you have to offer Ponteland Methodist Church. Please tick both the skills you are willing to offer and those you already offer. We will accept as much or as little as you can offer and when you can offer it. Preferably, please use the online questionnaire found online at <http://ponteland-methodist-church.org.uk/skillsaudit.html>. Alternatively, a small number of paper copies will be available if you are unable to use the online version. Thank you,

*Irene, Judith & Andrew Gonnet.*

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR** Jona has asked me to lead our choir again this year and I have accepted. We are looking for volunteer singers to attend rehearsal dates on **Tues 14<sup>th</sup>, Tues 21<sup>st</sup>, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** The Candlelight Carol Service is on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm.** I look forward to seeing you at rehearsals. *Jean Thompson*

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Care and Share are organising as usual and it will take place on **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-12noon.** There will be a craft stall which proved very popular last year. If you would like to create or craft something to sell on the stall, please see *Judith/Pauline*

**SHADE UK** The annual SHADE lunch will take place this year on a SATURDAY, **11<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.** Tickets cost **£10** for Adults, **£5** for Under 12's. Tickets are available from **Joan Bullous (822048) or Jean Tweedie (822474).**

**DENNIS CARSS** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Dennis in Ponteland Methodist Church at **1245pm on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November** following a short service at the West Road Crematorium at 1200noon. Donations will be for St. Oswalds Hospice. *Tim Thorpe*

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL for WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE**

201WERS is holding its usual festive appeal. This year they appeal for cash or goods for the destitute living in our city. They are requesting either cash donations, basic toiletries and sweets or chocolates. There is a particular problem with homeless destitute men this year. Items are requested before 4<sup>th</sup> December please. We are more than happy to deliver and collect your donations if necessary. Collection boxes will be available in the foyer.

With grateful thanks, in advance.

*Chris and David Cogan*

**WEST END FOOD BANK** will be especially grateful for your festive donations this year. The roll out of Universal Credit here is leaving some families with no means of support in the transition period to this new benefit. The donation box is under the pigeon holes.

Brian and Joyce Davis are the contacts for this.

*Chris Cogan*

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL.**

If you would like to sponsor a shoebox, the suggested amount this year is **£5** and you can also pay online where they give you a barcode to print out. For those people who are packing their own shoeboxes, the Dedication Service will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am.**

**FAIRTRADE** Today is the last day to place orders. See me today if you haven't. *Bev*

**THE BRIDGE** have a meeting for prayer & worship at Abraham & Sue's, 35 Longmeadows, Darras Hall on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7:30pm**. All are welcome (whether you are a Bridge attendee or not). This month's prayer walk will be on **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm**. We start outside the church door and then walk around different areas of Ponteland praying for our community. We welcome anyone, from the Bridge, from other churches or from none.

**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 *Chryst Hudson* (821458)

There is also provision for children attending Morning Worship.

**PRAYERS**

O, blessed Jesus, immortal and victorious, by the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you; have mercy on us and help us. Come to us, in the hour of our darkness and in the day of our weakness, that laying hold of you in the glory of life, we may be enfolded with you in the light of eternity; for your own name's sake. *Amen*

Faithful God, we give thanks for the ways we encounter you in Jesus, the living Word: in the faces of those in need, in the faces of the 'other' from whom we often draw back, in moments of joy and in deep sadness. In all these people and places we find you already there, kneeling at our feet, ready to serve us. Jesus, the first and the last, help us to be your servant people, carrying the rich treasures of our faith to friend and stranger. Jesus, born of Mary, may we be ready to see you where we least expect and greet you with hopefulness and joy. *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.

**SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Sponsored by Ponteland Churches Together, the new series of studies are "**A Passion to Witness**" to help Christians share their faith. The remaining subjects are :-  
Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - How to pray when sharing it ?      Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - How to tell my story.  
16<sup>th</sup> - Using the Bible to share the gospel.      23<sup>rd</sup> - How should we answer questions ?  
30<sup>th</sup> - How to lead someone to Christ. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - How to push the boundaries of our Church

### **DIARY DATES**

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Joint Forum/Focus Meeting- ‘Wild and Wicked Women of the North East’  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – SHADE LUNCH      Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – GB Sleepover in Church Hall  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday      Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Care and Share Meeting  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Rotary Christmas Fayre – Merton Hall and Merton Way  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Care and Share Christmas Fayre  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – BB/GB Carol Service led by Rev Tim Woolley  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Care and Share Christmas Concert – Lemington Male Voice Choir  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10am - Bridge Christmas Service led by Rev Tim Woolley  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Candlelight Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm led by Rev Jona Sewell  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Holy Communion Service 6.30pm (St Mary's are having their own service)  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Morning Service 10.30am  
15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity      Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan - Church Lunch.  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Spring Care and Share concert with Graeme Danby

### **CIRCUIT NOTICES**

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Heddon**      10 – 11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>      **Heddon**      7pm. Film Night. Film tbc.  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 10am. Circuit Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Speaker: Pastor Tom Leighton. More info from John Banks (07890190750).  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup>      **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30am. Shoebox appeal coffee morning.  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon**      10 – 11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon**      7 – 9pm. Photography Group (all levels welcome).  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup>      **Denton Burn** 10am. Tuesday Evening Fellowship Christmas Coffee Morning. Cakes, books, gifts and raffles.  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup>      **Lemington** 10. – 12.00 noon. Craft and Chat. All welcome.

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 6pm.**  
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**or by E-mail :- [Geoffandangela@btinternet.com](mailto:Geoffandangela@btinternet.com)**

**Bible Quiz Answers** :- 1) Dug a hole and hid it in the ground (Matthew 25:18)  
2) Angels, guard, hands, strike, foot, stone (Luke 4:10,11)