

Notices for Sunday 2nd December 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.*

1st of Advent // The Lord's Anointed

Sun 2 nd	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Steve Small - 'Why the Nativity?' David Forrester - 'Anticipation' Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - 'Be still and know that I am God'
Mon 3 rd	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm	Prayers for people, this week's activities and next Sunday's preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :- soup, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Carpet Bowls
Tues 4 th	1.00pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	'Christmas Journey' for primary school children Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 5 th	5.45pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders Fairtrade Church meeting in the Lounge (see p.2)
Thurs 6 th	10.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	'Christmas Journey' for primary school children 'Christmas Journey' for primary school children Christmas Choir rehearsal Forum - 'A demonstration on the history of calculators' - Peter Michell Circuit Preachers' meeting at Westerhope
Fri 7 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 8 th	10.00am 1.00pm	Brigades and Care and Share Christmas Fayre GB Craft afternoon
Sun 9 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell -Joint All Age Worship & Brigades Carol Service Rachel Wood

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pam Varley, Peter Michell, Andrew Pay.

(pm) Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Steve Small and David Forrester. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rosemary Gray, Blucher 10.45am; Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and 7pm; Rev Jona Sewell, Lemington 10.30am; Ann Cooper, Scots Gap 6.30pm and Rev Colin Barrick, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : John 1 : 1-4, Luke 21 : 25-28, 32-37.

10am (Church) : Psalm 80 : 1-7, 17- 19, Corinthians 1 : 3-9.

6.30pm : Psalm 46, Matthew 6 : 5-8.

The following questions are from today's readings using the NIV version - fill in the missing words:-

- 1) On the earth, nations will be in and
- 2) The God of Jacob is our You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Jeremiah 33 : 14-16, Psalm 25 : 1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3 : 9-13, Luke 21 : 25-36.

FAIRTRADE CHURCH In the light of the recent changes announced by Traidcraft plc, there will be a meeting in the **Church lounge on Wednesday 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.

BRIGADES CAROL SERVICE Next Sunday is the Brigades carol service at 10am and this year, we will explore the '**Mystery of the new noisy neighbour**'. You are invited to come along dressed as any of the nativity characters and become part of the story. So, come along dressed up as a shepherd, angel, one of the magi or even a sheep, camel or donkey (sorry, no lobsters). We look forward to welcoming you. **Fiona & Les**

ACTION FOR CHILDREN Please can the collecting boxes be given to **Rachel** for emptying by the **16th December**. There will be gift envelopes available for our Annual collections & if you want one of these for a Christmas card donation, please get in-touch. I will be at Church on the **9th & 16th** Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.

FLOWER ROTA I am currently preparing the Flowers List for 2019. If anyone wishes to add or delete their names, would they please let me know ASAP. Additional help with arranging flowers throughout the year would be very welcome. With thanks, **Pat Turner**

HUB DROP-IN FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES, West Road Baptist Church are having a Christmas Appeal - We have a number of adult clients who are destitute, and some others facing real hardship. Any donations of socks, gloves, hats & scarves, or of basic toiletries, such as shaving materials, toothpaste & brushes, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products will be very gratefully received. The Christmas period is particularly hard for them, because most of the organisations offering support close over the holiday period. A box has been placed in the foyer for donations. Many thanks, **Chris and David Cogan**

FINANCE and PROPERTY COMMITTEE meet on **Mon 10th Dec, 7.30pm** at the home of Joyce Knowles, 24 Hadrian Court. The Agenda has been circulated to members.

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 The joint 'Brigades and Church Christmas Fayre' is on **Sat 8th Dec** 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*

JUNCTION 42 (a Christian charity that does excellent work in prisons) have been in touch and asked for people to consider supporting their campaign: **The Big Give**. Any donations made before **Midday on Tuesday (Dec 4th)** will be match funded, i.e. they will be doubled. If you would like to support then donations can be made at <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/j42> *Jona*

WOMEN'S FOCUS The meeting with a faith supper has been rescheduled to **13th Dec** at 7.30pm in the upper room. *Paul Braiden* will talk on "Living - with Grace". All welcome.

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*

LOCAL PREACHER LIBRARY BOOKS I am still trying to trace missing LP library books and have some down as on loan to Ponteland. Please can you check if you have:- People's Bible commentary Matthew No.258; Barclay's Daily study Bible Joshua No.407, Barclay's DSB Kings. No. 409. If you find any of them can you give them to me at the LP meeting next week so I can mark them off in the book please. Thanks *Rev Pat Brooks*

LEMINGTON CLOTHES BAR This is growing at a rapid rate and is truly blessing the local community. As the winter is setting in quickly they are still in need of winter clothing for both boys and girls of all ages and any donations would be gratefully received. *Hazel*

PRAYERS

Each day, O Christ, let us drink from the deep waters of your salvation. Each hour let us watch for the signs of your presence. Each moment let us be open to the wonders of your love. *Amen*

Come, O Christ the Light, and lead us. Come, O Christ the Life, and revive us. Come, O Christ the Physician and heal us. Come, O Christ the Fire Divine, and kindle in our hearts the flame of your love. *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

Wed 19 th Dec	3.30pm	Grange Lea Christmas Carol Service
Wed 19 th Dec	8-8.30pm	Christmas Carols on Coates Green
Sat 22 nd Dec	10-12noon	Carol singing for Christian Aid outside the park by Waitrose
Sat 22 nd Dec	6pm	Informal Carols on Coates Green
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	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 6 th Jan	10am	Covenant Service
	6.30pm	Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 3 rd	Westerhope	9am.- 12noon & 1 - 2.30pm. Advent Prayer stations - family lounge
Tues 4 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Tues 4 th	Westerhope	9am. - 3pm . Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
Wed 5 th	Westerhope	9am. - 12noon. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
Thurs 6 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. Advent Coffee Morning. Tea, company, friendship, fellowship and mince pies (supporting local Charities)
Thurs 6 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 6 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study.
.Thurs 6 th	Westerhope	1.30 - 3.30pm. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
Thurs 6 th	Westerhope	7.30pm. Circuit Preachers' Meeting.
Fri 7 th	Stamfordham	12 - 1pm. Christmas Soup & Pud lunch at the church on the green
Fri 7 th	Westerhope	9am- 12noon. Advent Prayer stations in family lounge.
Sat 8 th	Blucher	10 - 11.30am. Coffee Morning in aid of Action for Children
Sat 8 th	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 8 th	Lemington	10am - 12noon. Craft and Chat.
Sat 8 th	Lemington	4 - 6pm. Messy Church.
Sun 9 th	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'

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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