

Notices for Sunday 30th September 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.*

26th in Ordinary Time / Wrestling with God

Sun 30 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Tim Woolley - "Blessed are the merciful" Service includes Communion Estwar Sanichar – “Our response to Grace” Rev Jona Sewell – “Remove the stumbling blocks!”
Mon 1 st Oct	1.15pm 1.30pm 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.
Tues 2 nd	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at the Gill’s 10, Darras Rd. Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 3 rd	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 4 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am Men’s Forum – ‘The Future of the Keelman’s Building’ – Nigel Bates
Fri 5 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 6 th	9.30am	Meander led by Matthew and Geoff – The Weardale Way, part 7.
Sun 7 th	10.00am 12noon 6.30pm	Joint Harvest Festival and Parade Service – Rev Jona Sewell Harvest Lunch Rachel Wood

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Peter Michell, Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle.
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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Tim Woolley and Estwar Sanichar. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Heddon 10.30am; Rev Pat Brooks, Denton Burn 10.30am and Rev Juliet Wriglesworth, Westerhope 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES :- 10am (Bridge) : James 2 : 12-17.
10am (Church) : Matthew 20 : 1-16. 6.30pm : Mark 9 : 38-50.

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

- 1) What currency were the workers paid in for working in the vineyard?
- 2) What did Jesus suggest to do if anyone causes one of the little ones who believe in him to sin? You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Esther 7 : 1-6, 9-10; 9 : 20-22, Psalm 124, James 5 : 13-20, Mark 9 : 38-50.

HARVEST LUNCH takes place **next Sunday** after the Harvest Family Parade Service at 12noon. Tickets priced £7 are still available but very few are left! Please see *Angela* or *Pam* today if you haven't got yours yet as it would really help for catering purposes.

FOOD BANK The Food Bank truly appreciate and admire our continued weekly support with very generous donations! Last week's total was **17.70Kgs**. Thank you so much! *Brian*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE is **next Sunday**. We need to celebrate God's goodness in providing for us so well by giving to those who have less than ourselves. If you would like to contribute to the display at the front of the Church, please bring any 'perishable' items on Sunday morning but be prepared to take them away afterwards.

Non perishable items are also welcome as well and they will be donated to the West End Food Bank afterwards. Suggested items are :- Baked beans, soup, cereal, tinned tomatoes, fruit, rice pudding or vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, or fruit juice. This sign of our thankfulness to God is most appreciative. *The Stewards*

MINI MEANDER Please join us on our next walk at Newburn on **Sat 13th Oct**. We meet at **10am** in the Church car park. The walk will be on a flat track and there is a nearby café where we can have refreshments. For enquiries, please contact *Jennifer* or *Ann Cooper*

THE LEMINGTON CLOTHES BAR For the time being, we are unable to receive any further donations of clothes. Due to your generosity we have ample supplies for the time being **BUT** since making that statement, we have discovered that we are in need of **warm winter clothing for children**. Everything from coats and jumpers to pyjamas!! Any donations of these would be hugely appreciated and, in particular, for boys as we do tend to receive more donations for girls. We are still in need of toiletries for both men and women, the emphasis being on men's toiletries and feminine hygiene products. We would like to thank you for your continued support with this project. *The Clothes Bar Team*

METHODIST CHURCH PRESIDENTIAL YEAR The new 2018/19 leaflets have been published and are available from the door stewards. Please ask if you require one. *Geoff*

VERA LONSDALE was called to Higher Service last week. She had just become a Centenarian and there is an article in October's PN&V. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at **St. Mary's** (following an earlier private cremation) at **2pm on Tues 9th Oct** followed by a wake at the Manor. Although an Anglican, she was often in our Church and much loved.

TRAIDCRAFT Whilst the decision has been made to wind up Traidcraft plc, its assets remain greater than its liabilities, the firm is not bankrupt and there is no reason to doubt its commitment to meet current orders. Purchasing goods through our Fairtrader account means that payment is only made once goods are received. After discussion with our minister, Jona, and Church Treasurer, Peter Michell, it has been agreed that we should proceed with the usual invitation to buy products from the Autumn catalogue. These are available in the Church foyer. Please use this opportunity to show your support for Traidcraft and **place your orders by Sunday 14th October**. A wider range of products can be viewed at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk I will be happy to include any items from the website within your order, as long as a clear description and product code are included on the order form. Please hold in your prayers the 70 people facing redundancy at the Gateshead HQ, all those Fairtraders who have supported Traidcraft's work over nearly 40 years, but especially the many people in developing countries whose lives have been transformed by Traidcraft, but who now face an uncertain future. Thank you, *Bev*

LIVING CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND 14th -25th February 2019 This is a 12 day experience of Christianity in Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Galilee led by **Rev. John Howard**, former Mission Partner Israel/Palestine. This is very different to a traditional pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit some of the holy sites, but the emphasis is a lot more upon meeting the people and hearing of their lives. This will include doing some voluntary work. The focus is upon the Christian Community of the Holy Land, although in order to understand more of their situation, we will also be meeting Muslims and Jews. For further details please contact John Howard John_d_howard@hotmail.com or *Bev*.

PASTORAL VISITORS Membership cards for the new Methodist year are now available. Please could you collect them from their pigeonholes and distribute. Thank you. *Bev*

FREE PENSIONER'S TEA Ponteland Rotary are offering people in the village a free tea on **Mon 15th Oct** between **2-4pm in Merton Hall**. If anyone wishes to attend, they are welcome to contact **Alan Hall** (01661 860284, Mob: 07740 866764) or **Janet Cusworth** (01661 871108) Transport, mobility and dietary requirements can also be arranged. *Andy*

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 *Chrys Hudson* (821458)
There is also provision for children attending Morning Worship.

PRAYERS

Love of the heart of Jesus, inflame us; strength of the heart of Jesus, uphold us; wisdom of the heart of Jesus, teach us; will of the heart of Jesus, guide us; zeal of the heart of Jesus, consume us, now and for ever. *Amen*

Loving God, we long for a world transformed, where justice and peace reign, where people live joyfully with variety and difference, where every person is honoured and all are welcomed. Renew in us the vision of your kingdom, free us from selfish interests and all that hinders your liberating love, and empower us to pray and work for the new heaven and the new earth. In Jesus' name. *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

Thurs 18th October Church Council 7.30pm
Sun 21st October Circuit 'Engage' event at Stamfordham, 6pm
Sun 28th October Ecumenical Bible Society service led by Ann Cooper, 6.30pm
Sun 11th November Joint Service for Remembrance Sunday, 10am
Joint Remembrance Service at St. Mary's, 7pm
Sun 25th Nov Toy Service 10am followed by the Shade Lunch – more details next week
Sun 9th December BB/GB Carol Service

CIRCUIT NOTICES : October

Tues 2nd **Lemington** 9.30 - 11.30am . Clothes Bar
Thurs 4th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 4th **Heddon** 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group
Thurs 4th **Heddon** 7pm. Bible Study
Fri 5th **Stamfordham** 7.30pm. Harvest Concert by Acomb Singers
Sat 6th **Denton Burn** 4 - 6pm. Harvest Tea and Entertainment. Tickets £4.
Sat 6th **Heddon** 10am Cct Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Spkr: Past. Tom Leighton
Sat 6th **Heddon** 10.30am. - 4pm. Heddon Photography Exhibition
Sat 6th **Westerhope** 10 - 11.30am Harvest Festival Coffee Morning
Tues 9th **Lemington** 9.30- 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Tues 9th **Westerhope** 7.30pm. Weekday Praise. Speaker: Miss Sheila Renner
Wed 10th **Denton Burn** 10am. Beans and Banter Coffee Morning
Thurs 11th **Heddon** 10- 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 11th **Heddon** 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group
Thurs 11th **Heddon** 7pm Bible Study
Thurs 11th **Heddon** 7pm. Photography Group (Photoshoot Outing in Heddon (Light Trails)
Sat 13th **Lemington** 10am Craft and Chat.
Sat 13th **Westerhope** 9.30am. - 12.30pm. District Local Arrangement Study Day.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Denarius (Matthew 20:9)
2) To be thrown in the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck (Mark 9:42)