

Notices for Sunday 3rd June 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.*
9th in Ordinary Time // The Cost of Discipleship

Sun 3rd	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Bridge - Alpha Course - 'Why and How Should I Read the Bible?' Rachel Wood - 'Called to something greater' Alan Golphin
Mon 4 th	1.15pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, this week's activities and next Sunday's preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Tues 5 th	6.00pm 7.00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 6 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 7 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Searchlight Ecumenical Bible Study Group
Fri 8 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the Matthew's, 35, Longmeadows NE20 9DX
Sat 9 th	10.00am	Midi Meander – led by Bryan Ashford.
Sun 10th	10.00am 1.30pm	Rev Gordon Wynne – 'Not in my strength' Party in the Park including a service at approx. 3.30pm

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Pete Cowey, Brenda Rutter.
 (pm) Peter Mitchell, Pam Varley.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rachel Wood and Alan Golphin.

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

Rev Tim Thorpe, Heddon 10.30am and Scots Gap 6.30pm and

Rev Tim Woolley, Cowgate 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 28 : 16-20

6.30pm : 1 John 4 : 7 – 18, Matthew 28 : 16 – 20.

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

1) What does perfect love drive out? 2) Where had Jesus told the 11 disciples to go?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**1 Samuel 3 : 1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139 : 1-6, 13-18,
2 Corinthians 4 : 5-12, Mark 2 : 23 – 3 : 6.**

EVANGELISM the Circuit Leadership Team, linking with the ongoing fruitful congregations work, are encouraging churches to revisit the theme of evangelism for the month of June. Churches and preachers are encouraged to use these themes for their 'main' service:-

June 3rd Week 1 - Called to something greater. Matthew 28:16-20

June 10th Week 2 - Not in my strength. Acts 2:1-4, 14-15, 22-24

June 17th Week 3 - Drawing alongside Acts 8:26-35

June 24th Week 4 - Meeting people where they are 1 Corinthians 9:19-27.

People are also encouraged to attend the next Engage event on June 17, 6:30pm, Scots Gap

PARTY IN THE PARK If you are able to make a cake for the above event, could you please leave it in the kitchen on the morning of **Sunday 10th June**. Any queries please contact **Pauline Groves** on 824764. For those helping in the Tea Tent, please be there for 3pm. Any extra help in the Tea Tent would be very welcome. *Pauline*

THE SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP - "What's So Amazing About

Grace?" is a 10 part study series of discovery by Philip Yancey. Remaining dates are:-

June 7th – Grace abuse. **June 14th** – The Church backslides.

June 21st – Dispensing grace. **June 28th** – Counterforce.

We look forward to seeing you there in the small room, St. Mary's Parish Centre between 7.30 – 9pm. Searchlight welcomes you to these meetings to learn how we might live as Christians in this modern world. For more information, contact **David Butler** on 823664

BBQ We are holding a barbecue in aid of St. Oswald's Hospice in our Church garden,

Sunday 8th July from **12noon** onwards. Cost is **£5** per person with under fives free.

Entry includes a burger or sausage sandwich and a drink. There will be a raffle, children's games, ices and stalls. Contact **Ann Cooper** for tickets on (01661) 824347.

THURSDAY FOCUS SUMMER OUTING to **Abbotsford & Melrose** on **4th June**.

We leave the Memorial Hall Car Park at **9am** returning at approx **5.30pm** stopping en-route at Jedburgh for coffee. There is either the option of restaurant food to be purchased there, or of taking your own food for lunch. Drinks can be purchased there separately.

There may be the possibility of a couple of spare places. If interested, please contact **Jean Tweedie or Chris Cogan**. Cost **£24** includes transport, entrance + guided tour of Abbotsford + driver's tip. *Chris*

THE BRIDGE We continue with further sessions in our Bridge Alpha series, considering some of the big questions about the basics of the Christian Faith. 2 sessions this month :- **Sun 3rd June, 10am** — Why and How Should I Read the Bible? and **Sun 17th June, 10am** – How does God guide us? On **10th June**, we're involved in Party in the Park and as in recent years, we're once again running a Bridge / Children's activity tent. It's a great opportunity to chat with folk and share a little bit about what we're all about. There will also be leaflets and outreach materials to give away (including balloons!). If you'd like to help on the day, then we look forward to seeing you there! We've also got Rev Jona Sewell leading a Bridge service with Communion on **24th June**. *Rev Tim Woolley*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP We are pleased to confirm the following dates and venues for our Summer Garden Parties; time 2.30 - 4pm. **12th June** - Val Michell, 18 Pinegarth, Darras Hall; **17th July** - Ann Cooper, 15 Guardians Court, Ponteland; **14th August** - In Church - Stobart Room & Foyer. We shall continue to bring a faith tea for everyone to share. Could you please bring a cup, saucer, plate and if possible a garden chair (tea will be provided) If the weather is inclement, the events will be held indoors. Many, many thanks to our hosts for their kind hospitality and we look forward to seeing you all. *Joyce Davis*

WEST END FOOD BANK There was a very generous supply of food this week & they are so grateful! It was so busy when I went there on Thursday, they had to forgo the weighing of the food on this occasion. Please note we are now using the Green Bin for contributions which is in the foyer permanently so all users of the building can donate. *Brian*

THE CLOTHES BAR is now open on **Tuesday** mornings in term time at **Lemington** between **9.30-11.30am**. A reminder that they are only dealing with childrens' clothes, NOT adult clothes but are now accepting baby clothes. The collection box is in the foyer.

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)

PRAYERS

We bring to you, O Lord, our poverty of soul to be transformed by your beauty; our waywardness of passion to be tamed by your love; our stubbornness of will to be conformed to your commandments and our coldness of heart to be enkindled by your grace; now and forever. *Amen*

Lord Jesus, wherever I am in my life, you know me. When I am first in the thoughts of friends and family because of challenges I face, when I am last in their thoughts because we have not been in touch recently, when I am somewhere in the middle, on an ordinary day of mixed blessings, you know me, you know them, you love us all wherever we are. Be the first in my thoughts in the midst of my challenges. Have the last word in restoring my relationships, that all may glorify you. *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 28 th June	Church Council
Sun 1 st July	Music in the Park
Sun 8 th July	Church B-B-Q in the garden in aid of St. Oswalds
Sun 8 th July	10.30am Celebration of Cowgate's Ministry
Sat 21 st July	Summer Circuit Event - Riding Lights Drama Group
Tues 24 th July	Meanders Treasure Hunt
Tues 4 th Sept	Welcome service for Rev Colin & Lesley Barrick Venue TBA

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 5 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Wed 6 th	Heddon	7pm	. Bible Study
Thurs 7 th	Heddon	10-11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 7 th	Heddon	1.15 p.m.	Prayer Group.
Sat 9 th	Blucher	2.30 – 4pm.	Afternoon Tea with set tea and cocktail piano Tickets £3.00 from Stewards.
Sat 9 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Tuesday Evening Fellowship Coffee Morning.
Sat 9 th	Lemington	10am -12noon.	Craft and Chat.
Tues 12 th	Denton Burn	7.30pm.	Tuesday Evening Fellowship 60th Anniversary Geordie night. Tickets £5
Tues 12 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Tues 12 th	Westerhope	.30pm.	Weekday Praise. Speaker: Geoff Orrock.
Wed 13 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.
Wed 13 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study
Thurs 14 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs 14 th	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 14 th	Heddon	7- 9pm.	Photography Group (all levels welcome). This Session: A Photoshoot Outing to Jesmond Dene (meet outside the Church at 6.15pm)
Fri 15 th	Stamfordham	12noon - 1pm.	Soup and Pud lunch at Church on the Green
Sat 16 th	Denton Burn	7pm.	Film Night. ‘The life of Pi’.
Tues 19 th	Heddon	1.30 – 3pm.	Craft and Chat.
Tues 19 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Tues 19 th	Westerhope	7.30pm.	Circuit Preachers’ Meeting
Wed 20 th	Heddon	7pm.	Bible Study
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	“The Garden Room” cuppa, friendship, fellowship.
Thurs 21 st	Heddon	1.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 21 st	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church.
Sat 23 rd	Denton Burn	2pm.	Blooming Tea Party for Marie Curie.
Sat 23 rd	Heddon	9am.	Ladies Breakfast. Spkr – Rev Tim Thorpe

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