

Notices for Sunday 4th November 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.*

31st in Ordinary Time // Healing and Wholeness

Sun 4 th ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Led by Robin Hudson - 'The Fruit of the Spirit...Love' Rev James Poore - 'Saints Alive' Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - 'Naaman - risk, trust, vulnerability'
Mon 5 th	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 6 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship – 'Listening Post' – Helle Sewell. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 7 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 8 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus – 'St. Kildas' – John Whittle.
Fri 9 th	3.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home for Armistice Day (see page 2) Carpet Bowls Prayer Meeting at the Matthew's, 35, Longmeadows NE20 9DX
Sat 10 th		
Sun 11 th	10.00am 7.00pm	Rev Jona Sewell – Joint Service for Remembrance Day. Joint Service at St. Mary's

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Angela Lisle, Brenda Rutter.

(pm) Andrew Pay, Pete Cowey.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev James Poore.

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

Rev Jona Sewell, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Robin Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am and **Rev Pat Brooks**, Scots Gap 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES :-

10am (Bridge) : Galatians 5 : 16-26 and 1 Corinthians 13 : 1-7.

10am (Church) : Psalm 34 : 1-10, 22, Matthew 5 : 1-12, The Kingdom (R.S.Thomas)

6.30pm : 2Kings 5 : 1-14 and Mark 1 : 40-45.

The following questions are from today's **LECTIONARY** below using the NIV version:-

1) From the most important Commandment, what must you love your Lord God with?

2) Who was Naomi's husband and how many sons did she have?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

ALL SAINTS :- Wisdom of Solomon 3 : 1-9 *or* Isaiah 25 : 6-9,
Palm 24, Revelation 21 : 1-6a, John 11 : 32-44.

Sun 4th :- Ruth 1 : 1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9 : 11-14, Mark 12 : 28-34.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDIES continue on the following dates before Christmas, **2pm** on Mondays :- **12th Nov** – 'I Am the Resurrection', to be led by **Rev David MacDonald**.

26th Nov – 'I Am the Way', to be led by **Rev Jona Sewell** and **12th Dec** – 'I Am the True Vine', to be led by **Peter Hindle**. We welcome all who want to join us. **Chris Cogan**

OPEN DOOR Due to staff shortages, the earlier winter time of **1pm** will not start until **Mon 19th Nov** when soup will be served as well as scones cakes and tea and coffee. If you feel you can help us with making and serving soup, then please let me know. **Judith**.

MONDAY PRAYER GROUP from next week (**12th**) moves to the earlier time of **12.15pm** when they meet at St. Matthews for the monthly Ponteland Churches Together joint meeting. This time of 12.15pm remains throughout the winter as published. **Andrew**

THE FOOD BANK truly appreciate our very generous and continued weekly support to them over many years. With sincere thanks. **Brian Davis**

THE CLOTHES BAR at Lemington has really taken off! At a recent Tuesday morning, clothing for 41 children was given away. As you can imagine as the weather is turning there is a need for winter clothing. If you can help by donating winter clothing for any age – baby to twelve, for either boy or girl, or if you can donate pyjamas, underwear or toiletries for adults and children, then all donations would be greatly appreciated. **Jona**

GRANGE LEA ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE will take place, 3.30pm at Grange Lea on North Rd. Please come along if you can to enjoy a service remembering those who lost their lives for their country and also enjoy afternoon tea dressed in Red, White and Blue!

CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves (07725052009)

DOOR STEWARDS The current rota runs till the end of **January 2019**. We will shortly be compiling the next one and, due to 3 people unable to continue, there is an exciting opportunity for you to prayerfully consider this very important welcoming role within our Church. If you would like to know more about the duties involved with a view to becoming a Door Steward, then please ask me for more information. *Maurice Milburn*

FAIRTRADE CHURCH In the light of recent announcements about the future of Traidcraft plc, the Fairtrade Church requirements are being reviewed. As a first step, the Church Council on 18th October agreed that Ponteland Methodist Church should continue to be a Fairtrade Church. In many ways, that was the easy bit: we now need to work out exactly how we are going to meet the requirements of maintaining that status. We already have some ideas about alternative suppliers and possible ways of working with other Churches to continue to promote Fairtrade. However, we need the enthusiasm, imagination and the commitment of a small group of people to work out the way forward and to report back to Church Council at its next meeting in March. If you are able to help, please contact *Bev or Andrew*. Thank you.

WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE - to remember all victims of war; to challenge militarism; to build a culture of peace. If you would like one, they are available at the Church entrance on the bookcase. *Andrew Gonnert*

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY present “**Gospel Street.....it’s Good News**” at St Luke’s Church, Claremont Rd on Sun 4th Nov at 6.45pm. Admission is free. *Gaye*

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

O eternal Trinity, ocean of love, source of light and abyss of beauty, bathe us in the glory of your creation, save us by the wounds of your grace and transform us by the gift of your Spirit. O abyss of Wisdom we glorify you! O Godhead we worship you! O deep sea of eternal love we bless you, now and for ever. *Amen*

Gracious God, from you everything flows and in you all things have their being. Forgive us for spoiling your gift of creation, so wonderfully crafted and freely given: for the times when we have forgotten your imprint on creation and have abused it; for the times when we have caused needless waste and damage; for the times when we have chosen momentary pleasure over long-term necessity. Grant that we may thank you for your gift of creation by conserving natural resources and by using only that which we need. May our stewardship of your world be a true example of Christian care. *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

Sun 25 th Nov	Toy Service 10am followed by the Shade Lunch, 12noon
Sun 9 th Dec	BB/GB Carol Service / Turkey sarnies / Christmas Fayre
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	Christmas Day Service 10.30am
Sun 6 th Jan	10am Covenant Service 6.30pm Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson
14 th – 20 th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 6 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Thurs 8 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 8 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15 p.m. Prayer Group.
Thurs 8 th	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.
Thurs 8 th	Heddon	7pm. Photography Group. Speaker: Ron Henry: A Photography Journey + sharing photos of Light Trails
Fri 9 th	Stamfordham	12noon - 1pm. Soup and Pud lunch at the church on the green
Sat 10 th	Denton Burn	10am. Tuesday Evening Fellowship Coffee Morning. Lots of stalls
Sat 10 th	Lemington	10am. Craft and Chat.
Tues 13 th	Lemington	9.30 – 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Tues 13 th	Lemington	2pm. Ladies Meeting A.G.M.
Tues 13 th	Westerhope	7.30pm. Weekday Praise. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lanyon
Wed 14 th	Denton Burn	10am. Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 15 th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm. Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Thurs 15 th	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.
Sat 17 th	Heddon	10.30am. Church Walk. Bring a packed lunch. Suitable for all levels
Sat 17 th	Westerhope	10am - 12noon. Christmas Fair
Tues 20 th	Heddon	1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Craft and Chat – topic to be confirmed
Tues 20 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 21 st	Westerhope	4 - 5.30pm. Messy Church. Topic: 'We wait for Jesus'
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. "The Garden Room" cuppa, friendship and fellowship
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	1.15 – 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 22 nd	Heddon	7pm. Bible Study.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Your heart, soul, mind & strength. (Mark 12:30) 2) Elimelech and 2 sons (Ruth 1:3)