

## Notices for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### 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 before and after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

#### 31<sup>st</sup> in Ordinary Time / The Covenant of Faith

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> All Saints' Sunday	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	<b>The Bridge - Rosemary Gray - Giving. 'Corner'</b> <b>Peter Hindle - 'Saints &amp; saints' - includes dedication of shoe boxes.</b> <b>Rev Jona Sewell – Communion – 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm  1.30pm 1.00pm	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 :- <b>SOUP</b> , cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship – 'Life Stories' – talk by Ann Cooper Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.45pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dennis Carss led by Rev T. Thorpe Girls' Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls' Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm  7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am Women's Focus/Men's Forum – Joint Talk by Marion Anderson on 'Wild and Wicked Women of the North East' Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary's Church Hall.
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Carpet Bowls Prayer/Worship at Abraham and Sue's, 35 Longmeadows, Darras Hall
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 12 noon	Meanders - leader TBA SHADE lunch in the Church Hall – tickets, £10 from Jean or Joan.
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	<b>Joint Service – Rev Jona Sewell</b> <b>Geoff Orrock</b>

## CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Irene Holmes, Pete Cowey, Brenda Rutter.  
(pm) Pete Cowey, Irene Holmes.

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:-** Rev Jona Sewell, Rosemary Gray and Peter Hindle. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:-  
Rev Jona Sewell, Lemington 10.30am; Peter Hindle, Milbourne 6.30pm;  
Rev Tim Thorpe, Blucher 10.45am and Scots Gap 6.30pm;  
Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and Rev Robin Brooks, Scots Gap 10.30am.

## BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Dueteronomy 24 : 17-22.

10am (Ch) : Revelation 7 : 9-17, 1 John 3 : 1-3, Matthew 5 : 1-12. (from the Message)  
6.30pm : Mark 5 : 21-42.

The following questions are from the *All Saints* readings below using the NIV version:-

1) What were the great multitudes holding in their hands? 2) Add the missing words to this verse "Blessed are the meek for they will ..... the ....., Blessed are the pure in .... for they will see ... " You will find the answers on the back page.

## LECTIONARY

**All Saints** : Revelation 7 : 9-17, Psalm 34 : 1-10, 22, 1 John 3 : 1-3, Matthew 5 : 1-12  
**5<sup>th</sup> Nov** Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

**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*

**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 12 noon. Donations will be for St. Oswalds Hospice. *Tim Thorpe*

**TODAY's 10am CHURCH SERVICE** "Saints & saints" will seek to bring together: the dedication of our shoeboxes (Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Operation - being collected this week); the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church of All Saints in Wittenberg (October 31, 1517); All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). The service will have three parts centering on: Works; Praise; Contemplation. *Peter Hindle*

**OPEN DOOR** are now on winter times of 1pm -4pm every Monday afternoon except bank holidays. Soup is back on the menu at £2 per bowl including a bread roll. Enjoy! *Judith*

### **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*

**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)

**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 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.

### **PRAYERS**

O Lord, you are the beginning of all our good, the wellspring of all our love and the source of all our freedom. Let your grace work in us and your will be done through us, that we may forever rejoice in your presence. *Amen*

Migrant God, you have a place in my heart. Refugee Jesus, lead me to your eternal home. Resident Spirit, set me free to know and do the will of God who is ever present yet always moving on. *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.

**CHURCH CARETAKER : Marianne Groves 07725052009**

**DIARY DATES**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Circuit Christmas event at Ponteland.  
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 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 noon. Craft and Chat. All welcome.  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> **Denton Burn** 4pm. Messy Church.  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** 7.30pm. Weekday Praise. Speaker – Rev Derek Aldridge.  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30pm. Messy Church.  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door).  
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Fri 17<sup>th</sup> **Stamfordham** 12-1pm. Soup and Pud lunch at church on the green. All welcome.  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> **Blucher** 7pm. Christmas Concert with group ‘Just Us’. Tickets £4 including supper now on sale.  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **Westerhope** 10- 12noon. Christmas Fair opened by Rev Juliet. Stalls include cakes, cards. Christmas goods, tombola, raffle etc.  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> **Heddon** 1.30 – 3pm. Craft and Chat – Christmas Wreaths with Carol  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for ‘Aid work for Sri Lankan children’.  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> **Lemington** 10 - 11.30am. Christmas Coffee Morning including stalls, tombola, cakes, cards, raffles and refreshments. All welcome.

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

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**If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.**

**Bible Quiz Answers** :- 1) Palm branches (Revelation 7:9) 2) inherit, earth, heart, God (Matthew 5:5,8)