

Notices for Sunday 6th January 2019

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.

2nd of Christmas // Epiphany // The Glory of God

Sun 6 th	10.00am <u>6.00pm</u>	Rev Jona Sewell – Joint Covenant Service - ‘Journeys and Giving’ Rev Michaela Youngson - President of Conference (This is a Circuit Service)
Mon 7 th	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 8 th	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship - “Waiting in Wonder” - Rosemary Gray (A Bring and Buy stall will be included today) Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 9 th		Girls’ Brigade resumes next week
Thurs 10 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Joint Meeting of Men’s Forum and Women’s Focus – Rev Jona Sewell. (please bring a small amount of food for a Faith Supper afterwards.)
Fri 11 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Carpet Bowls Bridge Prayer meeting at the Matthew’s, 35 Longmeadows NE20 9DX
Sat 12 th		
Sun 13 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell Rev Gordon Wynne Geoff Orrock

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Pam Varley, Brenda Rutter.

(pm) Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Michaela Youngson. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Tim Woolley, Denton Burn 10.30am and Rev Colin Barrick, Heddon 10.30am

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 2 : 1-12.

6.30pm : Isaiah 60 : 1-6, Ephesians 3 : 1-12, Matthew 2 : 1-12.

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

- 1) Where do the herds of camels come from with all from Sheba to bear gold and incense?
- 2) When Herod called the Magi and sent them to Bethlehem, what did he ask them to do?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Isaiah 60 : 1-6, Psalm 72 : 1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3 : 1-12, Matthew 2 : 1-12.

PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE - REV MICHAELA YOUNGSON Is preaching here this evening in Ponteland. It is a Circuit Service and begins at the earlier time of **6pm**.

Michaela will be attending the event below tomorrow -

HARVEST HANDS, Wrekenton Methodist Community Church, 9.30am Coffee and Croissants and **10am Prayers. Contact Elaine@lindridge.org.uk** to book.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING Prayers will restart tomorrow (**7th Jan**) at **12.15pm** in the lounge. Please note that we are hosting the monthly shared ecumenical meetings on **both 14th January and 11th February** in our Church. We hope to welcome visitors to share soup with us after prayers at Open Door. *Chris Cogan*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY Our Open Door "I AM" series concludes on **Jan 14th**.

It is "I AM the Alpha and the Omega". We hope to start a study on Ephesians in late January. More info to follow in due course. *Chris Cogan*

DEFIBRILLATOR Ponteland Lions have paid for and installed the second of four units in and around Ponteland on our Church wall near the entrance doors. They have raised money from various sources around Ponteland, with a large donation from the Co-Op.

We will put an article in February's Cornerstone about them *Andy and Geoff*

GIRLS' BRIGADE Due to a family bereavement, there will be no GB this week. We will resume next Wednesday as the usual times.

CHANGE OF PREACHER Next Sunday morning's Church service will be taken by Rev Gordon Wynne in place of Richard Stephenson.

MAIN CHURCH DOUBLE DOORS need to be rehung and fittings replaced which is a specialist job. We hope to have them repaired mid-January. Apologies for delay. *Geoff*

DOMUS BIBLE STUDY The **Tues 15th January** meeting will be at the home of **Ann Cooper (15, Guardian's Court)** at the earlier time of **12.30pm**. We return to 10 Darras Rd on the **29th January**.
John Gill

ACTION FOR CHILDREN A HUGE thank-you to everyone who contributed to the Action for Children collections, over Christmas. Whether through collection boxes {of which there are some available} the Carol Service collection, Christmas day or personal donations, the fantastic sum of **£1,102.15** was raised which includes Gift Aid.

Please get in-touch with me if you would like to have a collection box. *Rachel Wood*

CAR PARK SIGNS have been positioned on the spaces against the Church Hall with more to come against the hedge in January mounted on posts. This is an attempt to discourage users of the local pubs and restaurants who have a blatant disregard of the words "Private Car Park" Anybody using the Church or any of its rooms are free to use these spaces. We cannot enforce "No Parking" – hopefully, these will act as a deterrent.

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.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God, we praise you. Word everlasting, we bless you. Light undying, we glorify you. Fountain of mercy, we adore you. Joy of the saints, we worship you, world without end.
Amen

We worship you, the one God, the God of our forebears, who shared the gospel in far flung lands, the God of our generation, which has struggled to maintain your mission for our time. Move us from patronage to partnership, from tradition to innovation, as one Church in one world. Help us to identify your way and your will so that together we may communicate the gospel to the next generation.
Amen

Be a light, O Lord, to our eyes, and music to our ears. Be sweetness to our taste and contentment to our hearts. Be sunshine to our days and food at our table. Be rest in our night and sufficiency in the hour of our need. Be liberty in our life and everlasting glory at our death; through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 20 th Jan	6.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
Mon 21 st Jan	7.00pm	Steward's meeting
Tues 29 th Jan	7.30pm	Leadership Team meeting
Thurs 7 th Feb	7.00pm	Circuit 'Engage' event at Denton Burn
Thurs 28 th Feb	7.30pm	Church Council
Mon 4 th March	7.30pm	Finance and Property Meeting
Wed 13 th March	12noon	Bible Society Lunch
Sat 6 th April	10am-4pm	'Walk Through the Bible' – New Testament

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues	8 th	Heddon	1.30 - 3pm.	Craft and Chat.
Tues	8 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar
Wed	9 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Beans and Banter.
Thurs	10 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30 am.	"The Garden Room" (Open Door) cuppa, friendship and fellowship.
Thurs	10 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs	10 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs	10 th	Heddon	7 - 9pm.	Photography Group.
				A New Year Review – basics of photography.
Sat	12 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning for Tuesday Toddlers.
Sat	12 th	Lemington	10am - 12noon.	Craft and Chat.
Sat	12 th	Lemington	4 - 6pm.	Messy Church
Sat	12 th	Westerhope	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning.
Tues	15 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar
Wed	16 th	Lemington	4 - 5.30pm.	Messy Church.
Thurs	17 th	Heddon	10-11.30am.	The Garden Room - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs	17 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs	17 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs	17 th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm	Open Doors- praying for the persecuted Church
Sat	19 th	Denton Burn	7pm.	Film Night 'The Shack'.
Tues	22 nd	Lemington	9.30-11.30am.	Clothes Bar
Thurs	24 th	Heddon	10-11.30am.	The Garden Room - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs	24 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs	24 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat	26 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee morning for Church Funds.
Sat	26 th	Lemington	10- 11.30am.	Coffee morning with cakes, cards etc.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL
or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Midian and Ephah (Isaiah 60:6)

2) to search for the child and report to me so that I too may go and worship him (Matthew 2:8)