

Notices for Sunday 7th January 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 before and after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

1st in Ordinary Time / The Waters of Salvation

Sun 7th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Annual Covenant Service – ‘Angels, fear and love’ Rev Tim Woolley – ‘Magi, Journeys and Encounter’
Mon 8 th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.00pm	Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St. Mary’s Church. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. The Open Door :- Soup, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Carpet Bowls Open Door Bible Study - ‘The Story of Esther, part 4’ continues.
Tues 9 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study Group at the Gill’s – 10, Darras Road Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 10 th	11.15am 5.45pm 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Barbara Wigglesworth. Service led by Rev Jona Sewell with the address by Rev Tim Thorpe. Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 11 th	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am Women’s Focus – Rev Jona Sewell speaking on St. Francis. Men’s Forum Annual Dinner at the Badger
Fri 12 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 13 th		
Sun 14th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Tim Woolley Rev Glynn Lister Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Peter Michell, Brenda Rutter.

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PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Tim Woolley.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Scots Gap 6.30pm; **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm, **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Robin Brooks**, Heddon 10.30am and **Ann Cooper**, Blucher 10.45am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 2 : 13 - 21.

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

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

1) Where is the voice heard and who was weeping for her children?

2) Where did the herds of young camels come from?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Epiphany (6th Jan) Isaiah 60 : 1-6, Psalm 72 : 1-7, 10-14,

Ephesians 3 : 1-12, Matthew 2 : 1-12.

7th Jan Genesis 1 : 1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19 : 1-7, Mark 1 : 4-11.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE There will be a Pastoral Committee Meeting on **Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm** in the Church. If any Pastoral Visitor is unable to attend, please could they let me know in advance, preferably by emailing pmc.pastoral@sky.com *Bev*

ACTION FOR CHILDREN The Christmas Day collection raised **£508.31**. Gift Aid will be added to this also, so a very good result indeed bettering last year when the amount raised was £481, so slightly up this Christmas. Thank you to all who donated. *Rachel/Peter*

WOMEN'S FOCUS resumes on **Thurs 11th Jan at 7.30pm**. Our Minister, *Rev Jona Sewell*, has chosen to speak on **St. Francis**. All are welcome. *Chris Cogan*

MEN'S FORUM are gathering for their annual dinner at **7.30pm** on **Thurs 11th Jan** at the refurbished **Badger**. All are welcome. A short talk follows the meal on "Dreams" given by Dr Iain Edgar, a retired Lecturer from Durham University Dept of Anthropology. I would appreciate it if you would make your menu choice and let me know by Fri 5th Jan. *Andy*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP recommences on **Tues 16th Jan**. Led by Peter and Val, their daughter Jane will be leading a 'fitness fun' session. A Bring and Buy stall will be open.

BARBARA WRIGGLESWORTH passed away peacefully in hospital on Christmas Eve. A private comital will take place at Prestwick Cemetery followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 11.15am in Ponteland Methodist Church. Rev Jona Sewell will take the service with Rev Tim Thorpe giving the address. Everyone is welcome to refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards. *Richard and Pam Varley*

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins with a service here at **12noon on Mon 15th Jan.** Services continue on **Wed 17th at St Matthews (12noon), URC Broadway Fri 19th (12noon) and St Mary's Sun 21st at 6.30pm.**

CIRCUIT SERVICE Rev **Stephen Lindridge** will take a Circuit Service at **Westerhope** Methodist Church at **6pm** on Sunday 21st January. There will be no Evening Service here.

CHURCH FAMILY MEAL Isobel Hindle has had to postpone the Church Lunch planned for 21st January due to family reasons. It will be rescheduled for later in the year.

NEWCASTLE WEST END FOODBANK have sent a note of appreciation for our kind contribution. Every little bit helps to feed at least one family at Christmas and other times of the year. My thanks go to all who continue to support throughout the year. *Brian Davis*

LOST PROPERTY It's amazing what people leave on our premises! I have a large collection of assorted items which will be in a box in the foyer this month. Please claim anything you may have lost. I will dispose of anything unclaimed on 31st Jan. *Marianne*

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am.

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

Holy and eternal God, in your only Son, Jesus Christ, you have fully revealed yourself to be the God whose grace, mercy and peace are the source and summit of all life. By the power of your Holy Spirit at work in us, turn our hearts to love and obedience of your perfect will for us and all creation.

Looking always to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, may we rediscover each day our purpose to serve you as your people in the world. And, on the last day, bring us to the fullness of your eternal kingdom and the joy of the heavenly banquet. *Amen*

Let us fear you, O Lord, beyond whom there is none more holy; let us love you beyond whom there is none more gracious; and let us glorify you beyond whom there is none more worthy of praise; and grant that fearing, loving, and glorifying you we may see you, face to face; through Christ our Lord. *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

Mon 15 th – Sun 21 st Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sat 27 th Jan	Gather North
Mon 12 th Feb	Finance and property Committee meeting
Mon 19 th Feb	Care and Share Meeting
Mon 26 th Feb – Sun 11 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 14 th March	Bible Society Lunch, 12noon URC
Thurs 14 th March	Church Council
Sat 24 th March	Spring Concert – Graeme Danby
Thurs 29 th Mar – Sun 1 st April	Easter

CIRCUIT NOTICES

- Thurs 11th **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.
- Thurs 11th **Heddon** 7- 9pm. Heddon Photography Group – all levels welcome.
- Sat 13th **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning in aid of Tuesday Toddlers.
- Sat 13th **Lemington** 10 - 12 noon. Craft and chat.
- Sat 13th **Denton Burn** 4pm. Messy Church.
- Wed 17th **Westerhope** 4 - 5.30pm. Messy Church.
- Thurs 18th **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.
- Thurs 18th **Lemington** 1.15pm. Open Doors – to pray for the persecuted Church.
- Sat 20th **Westerhope** 12noon. Broth lunch. Tkts £4.50 - Anne Harbottle- 0191 243 3612
- Thurs 25th **Heddon** 10-11.30am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.
- Fri 26th to Sun 28th **Bassenfell** weekend. Details from Carol Dent.
- Sat 27th **Denton Burn** 10am. Coffee Morning for Church funds.
- Sat 27th **Lemington** 10-11.30am. Coffee morning with cakes and cards. 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) Ramah, Rachel (Matthew 2:18) 2) Midian and Ephah (Isaiah 60:6)