

**Notices for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 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.*

**27<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time – ‘The Pioneer of Salvation’**

<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Prisons Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>The Bridge – Rev Tim Woolley – ‘Comfortably Numb?’</b> <b>Alan Golphin – ‘Harvesting : Restoration to Wholeness’</b> <b>Rev Tim Woolley – Communion – ‘Losing my Religion’</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.15pm  1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Ponteland Churches Together <b>Ecumenical Prayer Meeting</b> here today. All are welcome or let us have a prayer request Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Open Door Bible Study – ‘Faith, Hope and Love and all inbetween.
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm  6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship Harvest Meeting led by Syd Cowan (Please bring items to display on the harvest table) Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers                      6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus – ‘Plants with a touch of comedy’ - Patricia Hodgson Searchlight Fellowship Group in St. Mary’s Church Hall <b>Church Council</b> – in the Church
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 7.30pm	Carpet Bowls Prayer Meeting at 35, Longmeadows ( Sue + Abraham Matthew’s home)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Meanders led by Marjorie Anderson (the walk starts at Whitfield)
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>The Bridge – Steve Small - ‘Building for the future’</b> <b>Ann Cooper</b> <b>Rev Jona Sewell</b>

## CHURCH STEWARDS

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

(pm) Peter Michell, Pete Cowey.

### PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Tim Woolley and Alan Golphin.

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

**Rev Jona Sewell;** Lemington 10.30am and Blucher 6pm

**Rev Tim Thorpe;** Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm (Harvest Festival)

### BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**10am (Bridge) : Amos 6 : 1 – 7.**

**10am (Church) : Isaiah 35 : 1 - 10, Galatians 6 : 1 - 10, John 4 : 34 - 38.**

**6.30pm : Psalm 19, Philippians 3 : 4b -14.**

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

1) Jesus said "do you not say ... months more and then the harvest" – how many months?

2) What do you lie on and dine on according to Amos?

You will find the answers on the back page.

## LECTIONARY

**Exodus 20 : 1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19,  
Philippians 3 : 4b-14, Matthew 21 : 33-46.**

**DISASTER EMERGENCY APPEAL** In recent weeks, half a million people – mostly Rohingya women and children – have fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine state. They are seeking refuge in Bangladesh, where they urgently need food, water, shelter and medical care. **RED** Envelopes are on the seats and need to be returned no later than this evening's service. Donations are to be collected on Monday to be sent off. *The Stewards*

**DOOR STEWARDS** The current rota runs until the end of **January 2018**. For Colin to compile the next one, he needs to know if anyone currently on the rota can no longer fulfil the role, or conversely, if anyone feels that they would like to prayerfully consider this important role within the Church, can they please let me know. *Maurice Milburn*

**RONNIE DUNN** wishes to say a very big Thank You for all the good wishes and prayers. A very special thank you to Bryan and Margaret for the lifts to hospital and sincere good wishes to the Minister who made time to call in and see Ronnie at the hospital. This has given him a great incentive towards his recovery and uplifted his spirits. He still has a long way to go and, hopefully, by Christmas, will be 'plaster free' and able to return to Church. Once again, many thanks and our prayers and thoughts are with you. *Beverley*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** For OCTOBER, we are collecting sweets. You can pass them on to the Church Stewards or Elizabeth. A day will be set aside later in October to assemble all the items collected throughout the year. If anyone would like to sponsor a box, can they let us know. If you prefer, you can still assemble your own shoebox.

*Elizabeth and Angela*

**FOOD BANK** Thank you very much indeed for your food donations. The Food Bank is truly grateful for your longstanding efforts, but more and more food is urgently required to help feed people in crisis. A suggested requirements list is:- MILK (long life or powdered), SUGAR(500g), FRUIT JUICE (carton), SOUP, PASTA SAUCES, CEREALS, TEA BAGS, RICE/PASTA, JAM, BISCUITS, SNACK BARS, INSTANT COFFEE and MASHED POTATOES. Also the following **TINS** of SPONGE PUDDINGS, FRUIT, TOMATOES, RICE PUDDING, MEAT and FISH. **All** must be non-perishable foods. The Food Bank willingly accept cash + cheque donations (made payable to 'Newcastle West End Food Bank') These types of donation should be handed to one of our Church Stewards. Delivery to the Food Bank is normally on a Monday Morning. The Collection Box is in the Church foyer under the pigeon holes. Thank You. *Brian Davis*

**FAIRTRADE** The new Traidcraft catalogues have arrived and are available in the Foyer. Please take one away and browse through the exciting new range of clothes, gifts, food and Christmas cards. Orders to be placed by **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** please. *Bev*

**PONTELAND BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP** invite you to their **AUTUMN LUNCH** on **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12noon** at The United Reformed Church, Broadway. Tickets, priced **£8**, are available from *Val Michell (871885), Judith Orton or Angela Lisle*

**SHADE UK** The annual SHADE lunch will take place this year on a **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November** at 12 noon. Tickets cost **£10** for Adults, **£5** for Under 12's. Tickets are available from *Joan Bullous (822048) or Jean Tweedie (822474)*.

**PASTORAL VISITORS** Please could Pastoral Visitors collect their updated lists from the pigeonholes. Included are the new membership cards for distribution. Thank you, *Bev*

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Our members and friends would like to say a **HUGE "Thank You"** to **Val & Peter Michell** and **Ann Cooper** for hosting our Garden Parties during the summer break. We greatly appreciate their warm hospitality and we were blessed with two beautiful summer afternoons!!!! Many thanks indeed. *Joyce Davis*

**JUNCTION 42** A huge Thank You to all those who had their car cleaned last Sunday. We did 18 cars and raised **£130** towards the Connect October Retreat to Whithaugh Park where we will take 80 young people away for a weekend of Worship and Ministry. *Gaye*

**THE BRIDGE** We are hoping to have a shared lunch after the service on **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**, at approx 12noon. Please do come along and bring a contribution to lunch – savoury, sweet or drinks. If you have family or friends who would like to come to lunch but not the service, please feel free to bring them along. We will confirm details nearer the time.

**ECG: Day Conference**, including youth and children's work, is on **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-4pm** at Chester-Le-Street Methodist Church, speak to *Steve Small* for more details. *Caroline*

**BIG QUESTIONS – ANY ANSWERS?** The next event in this series for the Tyne Valley giving a Christian perspective on topical science issues is this **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** – **'Are natural disasters Acts of God?'** – Prof. Bob White FRS (Cambridge) The venue is **Ponteland High School**. It begins at **7.30pm** with refreshments from 7pm.

**SEARCHLIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm in St. Mary's Church Hall. Sponsored by **Ponteland Churches Together**, the new series of **9** studies are "**A Passion to Witness**" to help Christians share their faith. Subjects are :-

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** - Why should we share it ?      **19<sup>th</sup>** - Why don't we share it ?  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - How to pray when sharing it ?      **Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** - How to tell my story.  
**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** - Using the Bible to share the gospel.      **16<sup>th</sup>** - How should we answer questions ?  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** - How to lead someone to Christ.      **30<sup>th</sup>** - How to push the boundaries of our Church.

**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.

### PRAYERS

Guide your Church, O Lord, with your perpetual providence; that it may walk warily in times of quiet and boldly in times of trouble; through Jesus Christ our Lord.      *Amen*

Jesus, the first and the last, you are alpha and omega, beginning and end. You are there at the beginning of the year, you are with us at its end. You are at the beginning of our lives, you are with us at our end. Hope-kindler, life-bringer, gift-giver, work in us your gifts of grace, bring us forgiveness, and perfect us in love.      *Amen*

### CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>      **Westerhope** 7.30 am. Weekday Praise. Speaker – Mrs. Barbara Lanyon  
Thur 12<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 10-11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 7 – 9 pm. Photography Group (all levels welcome).  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup>      **Stamfordham** 12 – 1 pm. Soup and Pud lunch. All welcome.  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup>      **Westerhope** 7.30-9.30 pm. Preachers' Explore Evening. See ad on notice board.  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup>      **Denton Burn** 10 am. Coffee Morning for Shoebox appeal.  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup>      **Denton Burn** 4 pm. Messy Church.  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup>      **Lemington** 10 – 12.00 noon. Craft and Chat. All welcome.  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup>      **Westerhope** 10 – 11.30 am. Wesley Guild Coffee Morning.  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 6 pm. The Living Room – Alternative Worship.  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 1.30 – 3 pm. Craft and Chat – Book art with Jill  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>      **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30 p.m. Messy Church. Topic: Noah  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>      **Blucher** 7 pm. Circuit Event with Rev Tim Woolley.  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>      **Heddon** 10 – 11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door). Company, friendship, good conversation and a cuppa.  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup>      **Denton Burn** 7 pm. Film Night – 'Sing Street'.

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.**  
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**Bible Quiz Answers** :- 1) 4 months (John 4:35) 2) Beds inlaid with ivory & choice lambs & fattened calves (Amos 6:4)