

Notices for Sunday 9th December 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.

2nd of Advent // Messenger of the Covenant

Sun 9 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Joint All Age Worship & Brigades' Carol Service Theme - 'the mystery of the new noisy neighbour' Rachel Wood
Mon 10 th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	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 Open Door Bible Study - 'I Am the True Vine', led by Peter Hindle Finance and Property Meeting at the Knowles', 24, Hadrian Court.
Tues 11 th	2.30pm 2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill's, - 10 Darras Rd. Women's Fellowship – Advent Service – Rev Jona Sewell Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 12 th	5.45pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders Christmas Choir rehearsal in Church
Thurs 13 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus – Christmas Social and Faith Supper – Paul Braiden
Fri 14 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Carpet Bowls (last Friday session till Fri 4 th Jan) Bridge Prayer meeting at the Matthew's, 35 Longmeadows NE20 9DX
Sat 15 th		
Sun 16 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Jona Sewell – Christmas Celebration. Rev Robin Brooks - Communion - 'There was a man sent from God' Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Pam Varley, Andrew Pay.

(pm) Brenda Rutter, Pam Varley.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rachel Wood. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Jona Sewell, Westerhope 6pm; Rev Tim Woolley, Blucher 10.45am and Rev Colin Barrick, Scots Gap 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Church) : Micah 5:2, Luke 2 : 8-20, Matthew 2 : 1-12, Isaiah 9 : 6-7.

6.30pm : Luke 1 : 1-25.

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

- 1) What is Zechariah's wife called?
- 2) A child is born and he will be called , God (add the 3 missing words)
You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Baruch 5 : 1-9 or Malachi 3 : 1-4, *Canticle* : Benedictus (Luke 1 : 68-79),
Philippians 1 : 3-11, Luke 3 : 1-6.

OPEN DOOR The last Open Door before Christmas is this week! We will be taking a break on 17th, 24th and 31st December. Happy Christmas to all our customers. See you all again 1pm, 7th January 2019. *Judith*

SHADE LUNCH Many thanks to all who supported the SHADE UK lunch on 25th November. It was a huge success and we raised £700 for the work of SHADE in Northern Kenya. Also, thanks to Pete Cowey who once again cooked us an excellent meal. *Joan B*

CORNERSTONE I am writing to thank you for the kind donations of toys to Cornerstone Community Centre from your Church. Please would you pass on our heartfelt gratitude to the Congregation. Your contributions mean that children in our community who otherwise would go without, will have presents to unwrap on Christmas Day. We are working in partnership with our local schools, families involved with Cornerstone, and the West Newcastle Food Bank to ensure all the gifts find good homes. Many Thanks again. *Jen Pyle*

CHURCH PENS for sale, £1.50 each. Soft tipped and ideal for touch screens on iPads and phones. Available from Andy, Rosie and at the Christmas Fayre.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH WINDOW STICKERS Please get one and put it in your car window, so we can identify who is parking in our car park. Available from Andy

ACTION FOR CHILDREN Please can the collecting boxes be given to Rachel for emptying by the 16th December. There will be gift envelopes available for our Annual collections & if you want one of these for a Christmas card donation, please get in-touch. I will be at Church on the 9th & 16th. Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.

CHRISTMAS HOPE There are supplies of these Christmas booklets available to take in the entrance hall as a gift from our Church to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. Discover how people's lives are being changed today as they get to know him. Please pass on to friends.

GRANGE LEA CAROL SERVICE will take place at Grange Lea, North Rd. on **Wed 19th Dec at 3.30pm**. You are invited to come along and join in the fellowship with the residents. The service will be led by Rev Jona Sewell.

FLOWER ROTA I am currently preparing the Flowers List for 2019. If anyone wishes to add or delete their names, would they please let me know ASAP. Additional help with arranging flowers throughout the year would be very welcome. With thanks, **Pat Turner**

WOMEN'S FOCUS are meeting with a faith supper this Thursday, **13th Dec** at 7.30pm in the upper room. **Paul Braiden** will talk on "Living - with Grace". All welcome. **Chris C**

WESTEND FOOD BANK - CHRISTMAS APPEAL The West End Food Bank's website tells us that Christmas is the time of year when they struggle the most to supply demand. They have launched an appeal to raise **£50k** by Christmas and have asked for extra food donations. We are, therefore, putting a money donation box next to the green Food Bank bin to accept donations during December. We are also asking everyone to bring something for the food bank every week during December. Please help those who are less fortunate than us, especially at this time of year. **Andrew Pay and Brian Davis**

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

Remember, Lord, your Church, to deliver it from all evil, and to perfect it in your love. From the four winds gather it together in holiness, into the life of your kingdom; for yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, forgive our hesitations in life. Give us courage to walk through open doors and to step over new thresholds into the unknown. Help us to embrace new experiences. Thank you that, when we walk in step with you, our anxieties are shed, our trust deepens, and our world is transformed. Thank you for your loving grace. **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

Wed 19 th Dec	3.30pm	Grange Lea Christmas Carol Service
Wed 19 th Dec	8-8.30pm	Christmas Carols on Coates Green
Sat 22 nd Dec	10-12noon	Carol singing for Christian Aid outside the park by Waitrose
Sat 22 nd Dec	6pm	Informal Carols on Coates Green
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	10.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 6 th Jan	10am	Covenant Service
	6.30pm	Circuit Service - Preacher – President of Conference, Rev Michaela Youngson

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Sun 9 th	Heddon	2.30 - 4.30pm. Messy Church - joint ecumenical family session with St. Andrew's at Heddon Methodist. Come & meet the Puppets. Theme: 'Christmas'
Tues 11 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Tues 11 th	Heddon	1.30 - 3pm. Craft and Chat Christmas Party.
Tues 11 th	Westerhope	7.30pm. Weekday Praise.
Wed 12 th	Denton Burn	10am. Beans and Banter.
Thurs 13 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. Advent Coffee Morning. Tea, company, friendship, fellowship and mince pies (supporting local Charities)
Thurs 13 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 13 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study.
Fri 14 th	Lemington	6pm. Ecumenical Carol Service at Lemington Centre.
Tues 18 th	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 19 th	Westerhope	4 - 5.30pm. Messy Church.
Thurs 20 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. Advent Coffee Morning. Tea, company, friendship, fellowship and mince pies (supporting local Charities)
Thurs 20 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group.
Thurs 20 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study.
Thurs 20 th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm. Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Sat 22 nd	Heddon	10am - 12noon. Community Carol Singing outside Dingle Dell Tearooms (supporting local charities).
Sat 22 nd	Westerhope	10am. Singing round the tree followed by coffee and mince pies
Mon 24 th	Heddon	4- 5pm. Blessing of the Crib with Carols. Bring your lights to the front Garden of the Church Refreshments included.

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