

Notices for Sunday 10th September 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.*

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sun 10 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Steve Small – ‘Giving with Grace’ (To tithe or not to tithe, that is the question) – see p. 3 Mary Weatherall- ‘Names of God’ + ‘Peter - Discipleship - Mission’ Rev Juliet Wriglesworth - ‘Learning to live together well’
Mon 11 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm 7.00pm	Ponteland Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at the URC Broadway . All 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 & Love and all inbetween’ Care and Share Committee Meeting at 37 Avondale Road
Tues 12 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship - Leader: Andy Anderson. Speaker: Robin Ramsay on ‘Blooming Britain’ A Bring and Buy Stall as well. Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 13 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade – Explorers 6.00pm – Junior Section Girls’ Brigade – Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 14 th	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays – toys, activities and refreshments till 11 am Women’s Focus – Member’s night – Special mementos (see page 2) Men’s Forum – Pie and Pea Supper (See page 2)
Fri 15 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 16 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Meanders led by Liz Shaw (872956) Junction 42 Live Band in concert at Denton Burn Methodist Church
Sun 17 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Robin Brooks – ‘On His Majesty’s Secret Service’ Rev Pat Brooks – Communion – ‘Don’t Count Cost’ Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Angela Lisle, Irene Holmes, Peter Michell.
(pm) Andrew Pay, Irene Holmes.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth, Mary Weatherall and Steve Small.** We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Lemington 10.30am and Westerhope 6pm; **Rev Tim Thorpe**, Blucher 10.45am and Milbourne 6.30pm; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Denton Burn 10.30am and **Rev Tim Woolley**, Cowgate 10.30am and Denton Burn 7pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Church) : John 1 : 35-42, John 21 : 1-12a and 15-17.

10am (Bridge) : Malachi 3 : 6-10, 2 Corinthians 9 : 1-15.

6.30pm : Romans 13 : 8-14, Matthew 18 : 15-20.

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

1) If a brother sins against you and refuses to listen to the Church, how would you treat him? 2) What name did Jesus give Simon, son of John and how is it translated?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Exodus 12 : 1-14, Psalm 149,
Romans 13 : 8-14, Matthew 18 : 15-20.**

THANK YOU FROM JONA Thanks to everyone for making us feel so welcome and at home at my first service last week and at our welcome service. Thanks too for the kind and generous welcome gift. *Jona, Helle & Aidan.*

MINI MEANDERS Our next walk is on **Sat 23rd Sept** and will be centred at **Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre** at the North end of **Druridge Bay**. The newly opened centre replaces the one that was destroyed in an arson attack. We can walk around the lake (1.25m) and then on a track or on the beach. Please bring a packed lunch but there is a café at the Discovery Centre. Please meet in our Church car park at 10am. *Jennifer Hardy*

MEN'S FORUM recommences **this Thursday** with a Pie and Pea Supper prepared and served up by Peter and Geoff. If you want to partake in this veritable feast, please can you let Geoff know by tonight (Sun) The cost is £5 (pay on the night) and the supper will be followed by a talk from **Geoff Orrock on 'Timothy and the five pound note'** *Geoff*

WOMEN'S FOCUS resumes this Thursday with a member's night where special momentos will be shared. Do you have an item with a story? If so, can you please contact Chris Cogan with the details (0191 2712637) *Chris Cogan*

THE BRIDGE Today's theme is 'Giving with Grace' (To tithe or not to tithe that is the question) Many Christians struggle with the issue of tithing. In some Churches, tithing is over-emphasized. At the same time, many Christians refuse to submit to the biblical exhortations about making offerings to the Lord. Tithing/giving is intended to be a joy and a blessing. Sadly, that is sometimes not the case in the church today. *Steve Small*

HARVEST SUPPER will be on **Sat 30th September at 6.30pm** followed at **8pm** by a concert with the **Rock Choir** (you may have seen them at 'Party in the Park') Tickets, priced **£7**, are available from **Angela Lisle or Andrew Pay**. Apart from sharing in Christian Fellowship, the primary aim of the Harvest Supper is to raise funds for the charities that Care and Share support. We really hope you will join us. *The Stewards*

FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE meet on **Mon 25th Sept at 7.30pm** in the lounge. Would members please collect their agenda from the pigeon holes. *Joyce Knowles*

CAR WASH Junction 42 are again this year offering to wash your car while you Worship on **Sunday 24th Sept** between **10 and 12noon**. All proceeds will go towards taking 80 guys and girls away for a weekend of Christian fellowship and discipling at our annual October Retreat to Whitehaugh Park Newcastleton between 6-8th October. *Gaye*

JUNCTION 42 BAND are giving a Live Concert at **Denton Burn Methodist Church** on **Sat 16th Sept at 7.30pm** performing lots of contemporary worship songs as well as some classic hymns with heaps of passion and energy. Stories to share and music to sing! Charge on the night is **£5** and all proceeds go towards the Connect weekend away in October. This is an event not to be missed and we very much hope you can all come!

SUNDAY CLUB We are unable to run Sunday Club today due to a shortage of leaders. If any families bring children, bear in mind that they will have to remain in the service, both at the Bridge and in the Church. Could this be a time for you to consider helping them with your time and talents? If so, please contact *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

BIG QUESTIONS – ANY ANSWERS? The next two events in this series for the Tyne Valley giving a Christian perspective on topical science issues are as follows:-
Tues 19th Sept – ‘What significance do we have in a vast universe?’ – Prof Chris Done from Durham @ St Thomas More Catholic School Blaydon NE21 4BQ
Thurs 28th Sept – ‘Science and morality: can I blame my genes?’ – Prof Keith Fox from Southampton @ Stocksfield Community Centre NE43 7HL. Both begin at **7.30pm** with refreshments from **7pm**. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion, entry is free and all are welcome – no scientific expertise or religious faith required! Ads on board.

PRAYERS

Be to us, O Holy Spirit, breath for our being, purity for our souls, healing for our wounds, fire for our hearts and light for our path, that, with all creation, we may rejoice in your presence; now and forever. *Amen*

As this day begins, we turn to you, our God. By your Holy Spirit, be with us in all we have to face. In each step we take, walk by our side. In every conversation, guide our thoughts. In all our actions, show us your way. In our challenges, grant us wisdom. And at the end of the day, we commend to you our faults, failings, and frailty Just as we commit to you our devotion, dedication, and discipleship, in the name of Jesus Christ, our beginning and end.

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 27th Sept - 7.45pm Prayer walk around Ponteland
Sat 30th Sept - 6.30pm Harvest Supper with entertainment by Rock Choir.
Sun 1st Oct - 10am Harvest Service and Parade.
Thurs 19th Oct - 7.30pm 'Engage' Event at Blucher.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 12th **Blucher** 10 – 11.30 am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat & prayer.
Wed 13th **Denton Burn** 10 am. Beans and Banter coffee morning.
Thurs 14th **Heddon** 10 – 11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.
Thurs 14th **Heddon** 7 – 9 pm. Photography Group (all levels welcome).
Fri 15th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster in foyer.
Sat 16th **Blucher** 2.30 – 4 pm. Afternoon tea for all the family. £3.00
Sat 16th **Denton Burn** 10 am Coffee Morning for Church Funds.
Sat 16th **Denton Burn** 7 pm. Fund-raising concert by Junction42.
Sat 16th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster in foyer.
Sun 17th **Westerhope** Knitted Bible Exhibition. Please see poster I foyer.
Tues 19th **Blucher** 10– 1.30 am. Drop in for Breakfast, Tea/ Coffee chat & prayer.
Tues 19th **Denton Burn** 2.30-4 pm. 'Come and Sing'. For those living with dementia and their companions.
Tues 19th **Heddon** 1.30 – 3 pm. Craft and Chat.
Wed 20th **Westerhope** 4 – 5.30 pm. Messy Church
Thurs 21st **Heddon** 10-11.30 am. Chapel People Care (Open door) Company, Friendship, Good Conversation and a Cuppa.
Thurs 21st **Lemington** 1.30 pm. Lemington Riverside Primary School Harvest Festival service led by Rev Jona Sewell.
Fri 22nd **Blucher** 7 pm. Harvest Concert with UKUS (Ukulele Band) with refreshments.
Tickets £4 from Jan 07722223566 or Gillian 07736069563 or via our facebook page.
Sat 23rd **Denton Burn** 7 pm. Film Night. 'The Light between Oceans'.
Sat 23rd **Lemington** 4 pm. Harvest Tea followed by film. £4.00 per head.

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) a pagan or a tax collector (Matthew 18:17) 2) Cephas (Peter) (John 1:42)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* 07725052009