

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 12th November 2023

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

32nd in Ordinary Time // The God of Abraham

Sun 12 th	10.00am	Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Remembering Matters’ Bible Readings :- Joshua 4: 1-9, Luke 22: 19-20.
.	6.30pm	Rev Tim Woolley
Mon 13 th	12noon	Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St. Mary’s Church
.	1.00pm	Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall
.	2.00pm	Open Door Bible Study - ‘Who is David’
.	3.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
Tues 14 th	6.00pm	Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors
	7.15pm	Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
Wed 15 th	2.30pm	Grange Lea Care Home Service led by Jona
Thurs 16 th	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments
Fri 17 th	2.30pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s (10 Darras Rd)
Sun 19 th	10.00am	Rev Malcolm Newman
	6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Communion

LECTIONARY

Joshua 24 : 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78 : 1-7,
1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18, Matthew 25 : 1-13.

PRAY FOR OUR OWN PREACHERS ELSEWHERE

Rosemary Gray at Blucher, 10.45am.

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY

Open Door Bible Study continues, linking in with Open Door Winter soup, this Monday. Starting at **2.00pm**, we plan on discussing '**Who is David**', basing this around **1 Samuel 16. 1 - 13**, Samuel anointed David, - and on **1 Samuel 17. 12 - 58**, David and Goliath. **David Kossof** tells David's story really well in his book Bible Stories. Do come along, if you are interested.

Chris Cogan

THE 'IN'JUSTICE ADVENT CALENDAR

For Advent 2023 Transform Trade is again partnering with a hand-picked selection of world-changing organisations to provide you with 24 simple ways to make the world a better place. Please sign up at <https://www.transform-trade.org/injustice-advent-calendar> Every day until Christmas you will be emailed information about an opportunity to stand up against injustice - this could be anything from signing a petition relating to a human rights issue or a simple way to help nature and biodiversity in your local area. It'll always be free and always take less than 5 minutes to complete. Amidst all the shopping and planning, wrapping and festivities, please join me in making a difference this Advent. *Bev*

GRANGE LEA

Our next service here will be this **Wednesday 15th at 2.30pm** led by **Jona** and our Christmas Service will be **Wed Dec 20th** led by **Ann Cooper and Christine Brown** from St Mary's. We need people to come to help sing and chat with residents. Please could you let me know if you plan on attending.

Ann Cooper Tel 01661 613502

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Care & Share and the Boys' Brigade/Girl's Association are once again holding our Christmas Fayre on **Sat 2nd December 10am - 12noon**. We would once again like to enlist your help and here's how you can do it!

- Donate new unwanted gifts
- Donate raffle prizes
- Donate items suitable for both children's and adult tombola
- Bake your delicious cakes for the cake stall

Non-perishable goods can be given to the Care & Share team and/or Les Dodd or may be clearly labelled and put in the vestry. Cakes will be greatly received into the kitchen on the Friday afternoon (1st Dec). Please indicate on the cake if it contains any nuts. Please note - NO Book stall this year so don't bring any books. Of course, we would love to see you all there from 10am Many thanks in anticipation of your support *Alison Bates/Les Dodd*

Pauline will be once again making individual Christmas Puddings but this year on a first come, first served basis. To secure one, priced **£2**, please contact her direct.(824764) They will be available from **2nd December**.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

The Newcastle District of MWiB will be holding a Re-dedication Service for **President Lynne Graham and the Dedication of Rosemary Gray** as President Designate at **Brunswick Methodist Church on Saturday 25th November**. The Preacher is **Rev. Dr. Stephen Lindridge**

Timetable :- Coffee at 10am. Worship 10.30am

Presentation of cheque to Children's Cancer North and introduction of new President's Project with a Faith Lunch to follow. It would be good if we have a number of people representing Ponteland and be an encouragement for Rosemary.

Kathleen

ALAN VARLEY

You will have seen in Cornerstone about the recent sudden death of Alan. A celebration of his life will take place **in St. Mary's Church on Friday 17th November at 11am** with refreshments provided afterwards. *Geoff*

CIRCUIT NOTICES

- Mon 13th Westerhope. 10am. Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 14th Lemington. 9.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 15th Denton Burn. 10am. Prayer Meeting
Wed 15th Westerhope. 2pm. Women's Fellowship. Paul Gerry.
Thurs 16th Westerhope. 1.30 - 3.15pm. Carpet bowls.
Fri 17th Denton Burn. 7pm. Bible Study.
Sat 18th Blucher. 10-11.30am. Coffee Morning. Cakes, raffle, tombola
Sat 18th Denton Burn. 10am. Christmas Coffee Morning.
Sat 18th Westerhope. 10 - 11.30am. Craft Group Coffee Morning.

PRAYERS

Let our chief conversation be with you, O God; let the joy of our salvation be your grace and the heart of our faith be your presence. *Amen*

Sensitive God, as you hid your face from those who went before, knowing that we cannot grasp the full measure of your glory, thank you that so often in the quiet, hidden places you make your treasures known, teaching patient openness, and revealing depths of meaning and compassion or heights of possibility and hope. For treasures hidden in the gentle smile or kindly act, thank you. For courageous care and generosity of spirit, thank you. For persistent justice-seeking and moments of reconciliation, thank you. For all that illuminates the darkness in our own and others' lives, thank you.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, enable us to see and share your treasure, guiding and upholding into love and life for all. *Amen*

Turn our faces towards you, O God, dearer to us than life and wiser than thought, uncountable as the sand and unfathomable as the stars, breath of all being, desire of all hearts, everywhere present, ever revealing your glory. *Amen*

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 12noon, Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com