

Notices for Sunday 14th April 2019
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.*

Holy Week // The Way of the Cross

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| Sun 14th PALM SUNDAY | 10.00am | Joint All Age Worship and Parade Service with Rev Jona Sewell - Theme - ‘Messages’ |
| | 6.30pm | Rachel Wood |
| Mon 15 th | 1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm | Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. |
| Tues 16 th | 2.30pm | Women’s Fellowship – Easter Communion Service – Rev Jona Sewell |
| Wed 17 th | 2.30pm 4 - 8pm | Grange Lea service at Grange Lea led by Rev Jona Sewell Family Easter Journey – see page 2 |
| Thurs 18 th | 4.30pm 7.30pm | Lenten Prayer meeting in the Lounge Maundy Thursday Upper Room Communion Service |
| Fri 19 th | 10.00am 11.15am | Good Friday Service Raising of the Cross on the Village green followed by refreshments in our Church Hall |
| Sat 20 th | | |
| Sun 21st EASTER SUNDAY | 8.30am | Easter Breakfast served in the hall |
| | 10.00am | Joint All Age Worship - Rev Jona Sewell – Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Rev Jona Sewell - Communion |

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell.
 (pm) Pam Varley, Peter Michell.
 Good Friday Angela Lisle, Peter Michell.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rachel Wood.

We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rachel Wood**, Heddon 10.30am and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

10am (Church) : Mark 11 : 1-10.

6.30pm : Mark 11 : 1-11, Psalm 118 :1-2 & 19 -29.

Maundy Thursday: Luke 22 : 7-13, John 13 : 1-17, Matthew 26 : 26-29.

Good Friday : Mark 14 : 43-49, Matthew 27 : 15-23, 27 : 24-26, 27 : 27-38.

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

- 1) What did the 2 disciples find tied up in the village?
- 2) What is the stone called that the builders rejected?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Entry into Jerusalem : Luke 19 : 28-40, Psalm 118 : 1-2, 19-29.

**The Passion : Isaiah 50 : 4-9a, Psalm 31 : 9-16, Philippians 2 : 5-11,
Luke 22 : 14 > 23 : 56 or Luke 23 : 1-49.**

**Maundy Thursday : Exodus 12 : 1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Psalm 116 : 1-2, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11 : 23-26, John 13 : 1-17, 31b – 35.**

**Good Friday : Isaiah 52 : 13 > 53 : 12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10 : 16-25
or Hebrews 4 : 14-16, 5 : 7-9, John 18 : 1 > 19 : 42.**

GRANGE LEA We are holding our Bi-monthly service at Grange Lea rest home this Wednesday at 2.30pm. Members are encouraged to attend for the worship and fellowship with the residents. Refreshments are provided. *Andrew*

FAMILY EASTER JOURNEY takes place this **Wednesday, 17th April**, happening between the hours of **4pm and 8pm**. This is a self led experience of around 8/9 stations where you can drop in anytime between the above hours and take your own journey through Holy Week reflecting and reading and thinking of how Jesus took the journey to the Cross. It has something for all ages at each station so from our youngest little people to our eldest in church we can share in the journey. You can take as much or as little time as you need to go through and share in this experience. I hope you will find it a positive and helpful time as we approach the death and resurrection of Jesus on the Friday and Sunday. Many Thanks *Alison*

MINI MEANDER Please join us on **Saturday 27th April** when we plan to walk at **Plessey Woods**, south of Bedlington. Hopefully, the bluebells will be out. If it has been wet earlier that week, it may be advisable to wear walking boots. It is pleasant walking in these woods and we can adjust the length we walk on the day – it will vary **between 2 and 4 miles**. There is a café near the car park. Please ring *Rosemary Gray or Jennifer Hardy* if you have any queries. We meet at **10am** in the Church car park. *Jennifer*

IDA DISASTER APPEAL has raised **£808** which includes £250 from the Church disaster fund. Thank you to all who donated.

Peter

NERA 25th COMMEMORATION EVENT We were approached by Ali Hassan, Rwandan support worker at WERS (West End Refugee Service), this week. The City Council are unable to provide funds for simple catering for the 100 – 200 attendees to this afternoon commemorative event of the Genocide against the Tutsi at the City Library on **Saturday 27th April**. Can I appeal to members for donations to help to provide for this. Donations by cheque please made payable to ‘**North East Rwandan Association**’ All are welcome. Do come along, if you are free. Many thanks,

Chris & David Cogan

EASTER OFFERING both collections on **Easter Sunday** (morning and evening) will go to the **Four Homes of Mercy** in Palestine. More information can be found in the article in this month’s Cornerstone which is available now.

Andrew

ALISON BATES invites everyone to join her in the Church Hall for a buffet lunch to celebrate a ‘special’ birthday on **Sunday 28th April at 11.45am**.

ALAN SCOTT has moved! All happened quickly. My new address is **16, Claypath Court, Claypath, Durham City, DH1 1QE**. Phone number is 01919084938

Email remains the same meadowfield.29@gmail.com

Regards **Alan Scott**

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY continues with our Ephesians study on **29th April at 2pm**. The theme is ‘**We Are One**’, based on **Ephesians 2: v.11 - 22**. Our next study, ‘**Prisoner and Preacher**’, based on **Ephesians, Chapter 3**, will be on **13th May**. Many thanks. *Chris*

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING takes place on Sunday 5th May and will be held in the Main church after the morning service. Folk can have coffee after the service, and the GCM will start between 11.15am and 11.30am.

Andrew

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE was a great success with 50 attendees. Thank you all for your support for this circuit event and I hope you enjoyed the soup lunch! *Angela*

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE produced a handbook which contained very useful summaries of all 27 books in the New Testament. I shall include one each week.

MATTHEW continues seamlessly from the Old Testament as he begins with a genealogical list! It seems Matthew wrote his gospel primarily for his fellow Jews and he regularly refers back to prophecies that are fulfilled by Jesus who he declares to be King of the Jews. Only Matthew and Luke include the nativity with Matthew focusing on the Magi who seek the King of the Jews. We have Matthew to thank for including the beautiful ‘Sermon on the Mount’ in full. The key verse is **Ch 4 v 17** – “From that time on Jesus began to preach. ‘Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near’”

Geoff

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday.

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

Receive, O Lord, every heart that desires to love you. Fill every mouth that longs to praise you and strengthen every hand that seeks to serve you; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Transforming God, give us your deep love and grace so that things may change around us. As disciples of Jesus, may we sow transforming seeds of love, not of division. May we show love and encouragement, rather than criticism and disapproval. May we speak kindness into discord, comfort into mourning and hope into hopelessness. *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

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| Sun 5 th May | 11.30am | General Church Meeting |
| Tues 7 th May | 7.30pm | Leadership Team Meeting |
| Sat 11 th May | 10 - 12noon | Plant Sale |
| Wed 15 th May | 7pm | Steward's Meeting |
| Sun 9 th June | 1-5pm | Party in the Park |
| Thurs 20 th June | 7.30pm | Church Council |

CIRCUIT NOTICES

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| Thurs 18 th | Heddon | 10 - 11.30am. The Garden Room - cuppa, friendship, fellowship |
| Thurs 18 th | Heddon | 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group. |
| Thurs 18 th | Lemington | 1.15 - 2.15pm. Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church |
| Thurs 18 th | Heddon | 7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study. |
| Sat 20 th | Heddon | 10.30am.- 1.30pm. Church walk. Max 5m. Suitable footwear and clothing recommended. Meet outside Church. |
| Tues 23 rd | Lemington | 9.30 - 11.30am. Clothes Bar. |
| Thurs 25 th | Heddon | 10 -11.30am. The Garden Room cuppa, friendship, fellowship |
| Thurs 25 th | Heddon | 1.15 - 2.15pm. Prayer Group. |
| Thurs 25 th | Heddon | 7 - 8.30pm. Bible Study. |
| Sat 27 th | Denton Burn | 10am. Coffee Morning with Thursday Toddlers. |
| Sat 27 th | Lemington | 10 - 11.30am. Coffee morning with cakes, cards and pound stall |
| Sun 28 th | Heddon | 2.30 - 4.30pm. Messy Church with St Andrew's. at HMC. |
| Sun 28 th | Westerhope | 6pm. 'Engage' event. |
| Tues 30 th | Westerhope | 2pm. District Tutors' meeting. |

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