

Notices for Sunday 15th and 22nd August 2021
Ponteland Methodist Church

‘LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN’

Sun 15th :- 20th in Ordinary Time // The Supremacy of Christ
Sun 22nd :- 21st in Ordinary Time // Holy Living

COVER FOR REV JONA SEWELL

Jona is now on annual leave followed by the remainder of his Sabbatical. He will return to work on **Monday 1st November**. Whilst on Sabbatical, extra preaching and pastoral cover will be provided by **Rev Pat & Rev Robin Brooks; Rev Tim Woolley** will be the point of contact for the Circuit, and if you have any other questions or issues, then please take them first to **Pete Cowey**, or any steward, who will direct you as appropriate.

LECTIONARY

15th 1 Kings 2 : 10-12, 3 : 3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5 : 15-20, John 6 : 51-58.
22nd 1 Kings 8 : (1, 6, 10, 11), 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84,
Ephesians 6 : 10-20, John 6 : 56-69 .

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST

This is the preaching plan for the remainder of **August** :-

15th , 10am - Rev Pat Brooks – ‘How often do you think about heaven?’

Bible Reading - Luke 13: 23-39

15th , 6.30pm - Rev Robin Brooks (S) - ‘The Lord’s Supper’

Bible readings - John 6:35, 49-58 and 1 Corinthians 11 : 23-29.

22nd 10am - Rev Colin Barrick (S) 6.30pm - Rev Tim Woolley

29th ,10am - Rev Robin Brooks 6.30pm - David Forrester

NEWCASTLE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT SERVICES

15th August service will be led by **Rev Robin and Rev Pat Brooks** with the theme of Climate Change. The Bible readings are from Genesis 1:24-31a & 2: 4-7, 15-17.

22nd August service will be led by **Rev Colin Barrick**

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2021/22

If you would like to order the new prayer handbook titled "**A Place for All**", please let me know by **Sunday August 15th**. The price this year will be **£4.15**.

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BIBLE READING ROTA

We are in the process of compiling a new Bible reading rota for the morning and evening church services. I know some of you have already been contacted and we are, therefore, aware of your preferences. If you were on the last rota and have not yet been contacted or you would like the opportunity to join the rota to read the Bible readings during the service, please let me know **by the end of August**.

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DOOR STEWARDS ROTA

A new rota for door stewards has been published to take us to the end of September. A number of people have taken this opportunity to stand down from this service. We are, therefore, looking for a few new volunteers. If you feel that this is a service that you would like to offer, please contact

Colin Hunter 01661 822993 colinhunter237@gmail.com

SUNDAY CLUB

As September and the new school year approaches, I'm considering what we will be able to offer in terms of Sunday club on Sunday mornings. For this to be possible, we need new volunteers to lead or support, on either a regular or occasional basis. If you feel you could help to allow this provision to continue, please get in touch with me. *Chrys Hudson* rchudson@btinternet.com

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DISTRICT NOTICE

Coming soon, the Ecumenical Environmental Conference for the North East Region on **Saturday 4th September 2021, 9.30am - 1.30pm**, over ZOOM

Are you a church member who is interested in Care for Creation and the impacts of Climate Change?

Are you or your church looking for ideas and inspiration for the next steps you can take toward becoming an Eco Church or beginning a new environmental project?

The North East Churches Ecumenical Environment group are holding a free online conference looking at how we can work together to tackle the issues of Climate Change.

The sessions with guest speakers and group discussion will look at the biblical imperative for us to Care for Creation and the effects that Climate Change are having on us.

There will be opportunities share stories and practical advice from others, including on how to become an Eco Church and join the North East Climate Coalition.

Keynote Speakers :-

Sir Paul Ennals, founder of the North East of England Climate Coalition

Ben Niblett, Tearfund exploring how climate change is affecting the poorest in the world.

Rachie Ross from Operation Noah, to help us reflect from a biblical perspective.

Pam Martin, on behalf of A Rocha (Pam's church has achieved a Gold Eco Church Award)

Book your place now through Eventbrite

<https://northeastenvironmentcoference21.eventbrite.co.uk/>

('Control' and click on the above link to access)

For further information contact Bill Offler (see District directory) or the Regional Officer at North East Churches Acting Together (regionalofficer@necat.co.uk)

PRAYERS

O God, from whom to turn is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to stand is to abide forever. Grant us in all our perplexities your guidance, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, you are present in all places, town and county, this is your world; help us to be mindful of all you have given us to care for.

Help us to show our discipleship by recycling and reusing whenever we can.

Please God, we want recycling in our own lives: may we experience the renewing grace of your Son and the rejuvenation of your Holy Spirit and may gifts and virtues that have become tired or overlooked be reused.

O God, renew our faith and holiness that we may be refreshed, blessed and transformed into the Christians you want us to be.

Amen

Give to us, O Lord God, a heart that is teachable, that we may know what is pleasing in your sight; a life attuned to your Spirit that we may be guided in your ways and a mind ever watchful that we may rejoice in the coming of your kingdom; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dear God, thank you for breathtaking landscapes and tranquil oceans, for expansive tropical rainforests and stunning beaches, for majestic mountains and kaleidoscopic coral reefs. Please forgive the mistakes we have made in caring for your world.

Forgive us for all the fossil fuels we are burning that lead to high temperatures, awful forest fires and other disasters.

We are sorry for changing the climate so much that the ice caps are melting. We are sorry for polluting your once-glittering ocean with vast expanses of plastic waste. Please forgive us our trespasses on your world.

Help us to find different ways and resources to solve the problems we are causing and give us the strength to make a positive difference to your world.

Amen

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by Friday 28th August, 12noon,
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