

**Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**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 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 Service in the hall and tea after the Evening Service in the Church.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent // Preaching and Example**

<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Small - 'No man is an island'</b> <b>Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion - 'A woman with a past'</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 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 Open Door :- cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Lenten Bible Study – 'The Greatest Showman - Rewrite the Stars'
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill's, - 10 Darras Rd. Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers                      6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.00pm	The Marriage of Ronnie Dunn and Beverley Mintern
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev Jona Sewell</b> <b>Circuit Engage Event, here at Ponteland Methodist Church</b>

**CHURCH STEWARDS**

(am)     Pete Cowey, Brenda Rutter.

(pm)     Pam Varley, Peter Michell.

**LECTIONARY**

**Exodus 17 : 1-7,    Psalm 95,    Romans 5 : 1-11,    John 4 : 5-42**

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:-** Rev Jona Sewell and Steve Small. We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Stamfordham 10am; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Lemington 10.30am **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Westerhope 10.30am; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm and **Rev Gordon Wynne**, Heddon 10.30am.

**BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES**

**10am : Ezra 4 : 1-5 and John 4 : 4-26.**

**6.30pm : John 4 : 4-30, 39-42.**

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

1) Who is the King of Persia?

2) What is the name of the town in Samaria where Jacob's well is?

You will find the answers on the back page.

**SPRING CONCERT** - With the increasing numbers of confirmed cases of coronavirus, the Spring Concert scheduled for the **4<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled** to avoid any infection that could occur. Those who had already bought tickets can receive a refund from me or alternatively consider the **£7** as a donation to Care & Share funds. *Syd Cowan*

**BIBLE SOCIETY SPRING LUNCH** which was due to take place on **18<sup>th</sup> March has now been cancelled**. This is due to the current situation regarding the Covid-19 virus. Anyone who has bought tickets will receive a full refund from their point of sale. *Angela*

**RON and BEV** - the marriage ceremony of Ron and Bev will take place on Saturday (21st) as planned. However, due to the current climate, they have decided to postpone the reception and celebration that was due to take place after the ceremony; this will be rearranged for a later date. *Jona*

**CIRCUIT 'ENGAGE' EVENT** The next Circuit Engage is here at **Ponteland** Methodist Church on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6:30pm**. We will be engaging with the Bible by doing a joint study on the theme '**Jesus through the eyes of John**'. Drinks and scones will be served in the foyer **before the service from 6pm** *Jona*

**WEEKLY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** The film '**The Greatest Showman**' - shown recently in Church - is the theme of this year's weekly Lenten Study, to be held in the upper room **each Monday in March from 2.00 - 3.30pm**. A particular section of the film will be studied each week and tomorrow it is '**Rewrite the Stars**' led by **Ann Cooper** *Chris C* (Please note that the study on **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>** may be in St. Mary's Parish Centre. Confirmation of the venue will be in next week's notices)

**TRAIDCRAFT** A reminder that orders must be placed by this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> *Bev*

**MARJORIE ANDERSON** Former Church member and occasional Meanderer Marjorie has passed away after suffering again from cancer in recent weeks. The funeral will be at St Cuthbert's Church in **Allendale at 2pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. *Alan Groves*

**METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE** May I draw your attention to the website which has updated information re Coronavirus which can be seen by checking the following link - <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/> It is updated regularly *Jona*

**JOHN BANKS** passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> March due to a sudden heart attack. He was a very dear friend to us all at Heddon and many of you in Ponteland where for many years, he was an officer in the Boys' Brigade and will be greatly missed. Funeral details will be made known in due course. Thanks *Muriel Tulip*

**HUB DROP IN** for Asylum Seekers and Refugees at West Road Baptist Church – Dave and I wish to thank everyone for their kind support in so many ways over the years for this. Currently, because of Covid 19, we are only able to see both destitute and those seeking legal advice in the church. There will be outreach to vulnerable clients on an individual basis too. Currently we are unable to distribute your gifts of household items, food, toys, furniture and bedding. Once things settle again, we will be very happy to continue as before. Watch this space. *David & Chris Cogan*

**HAS ANYONE SEEN SUZZY?** Suzzy is my well loved and well used rabbit friend. She was at church on Sunday morning but did not get home. I miss her very much especially at bedtime. If you have seen her please let me know. Thank you. Love *Heidi*.

**THANK YOU** I wish to thank everyone for the gifts, cards and good wishes I received for my recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, they are very much appreciated & very welcome. Thanks *Brenda*

**OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY** Studies are now finalised for after Easter : – we plan on completing the remaining 4 studies on ‘**Paul, His Life and Teaching**’ The dates will be given later this month. *Chris C*

### **PRAYERS**

Be light, O Lord, to our eyes, music to our ears and contentment to our heart. Be sunlight in our day, food at our table and rest to us in the night. Let us rejoice to be about your business and let us live to your praise and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

God of miracles and mundanity, God of divine mystery and surprising presence, sow the seeds of your compassionate love in our lives. God of the well-heeled and the un-homed, God of the amply fed and the empty-bellied, grow the seeds of your compassionate love in our communities. God of the vociferous and the voiceless, God of the loved and the loveless, may the fruitfulness of your compassionate love be known through our witness and worship, by our commitment to justice and our hopeful living, by our inclusive hospitality and our generous presence, that your Church may be the good news of Jesus Christ to all. *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

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> > Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Journey
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Palm Sunday - Brigades Parade Service - Rev C Barrick
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm	Upper Room Communion Service - Rev Robin Brooks
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	Good Friday Service led by Rev Robin & Rev Pat Brooks
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm	Awakening North - Dinnington
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	General Church Meeting
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	Awakening North - Stamfordham
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12noon	Church Plant Sale
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> > Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Meanders - Lakes long weekend
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May 6.45pm	Indian meal for 'Reaching the Unreached' at PMC

## CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	4 - 5.30pm	Messy Church
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	1.15pm	Open Doors. Praying for the persecuted Church
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	7pm	Film Night 'Black Klansman'
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	10am	Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds.
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	9am	Ladies Breakfast, Spkr :Ann Walker Tkts £6 from Brenda 598518
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	10 - 11.30am	Easter egg tombola coffee morning
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blucher</b>	3 - 5pm	Messy Church
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30am.	Clothes bar

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 1pm.**

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**Bible Quiz Answers**:- 1) King Cyrus (Ezra 4:3) 2) Sychar (John 4:4)