

**Notices for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Ponteland Methodist Church**  
**Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel. 822057)**  
**LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN**

**33<sup>rd</sup> in Ordinary Time // Canaan to Egypt**

**MESSAGE FROM JONA**

This week's online service is being led by **Helen Cunningham** and marks her final service as she will soon move from being a Local Preacher in training to being a fully accredited Local Preacher - the process will be completed at the next Local Preachers meeting. Please join me in praying for Helen as she moves onto the next stage of her journey.

In the following 4 weeks, (**Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13**) through our worship we will be looking together at the Methodist Way of Life which has been recently launched and which the Methodist Church is encouraging everyone to participate in. The Methodist Way of Life covers four areas:

**Learning and Caring**  
**Worship**  
**Service**  
**Evangelism**

You can find out more on the Methodist website at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/mwol/>

The new weekly Circuit Discussion Group will be a further opportunity to learn, explore and discover more on those themes together. The group meets at **7:30 on Wednesday evenings**, via Zoom, and a link will be sent out with the worship material each week.

Our service on **December 20<sup>th</sup>** will be a traditional carol service with nativity readings and familiar carols.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and understanding. My thanks to all who contribute to make these things happen.

*Rev Jona Sewell*

**RAY VICKERS**

The funeral service for Ray Vickers will be held at the West Road Crematorium on Friday 20th November at 11.15am. As numbers who can attend are limited, please may we ask you to hold the family in your prayers at this time. We look forward to celebrating Ray's life at a Thanksgiving Service at Blucher Chapel next year. May Ray rest in peace and rise in glory.

## LECTIONARY

**Judges 4 : 1-7 , Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5 : 1-11, Matthew 25 :14-30.**

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

- 1) Who was Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth?
- 2) What was the total number of talents, bearing in mind investment?

You will find the answers on the back page.

## SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND SUPPORT 'ACTION FOR CHILDREN' THIS CHRISTMAS

Regrettably, some of our Christmas traditions will be different this year. It is unlikely that we will be able to have a Christmas Day service in church. In recent years the collection taken would have been given to **Action for Children**. You may have read the article in November's Cornerstone inviting you to make a donation to Action for Children instead of putting your Christmas greeting card to everyone on the noticeboard, and because it will not be possible to use the pigeon-holes for sending your Christmas cards to church friends in person. It would be a great pity if our usual donation to Action for Children is hindered. So, why not send your Christmas wishes by having your names added to a special shared greetings centrefold of the December issue of Cornerstone? To participate please, kindly, send your donation - by bank transfer (sort code: 40-52-40; account code 0024788), cheque, or even cash, to our treasurer, Peter Michell, 18 Pinegarth, NE20 9LF Tel 871885. Gift Aid will be added where possible. Then, if you wish, send Peter your name(s) as you would like it to appear in Cornerstone - by email [peter\\_michell@hotmail.com](mailto:peter_michell@hotmail.com) telephone, post, semaphore or Aldiss lamp (No! avoid the last two options – Peter is no good at either!). Please ensure that your donation and name(s) arrive before 30 November, in time for the Christmas Cornerstone publication deadline, though later donations will still be welcome!

Thank you for supporting Action for Children which is a national children's charity originally set up by a Methodist minister from Newcastle upon Tyne. You may know it better by its previous name - the Nation Children's Home. Founded in 1869 to help destitute children, this wonderful charity served over 360,000 children, parents and carers last year.

Try Googling 'Rev Thomas Bowman Stephenson' to read more about the fascinating story.

*Rachel Wood*

## SHOE DONATIONS

Shoe Donations - We have been really touched by your generous response to our appeal for winters shoes for the asylum seekers who attend the West Road Baptist Church for advice and support. There is an on going need for these. Further donations will be gratefully received. We have also had an appeal for warm winter jackets, particularly for men.

Thank you in advance again!

*David and Chris Cogan*

## INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

With no Christmas Fayre this year, there will be no cake stall BUT I am making individual puddings if anyone would like one! Please contact me to let me know. *Pauline* (824764)

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

A huge thank you to all of you who have donated so far to our Christmas Boxes. We have been blown away by your support. We will be able to make a real difference to people this Christmas. We've had a few questions so wanted to explain a bit more about the boxes.

**How will we choose recipients?** We are liaising with Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, Ministers and other local organisations to identify families / individuals in need.

**What is in each box?** Each box will cost around **£30** to put together. This will be split roughly across three key areas (depending on the size of families / recipients): toiletries; traditional teas, coffees, biscuits and chocolate; and toys/games.

**Can I buy anything for the boxes?** We are conscious of the need to make the boxes Covid Safe. They will all be pulled together and left for at least 72hrs before delivering. For that reason, we were keen for donations so that products could be centrally sourced. However, we have now produced a shopping list of Fairtrade goods that we would like for the boxes, all of which can be purchased online and delivered to us. If you would like to donate in this way, please contact **Kathryn or Fiona**.

Donations, of course, can continue to go to *Peter Michell* (871885). We will be making a first batch of boxes mid November and then doing any extra early December.

Please contact *Kathryn* (07708379834) or *Fiona* (07434924898) with any queries.

## UNIQUE

Dear friends, As you will know I am a trustee of the Charity, Unique, my involvement having started many years ago because of Stephen and his rare chromosome disorder. Below is a copy of a letter from Unique which explains the request for nominees to Ecclesiastical's 12 days of giving. The information given includes the link. (If you just enter 'Unique' after 'nominate now' the rest of the details show automatically.)

I just wanted to add my own personal note to say how much we would appreciate your support. I hope you have all kept well in these difficult times. With love, *Isobel Hindle*  
**Arti from Unique's article**

Evening all, £1,000 could make a big difference to helping Unique support families living with a rare chromosome or gene disorder. That's why we'd be really grateful if you could nominate us in Ecclesiastical's 12 days of giving.

Your nomination could be the one that wins us £1,000. Open to eligible charities in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, Ecclesiastical will be donating a total of £120,000 to 120 charities over 12 days in December and we'd love to be one of them. Only with your help at this time of uncertainty can we go on providing information and support to anyone affected by rare chromosome and gene disorders.

It's quick and easy to nominate us. Just visit

<https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1110661&ct=health> , click 'nominate now' and enter our details.

Nominations are open now, closing at midnight the day before each draw. Charities not drawn will be carried over to the next draw, and draws will take place each weekday from 7 December to 22 December 2020. The more nominations we get, the greater our chance of winning, so please spread the word to your friends and family.

Thank you in advance for your time and support. **Arti Patel** - [arti@rarechromo.org](mailto:arti@rarechromo.org)

### **HEDDON METHODIST CHURCH**

We have Jona preaching via Zoom this Sunday morning. It would be great to see new faces online should people who receive these notices want to attend. This isn't about Heddon by the way, or competing with the Circuit Sunday service. We have felt led to offer 'live' Worship on a Sunday even though we are isolating. Our prayer is that as many who can will attend. The Log in is as usual: Sunday Service Time: Nov 15, 2020 10:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172750490?pwd=cGx5TUlxQks4RkI4YndKbjJNc1VhUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 7275 0490

Passcode: Hebrew1025

Thanks again, God bless,

*Steve Phillipson*

### **PRAYERS**

Let your word be in our mouth, O Lord, your truth in our heart and your will in our mind. Let us think only what is good and discern your presence in all that we do. Let us at all times be alive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord of majestic mountain and roaring sea, O Lord of astonishing beauty and outlandish loveliness, O Lord of the minuscule, the overlooked and the never seen, O Lord of the extraordinary and the everyday, open our eyes to see your presence, our ears to hear the whisper of your voice and, realising you in every place and every moment of our existence, may we live with justice, peace, care and hope. *Amen*

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 for ever. 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*

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

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