

Notices for Sunday 16th February 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.*

6th in Ordinary Time // Judgement and Mercy

Sun 16th	10.00am 6.30pm	Steve Small - 'Choices' Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion – 'Love: It's not fair!'
Mon 17 th	12 noon	A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Joyce Knowles led by Rev Jona Sewell followed by refreshments in the hall.
Tues 18 th	2.30pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill's, - 10 Darras Rd. Film Show – 'The Greatest Showman'
Wed 19 th	7.00pm	Finance and Property meeting in the lounge
Thurs 20 th		NO Toddlers or Brigades due half term holiday
Fri 21 st	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 22 nd		
Sun 23rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - 'Transfiguration: past, present and future collide' Geoff Orrock

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Alison Bates, Brenda Rutter.
(pm) Rosie Brown, Pam Varley.

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 Tim Woolley**, Lemington 10.30am, **Rev Colin Barrick**, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourn 6.30pm; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Westerhope 10.30am and **Ann Cooper**, Denton Burn 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Psalm 119 : 1-8 and Deuteronomy 30 : 15-20.

6.30pm : Matthew 5 : 38-48.

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

- 1) Anyone who says to his brother 'Raca' is answerable to who?
- 2) Who watered the planted seed? And who made it grow?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Deuteronomy 30 : 15-20, Psalm 119 : 1-8, 1 Corinthians 3 : 1-9, Matthew 5 : 21-37.

The **BIBLE SOCIETY SPRING LUNCH** will be held on **Wednesday 18th March at 12 noon** at the **URC Broadway**. Tickets are **£8** per person and can be purchased from *Angela Lisle, Val Michell and Judith Orton*. Always an excellent well supported event.

JOYCE KNOWLES The Funeral Service for Joyce will take place at the West Road Crematorium on **Monday 17th February at 11.15am**. Family flowers only please but you are welcome to attend if you wish. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joyce here in our Church at **12noon** followed by refreshments in the hall where everybody is welcome. Donations in lieu of flowers to either **Action for Children** or the **Bethel Nursery School in The Gambia** please. Rachel and Howard wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who have sent cards, or offered their condolences on the loss of Joyce. They are overwhelmed by your kindness and consideration.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 24th February > 8th March

This year the Fairtrade Foundation is continuing its campaign to promote a living income for cocoa farmers, particularly women. Information on how to support the campaign can be found at www.fairtrade.org.uk Please support the events in Ponteland:

Saturday 22nd February - information stall at the Co-op on Broadway, **10am-12noon;**

Monday 24th February – Fairtrade theme to Open Door and Traidcraft stall, **1pm-4pm;**

Saturday 29th February - Big Brew at St Matthew's Church Hall, **10am-12noon**, with speaker Hugo Javier Guerrero, a coffee farmer from Peru. Please come along to hear about the challenges coffee producers face and how Hugo's life has been changed by payment of the Fairtrade Premium.

Friday 6th March – Merton Hall coffee morning, **9:30-11:30am.**

Bev

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY We continue this month with our theme 'The Life and Sayings of Paul' meeting between 2-3.30pm. The remaining date is :-

24th Feb - Truth on Trial, Acts: 25:23-26 and 32. Why not come along? *Chris Cogan*

FILM SHOW 'The Greatest Showman' - all are welcome to a showing of this film in Church at **7.00pm on Tuesday 18th February**. The film is the theme of this year's weekly Lenten Study, to be held at the Open Door each Monday in March from 2.00 - 3.30pm.

Chris Cogan

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS A reminder that our Circuit hosts one of these events at **Westerhope Methodist Church on Sat 29th Feb at 10am**. There is also one at **Brunswick Methodist Church, Thurs 27th Feb at 10am**. More details on the notice board.

RONNIE DUNN and BEVERLEY MINTERN invite Church Members to celebrate their marriage at Ponteland Methodist Church and afterwards in the Church Hall on **Saturday 21st March at 3pm**. Please, no presents, we would just like your company to make our day! However, if you wish to make a donation, all financial gifts will go to our Church. To help for catering numbers, would you please add your name to the list on the foyer notice board. *Ronnie and Bev*

BEVERLEY MINTERN I would like to thank Jona and David and Chris Cogan for visiting me in hospital. Also thank you for all the get well wishes, flowers from Church and the warm welcome back I received from members of the congregation last Sunday. I was really touched by everyone's kindness and concern . *Beverley*

BARRIE JACKSON More sad news. Barrie Jackson died on Wednesday 12th February. Barrie, with his family, was a member of our Church until the family moved to Hexham. He will be remembered by many as an active member here and a local preacher. Memory will be helped by the fact that he was well known as a teacher at the High School, where he was Head of House, and where he taught for more than 20 years. *Alan Kilburn*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Due to the weather, Fellowship was cancelled last Tuesday but *Rosemary Gray* will present her 'Desert Island Discs' next **Tuesday, 25th at 2.30pm**

SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE are running on an 'as and when' needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Preferring nothing to you, O Christ, let us hold fast to your love, embrace your Cross and honour your name. Let conviction mark our speech, courage our life and patience our faith; for your own name's sake. *Amen*

Gracious God, whose loving kindness has no limits, teach us afresh the way of Christ. Where we have felt discouraged, renew us through signs of hope; where we have been tempted to give up, grant us strength and faith to face the day; where we have grown anxious about the future, give us courage to plant the seeds of tomorrow in acts of radical love today. Renew us by your Spirit and set us free to serve you so that the whole of creation may rejoice in your name. *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 24 th Feb > Sun 8 th March		Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 26 th Feb		Ash Wednesday / 1st Day of Lent
Wed 26 th Feb	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home
Fri 6 th March	2.15pm	World Day of Prayer Service at URC
Mon 9 th March	7.30pm	Circuit Preacher's Meeting at Westerhope
Sat 14 th March	7pm	Awakening North: Whalton Village
Wed 18 th March	12noon	Bible Society Lunch at URC Broadway
Sat 21 st March	3pm	The Marriage of Ronnie Dunn and Beverley Minterm
Sun 22 nd March		Circuit Engage Event here at PMC
Tues 24 th > Thurs 26 th March		Easter Journey
Sat 4 th April		Graeme Danby Concert with guests
Sun 5 th April	10am	Palm Sunday - Brigades Parade Service - Rev C Barrick
Thurs 9 th April	7pm	Upper Room Communion Service - Rev Robin Brooks
Fri 10 th April	10am	Good Friday Service led by Revds Robin & Pat Brooks
Sun 3 rd May		General Church Meeting
Sat 9 th May	10am - 12noon	Church Plant Sale
Thurs 14 th > Sun 17 th May		Meanders - Lakes long weekend

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 17 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. church open for prayer & reflection
Wed 19 th	Heddon	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer
Thurs 20 th	Lemington	1.15pm.	Open Doors. Praying for the Persecuted Church
Thurs 20 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 22 nd	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds and Cancer Research
Mon 24 th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 25 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 26 th	Heddon	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer
Thurs 27 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 29 th	Lemington	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning with cakes and cards
Sat 29 th	Westerhope	10 - 12noon.	Circuit 'Marriage and Relationships' conversation

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next SATURDAY, 10am.
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) the Sanhedrin (Matthew 5:22) 2) Apollos , God (1 Corinthians 3:6)