

Notices for Sunday 18th July 2021
Ponteland Methodist Church
Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel. 822057)

LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

16th in Ordinary Time // On Eagles' Wings

MESSAGE FROM JONA

This week, Jona's message is in the form of a letter (for those without email)
or attachment (for those with email)

LECTIONARY

2 Samuel 7 : 1-14a, Psalm 89 : 20-37,
Ephesians 2 : 11-22, Mark 6 : 30-34, 53-56.

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

- 1) Where did the apostles go by boat to?
- 2) Where did they anchor the boat?

You will find the answers on the back page.

NEWCASTLE WEST METHODIST SERVICE

This week's service (online via youtube or in paper copy) is led by **Rev Jona Sewell**
on the theme of '**Rest & Compassion**'

The Bible reading is from **Mark's Gospel, Chapter 6 : v30-34, 53-56.**

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

At the moment, we expect our first few weeks back look like this:-

July 25th , 10am - Rev Jona Sewell. No evening service

August 1st , 10am - Steve Small. 5pm - 'Songs of Praise' at St Mary's

August 8th , 10am - Rev Jona Sewell. 6:30pm - Rev Jona Sewell.

DOOR STEWARDS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the door stewards on **Wednesday 21st July**, at **7:30pm**.

Please wear a mask/visor as you arrive, depart and move around the building.
Please also consider keeping your face covering on throughout your meeting. *Jona*

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

There is a meeting of the Pastoral Committee on **Monday 19th July** at **7:00pm** at church. If Pastoral Visitors haven't had a hand-delivered invitation, please check your email inbox for further details. Please wear a mask/visor as you arrive, depart and move around the building. Please also consider keeping your face covering on throughout your meeting. Thanks, *Bev*

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Action for Children boxes - I obviously wasn't able to collect these over Christmas. I'm either happy to collect from those who have them or could you drop them with Howard by the 25th July. (24, Hadrian Court) I will then empty these and get them back to you in due course. Many thanks for your continued support of Action for Children. *Rachel*

PONTELAND PARISH FLOWER SHOW 2021

The committee has reviewed the current Covid situation and now will be holding a virtual Flower Show in September. The schedule will be as 2020 show so entrants can start making photographic records for entries in the Show. Further details on how to enter will be made available as soon as they have been arranged.

Syd Cowan

DISTRICT NOTICE

Register for an upcoming webinar: Church at the Margins and Poverty in the UK: Life on the Breadline, 7-8.30pm Tuesday 20th July 2021 by clicking the link below

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/evangelism-and-growth-webinars/>

Life on the Breadline is a research project analysing the nature, scope, and impact of Christian engagement with urban poverty in the UK. This webinar, hosted by Paul Morrison, Policy Adviser, Joint Public Issues Team and Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer, Evangelism and Growth Team, asks the question: What is God's invitation to us in responding to this research? The webinar includes a presentation of the key research findings by Dr Chris Shannahan, Associate Professor in Political Theology and Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University. If you have any questions please contact Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Officer.

PRAYERS

Lift up our souls, O God, to the glory of your presence; our minds to the beauty of your being and our hearts to the purity of your love; now and forever. *Amen*

God of grace and love, embodied in time and space, we glimpse your glory in the living Word of Christ and the dancing fire of your Spirit. In the light of your presence you call us to open our eyes to the gift of your good creation and to take delight in all that you have made; may we be truly thankful, truly happy and truly responsible as we step lightly upon the hallowed earth. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen*

Help us, O Lord, to conquer all harshness of judgement with your gentleness; to quench all meanness of spirit with your generosity and to defeat all indifference of compassion with your fervour. Teach us to be courageous in loving, patient in suffering and attentive in prayer; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Creator God, in our island home you have given us an abundance of beauty. The sea that surrounds us, the hills and the glens, all of this is your gift to us. Help us to be good stewards of all that you have provided.

May we be a gift to the communities in which you have placed us as we witness to the truth that every place and every time is yours. In an age of change, help us to see what we can do to make a difference in your world. In a world where people are fearful, help us to spread your message of hope and never forget that the earth is yours. *Amen*

Give to us, O God, a heart transformed by grace and a life inspired by humility. Grant us fullness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love. Let our one desire be conformity to your perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Incarnational God, we celebrate your coming as a baby in the manger but where can we meet you today?

Have we imprisoned you in a frenzy of acquisition not just at Christmas but throughout the year, failing to recognise you in the needs of so many less-privileged than ourselves?

May the spirit of the resurrected Jesus burst open the doors of our hearts, stretch out our hands and liberate your incarnational presence to transform our needy world. *Amen*

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 12noon,
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) A solitary place (Mark 6:32)
2) Gennessaret (Mark 6:53)