

# Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

*‘Transforming lives through God’s love’*

**33rd in Ordinary Time // Canaan to Egypt**

- Sun 10.00am Rev Malcolm Newman - 'Are we REALLY ready?'  
19<sup>th</sup> Readings:-1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25 :14-30.  
. 6.30pm Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - ‘Unpacking the  
. parable of the talents. Reading:- Matthew 25: 14-30.
- Mon 1.00pm Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall  
20<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
- Tues 6.00pm Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors  
21<sup>st</sup> 7.15pm Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
- Thurs 9.30am Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments  
23<sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm Women Together - Film - “Military Wives”
- Sat 9.30am Meander - meet in car park  
25<sup>th</sup>
- Sun 10.00am Rosemary Gray  
26<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Rev Lynda Coulthard

## LECTIONARY

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

## PRAY FOR OUR OWN PREACHERS ELSEWHERE

Peter Hindle at Blucher 10.45am, Rev Robin Brooks at Heddon  
10.30am and Rev Jona Sewell at Scot’s Gap 10.15am

## **OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY**

Our last ODB study this month on **27th is cancelled**. We plan on meeting again on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** to continue our study on David, looking at the David/Saul relationship. There will be an opportunity to share in an OD bowl of soup prior to the study. Further details to follow.

*Chris Cogan*

## **CAROL SERVICE**

**1st Ponteland Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association** are holding their annual Carol Service on **Tuesday 5th December at 6pm. in Ponteland Methodist Church**. Please come along and support the work of our Brigade. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

*Les Dodd*

## **THE 'IN'JUSTICE ADVENT CALENDAR**

For Advent 2023 **Transform Trade** is again partnering with a hand-picked selection of world-changing organisations to provide you with 24 simple ways to make the world a better place. Please sign up at <https://www.transform-trade.org/injustice-advent-calendar> Every day until Christmas you will be emailed information about an opportunity to stand up against injustice - this could be anything from signing a petition relating to a human rights issue or a simple way to help nature and biodiversity in your local area. It'll always be free and always take less than 5 minutes to complete. Amidst all the shopping and planning, wrapping and festivities, please join me in making a difference this Advent.

*Bev*

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Care & Share and the Boys' Brigade/Girl's Association are once again holding our **Christmas Fayre on Sat 2nd December 10am - 12noon**. We would once again like to enlist your help and here's how you can do it!

- Donate new unwanted gifts
- Donate raffle prizes
- Donate items suitable for both children's and adult tombola
- Bake your delicious cakes for the cake stall

Non-perishable goods can be given to the Care & Share team and/or Les Dodd or may be clearly labelled and put in the vestry. Cakes will be greatly received into the kitchen on the Friday afternoon (1st Dec). Please indicate on the cake if it contains any nuts. Please note - NO Book stall this year so don't bring any books. Of course, we would love to see you all there from 10am Many thanks in anticipation of your support **Alison Bates/Les Dodd**

Pauline will be once again making individual Christmas Puddings but this year on a first come, first served basis. To secure one, priced £2, please contact her direct.(824764) They will be available from **2nd December**.

### **METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN**

The Newcastle District of MWiB will be holding a Re-dedication Service for **President Lynne Graham and the Dedication of Rosemary Gray as President Designate** at **Brunswick Methodist Church on Saturday 25th** November. The Preacher is Rev. Dr. Stephen Lindridge

Timetable :- Coffee at 10am. Worship 10.30am

Presentation of cheque to Children's Cancer North and introduction of new President's Project with a Faith Lunch to follow. It would be good if we have a number of people representing Ponteland and be an encouragement for Rosemary.

*Kathleen*

### **DOOR STEWARDS**

Please be aware that I will shortly be preparing the Door Steward Rota for **2024**. Any updates including new volunteers would be appreciated. *Colin*

### **CIRCUIT NOTICES**

Mon 20th Westerhope 10am. Oasis coffee morning.

Mon 20th Westerhope 1pm. Little Treasures

Tues 21st Lemington 9.30am Clothes Bar

Tues 21st Denton Burn 2pm. Tuesday Fellowship. Christmas Quiz

Wed 22nd Denton Burn 10am. Prayer Meeting

Thurs 23rd Westerhope 1.30 - 3.15pm. Carpet bowls.

Thurs 23rd Westerhope 2pm. Craft Group  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Blucher 3-5pm. Messy Church  
Sat 25th Lemington 10am. Christmas Coffee morning. Various stalls  
and raffle. All welcome.

### **PRAYERS**

Let us walk with you in the way of the cross, O Christ, faithfully enduring its demands, constantly sharing its message and daily revealing its love.

*Amen*

Lord, you are always working even though we might not see it, in difficult times of suffering and pain, walking next to us. You are the light in the darkest of times; the hope when all is lost and the strength when we fall. Help us to trust in your plan and see your treasures in those around us.

*Amen*

Your purposes stand firm, O God. Your power trustworthy, your rest safe, your truth beyond telling, your searching without end, your love unforgetting and your indwelling forever.

*Amen*

I lift my eyes to the trees. Majestic canopy in city square, flourishing in a field hedge, thorn on a rocky outcrop. I shuffle leaves, pick fruit and plant acorns. But I like wood floors, beams in cathedrals and old ships. Forests are fought over and industrial logging endangers all life. Yet as biblical people met God under landmark trees, all creation meets heaven on the Cross. That tree of life, love, death and hope. Forever attractive to artists, trees yield new truths to science every day; their rings tell secrets of the long past; their roots talk along a web. Home to diverse creatures and, best of all, they capture carbon. Creator God, turn my awe for trees into respectful living.

*Amen*

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