

Notices for Sunday 1st 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.*

1st in Lent // The Wisdom of the Cross

Sun 1st	10.00am 6.30pm	Ann Cooper - ‘Testing Times’ Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Temptations’
Mon 2 nd	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 :- Soup, cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Lenten Bible Study – ‘The Greatest Showman’ led by Rosemary Gray
Tues 3 rd	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 4 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 5 th	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
Fri 6 th	2.15pm 2.15pm	Carpet Bowls World Day of Prayer Service at URC Broadway
Sat 7 th	10.00am	Mini Meanders, led by Rosemary Gray – see page 2
Sun 8th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion Rev Juliet Wriglesworth

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Pam Varley.
(pm) Rosie Brown.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Ann Cooper. We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rosemary Gray**, Heddon 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am and Scots Gap 6.30pm; **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Stamfordham 10.00am and Milbourne 6.30pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 4 : 1-11.

6.30pm : Matthew 4 : 1-11.

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

1) In the Garden of Eden, what must you not eat from?

2) What did the tempter tell Jesus to turn into bread?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Genesis 2 : 15-17; 3 : 1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5 : 12-19, Matthew 4 : 1-11.

TRAIDCRAFT FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 24th February > 8th March 2020

Many thanks to everyone who braved the wintery weather and bought items from the Traidcraft stall at the Open Door. As well as purchases directly supporting producers, an additional donation has been made to Traidcraft Exchange. Fairtrade Fortnight continues with a coffee morning at **Merton Hall**, between **9:30 and 11:30am on Fri 6th March**. The information stall outside the **Co-op on Broadway** has been rescheduled to **Sat 7th March from 10am until 12noon**. Please pop along to hear more about the commitment of one of our local supermarkets to fairtrade. Traidcraft catalogues are available in the church foyer. Please take a catalogue, browse through the full range of clothes, gifts, food and household products and place your order by **Sunday 15th March**. The profit from orders will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange. Thank you. *Bev*

MINI MEANDER On **Saturday 7th March** we are walking round SALTWELL PARK in Gateshead. Lots of interesting features in the park including a lake, pet's corner, a Japanese garden, a Swedish garden, sculptures and importantly Saltwell Towers - a relaxed cafe to eat in or out on a sheltered patio. Come for a stroll or a brisker walk, all are welcome. Meet at the church car park at **10am**. *Rosemary Gray*

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 at the Open Door **each Monday in March from 2.00 - 3.30pm**. A particular section of the film will be studied each week and tomorrow it is 'A Million Dreams' led by Rosemary Gray. *Chris C*

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.

CARE & SHARE SPRING CONCERT -**Graeme and Valerie Danby and Friends** will be in Concert in our Church on **Saturday 4th April** commencing at **7.00 pm**. There will be light refreshments in the church hall after the concert. Tickets at **£7** each are available from *Syd Cowan* (01661 824459).

JOYCE KNOWLES Rachel and Howard wish to thank everyone who made donations towards the two charities at the Thanksgiving Service for Joyce. **Over £1000** was raised and this will be further increased by gift aid donations in due course. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to all the ladies helped with the refreshments afterwards, together with everyone involved in making the day so memorable. *Howard and Rachel*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Ponteland's service, prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, is at the URC Broadway on **Fri March 6th at 2.15pm**. Refreshments will follow. *Chris C*

WEST END FOODBANK I wish to thank everyone at Ponteland Methodist Church for the kindness they have shown to the Foodbank. The fact that your church is continuing to collect food donations over the winter months is very much appreciated. As you rightly point out, after the Christmas period is the time of year when donations to the foodbank reduce. Thank you for raising funds too. This is most thoughtful and will contribute towards sustaining our work. Funds can be made payable to: CAF Bank, s/c: 40-52-40 & a/c: 00023623. I trust this information is helpful. Best wishes, *John WEFB Manager*

PETER MICHELL was able to celebrate a special birthday yesterday being a leap year! He is now eligible to legally drink & vote . Happy Birthday Peter, 4 years till the next one!

AWAKENING NORTH the next event is in **Whalton on Sat 14th March at 7pm**. We will group in front of the Village Hall at **10.30am** for the Outreach in the Village until **12.30pm**. If you live in any of the local villages or know other Christians who do, please encourage them to join us and pray. Shalom! *Abraham Matthew*

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

PRAYERS

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we may be faithful to your gospel in our witness, attentive to your voice in our prayers and sensitive to your presence in our neighbour; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Everlasting God, who calls us to be the Body of Christ, we pray for those who hear and respond to your gospel:with their minds, that they grow in understanding; with their hearts, that they remain strong in you; with their lips that they sing and speak your love and praise; with their hands, that they serve faithfully; with their feet, that they continue to journey with you. May all our being be totally committed to you and all that you offer through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *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 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 Mintern
Sun 22 nd March	6.30pm	Circuit Engage Event here at PMC
Tues 24 th > Thurs 26 th March		Easter Journey
Sat 4 th April	7pm	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 Rev Robin & Rev Pat Brooks
Sat 25 th April	7pm	Awakening North - Dinnington
Sun 3 rd May		General Church Meeting
Sat 9 th May	7pm	Awakening North - Stamfordham
Sat 9 th May	10am - 12noon	Church Plant Sale
Thurs 14 th > Sun 17 th May		Meanders - Lakes long weekend
Fri 15 th May	6.45pm	Indian meal for 'Reaching the Unreached' at PMC.

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 2 nd	Westerhope	10am	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 3 rd	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 4 th	Heddon	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
Thurs 5 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room'- cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 7 th	Denton Burn	4pm.	Church Anniversary Tea with entertainment. Tickets £4
Sat 7 th	Heddon	10am	Men's Fellowship open to all men in our circuit - Matthew Barrick
Sat 7 th	Westerhope	!0 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning
Mon 9 th	Westerhope	10am	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 10 th	Heddon	1.30 - 3pm	Craft and chat - demonstration with wood & stone
Tues 10 th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Tues 10 th	Lemington	2pm	Ladies Meeting
Wed 11 th	Denton Burn	10am	Beans and Banter
Wed 11 th	Heddon	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
Thurs 12 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 14 th	Heddon	10.30am	Church Walk 5miles suitable hiking gear recommended.
Sat 14 th	Lemington	10am - 12noon	Craft and Chat
Sat 14 th	Lemington	3 -5 pm	Messy Church

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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