

Notices for Sunday 21st April 2019
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 in the main Church 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 after the Morning Services and tea after the Evening Service.*

Easter Week // Easter Glory

Sun 21st EASTER DAY	8.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	-9.30am Easter Breakfast served in the hall prior to the service. Joint All Age Worship - Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - ‘Is there a miracle here? Find out ‘ Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - ‘Out of the Tombs’
Mon 22 nd		Easter Monday – all regular events cancelled.
Tues 23 rd	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s, - 10 Darras Rd. Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 24 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 25 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus – ‘Portugal Plus’ – Peter Aughton
Fri 26 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 27 th	9.30am 10.00am	Meanders – The Heritage Way - Thornley to Beamish Mini Meander – see page 2
Sun 28th	10.00am 10.00am 11.45am <u>6.00pm</u>	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell Rev Pat Brooks Alison Bates buffet lunch in the hall ENGAGE Circuit Service at Westerhope Methodist Church

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Andrew Pay, Angela Lisle, Peter Michell.
 (pm) Pam Varley, Andrew Pay.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHER TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Robin Brooks**, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rev Maureen Lloyd**, Westerhope 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : **John 20 : 1-18.**

6.30pm : **John 20 : 1-18.**

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

- 1) What word did Mary cry out to Jesus?
- 2) Who did Mary think Jesus was when he was standing outside the tomb?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

**Acts 10 : 34-43 or Isaiah 65 : 17-25, Psalm 118 : 1-2, 14-24,
1 Corinthians 15 : 19-26, John 20 : 1-18 or Luke 24 : 1-12.**

THURSDAY FOCUS SUMMER OUTING takes place on **13th June from 9.00am to 5.30pm or 6.00pm**. We will visit Alnmouth Priory for a tour round, and for refreshments.. Please bring a packed lunch. After lunch, we will head to Beadnell for a WI high tea, before returning to the Memorial Hall car park. Cost - which includes travel, the driver's tip and the high tea, is **£22**. Payment please, by cheque, made payable to Jean Tweedie.

Chris Cogan

MINI MEANDER Please join us on **Saturday 27th April** when we plan to walk at Plessey Woods, south of Bedlington. Hopefully, the bluebells will be out. If it has been wet earlier that week, it may be advisable to wear walking boots. It is pleasant walking in these woods and we can adjust the length we walk on the day – it will vary between 2 and 4 miles. There is a café near the car park. Please ring Rosemary Gray or Jennifer Hardy if you have any queries. We meet at **10am** in the Church car park. The next mini walk will be **Sat 11th May** around Northumberlandia – more details next week.

Jennifer

NERA 25th COMMEMORATION EVENT We were approached by Ali Hassan, Rwandan support worker at WERS (West End Refugee Service), this week. The City Council are unable to provide funds for simple catering for the 100 – 200 attendees to this afternoon commemorative event of the Genocide against the Tutsi at the City Library on **Saturday 27th April**. Can I appeal to members for donations to help to provide for this. Donations by cheque please made payable to '**North East Rwandan Association**' All are welcome. Do come along, if you are free. Many thanks,

Chris & David Cogan

EASTER OFFERING both collections on Easter Sunday (morning and evening) will go to the **Four Homes of Mercy** in Palestine. More information can be found in the article in this month's Cornerstone which is available now.

Andrew

TWEEDIE'S TOURS are visiting the **Isle of Wight**. There are a few places free on this visit. We're departing on **Sun 23rd June**, returning **Sat 29th**. Our hotel is situated on the Esplanade in Sandown and we have a fascinating itinerary planned. Cost is **£410 pp** sharing and includes all coach and ferry travel and Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with me. *Jean Tweedie* (01661 822474)

ALISON BATES invites everyone to join her in the Church Hall for a buffet lunch to celebrate a 'special' birthday on **Sunday 28th April at 11.45am**.

ALAN SCOTT has moved! All happened quickly. My new address is **16, Claypath Court, Claypath, Durham City, DH1 1QE**. Phone number is 01919084938
Email remains the same meadowfield.29@gmail.com *Regards Alan Scott*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY continues with our Ephesians study on **29th April at 2pm**. The theme is '**We Are One**', based on **Ephesians 2: v.11 - 22**. Our next study, '**Prisoner and Preacher**', based on **Ephesians, Chapter 3**, will be on **13th May**. Many thanks. *Chris*

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING takes place on **Sunday 5th May** and will be held in the Main church after the morning service. Folk can have coffee after the service, and the GCM will start between **11.15am and 11.30am**. *Andrew*

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE produced a handbook which contained very useful summaries of all 27 books in the New Testament. This week I feature **MARK's** Gospel. **MARK** is the shortest of the Gospels and believed by many to be the oldest. Some see Mark as the core for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. This explains why, along with Luke, they are called the synoptic Gospels - similar viewpoint Gospels. Mark sees Jesus as a servant Messiah. Action packed and containing few parables, this is ideal reading for its intended Roman audience who preferred a direct 'no-frills' approach.
Key verse :- **Chapter 10 v 45** "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" *Geoff*

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday.
There are 2 groups - **Stepping Stones** for children up to school year 4, and **Rock Solid** for school years 5-8. More info from *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Blessed be the love which chose us before the foundation of the world. Blessed be the grace that saved us before the world began. Blessed be the glory prepared for us from all eternity. Blessed be God for ever and blessed be his glorious name! *Amen*

Father God, help me this day to accept your free gift of salvation. I can't earn it and I'll never deserve it. Help me to accept, use and rejoice in all your transforming blessings so freely given. *Amen*

Take from us, O Lord, all sloth, love of power and idle talk. Of your mercy grant us clarity of mind, strength of purpose and humility of heart. Beholding our own faults let us not be the judge of others, for you alone are truly blessed, now and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Gentle God, I watched a small child playing with a toy, turning and twisting different parts to change it from a simple car to a mighty robot warrior. And I wonder if you sometimes watch us, twisting and turning your Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ, into a rescuing hero; forgetting that, through his transcendent love, he became what we are, that he might bring us to be even what he is himself. Help us to grow daily into the likeness of Christ, that the world may be transformed both within us and through us. *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

Sun 5 th May	11.15am	General Church Meeting
Tues 7 th May	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Sat 11 th May	10 - 12noon	Plant Sale
Wed 15 th May	7pm	Steward's Meeting
Sun 9 th June	1-5pm	Party in the Park
Thurs 20 th June	7.30pm	Church Council
Sat 13 th July		BBQ at the Hindles, Thropton

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Tues 23 rd	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 25 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	The Garden Room cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 25 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 25 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat 27 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning with Thursday Toddlers.
Sat 27 th	Lemington	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee morning with cakes, cards and pound stall
Sun 28 th	Heddon	2.30 - 4.30pm.	Messy Church with St Andrew's. at HMC.
Sun 28 th	Westerhope	6pm.	'Engage' event.
Tues 30 th	Westerhope	2pm.	District Tutors' meeting.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Rabboni! (John 20:16) 2) The gardener (John 20:15)