

Notices for Sunday 23rd 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.*

Week before Lent // Restoration and Unity

Sun 23rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Transfiguration: past, present and future collide’ Geoff Orrock - ‘Glimpses of Glory’.
Mon 24 th	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.00pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Open Door :- Soup, cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Carpet Bowls Open Door Bible Study - Truth on Trial, Acts: 25:23-26 and 32
Tues 25 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship - ‘Desert Island Discs’ - Rosemary Gray Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 26 th ASH Wed	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home led by Andrew Pay. Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 27 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus - ‘Time Capsule’ - Doug Collender
Fri 28 th	2.15pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 29 th	9.30am	Meanders, led by John Angel who will take us to Craster
Sun 1st	10.00am 6.30pm	Ann Cooper Rev Jona Sewell

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Peter Michell
(pm) Pam Varley

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Geoff Orrock.

We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Milbourne 6.30pm; **Rev Pat Brooks**, Scots Gap 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Westerhope 10.30am and Denton Burn 7pm; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 17 : 1-9.

6.30pm : 2 Kings 2 : 1 - 12, Matthew 17 : 9 - 23.

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

- 1) Who was Jesus talking to his disciples Peter, James and John about?
- 2) What did Elisha cry out and say when she was separated from Elijah by the chariots of fire and horses? You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Exodus 24 : 12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1 : 16-21, Matthew 17 : 1-9.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 24th February > 8th March

Please support the events this week in Ponteland:

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

Sat 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. *Bev*

TRAIDCRAFT The new Traidcraft catalogues are available in the Foyer. This year, Traidcraft has introduced its own Easter eggs, as well as continuing to sell items from the Real Easter Egg range. Please take a catalogue, browse through the full range of clothes, gifts and food, and place your order by **Sunday 15th March**. 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*

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.

BEN HALL and MARY LISLE Thank you to all from our Church who came to support us for our daughter's Wedding to Ben Hall in St. Mary's Church on Thursday. The ceremony was perfect and a good time was had by all at the reception *Geoff and Angela*

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*

WEEKLY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY The film ‘**The Greatest Showman**’ – shown last week 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. Please feel free to join us if you can. *Chris Cogan*

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.

GRANGE LEA SERVICE The Bi-monthly service led by the Methodists takes place this Wednesday at 2.30pm at Grange Lea Rest Home in North Rd. Our members are encouraged to attend to ‘swell the numbers’ of residents. The service, led by Andrew Pay, is followed by tea, cake and fellowship.

SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE are running on an ‘as and when’ needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. If you feel you could help as required, please speak to *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

The blessing of the night, O Lord, you have given us for rest and the gift of the day to praise your glory. Keep us each day from all sin, protect us in the hour of temptation and guide us with the light of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Lord our God, may each of us in our calling be faithful in our discipleship and loving in our encounters with your children. Help us to talk of you passionately and meaningfully and awaken us to every opportunity to share your good news. We ask for your blessing as we work to bring about your kingdom. *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

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 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		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
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 Feb/Mar

Feb

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

March

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 'teaching 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	10 - 11.30am. Coffee Morning

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

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or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com

If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) John the Baptist (Matthew 17: 13)

2) "My Father! My Father! The Chariots and horsemen of Israel!" (2Kings2:12)