

Notices for Sunday 29th August 2021

Ponteland Methodist Church

Acting Ministers – Rev Robin and Rev Pat Brooks (Tel. 854452)

LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

22nd in Ordinary Time // Crossing Jordan

MESSAGE FROM ROBIN

Life in general seems to be almost returning to normal, apart from the supermarket shelves being a little depleted! But what about life in Ponteland Methodist Church? Now regular services are being held (even with precautions), each of us can feel a little closer to getting our communal worship life back on track. However, I hope that, despite the disruption that the Covid pandemic has caused, your continuing relationship with God hasn't suffered. This morning's Bible readings, and hopefully our service, will focus our minds on that relationship; even dedicated believers in God can sometimes get confused!

On a different topic, life for people on the Southwest peninsula of **Haiti** is far from normal at the moment following the disastrous earthquake there. If you haven't already given a donation to one of the disaster appeals, you will have the opportunity this Sunday and next Sunday here at church. Details are given elsewhere in this newsheet and will also be announced before the service.

With best wishes,

Robin Brooks

LECTIONARY

**Song of Solomon 2 : 8-13, Psalm 45 : 1-2, 6-9,
James 1 : 17-27, Mark 7 : 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.**

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST/SEPT

This is the preaching plan for the next 4 weeks :-

29th , 10am - Rev Robin Brooks – ‘Wash your hands or what?’

Bible Readings:- Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6, James 1:19-26, Mark 7:1-8,14-23.

29th , 6.30pm – Geoff Orrock – ‘Signs and Symbols’

Bible readings:- Judges 6 : 36-40, John 7 : 1-17.

5th Sept, 10am - Rev Pat Brooks

6.30pm - Rev Colin Barrick

12th 10am - David Forrester

6.30pm - Rev Tim Woolley (S)

19th 10am - Rev Pat Brooks (S)

6.30pm - Rev Juliet Wriglesworth

NEWCASTLE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT SERVICE

This week's online service is led by **Rev Tim Woolley** with the theme of '**Inside Out**' The Bible readings are from **Mark 7 : 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.**

BARBARA HOGG

Barbara Hogg (nee Short) died peacefully on July 28th aged 95 with **Douglas** at her side. She had a long and happy life. Beloved wife of Douglas, mother to Trevor and Adrian, and grandmother to Eleanor and Matthew.

The service will take place at **Stokesley Methodist Church, High St, Stokesley, TS9 5AD** , at **1pm on Thursday 9th September.**

All are welcome. Family flowers only please

contact adrian_hogg@yahoo.com If you wish to write to Douglas, he is care of **Dawn and Adrian Hogg, 2 Agricola Cottages, Hutton Rudby, N Yorks, TS15 0HA.** They are happy for the address to be shared.

PONTELAND EXHIBITION OF HOPE

In November we plan to invite the community of Ponteland into our church for an Exhibition of Hope. This will be a display of Creative Arts inspired by experiences of the pandemic and hopes for the future.

We hope Ponteland people of all ages and abilities will submit paintings, drawings, photos, poems, songs, stories, sculpture, crafts etc. People might want to share what was good and what was bad about lockdown, how they coped or didn't, their future hopes. We hope all of you will also have a go!

Whatever people produce will be put on display here as the Ponteland Exhibition of Hope on **Saturday Nov 6th (10am - 4pm) and Sunday Nov 7th (12noon - 4pm).**

Jona, our minister, has had a really positive response from local schools about taking part in this event so we hope you will all do everything you can to support it.

Volunteers will be needed. If you can help in any way please contact either

Pete Cowey mrpetecowey@btinternet.com 07771857574

Rosemary Gray rosemary.gray19@gmail.com 822493

or Ann Cooper anncooperx@gmail.com 824347

DOMUS

Domus will restart at my house at **2.30pm on Friday 3rd September.** *John Gill*

CORNERSTONE – September edition will be available next Sunday (5th) If you have anything you want to include, contact Andy before Monday please (871844)

CLOTHES BAR

The Clothes Bar is continuing to support the community of **Lemington** and the surrounding areas with good quality second hand children's clothes and toiletries, but we are very short of volunteers and donations of toiletries.

Could you, or someone you know, possibly spare **3 hours (9-12 am)** on a **Tuesday morning** to help the existing team. Even once a month would be a great help.

If you are interested, please contact **Hazel Sargent**

Newcastle.West.methodist@gmail.com or **Alison Bates** boundy56@ iCloud.com

Any donation of toiletries can be placed in the Clothes Bar box in the Church foyer.

Many Thanks.

Alison Bates

CHURCH FLOWERS

Now that Church has reopened for Worship, I would welcome any donations to the flower fund. **Marianne, Angela** and I will do our best to honour any special dates.

With thanks.

Pat Turner

ALL WE CAN and METHODIST CHURCH APPEAL FOR HAITI

There will be a retiring collection following the services over the next two weeks (**29th Aug and 5th Sept**) to support the joint 'All we Can' and Methodist Church Appeal in support of the victims of the crisis in Haiti. The Methodist Church has strong connections there. A local connection is that **Helen Cunningham's** parents were Mission Partners there. Donations can be made as follows :-

Cash - or cheques made payable to **Ponteland Methodist Church** –

or bank transfers to **Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account Number: 00024788,**

Account Name: Ponteland Methodist Church.

Peter Michell

CLIMATE SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to join the Nations' Climate Sunday Service from Glasgow Cathedral in preparation for COP26 on **Sunday 5th September** via a live link. The service starts at **4.00pm** but the link will go live from 3.30pm.

To view will be free, but you need to register in advance to watch and get the live link details sent to you. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nations-climate-sunday-service-churches-prepare-for-cop-26-tickets-165258230817>

Just click on the 'Register' buttons and put your contact details on the on-line form.

If you don't want to state your church for any reason, just put '**Newcastle West**

Methodist Circuit'. Yours,

Robin Brooks

Mission24 Evangelism Impact Training and Meeting

A great opportunity has come up for Jonathan Conrathe to run an Impact Training course focusing on Evangelism during the evenings of September 8th - 12th from 7pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Newcastle International Airport NE13 8BZ.

Everyone Welcome Shalom!

Abraham Matthew

MESSAGE FROM THE ORANGES and LEMONS NURSERY

We are collecting for the families from Afghanistan that are due to arrive in the area. The response has been wonderful and we now need some packing boxes to put the sorted donations into, so we can get them to the collection point. If anyone has moved recently and have some packing boxes – please may we have them? Also – we are still collecting, so if you have spare clean clothes (every age and season), towels, sheets, toiletries or toys, we would love them.

We are based at the United Reformed Church on Broadway and the entrance is at the rear. Please just ring the bell and a member of the team will be delighted to take your donation or your boxes.

Sue Kirtley

PRAYERS

O God, since without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

To the One who can keep us from falling, and bring us safely into his glorious presence, joyful and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all ages, now and forever.

Amen

Gracious God, as we respond to your call in our lives, nurture within us the wisdom to respect your gift of life and your creation. May the roots of our faith be strengthened so that we reflect your kingdom values of justice, peace, hope and life for all. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen*

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday 3rd Sept - 12noon,
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL
or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com**

PLEASE NOTE – NEXT WEEK'S EDITION WILL COVER 2 WEEKS