

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 29th October 2023

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

30th in Ordinary Time // The Meaning of Faith

- Sun 10am (Communion)& 6.30pm - Rev Jona Sewell - ‘All You
29th Need is Love’ Bible Readings:- Hebrews 13:1-8, John 13:31-35.
- Mon 2.00pm Open Door - Cakes, scones and drinks in the hall
30th 4.00pm Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
- Tues 2.00pm Care & Share Meeting in the Lounge
31st
- Fri 2.30pm DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s (10 Darras Rd)
3rd
- Sat 10.00am Coffee Shop Strollers - Saltwell Park in Gateshead
4th
- Sun from 9am Bouncy Church - Steve Small - ‘Joy Through Learning
5th - School Days”
. 6.30pm David Forrester

LECTIONARY

Deuteronomy 34 : 1-12, Psalm 90 : 1-6, 13-17,
1 Thessalonians 2 : 1-8, Matthew 22 : 34-46.

OPEN DOOR - TIME CHANGE

For the winter season, opening times are changing. We will be opening from **1pm -4pm** starting **Monday 6th November** and **soup** will be back on the menu.

Judith

BAGS TO SPARE?

Do you have any clear plastic bags? (Not carrier bags) if so, Alison Bates will be pleased to receive them to assist with a Christmas stall.

Do you have any surplus carrier bags? If so, please put them in the clothes bar box. The clothes bar is extremely short of winter clothes for children age 5-12 year olds - if you have neighbours or relatives who may be clearing their wardrobe ready for Christmas, please ask them to place them in the clothes bar box in the foyer or vestry.

Thanks in anticipation of your help.

Alison Bates

CHURCH VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies for posts to be filled in the Church.

Safeguarding Officer and Action for Children Secretary. For more information, please speak to Jona or one of the stewards.

Jona

DIARY DATES – December/January

- Sat 3rd 10am** Care and Share Christmas Fayre
Sun 17th 4pm Candlelight Carol Service
Sun 24th 7pm Carol Service at St. Mary's (no 6.30pm service here)
Mon 25th 10am Christmas Day Service
Sun 31st 10am Service . No 6.30pm service
Mon 22nd Jan 12noon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
Sun 28th Jan 4pm Ecumenical WPCU Service at St. Mary's

PRAYER REQUESTS for the MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

If you are in need of prayers, please leave your request on our Prayer Tree in the foyer or contact **Ann** on 613502 and at anncooperx@gmail.com

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

AGEING WELL

The Ageing Well Team from Northumberland County Council is running an event in Merton Hall on **Friday 3rd November , 9.30am - 12noon.** They will be offering free advice on a range of topics. This will include info on the “Stop online being the only option” campaign that Age UK is currently running. Their concern is for the 6,000,000 of us who are not computer literate, or cannot use the internet safely. This seems particularly relevant in the light of the many of us who have either just managed to avoid, or who have been scammed.

Chris Cogan

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT CHAIR

Dear Sisters and Brothers, It has been a great privilege to serve the Newcastle upon Tyne District as your Chair for these past nine years. God has been graciously guiding and providing me with the resource to fulfil what has been required. However, now I feel the Lord’s wisdom is moving me on. This is a relentless and demanding role and I feel it’s time to ask to step back and allow someone else to serve this wonderful District and its faithful people of God. I have met with Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler as Secretary of the Conference and the District Leadership Team and have asked to curtail from August 2024. A process to appoint my successor will begin soon and the Spring Synod 2024 will hopefully receive a nominated name to consider. Yours in Christ Jesus,

Revd. Dr. Stephen Lindridge

LEO OSBORN

All are very welcome to the **Revd Leo Osborn’s Thanksgiving Service at 5.30pm in Newcastle Cathedral on Fri 10th November.** If you plan to attend please can you let Diane Whitfield know by October 31st. This is in order that we have some idea of numbers for the Cathedral seating and catering afterwards. You can contact Diane by Tel. 0191 4901626 or email admin@newcastlemethodistdistrict.org This will be a great help and we appreciate your time. We continue to hold Charlotte and family in our prayers. Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr. Stephen Lindridge

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 30th Westerhope 10am. Oasis coffee morning.
Tues 31st Denton Burn. 2pm. Fellowship. David Forrester. 'John Wesley'
Tues 31st Lemington 9.30am. Clothes Bar
Wed 1st Denton Burn 10am. Agape Service
Wed 1st Westerhope 2pm. Women's Fellowship. Joyce Ball. Crafts
Thurs 2nd Westerhope 1.30 - 3.15pm. Carpet bowls.
Fri 3rd Denton Burn. 7pm. Bible Study
Sat 4th Lemington 10am. Craft and Chat.

PRAYERS

Come and reign, O Christ, in our home and its life; in our church and its mission; in our nation and its politics; in our world and its affairs. Come, O Christ. Come and reign. *Amen*

May we watch for you, O Lord, in the storm, in the earthquake and in the fire; lest in the stillness of the silence you go undetected. *Amen*

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for those treasures we have from you – the gifts of different resources, wisdom, understanding and compassion. Encourage us to be willing to share those gifts and not to hide them away. As we journey through this connexional year help us to be truly present in the light and dark of our own lives so that we can encounter your presence with us. Through our personal experiences and discipleship may we also be willing to share the light and darkness of those we are called to serve in our different communities. We pray in the name of Christ. *Amen*

Holy God, creation is your gift of grace, pregnant with your presence. You have adorned it with goodness, with jewels of kindness that shimmer and cast light into life. The radiance of your Spirit refracts through the lives of your people and illuminates the darkness, disturbing it with hope. As your hand unveils what is hidden, may we reflect what you reveal for the good of all you have made. *Amen*