

Notices for Sunday 2nd 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.*

4th in Ordinary Time // Prayer and Faith

Sun 2nd	10.00am	Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion – ‘Blessed are... (not who you might expect!)
	6.30pm	Rev Juliet Wriglesworth - ‘Living within God’s blessing’
Mon 3rd	12.15pm	Prayers for people, this week’s activities and next Sunday’s preachers. All welcome or let us have a prayer request.
	1.00pm	Open Door :- Soup, cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer
	1.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Tues 4th	2.30pm	DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s, - 10 Darras Rd.
	6.00pm	Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys
	7.00pm	Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 5th	5.45pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section
	7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 6th	9.30am	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am
	7.30pm	Men’s Forum Annual Dinner at the Blackbird Inn
	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Fri 7th	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 8th	7.00pm	Awakening North in Ponteland Memorial Hall
Sun 9th	10.00am	Rev Jona Sewell
	6.30pm	David Forrester

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Pete Cowey, Alison Bates, Pam Varley
(pm) Peter Michell

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and Rev Juliet

Wriglesworth. We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Tim Woolley**, Lemington 10.30am and Scots Gap 6.30pm; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Heddon 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm and **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Blucher 10.45am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : Matthew 5 : 1-12.

6.30pm : Micah 6 : 1-8 (GNV), Matthew 5 : 1-12 (GNV).

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

- 1) Who was the King of Moab?
 - 2) Finish this sentence " Blessed are the pure in heart,....."
- You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Micah 6 : 1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1 : 18-31, Matthew 5 : 1-12.

JOYCE KNOWLES It is with a heavy heart that I have to advise you that dear Joyce was called to Higher Service on Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Howard and Rachel. The funeral will be arranged in due course. *Geoff/Jona*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY We continue in February when we plan on continuing our theme 'The Life and Sayings of Paul' meeting between 2-3.30pm. The remaining dates are :- **10th Feb** - Becoming a Spiritual Mentor, Acts: 20: 13 -38 and **24th Feb** - Truth on Trial, Acts: 25:23-26 and 32. Why not come along? *Chris Cogan*

OPEN DOOR - Help urgently needed If you have free time on a Monday afternoon, could you help at Open Door on **Mon 10th February**? It would help if you could bake a cake or make soup, but this is not essential. Please have a word with Judith or Pauline if you can be of assistance. *Judith*

WEST END FOOD BANK A great big 'Thank you' for the way the Church has responded to the call for extra donations to the FoodBank during January & February. The amount of food donated during January has been **twice as much** as usual. It is amazing that you have also **donated £413** during January. This is made up of **£180** raised by Open Door after the Church Unity service, **£208** cash & cheques, and **£25** from gift aiding. We are halfway through low input period to the FoodBank so let's continue through February. *Andrew Pay*

AUDREY MacDONALD The collection taken in memory of Audrey, for **Action for Children**, has currently raised **£ 914.20** - thank-you to everyone who contributed. *Rachel*

WOMEN's FOCUS On **13th February**, we are having a Member's Night. What item would you save from your home in the event of a bad fire? Is there something you could talk about and maybe bring along? Let us share our stories next week! *Chris Cogan*

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 which will appear on the foyer noticeboard later this month. *Ronnie and Bev*

AWAKENING NORTH Thank you for all your prayers for the outreach and for coming to the event in Westerhope. We've been really encouraged and blessed by what The Lord is continuing to do, prayers being answered, manifesting presence of The Holy Spirit, meaningful Worship songs and amazing heart stirring testimonies. Please don't miss this great opportunity to reach out to the people in the Villages and witness Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. We also know people respond to personal invitations, and we don't want anyone to miss out. Please could you prayerfully invite family and friends, anyone you know who lives in the nearby villages. I would be happy to drop off or post you some invites to give to them. We believe in the power of interceding and praying, and that's very important. If you do have any prayer requests, please email them to prayer@awakeningnorth.co.uk We will group in front of Ponteland Memorial Hall at 10.30am for the Outreach in the Village until 12.30pm. Let's continue to pray for a revival in our villages. Please note other dates for your diary: Walton Village on Sat 14th March at 7pm: Dinnington Village on Sat 25th April at 7pm and Stamfordham Village on Sat 9th May at 7pm. *Abraham*

SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE are running on an 'as and when' needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. It would be really useful to have a small group of volunteers who could be called on at the start of a service if needed, to come out and support the designated leader. No preparation or leading is required! If you feel you could help in this way, please speak to *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Let your outstretched arm, O Lord, be our defence; your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our salvation and the grace of your life-giving Spirit, our strength; now and forever. *Amen*

Jesus says, "Love" and I say, "Who?" Jesus says, "Give" and I say, "What?"
Jesus says, "Follow" and I say, "Where?" And Jesus says 'Whoever, Whatever, Wherever'
Jesus, help me to respond to your call with everything that I am and everything that I have.
Let me hold nothing back in response to your great love for me. *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 10th Feb 7.30pm Care and Share Meeting

Thurs 13 th Feb	7.30pm	Church Council
Mon 17 th Feb	7pm	Finance and Property Meeting
Mon 24 th Feb > Sun 8 th March		Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 26 th Feb		Ash Wednesday / 1st Day of Lent
Wed 26 th Feb	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home
Fri 6 th March	2.15pm	World Day of Prayer Service at URC
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		Mothering Sunday

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 3 rd	Westerhope	10am. Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer / reflection
Tues 4 th	Lemington	9.30am. Clothes bar
Wed 5 th	Heddon	6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'-Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer'
Thurs 6 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room'- cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 8 th	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for Church funds
Sat 8 th	Heddon	10.30am. Church Walk - approx. 5 miles. Please bring packed lunch
Sat 8 th	Lemington	10am - 12noon. Craft and Chat
Sat 8 th	Lemington	3 - 5pm. Messy Church
Sat 8 th	Westerhope	10 - 11.30am. Mission in Britain Coffee Morning
Mon 10 th	Westerhope	10am. Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer / reflection
Tues 11 th	Heddon	1.30 - 3pm. Craft and Chat - 'Floral Flowers' with Mrs M Blackett
Tues 11 th	Lemington	9.30am. Clothes bar
Wed 12 th	Denton Burn	10am. Beans and Banter
Wed 12 th	Heddon	6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer'
Wed 12 th	Westerhope	4- 5.30pm. Messy Church
Thurs 13 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 15 th	Blucher	10 -11.30am. Valentine's coffee morning with cake stall and raffle
Sat 15 th	Denton Burn	7pm. Film Night 'Black Klansman'
Mon 17 th	Westerhope	10am. Oasis coffee morning. church open for prayer & reflection
Wed 19 th	Heddon	6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer'
Thurs 20 th	Lemington	1.15pm. Open Doors. Praying for the Persecuted Church
Thurs 20 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 22 nd	Denton Burn	10am. Coffee Morning for Church Funds and Cancer Research

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