

Notices for Sunday 31st March 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.*

4th in Lent // The Servant and the Lord

Sun 31 st	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge - David Forrester – ‘Prodigality’ Rev Colin Barrick – ‘A Mother’s Sacrifice’ Rev Jona Sewell
Mon 1 st	12.30pm 1.15pm <u>3.00pm</u>	Funeral Service for Brian Davis led by Rev Jona Sewell followed by a private family cremation and refreshments in the hall. All are welcome to stay. The Prayer meeting this week is cancelled due to the funeral service.. Lenten Bible Study - ‘Living with what we’ve been given’.
Tues 2 nd	2.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Women’s Fellowship - Spring Tea. Helle Sewell will be interviewed by Iain Farquhar on ‘ Estonia to Ponteland ’ Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections Leadership Team meeting
Wed 3 rd	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 4 th	9.30am 4.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Prayer Meeting in the Church
Fri 5 th	7.30pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 6 th	10.00am	Walk through the Bible – The New Testament
Sun 7 th	10.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	The Bridge – Rev Jona Sewell - Communion Rachel Wood Rev Tim Woolley

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Peter Michell, Pam Varley, Angela Lisle.

(pm) Andrew Pay, Peter Michell.

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Colin Barrick and David Forrester. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Jona Sewell**, Denton Burn 10.30am; **Rosemary Gray**, Heddon 10.30am; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Scots Gap 10.30am and Milbourne 6.30pm and **Rev Colin Barrick**, Westerhope 6pm .

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : Luke 15 : 1-3, 11b-32.

10am (Church) : 1 Samuel 1 : 20-28, Luke 2 : 33-35.

6.30pm : Luke 15 : 11-32.

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

- 1) Who blessed the child's parents?
- 2) What was Samuel's mother called?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Joshua 5 : 9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5 : 16-21, Luke 15 : 1-3, 11b-32.

SPRING CONCERT with *Graeme Danby* is on **Saturday 13th April at 7pm.**

Tickets, priced **£7**, are available from *Syd Cowan*. (Children under 14 are free)

CHURCH STEWARDS One of the agenda items at the forthcoming Church AGM in May is the appointment of Church Stewards. If you would like to prayerfully consider taking on this important role, please speak to Angela or Andrew for more information.

Angela

FOUNDATION and REFRESHER MODULES of 'CREATING A SAFER SPACE' .

A Foundation Module of the Creating a Safer Space safeguarding training will be run at Westerhope on **Tuesday 9th April starting at 10 am**. A Refresher Module will be run at Denton Burn on the same day starting at **1:30 pm**. Both are expected to take about 2 hours. This is mandatory training (needs to be done every 4 years) for Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards and workers with children or vulnerable adults. First time attendees should attend the Foundation Module and those who are renewing their training should attend the Refresher Module. Please book places with *Hazel Sargeant* (07792 150245 or newcastle.west.methodist@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Peter Michell

MEN'S FORUM have arranged a visit to Beamish on **Thurs April 11th**.(9.30am from Church) I need the numbers proposing to visit ASAP. The visit is in 3 parts comprising a talk on the massive new development reflecting life in the 1950's; a visit to the resource centre where all artifacts not on display are stored; and a visit to the museum itself. Cost £5.. My contact details are Tel 01661 820211 or meadowfield.29@gmail.com *Alan Scott*

IDA I DISASTER APPEAL - This week (31st March) and next week (7th April) there will be a retiring collection for the Iday Cyclone Disaster. For those who would like to 'Gift Aid' their contribution, yellow envelopes will be available at the collection point. " *Andrew*

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 (April) Cornerstone which will be available next Sunday. *Andrew*

NEW BABY *Amy and Joe Higgins* have had a baby girl on **23rd March**. Her name is **Evelyn Rose Higgins** and she weighed in at **7lbs 11ozs**. Mum and baby are doing well. Grandma *Rosemary Gray* is very happy!

PAULINE SWIFT has been called to Higher Service. There are no funeral details yet.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE is this Saturday - refreshments from **9.30am**. If you are still undecided, please feel free to join us on the day and pay on the door, **£14**. You will be given a warm welcome and a soup lunch is provided. *Angela*

CHURCHES TOGETHER : EASTER and CHRISTMAS CARDS New people are needed to help with distribution of a few Easter and Christmas cards in the following areas. Cecil Court, Grenville Court, Milbourne, Queensway, Edgehill – 51 to Greenacres, Cheviot View- 45 to the Nursery, Darras Road -31-65 & 24-50, Linden Way- 1-21 & 2 -14 If you can help, I would be extremely grateful. *Rosemary Rhodes* (Tel.825139)

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES are running weekly, as we lead up to Easter. We are always pleased to share these with our friends from the other Churches. They run on Monday afternoons 2- 3.30pm, except the 1st April which is 3 – 4.30pm – the other session is at the home of the 'Mundays', 60, Woodside from 7.30pm. also Mondays.

Each study stands alone. This year, we plan to study "Not a Tame Lion", a Lent course based on the writings of CS Lewis, by Hilary Brand. Each study stands alone. We would welcome anyone to share with us. Each study stands alone. All are welcome.

Study 4, on 1st April is - Living with what we've been given (3pm start)

Study 5, on 8th April is - Living with absence. Do come along! *Chris C*

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**.

PRAYERS

Each day, O Christ, let us drink from the deep waters of your salvation. Each hour, let us watch for the signs of your presence. Each moment, let us be open to the wonders of your love. *Amen*

Eternal God, you set before us the promise of a new heaven and a new earth. We long for the time when all is new, when there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain. We pray for glimpses of this hope in 'the now': for new life where there is death; for joy where there is sadness; for healing where there is brokenness. But also, we seek your sustaining help in 'the not yet': may we comfort the dying and bereaved; may we weep with those who weep; may we tend the wounds of those in pain. Inspire us, Lord, to live for a world transformed, always trusting in your promises, all 'yes' in Jesus Christ. *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.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

DIARY DATES

Tues 9th April		Creating a Safer Space training (see page 2)
Sat 13th April		Graeme Danby Concert
Sun 5th May	11.30am	General Church Meeting
Sat 11th May	10 – 12noon	Plant Sale
Sun 9th June	1-5pm	Party in the Park
Thurs 20th June		Church Council

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 1 st	Westerhope	7pm.	Circuit Data Protection Representatives meeting.
Tues 2 nd	Lemington	9.30 - 11.30am.	Clothes Bar.
Thurs 4 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	The Garden Room - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 4 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 4 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Thurs 4 th	Westerhope	9.30am.	Beech Hill School Easter Service.
Sat 6 th	Heddon	10-11.15am.	Men's Coffee Fellowship. Spkr: Rev. Malcolm Jones
Sat 6 th	Westerhope	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning. With cakes and cards.
Tues 9 th	Heddon	1.30 - 3pm.	Craft and Chat.
Tues 9 th	Westerhope	7.30pm.	Weekday Praise.
Wed 10 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Beans and Banter.
Thurs 11 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	The Garden Room - cuppa,, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 11 th	Heddon	1.15 – 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 11 th	Heddon	7 - 9pm.	Photography Group. All levels welcome. Lens Filters with Linda Brazewell
Thurs 11 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Fri 12 th	Lemington	6pm.	Ecumenical Easter service at Lemington Centre
Sat 13 th	Denton Burn	10am.	Coffee Morning for Garden Fund.
Sat 13 th	Blucher	10 - 11.30am.	Easter Coffee Morning.
Sat 13 th	Westerhope	10 - 11.30am.	World Church Coffee Morning with Easter Egg tombola.
Sat 13 th	Lemington	10am - 12noon.	Craft and Chat.
Sat 13 th	Lemington	3 - 5pm.	Messy Church.

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Simeon (Luke 2 : 34) 2) Hannah (1 Samuel 1 : 20)