

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 5th November 2023

Minister – Rev Jona Sewell (Tel 822057)

‘Transforming lives through God’s love’

31st in Ordinary Time // The Covenant of Faith

- Sun from 9am Bouncy Church - Steve Small - ‘Joy Through
5th Learning - School Days’. Bible reading:-Luke 11: 1-4.
. 6.30pm David Forrester – ‘Role Models’
. Bible Readings :- Micah 3:5-12, Matthew 23:1-12.
- Mon 1.00pm Open Door - Soup, cakes, scones, drinks in the hall
6th 3.30pm Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
- Tues 6.00pm Boys’ Brigade/ Girls’ Association - Anchors
7th 7.15pm Boys’ Brigade/GA - Juniors/Company/Seniors
- Thurs 9.30am Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities, refreshments
9th 2.00pm Women Together - ‘Land Army’ -Michael Gatherer
. 7.30pm Men’s Forum - ‘Newcastles around the World’
- Sat 9.30am Meander - meet in Church car park
11th
- Sun 10.00am Rev Jona Sewell
12th 6.30pm Rev Tim Woolley

LECTIONARY Joshua 3 : 7-17, Psalm 107 : 1-7, 33-37,
1 Thessalonians 2 : 9-13, Matthew 23 : 1-12.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

Please be advised that from November 6th (when Open Door starts earlier),
Monday prayers will start at the earlier time of **3:30pm**. *Jona*

MEN'S FORUM - THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm

David Faulkner will be presenting 'Newcastles Around the World' which is partly a travelogue - with potted histories and photos of those Newcastles that take their name from Newcastle upon Tyne, with their own castles and stories. But it's also about the organisation called 'Newcastles of the World' which links them in friendship, and shares information and ideas through practical projects in the fields of tourism, culture, business, education and youth engagement. David was the organisation's coordinator and still edits their quarterly newsletter. *Alan Groves*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Care & Share and the Boys' Brigade/Girl's Association are once again holding our Christmas Fayre on **Sat 2nd December 10am - 12noon**. We would once again like to enlist your help and here's how you can do it!

- **Donate new unwanted gifts**
- **Donate raffle prizes**
- **Donate items suitable for both children's and adult tombola**
- **Bake your delicious cakes for the cake stall**

Non-perishable goods can be given to the Care & Share team and/or Les Dodd or may be clearly labelled and put in the vestry. Cakes will be greatly received into the kitchen on the Friday afternoon (1st Dec). Please indicate on the cake if it contains any nuts. Please note - NO Book stall this year so don't bring any books. Of course, we would love to see you all there from 10am Many thanks in anticipation of your support *Alison Bates/Les Dodd*.

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

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*

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

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

The Newcastle District of **MWiB** will be holding a Re-dedication Service for **President Lynne Graham** and the **Dedication of Rosemary Gray** as **President Designate** at **Brunswick Methodist Church** on **Saturday 25th November**. The Preacher is **Rev. Dr. Stephen Lindridge**

Timetable :- Coffee at 10am. Worship 10.30am

Presentation of cheque to Children's Cancer North and introduction of new President's Project with a Faith Lunch to follow. It would be good if we have a number of people representing Ponteland and be an encouragement for Rosemary. *Kathleen*

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 6th	Westerhope	10am.	Oasis coffee morning.
Mon 6th	Westerhope	1pm.	Little Treasures
Tues 7th	Lemington	9.30am.	Clothes Bar
Wed 8th	Denton Burn	10am.	Beans and Banter
Wed 8 th	Westerhope	1.30pm.	Wives & Friends. 'MDNA'.
.			David Whalley - Area Support Co-ordinator
Thurs 9th	Westerhope.	1.30 - 3.15pm.	Carpet bowls.
Thurs 9th	Westerhope.	2pm.	Craft Group

PRAYERS

Come, O courage of God to sustain us. Come, O strength of God to protect us. Come, O holiness of God to purify us. Come, O love of God to transform us.

Amen

We are yours, O God, for you have made us and loved us. We are yours, O God, for you have saved us and called us. Being yours, O God, let us eternally rejoice your presence.

Amen

Gracious God, in Jesus we see your image, in all its wonder and beauty, majesty and splendour. In ourselves and in each other we reflect your image and mirror your glory, like an image in a reflecting pool. But too often we distort your image in us. We do not see you in the wonder of the people all around us or your creation. We are blinded to the treasure within us and about us. When we do not see your glory or do not celebrate the treasure of your generous love in the wonder of our neighbours and the delight of your creation, have mercy we pray. And help us to see. Help us to mirror your glory. Help us to treasure the gifts and graces you lavish on us and on all creation. Help us to see you in refugees, migrants and displaced people, as we see you when we look in the mirror, or in the still, calm waters. And help us to be thankful.

Amen

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