

Ponteland Methodist Church

Notices for Sunday 5th and 12th September 2021

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

Acting Superintendent – Rev Tim Woolley

LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

5th Sept

23rd in Ordinary Time // A Covenant Renewed

12th Sept (Education Sunday) // 24th in Ordinary Time // God of Compassion

MESSAGE FROM PAT

Hello everyone and I hope you are all well as we come to another Sunday, but also the start of the Methodist New Year. We pray for our new President and Vice President – **Rev Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton**, and also for all Ministers who have moved to new sections. We wish them well as they settle into their new churches.

Robin and I are overseeing Ponteland church for the next two months, but as it would take me too long to visit you all, so just as last January, I will be phoning each of you to see how you are, but if you need to get in touch with us then do give us a ring.

LECTIONARY

5th :- Proverbs 22 : 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125,

James 2 : 1-10 (11-13) 14-17, Mark 7 : 24-37.

12th :- Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, *or Canticle* : Wisdom of Solomon 7 : 26 >

8:1, James 3 : 1-12, Mark 8 : 27-38.

PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES – SETEMBER

5th 10am - Rev Pat Brooks - “What is the greatest commandment?”

Bible readings - Deuteronomy 10:12 >11:1, Mark 12: 28-34.

5th 6.30pm - Rev Colin Barrick - ‘Journeying on with the Apostle Paul’

This is the preaching plan for the remainder of the month:-

12th 10am - David Forrester 6.30pm - Rev Tim Woolley (S)

19th 10am - Rev Pat Brooks (S) 6.30pm - Rev Juliet Wriglesworth

26th 10am - Rev Robin Brooks 6.30pm - Rev Colin Barrick

NEWCASTLE WEST METHODIST CIRCUIT SERVICE

This week's online service is led by **Steve Small** with the theme of 'You can't judge a book by the cover' The Bible Readings are **Mark 7 : 24-30** and **James 2 : 1-4, 8-9.**

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

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CLIMATE SUNDAY

Below is the direct link for this Sunday's nationwide Climate Sunday service to be live-streamed from Glasgow this afternoon.(5th)

The direct link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwilrYRqudg> and the preamble starts at 3.30pm before the service at 4.00pm.

I understand that at some point during this service we will see an image of our very own **Rev Robin Brooks** standing in his field of wind turbines!

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This group will be starting again on **Monday 13th September at 2pm.** The group will meet on the **second and fourth Monday of the month.** The meetings will be held in the Church Lounge. New members are always welcome. We are starting a new study of the Twelve Disciples using a Lifebuilder study guide by Douglas Connolly. No preparation is necessary. Please let me know if you are interested.

Rosemary Gray Tel 822493

GIRLS' BRIGADE - MESSAGE FROM FIONA

Hi and hope you are all well. As some of you know, I started a new job back in June working for Homeserve, which was a huge relief after all I went through with redundancies and issues with job security. So, I'm happy to report things has been going really well, so much so that Homeserve have actually offered me a promotion and to step up to be a sales and technical coach. This is a massive opportunity for me - not only from building my career but having job security.

The challenge is that the job involves me to be in Leeds 3days a week, sometimes 5 days a week. This means that my life and commitments are going to change a lot. Ultimately, I have come to the very difficult decision that I will no longer be able to continue as team leader at Girls' Brigade - this has been very difficult for me to come to terms with and I have tried to think of every option moving forward, but I can't find a way that it would work and that wouldn't be fair to the leadership team or to the girls. In terms of GB, we have a few options -

1. We try to find someone who is willing to continue and take over as team leader so that it continues, or
 2. We reluctantly close the company and direct girls to other companys' in the area.
- I truly believe that for everything there is a reason and if it is Gods will for GB to continue in Ponteland, he will find a way. If not, we can all be really proud of the journey and how we have all been part of inspiring and growing Gods kingdom in Ponteland. I would ask you all to prayerfully consider weather God is calling you into this role. If anyone would like to discuss what is involved in being Team leader, please do get in touch. Many thanks

Fiona Thomson

MEN's FORUM

Returns on **Thurs 23rd Sept, 7.30pm** with a Pie & Pea Supper in the Stobert Room. Please can you advise Geoff (contact details on back page) if you wish to attend. The cost will be **£5** and the 'after dinner speaker' will be **Geoff Orrock**.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Returns on **the 21st September at 2.30pm** with the theme of 'Getting to know You again' Subsequent dates are :- October 5th and 19th (Harvest)
November - 2nd, 16th and 30th (Advent Service with Jona)
December - 14th Christmas Meeting with Kathy Anderson
Spring Meetings:- March - 1st / 15th / 29th (Spring Tea)
April : 12th Easter Communion with Jona, 26th . Our Final Meeting of this session will be 10th May -Annual General Meeting. We look forward to seeing you again. We would be happy for others to join with us.

Kathleen

WOMEN'S FOCUS

Restarts on **Thurs 9th Sept** at the new time of **2pm** in the Church Hall.
Our first meeting is led by Rev Pat Brooks. Subsequent dates for the Autumn are :-
Sept 23rd, Oct 14th and 28th, Nov 11th and 25th and Dec 9th. All Welcome *Chris*

BOYS' BRIGADE

Restarts on the **14th September**. Anchor Boys ; 6 - 7pm, Juniors; 7.15 - 8.30pm
and the Company and Senior Section 7.15-- 9pm. *Les*

NOREEN GREEN

Noreen is in Hexham Hospital after suffering 2 strokes and is very poorly. Your prayers for Noreen, her daughter Susan and family would be appreciated.

PRAYERS

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds, O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord praise him and highly exalt him forever. God of all glory, when the roar of the traffic recedes and even our hymns are stilled in our mouths, then we hear strains of an anthem sung since you called all things into being; how birds burst their breasts with gratitude at being alive; how waves on the shore lap a lullaby at your manger and spring lambs bleat delight at the empty tomb; how the wind in the tall pines whispers psalms to the Spirit. As we begin to sing again, help us not to crave the melody but to find our place in the harmony of all creation. *Amen*

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Heavenly Lord, weaver of life and cementer of relationships, we pray that you will weave us into your goodness and into each other. Give us grace we pray, to follow closely in the way of your Son by offering a place of belonging at your table to immigrants, to people who are homeless, to people seeking asylum and to all who find themselves on the margins of our society. Help us, Lord, to offer all who need it a new and safe place in which to be. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. *Amen*

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