

Notices for Sunday 7th April 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.*

Passion Week // The Cost of Redemption

Sun 7 th 5th in LENT	10.00am	The Bridge - Rev Jona Sewell - Communion - 'To love or not to love? That is the question.'
	10.00am 6.30pm	Rachel Wood - Rev Tim Woolley - 'Taking on the big one - Jesus and Lazarus'
Mon 8 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at URC Broadway . All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls The Open Door :- cake, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer. Lenten Bible Study – ‘Living with absence’
Tues 9 th	10.30am 2.30pm	Funeral Service for Pauline Swift at West Road Crematorium DOMUS Bible Study at John Gill’s, - 10 Darras Rd.
Wed 10 th		No Brigades or Toddlers due Easter Holidays
Thurs 11 th	9.30am 4.30pm 7.30pm	Men’s Forum – visit to Beamish. Meet at the Church. Prayer Meeting in the Lounge Women’s Focus – ‘The Butterfly Bridge – crossing generations’ – Noel Adamson
Fri 12 th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Carpet Bowls Bridge Prayer Meeting at the Matthew’s, 35 Longmeadows NE20 9DX
Sat 13 th	9.30am 7.00pm	Meanders led by Gaye Templeton Graeme Danby Concert
Sun 14th PALM SUNDAY	10.00am 6.30pm	Joint All age Worship and Parade Service – Rev Jona Sewell Rachel Wood

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Pam Varley, Andrew Pay.
 (pm) Angela Lisle, Andrew Pay

PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell, Rev Tim Woolley and Rachel Wood. We also pray for those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- Rev Tim Woolley, Lemington 10.30am; Rev Pat Brooks, Denton Burn 10.30am; Rev Colin Barrick; Heddon 10.30am and Milbourn 6.30pm; Rev Jona Sewell, Blucher 6pm and Rosemary Gray, Blucher 10.45am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am (Bridge) : John 12 : 1-8.
10am (Church) : John 11 : 17-27, Ezekiel 37 : 1-14.
6.30pm : Isaiah 40 : 25-31, John 11 : 17-44.

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

- 1) Where did Lazarus live?
 - 2) What does the Sovereign Lord say to the bones?
- You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Isaiah 43 : 16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3 : 4b-14, John 12 : 1-8.

PAULINE SWIFT- The Service of Thanksgiving for Pauline's life will be held at **West Road Crematorium** on **Tuesday, 9th April at 10:30am**. Everyone is very welcome to join us. In lieu of flowers there will be a collection on behalf of the **Marie Curie** nursing service, who helped care for Pauline during the past three months.
All donations gratefully received. Thank you. *Bob Swift*

TRAIDCRAFT WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE SALE There will be a Warehouse Clearance Sale on **Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April** between **10am-6.30pm**, a final chance to pick up a bargain as Traidcraft prepares to vacate their premises on Kingsway, Team Valley. *Bev*

OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY continues with our Ephesians study on **29th April** at 2pm. The theme is **'We Are One'**, based on Ephesians 2: v.11 – 22. Our next study, **'Prisoner and Preacher'**, based on Ephesians, Chapter 3, will be on **13th May**. Many thanks. *Chris*

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 **10am**. A Refresher Module will be run at **Denton Burn** on the same day starting at **1:30pm**. 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 2ewcastle.west.methodist@gmail.com)
Thanks, *Peter Michell*

MEN's FORUM have arranged a visit to Beamish this Thursday. 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. Please contact Alan Scott ASAP if you wish to go. Depart Church at 9.30am. Contact details are Tel 01661 820211 or meadowfield.29@gmail.com Alan Scott

IDAI DISASTER APPEAL – This week (31st March) and next week (7th April) there will be a retiring collection for the IDAI 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 is available today. *Andrew*

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.**

CLOTHES BAR We are looking for donations of summer clothing. We particularly need clothing for **girls, 5-12 years.**- Summer school uniforms, Sports/swimming kit. Also toiletries, feminine hygiene products and donations of NEW underwear and socks. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please get in touch if you need to have donations collected. katiehawkins1972@gmail.com is my email *Katie Hawkins*

SUNDAY CLUB meets in the Lounge around 10.10am each Sunday as part of The Bridge Service. There are 2 groups – **Stepping Stones** for children up to school year 4, and **Rock Solid** for school years 5-8. More info from *Chrys Hudson* (821458)
There is also provision for children attending Morning Worship.

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Be a light, O Lord, to our eyes, and music to our ears. Be sweetness to our taste and contentment to our hearts. Be sunshine to our days and food at our table. Be rest in our night and sufficiency in the hour of our need. Be liberty in our life and everlasting glory at our death; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Merciful God, author of the cosmos and reader of souls; we give you the worship that to you alone is due. We offer to you all that we are and have, our bodies and our minds. Forgive us when we conform to values and standards that fail to reflect your purpose. By the power of your Spirit, who raised Jesus from death, transform us through and through, so that we become effective signs and agents of your perfect will. *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

Wed 17 th April	4pm - 8pm	Family Easter Journey
Thurs 18 th	7pm	Upper Room Communion Service
Fri 19 th	10am	Good Friday Service
	11.30am	Raising of the Cross on the Village Green
Sun 5 th May	11.30am	General Church Meeting
Tues 7 th May	7.30pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Sat 11 th May	10 - 12noon	Plant Sale
Wed 15 th May	7pm	Steward's Meeting
Sun 9 th June	1-5pm	Party in the Park
Thurs 20 th June	7.30pm	Church Council

CIRCUIT NOTICES

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.
Thurs 18 th	Heddon	10 - 11.30am.	The Garden Room - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Thurs 18 th	Heddon	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Prayer Group.
Thurs 18 th	Lemington	1.15 - 2.15pm.	Open Doors - praying for the persecuted Church
Thurs 18 th	Heddon	7 - 8.30pm.	Bible Study.
Sat 20 th	Heddon	10.30am.- 1.30pm.	Church walk. Max 5m. Suitable footwear and clothing recommended. Meet outside Church.

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.
Either by phone:- 01661 822532, by post:- 42, Ridgely Drive. NE20 9BL
or by E-mail :- Geoffandangela@btinternet.com
If you would like to receive these notices by E-mail, please contact Geoff.

Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) Bethany (John 12:1) 2) I will make breath, enter you and you will come to life,
I will attach tendons and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin. I will put
breath in you and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord. (Ezekiel 37:5,6)