

Notices for Sunday 8th March 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.*

2nd in Lent //One Foundation

Sun 8th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion - 'Jesus and Nicodemus' Rev Juliet Wriglesworth - 'Should I stay or should I go?'
Mon 9 th	1.15pm 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.00pm	Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at St. Mary's Church . All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Carpet Bowls Open Door :- cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Open Door Bible Study - "Come Alive" led by Rev Jona Sewell
Tues 10 th	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women's Fellowship - meeting cancelled this week Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys' Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 11 th	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls' Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls' Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 12 th	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women's Focus - 'Malaysia' - Ann Cooper Men's Forum - 'Seven Bridges' - Michael Taylor
Fri 13 th	2.15pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 14 th	9.30am 7.00pm	Meanders, led by Peter Michell Awakening North - Whalton Village Hall
Sun 15th	10.00am 6.30pm	Steve Small Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion

CHURCH STEWARDS

(am) Brenda Rutter, Alison Bates.
(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 Jona Sewell**, Milbourne 6.30pm; **Rev Tim Woolley**, Lemington 10.30am and Blucher 6pm; **Rev Colin Barrick**, Blucher 10.45am and Westerhope 6pm and **Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Westerhope 10.30am.

BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

10am : John 3 : 1-17.

6.30pm : Genesis 12 : 1-4a, John 3 : 1-17.

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

- 1) What animal did Moses lift up in the desert?
- 2) What was Nicodemus a member of?

You will find the answers on the back page.

LECTIONARY

Genesis 12 : 1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4 : 1-5, 13-17, John 3 : 1-17.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP The Spring Tea this Tuesday **has been cancelled**. Current fears and concerns over the Covid-19 Virus suggest it is not recommended to gather groups of elderly folk together for meals. We apologise to all our ladies. *Kathleen and Joyce*

CARE & SHARE SPRING CONCERT - Graeme and Valerie Danby and Friends will be in Concert in our Church on **Saturday 4th April** commencing at **7.00 pm**. There will be light refreshments in the church hall after the concert. Tickets at **£7** each are available from *Syd Cowan* (01661 824459).

WEEKLY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY The film 'The Greatest Showman' - shown recently in Church - is the theme of this year's weekly Lenten Study, to be held in the upper room each **Monday in March** from **2.00 - 3.30pm**. A particular section of the film will be studied each week and tomorrow it is 'Come Alive' led by Rev Jona Sewell *Chris C* (**Please note** that the study on **Mon 23rd** will be in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**.)

BIBLE SOCIETY SPRING LUNCH which was due to take place on **18th March** has now been **cancelled**. This is due to the current situation regarding the Covid-19 virus. Anyone who has bought tickets will receive a full refund from their point of sale. *Angela*

AWAKENING NORTH the next event is in **Whalton** on **Sat 14th March** at **7pm**. We will group in front of the Village Hall at **10.30am** for the Outreach in the Village until 12.30pm. If you live in any of the local villages or know other Christians who do, please encourage them to join us and pray. Shalom! *Abraham Matthew*

CIRCUIT 'ENGAGE' EVENT The next Circuit Engage is here at **Ponteland Methodist Church** on **Sunday 22nd March** at **6:30pm**. We will be engaging with the Bible by doing a joint study on the theme '**Jesus through the eyes of John**'. *Jona*

URGENT HELP REQUIRED FOR EASTER JOURNEY Please consider if you can help with this event! We have **230+** children booked in to go through this journey here on our premises. I really need some help and would be most grateful if you could sign up on Sunday. It is happening from the **23rd to the 27th March** and we are on Monday afternoon to Friday morning delivering the journey to the children, however I really need help in setting up on Monday morning and taking it all down again on Friday afternoon. Morning sessions start at 10.30am and afternoon ones at 1.30pm. Please sign up on the notice in the foyer or email me at alisonmaynard1@hotmail.com or call on 07772 482036.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in our mission to the town as we bring the story of Easter to children who might otherwise not hear it. *Alison Maynard*

TRAIDCRAFT catalogues are available in the church foyer. Please take a catalogue, browse through the full range of clothes, gifts, food and household products and place your order by **NEXT Sunday, 15th March**. The profit from orders will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange. Thank you. *Bev*

SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE are running on an 'as and when' needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. *Chrys Hudson* (821458) would appreciate offers of help

CHURCH CARETAKER : *Marianne Groves* (07725052009)

PRAYERS

Support us, O Lord, all the day long until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Thank you, Lord, for your reckless love that heals the brokenness within us, gives us the strength to live another day and forgives us our sins. Help us to live out your reckless love, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be able to love you, love our neighbours and forgive other people. We receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and surrender our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit to be used for your glory alone. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. *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

Sat 21 st March	3pm	The Marriage of Ronnie Dunn and Beverley Minter
Sun 22 nd March	6.30pm	Circuit Engage Event here at PMC
Mon 23 rd > Fri 27 th March		Easter Journey
Sat 4 th April	7pm	Graeme Danby Concert with guests
Sun 5 th April	10am	Palm Sunday - Brigades Parade Service - Rev C Barrick
Thurs 9 th April	7pm	Upper Room Communion Service - Rev Robin Brooks
Fri 10 th April	10am	Good Friday Service led by Rev Robin & Rev Pat Brooks

Sat 25th April 7pm Awakening North - Dinnington
 Sun 3rd May General Church Meeting
 Sat 9th May 7pm Awakening North - Stamfordham
 Sat 9th May 10am - 12noon Church Plant Sale
 Thurs 14th > Sun 17th May Meanders - Lakes long weekend
 Fri 15th May 6.45pm Indian meal for 'Reaching the Unreached' at PMC

CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 9th **Westerhope** 10am Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
 Tues 10th **Heddon** 1.30 – 3pm Craft and chat - demonstration with wood & stone
 Tues 10th **Lemington** 9.30am. Clothes bar
 Tues 10th **Lemington** 2pm Ladies Meeting
 Wed 11th **Denton Burn** 10am Beans and Banter
 Wed 11th **Heddon** 6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
 Thurs 12th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
 Sat 14th **Heddon** 10.30am Church Walk 5miles suitable hiking gear recommended
 Sat 14th **Lemington** 10am – 12noon Craft and Chat
 Sat 14th **Lemington** 3 -5 pm Messy Church
 Mon 16th **Westerhope** 10am Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
 Tues 17th **Lemington** 9.30am. Clothes bar
 Wed 18th **Heddon** 6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
 Wed 18th **Westerhope** 4 - 5.30pm Messy Church
 Thurs 19th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
 Thurs 19th **Lemington** 1.15pm Open Doors. Praying for the persecuted Church
 Sat 21st **Denton Burn** 7pm Film Night 'Black Klansman'
 Mon 23rd **Westerhope** 10am Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
 Tues 24th **Lemington** 9.30am. Clothes bar
 Wed 25th **Heddon** 6.30pm. 'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and 'talking Jesus' - sharing our faith with others
 Thurs 26th **Heddon** 10 - 11.30am. 'The Garden Room' - cuppa, friendship, fellowship
 Sat 28th **Denton Burn** 10am Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds.
 Sat 28th **Heddon** 9am Ladies Breakfast, Spkr :Ann Walker Tkts £6 from Brenda 598518
 Sat 28th **Lemington** 10 - 11.30am Easter egg tombola coffee morning
 Sat 28th **Blucher** 3 - 5pm Messy Church
 Mon 30th **Westerhope** 10am Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
 Tues 31st **Lemington** 9.30am. Clothes bar

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 1pm.
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Bible Quiz Answers:- 1) a snake (John 3:14) 2) the Jewish ruling council (John 3:1)