

Notices for Sunday 8th November 2020
Ponteland Methodist Church
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LET THE LOVE OF JESUS BE KNOWN

32nd in Ordinary Time // The God of Abraham // Remembrance Sunday

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As we mark remembrance Sunday we give thanks for those who served, fought, and died so that we could enjoy the freedoms of the present age. We also give thanks for and remember those who continue to serve. Here are some words for us to reflect upon which are from the traditional Service of Remembrance, taken from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

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DISCUSSION GROUP

We're beginning a new online discussion group from this **Wednesday evening**, beginning at **7:30pm**. This is open to all and is an opportunity to further explore the themes from Sunday's service. As we are not meeting in person, it is also an opportunity to connect with familiar faces and new friends, and to develop our own faith and understanding in our ongoing journey with God.
Join via Zoom...

Time: Nov 11, 2020 07:30 PM London

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RAY VICKERS

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Ray Vickers who passed away peacefully on All Saints Day.. Ray was a friend of Jesus, a servant of the church and a local preacher for many years. We thank God for Ray's life and for resurrection life in Jesus. We hold Ruth, Hannah and the family in our prayers and love.

LECTIONARY

**Joshua 24 : 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78 : 1-7,
1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18, Matthew 25 : 1-13.**

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

- 1) Add the missing words to this line of a verse "with the voice of the and with the call of God"
- 2) What did the 10 virgins take out to meet the bridegroom?
You will find the answers on the back page.

BASSENFELL MANOR

The annual gathering at Bassenfell has had to be cancelled for 2021 due to the ongoing Coronavirus. It has been rearranged for **January 2022**. I am sure we all feel that God is with us during this pandemic and we trust Him for all that lies ahead. Blessings

Carol

OPEN DOOR AND DOMUS BIBLE STUDY

Both these Bible Study groups were planning on restarting this last week but, due to the lockdown announced last Saturday, are unable to go ahead, even though extensive work by Geoff, Nigel, Marianne and Peter has been done to make the Church Covid secure. It is hoped to restart them in December, dependant on the latest Government restrictions.

BOYS' BRIGADE

Were able to restart on Tuesday with a combined session in the Hall. However, it's back to meeting via Zoom from this Tuesday due to the lockdown. We acknowledge all the hard work done by Les and his officers to enable them to meet in person, albeit for only one week.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Due to the number of Girls in the Company, (over 50) and the required number of Officers or helpers needed to comply with Brigade instructions during the pandemic, it is impossible to meet in the Church building as social distancing cannot be guaranteed. We share our feelings of frustration with Fiona and her Officers and hope they can continue to meet 'virtually'

INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

With no Christmas Fayre this year, there will be no cake stall BUT I am making individual puddings if anyone would like one! Please contact me to let me know. *Pauline* (824764)

CHRISTMAS BOXES

A huge thank you to all of you who have donated so far to our Christmas Boxes. We have been blown away by the support. We will be able to make a real difference to people this Christmas. We've had a few questions so wanted to explain a bit more about the boxes.

How will we choose recipients? We are liaising with a Girls Brigade, Boys Brigade, ministers and other local organisations to identify families / individuals in need.

What is in each box? Each box will cost around **£30** to put together. This will be split roughly across three key areas (depending on the size of families / recipients): toiletries; traidcraft teas, coffees, biscuits and chocolate; and toys/games.

Can I buy anything for the boxes? We are conscious of the need to make the boxes Covid Safe. They will all be pulled together and left for at least 72hrs before delivering. For that reason, we were keen for donations so that products could be centrally sourced. However, we have now produced a shopping list of Fairtrade goods that we would like for the boxes, all of which can be purchased online and delivered to us. If you would like to donate in this way, please contact Kathryn or Fiona.

Donations, of course, can continue to go to **Peter Michell** (823584). We will be making a first batch of boxes mid November and then doing any extra early December. Please contact **Kathryn** (07708379834) or **Fiona** (07434924898) with any queries.

HYBRID CHURCH

What are we currently learning about being Church? Do we open up our physical churches or do we stay online? Is there a way in which we can do both? Join us as we explore the idea of Hybrid Church - the 'best of both'. Join us in conversation with Pete Phillips and Jo Cox Darling as they challenge us to consider hybrid church as Missio Dei - the Mission of God. **Tues 24th November 1.30pm**. It's free and not to be missed! Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hybrid-church-tickets-125436308375>

PRAYERS

Each day and each night, each shade and each light, we bend our knee in the eye of the Father who has created us, in the eye of the Son who has redeemed us, in the eye of the Spirit who has cleansed us; in love and affection, in wisdom and grace, in faith and in fear, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Loving God, all the world belongs to you.

Forgive us that we so often live as if the world belongs to us.

Help us to learn how to use the things of your world with wisdom and humility and to be aware of the needs of others, not just our own desires.

When we are daunted by fear of the future, inspire us by your Spirit to learn how to live hopefully.

Move us through the beauty that we encounter in your world to creative ways of working with you for its sustainable future.

Loving God, all the world belongs to you.

Amen

Thirsty for you, O Christ, let us drink of the Living Water. Hungry for you, let us taste the Bread of Life. Lost without you, let us hear the Shepherd's voice. *Amen*

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens but we have sullied your handiwork.

Out of the mouths of the young come dire warnings.

When we look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, we ignore our reckless conduct.

What are human beings that you are mindful of them?

We have made ourselves a little higher than the angels, lording it over creation with scant forethought.

You have given us dominion over the works of your hands, which we have trampled underfoot.

O Lord, our Sovereign, invite us back to Eden, to be proper stewards, so that we might be better with that which you called good. *Amen*

Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Friday, 1pm.

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