

**Notices for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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.*

**5<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time // Responding to Glory // \* Racial Justice Sunday**

<b>Sun * 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rev Jona Sewell - ‘Who are you?’ ‘Salt &amp; Light’ David Forrester</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm 1.00pm 1.30pm 2.00pm	Churches Together <b>Ecumenical Prayer Meeting</b> at St. Mary’s Church. All welcome or let us have a prayer request. Open Door :- Soup, cake, scones, tea, coffee and fellowship in the foyer Carpet Bowls Open Door Bible Study - Becoming a Spiritual Mentor, Acts: 20: 13 -38
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Women’s Fellowship - ‘Desert Island Discs’ - Rosemary Gray Boys’ Brigade - Anchor Boys Boys’ Brigade - Junior, Company and Senior Sections
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm 7.00pm	Girls’ Brigade - Explorers 6.00pm - Junior Section Girls’ Brigade - Seniors and Brigaders
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler Thursdays - toys, activities and refreshments till 11am Women’s Focus - Member’s Night Church Council
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Meanders, led by Chris Matthew - meet at PMC - (Blanchland)
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Steve Small Rev Jona Sewell - Holy Communion</b>

**CHURCH STEWARDS**

(am) Rosie Brown, Pete Cowey  
(pm) Pam Varley

**PRAY FOR OUR PREACHERS TODAY:- Rev Jona Sewell and David Forrester.**

We also pray for our Circuit Ministers and those of our number who today are preaching elsewhere:- **Rev Tim Woolley**, Denton Burn 10.30am;**Rev Jona Sewell**, Westerhope 6pm;  
**Rev Juliet Wriglesworth**, Westerhope 10.30am and Blucher 6pm and  
**Rev Colin Barrick**, Scots Gap 10.30am.

**BIBLE READINGS IN TODAY'S SERVICES**

**10am : Isaiah 58 : 1-12, Matthew 5 : 13-20.**

**6.30pm : Matthew 5 : 13-20 , 1 Corinthians 2 : 1-12.**

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

- 1) Where do people not put their lit lamps?
- 2) Fill in the missing words from this verse "I came to you in ..... and .... and with much ....." You will find the answers on the back page.

**LECTIONARY**

**Isaiah 58 : 1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112 : 1-9 (10),  
1 Corinthians 2 : 1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5 : 13-20.**

**JOYCE KNOWLES** The Funeral Service for Joyce will take place at the West Road Crematorium on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am**. Family flowers only please but you are welcome to attend if you wish. There will be a **Service of Thanksgiving** for the life of Joyce here in our Church at **12noon** followed by refreshments in the hall where everybody is welcome. Donations in lieu of flowers to either Action for Children or the Bethel Nursery School in The Gambia please. Rachel and Howard wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who have sent cards, or offered their condolences on the loss of Joyce. They are overwhelmed by your kindness and consideration.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 24<sup>th</sup> February > 8<sup>th</sup> March**

This year the Fairtrade Foundation is continuing its campaign to promote a living income for cocoa farmers, particularly women. Information on how to support the campaign can be found at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) Please support the events in Ponteland:

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - information stall at the **Co-op** on Broadway, 10am-12noon;

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Fairtrade theme to **Open Door** and Traidcraft stall, 1pm-4pm;

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Big Brew at **St Matthew's Church Hall**, 10am-12noon;

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – **Merton Hall** coffee morning, 9:30-11:30am.

**Stop Press** : I'm delighted to confirm that **Hugo Javier Guerrero**, a coffee farmer from Peru will be attending the St Matthew's Big Brew. Please come along to hear about the challenges coffee farmers face and how Hugo's life has been changed by payment of the Fairtrade Premium. Bev

**OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY** We continue this month with our theme '**The Life and Sayings of Paul**' meeting between **2-3.30pm**. The remaining dates are :-

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Becoming a Spiritual Mentor, Acts: 20: 13 -38 and

**24<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Truth on Trial, Acts: 25:23-26 and 32. Why not come along? *Chris Cogan*

**WOMEN's FOCUS** On **13<sup>th</sup> Feb**, we are having a Member's Night. What item would you save from your home in the event of a bad fire? Is there something you could talk about and maybe bring along? Let us share our stories on Thursday!  
*Chris Cogan*

**SPECTRUM** is a Methodist based movement dedicated to exploring Christian faith in depth. Our local group (about 20 of us) meets monthly at venues across the District. The next meeting is here at Ponteland on **Friday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**, and all are welcome. I joined SPECTRUM a few years ago & have found it stimulating and informative. I have more information for anyone interested.  
*Ann Cooper*

**FILM SHOW** 'The Greatest Showman' - all are welcome to a showing of this film in Church at **7.00pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. The film is the theme of this year's weekly Lenten Study, to be held at the Open Door each **Monday in March from 2.00 - 3.30pm**.  
*Chris Cogan*

**RONNIE DUNN and BEVERLEY MINTERN** invite Church Members to celebrate their marriage at Ponteland Methodist Church and afterwards in the Church Hall on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm**. Please, no presents, we would just like your company to make our day! However, if you wish to make a donation, all financial gifts will go to our Church. To help for catering numbers, would you please add your name to the list which will appear on the foyer noticeboard later this month.  
*Ronnie and Bev*

**SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE** are running on an 'as and when' needed basis during the Sunday morning service at present. It would be really useful to have a small group of volunteers who could be called on at the start of a service if needed, to come out and support the designated leader. No preparation or leading is required! If you feel you could help in this way, please speak to *Chrys Hudson* (821458)

**CHURCH CARETAKER** : *Marianne Groves* ( 07725052009)

### **PRAYERS**

Power of God, be our protection; Wisdom of God, be our guide; Word of God, be our inspiration; Shield of God, be our defence; Son of God, be our salvation; now and always.  
*Amen*

Faithful God, when you call, may we respond; when we falter, be our guide. When you speak, may we hear; when we question, be our wisdom. When you ask, may we answer; when we hesitate, be our resolve. When you show, may we see; when we disregard, be our conscience. When you lead, may we follow; when we stray, be our shepherd. When you send, may we go; when we fear, be our courage. When you challenge, may we listen; when we fail, be our rock. When you give, may we receive; and may we love, as you first loved us.  
*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 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm	Finance and Property Meeting
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb > Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Fairtrade Fortnight
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Ash Wednesday / 1st Day of Lent
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm	Service at Grange Lea Rest Home
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm	World Day of Prayer Service at URC
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	Awakening North: Whalton Village
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	12noon	Bible Society Lunch at URC Broadway
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	3pm	The Marriage of Ronnie Dunn and Beverley Mintern
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Circuit Engage Event here at PMC
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> > Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Journey
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April		Graeme Danby Concert with guests

## CIRCUIT NOTICES

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer / reflection
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	1.30 - 3pm.	Craft and Chat - 'Floral Flowers' with Mrs M Blackett
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	10am.	Beans and Banter
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	4- 5.30pm.	Messy Church
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blucher</b>	10 -11.30am.	Valentine's coffee morning with cake stall and raffle
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	7pm.	Film Night 'Black Klansman'
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. church open for prayer & reflection
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	1.15pm.	Open Doors. Praying for the Persecuted Church
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Denton Burn</b>	10am.	Coffee Morning for Church Funds and Cancer Research
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10am.	Oasis coffee morning. Church open for prayer/ reflection
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	9.30am.	Clothes bar
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	6.30pm.	'The Livingroom Community'. Food, fellowship, worship and teaching from Peter Greig on 'The Lord's Prayer
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Heddon</b>	10 - 11.30am.	'The Garden Room' cuppa, friendship, fellowship
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lemington</b>	10 - 11.30am.	Coffee Morning with cakes and cards
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Westerhope</b>	10 - 12noon.	Circuit 'Marriage and Relationships' conversation

**Please send your notices to Geoff Lisle by next Thursday, 6pm.**  
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**Bible Quiz Answers:-** 1) Under a bowl (Matthew 5:15) 2) weakness, fear, trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3)