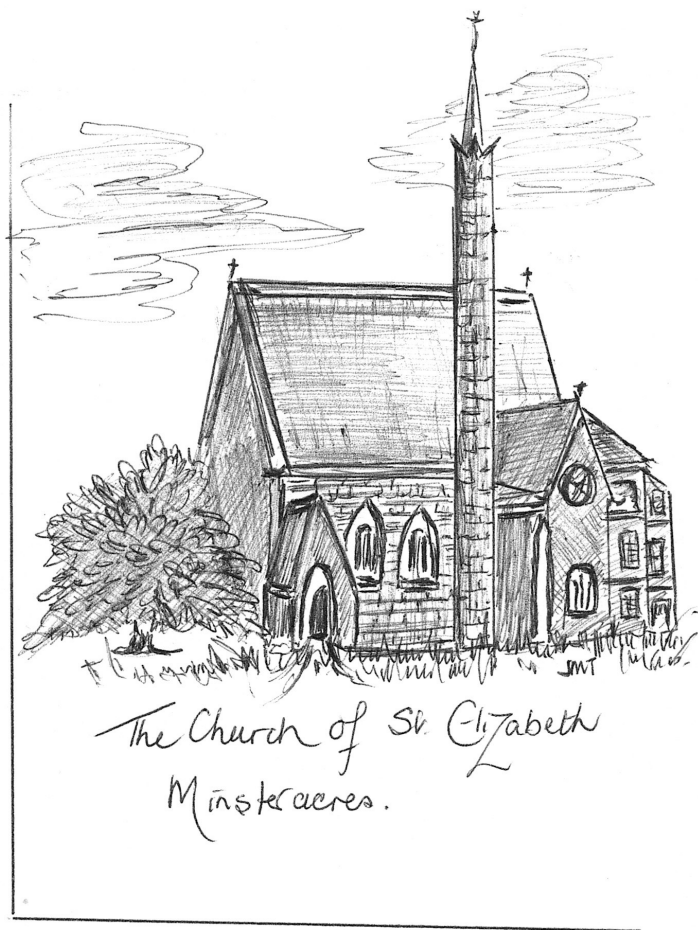


# Ponteland Methodist Church

# Cornerstone



**October 2021**

## MINISTER'S LETTER

As I get older, I realise that the gap between the generations seems to be getting wider and wider. No startling revelation there you may say. But the world I grew up in as a child appears to bear very little relationship to today's world. Words which meant one thing in the 1950s, now mean something completely different or even have the opposite meaning. A person who was 'wicked' and therefore evil and horrible in my childhood, now comes to mean someone who is wonderful and 'cool' – even 'cool' now means very good.

The revolution of social media has enabled changes like this to spread like wildfire through the world, but so often, oldies like me have (often by choice) been left behind. The traditional term for folk like that is 'Luddites', from the workers who destroyed the new-fangled machinery in the nineteenth-century cotton mills thinking they could prevent progress.

But what's all this to do with a nice letter from the minister in a church magazine? The reason is that for some Christians, they are never happier than when the church stays the same as it was in their childhood; not that this applies at Ponteland! I'm pleased to say that our Church has embraced new technology and has a skilled team who can use it. Yet, if the church is to speak to my grandchildren's generation, even my children's generation, in a language they can understand, we need to be conscious that there are new ways of getting the message over. However, modern technology alone isn't the answer, although it helps; it still needs the right people to say the right things.

Another word which has assumed a new life recently is for those who are termed 'Influencers'. These are people who use social media to promote or endorse products or organizations and usually make money from it. A 'Mega Influencer' can have over 1 million people following them on social media – all hanging onto their every word. There are minor specialised Influencers, who have less than a thousand people taking their opinions on board, but they still exert powerful peer pressure.

However, there is nothing new under the sun, for 'Influencers' have existed from time immemorial, and usually do what they do for no payment. For me the greatest Influencer of all time was and is Jesus, who now has a following of about 2½ billion throughout the world. But there is one radical difference

between today's social media Influencers and Jesus; once He has convinced you of what He is promoting – His very self in your life and His gift of eternal life – He asks you to go and be an Influencer to other people.

How you carry that out, Jesus doesn't dictate; you could make use of social media if you have Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp et al, but a good old-fashioned chat over coffee will do just as well. Jesus spoke to His generation in words they could understand, and we are called to do the same. Each one of us is called to be an Influencer to perhaps just one person at a time. So forget the long theological jargon and just tell folk about Jesus as it is for you, using words their generation will understand.

God bless,

**Rev Robin Brooks**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 10.00am**

We would be grateful to receive gifts of non-perishable food or monetary donations at the Harvest Festival Service next Sunday morning. All gifts will be donated to the West End Food Bank. Please bring your gifts forward during the first hymn. Thank you.

**Church Stewards**

### **WELCOME TO PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH**

If you are new to worshipping with us....welcome! We're glad to have you as part of our family and would really like to get to know you more. If you would like to have a conversation with the minister, would like to find out more about the fellowship and social activities connected to PMC, or if you would just like to be on our mailing list to receive regular information, then please give your details to one of the stewards on duty on a Sunday. For the month of October, Revs Pat and Robin Brooks continue to provide pastoral cover for Jona's sabbatical. They can be contacted on 01661 854452.

**Bev**  
Pastoral Secretary

## HOPE IN ISRAEL PALESTINE STORIES OF HOPE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Ponteland Methodist Church is hosting a book launch on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm.



Rev John Howard, former minister in Ponteland, has a lifelong interest in how non-violent actions can bring about political change. He has served as a Human Rights observer with the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine Israel and also as a Mission Partner for the Methodist Church in Jerusalem. Living in Bethlehem, he saw how difficult life is in the West Bank.

In his book, John tells stories of the present and the past, explains how we got to where we are today and asserts that there are still good reasons for hope. John will give a

presentation outlining his experiences and his ideas on why he believes that a solution to the situation is possible.

All are welcome. Further information from Peter on 01661 871885.

***Hope in Israel Palestine - Stories of Hope; Prospects for Peace*** is available on Kindle (£7.22) or in print (£12 including P&P) directly by email from John: [john\\_d\\_howard@hotmail.com](mailto:john_d_howard@hotmail.com)

## DUCK RACE



Our ever popular Duck Races returned to the River Pont in Ponteland Park on Sunday September 5th 2021.

We were blessed with fine weather and a massive turnout from the local community. It was great to see so many families and young children enjoying themselves in our wonderful park.

There was something for all the family, of course the stars of the show were our ducks who paraded down the river, despite the low water level and created a marvellous spectacle.

We had a number of craft stalls and charities represented in our "Market area", including the RSPCA, Daft as a Brush and our beneficial charity Children North-East.

There was something for children of all ages; the Army cadets brought their Climbing wall, we had ponies from Prestwick Stables and also several traditional children's rides

A great afternoon was had by all. Thanks to all of our helpers on the day mentioning especially the Northumbria Army Cadets and the 1st Ponteland Scouts. We would also like to thank our main race sponsors, business supporters and members of the public who helped us raise approximately £3000 for Children North East.

**John R Cooper**

## **WHAT HAPPENED AT CAESAREA**

### **Julius' further witness**

I wondered if Claudius Lysias Fabrizzio had over-reacted, sending five hundred troops to get Paulus out of Jerusalem safely but I suppose he was showing off a bit to tell the plotters they were an insignificant bunch. Anyway extra force in Jerusalem was there just for the Pentecost Feast. However, we didn't have all that lot with us all the way to Caesarea:- as at Antipatris most of the troops were sent back to Jerusalem and only the cavalry came on to Headquarters next day.

The other centurions went back with the troops and I was detailed to command an escorting force onwards to the Governor at Caesarea. At HQ there, I reported to the Governor and handed him a letter from Claudius Lysias (he didn't use to use his cognomen 'Fabrizzio' on official correspondence, but it was our nickname for him, as a fighting man, one of us).

He had written about our rescue of Paulus from a lynch mob and discovery that he was a Citizen with all that implied in privileges, and about all the accusations that were being made against him by the Temple authorities. He had detailed me to guard the prisoner until the trial was over and a result obtained. I marched Paulus under guard before the Governor, who read the letter and addressed the prisoner directly, asking where he came from. Hearing it was from Cilicia, he decided that he would conduct the trial himself; he sent to Jerusalem for the accusers, witnesses and Counsel to appear before him.

Meanwhile, as an important defendant under arrest, the prisoner was not sent to the common gaol but lodged in the enormous Palace itself. This had been built as mansion for himself by King Herod and was now the official Residence for the Governor. This was a situation I and my soldiers found much to our taste though we did not know how long we would be billeted there.

It was five days later that the High Priest Ananias and some of his elders came with a lawyer fellow called Tertullus and the court sat. I marched the prisoner into the Court Room, handcuffed, and the prosecution opened. The general case was that Paulus was a pest who had stirred up trouble among Jewish circles the world over; he was a ringleader of the troublesome



Nazarene sect; he had profaned their Temple. Witnesses would be called to substantiate these offences in distant parts: Asia, Phrygia, Macedonia and Achaia. Obviously the man had got up their noses, but it seemed to me that it was all to do with their religion and not about crimes against our laws.



Felix called on Paulus to reply. He began by pointing out how brief a time he had been in Jerusalem, less than a fortnight, and that he had not been the one who stirred up the mob: that had been done by Jews from Asia; they had no proof of guilt to offer. Then he explained he had come to bring relief money for the poor and to make a Temple sacrifice. It was Jews from the Provinces who were pursuing him and who should have come to that court to state what they had

against him. Perhaps the charge was that he had called out in their court '*It is about the resurrection from the dead that I am on trial!*'

At this point the Governor adjourned the case until Lysias Fabrizio should arrive to give his evidence. Felix then turned to me and committed Paulus to my charge; he was to be guarded but not chained and to be given freedom to have any visitor he wished to see. They would see he was properly fed and cared for. A good room was found for him in the Residency and several of his friends came to stay in the town and support him.

Felix was obviously interested in the case. He came with his wife to our part of the Palace and had a discussion with Paulus about his beliefs; he was Roman, but she was a Jewess. They asked about faith in Jesus. Paulus made it all rather personal, talking about virtue, which has a significant meaning for Romans but does not necessarily mean totally good behaviour, and he recommended uprightness, self-control and gave warning of a coming judgement. I rather think this scared the good Gover-

nor, who put off further conversation on these matters. I surmised that he had concluded that Paulus had wealthy connections and a bribe might be offered and accepted. In the following months these meetings were repeated several times. Felix's intentions were, I think, mixed. He was a man who loved money. Quartered in the Palace myself, I was interested to find out what made this extraordinary man tick! He was evidently well-regarded by the sect he belonged to, the People of the Way some called it, others called them Christians. There was a local group of these people who visited and sang psalms and said prayers together with Paulus and the group who had come all the way from Achaia with him, they'd come from Jerusalem and took lodgings in the town. One was a doctor and another a secretary: Paulus wrote a lot of letters.

Of course, it was my duty to take note of any sign of sedition in this lot, so I was constantly watchful and warned my squad to listen carefully to all conversations and report to me. Nothing political was said, but I learnt a great deal about their beliefs. They held that the Jewish religious folk had missed out on a special revelation, a generation back. Jesus, the spiritual leader promised in their prophecies had actually been born amongst them, lived half a lifetime a village carpenter with little special about it and then blossomed out as a great healer and teacher, claiming divinity. Far from recognizing their 'Anointed One', the Jewish priests and leaders had rejected his mission and taken him to the Procurator of the time as a dangerous rebel, getting him crucified. (*'This seems a ploy they're trying on again,' I said to myself.*) This is where 'resurrection' comes in. The Christians said Jesus had risen from the tomb after three days and hundreds had seen and talked to him for some weeks before he went up to heaven. They were expecting him back as God to judge everyone and change the world for ever. If this was all true, then there was no wonder the Jewish authorities who had killed off this Jesus were keen on killing off Paulus and all his supporters! I was inclined to admire and like the fellow. He had guts.

Felix did nothing more about a trial. Kept Paulus confined for two years.

*Acts chapters 23 & 24*

**John Gill**



## MEETERS AND GREETERS REQUIRED



Art Exhibition Saturday 6 November and  
Sunday 7 November.

We are looking for volunteers to be Meeters and Greeters for this event. The more people who volunteer the less time involved per person.

The task is to welcome visitors to our Church and give them an enjoyable experience at the exhibition.

On arrival they will be given a questionnaire and need to be shown where the exhibition is. So a guided tour of our building with helpful advice about where to get refreshments and location of exhibits etc.

During their visit we hope the opportunity to chat about what our Church does for the community will arise. A leaflet describing the activities and giving contact details will be available to give to those who are interested.

Many people will have a specific request to see their child's exhibit and so assistance in finding it will be helpful.

I am hoping to produce a rota of people for the period of the weekend so if you cannot be there for the whole time please specify when you would like to volunteer.

The exhibition is open to visitors from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 12 noon to 4pm on Sunday. We are of course hopeful that some visitors will come to the Thanksgiving service on Sunday at 10am when specific mention will be made of those exhibiting work.

Please contact Rosemary Gray if you are interested in supporting this outreach into the Ponteland community and willing to be a "Meeter and Greeter".

**Rosemary Gray**

[rosemary.gray19@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.gray19@gmail.com) tel. 01661 822493

## **NOREEN GREEN**

**10 February 1930 ~ 3 September 2021**

Noreen's funeral took place at the West Road Crematorium on 22 Sept 2021 when several Ponteland Church members attended along with Noreen's family and many friends. Noreen had left explicit instructions about her funeral, including a Eulogy and a farewell poem. For those who were unable to be there, these are reproduced below.

**Rev Robin Brooks**

### **Noreen's Eulogy**



First of all, thank you for coming today – not to mourn for me, but to give lots of support to my dear Susan and Glen and their families. Ron and I loved them all so very, very much and we were lucky to see them grow into good and happy people.

Ron and I met when we were three years old, our parents lived opposite to each other; we started school together and enjoyed playing with each other's toys. We were separated by the war, but met up again at the tennis courts in Tynemouth Park. From

the age of about sixteen, we knew we were made for each other. Ron said we only needed one brain between the two of us because we always came to the same conclusions ..... having said that, there were heated discussions sometimes! ..... but we always made up quickly and forgot our disagreements.

We were engaged on the upper deck of a bus – the number 11 from Newcastle to Tynemouth; both aged 22. A year later we were married in Holy Saviour's Church, Tynemouth. We honeymooned on the Isle of Skye, then settled in our new home in Tynemouth. Ron spent quite a number of years in the Merchant Navy travelling the world; on one voyage I joined him. At the same time, I started my teaching career. Eventually, after his

father's unexpected death, he came ashore and went into the family business. This was started by his grandfather, supplying metalwork for ship building and repairs, both in this country and abroad. His naval knowledge stood him in good stead for measuring up ships etc for their requirements.

We were married for 57 years – it sounds like a long time, but seemed to be over in a flash. Every second is precious, and you always miss so very, very much, the one you loved.

I know we'll meet again in a better life. Before he died, Ron said that he would be waiting for me.

Believe in the Lord, put your faith and trust in Him, and try to live as He would want you to do.

God bless you all, both family and friends.

**Noreen**

### **Noreen's Farewell Poem**

Goodbye darling family, and good friends too,

When you hear this, I'll be far away for you.

I've left my shell – just like a pod,

But my soul is in heaven with our loving God.

Before I go, I'd like to say,

Thank you for the good things in life you've given me,

For Stuart, Susan and Glen – my precious three.

Ron said he'd be waiting for me when it's my time to go,

Always remember – we loved each other so.

Take care of yourselves in what comes your way,

I know we'll be together in God's Kingdom some future day.

**Noreen Green**

**SHEILA BROWELL**  
**17 February 1931 ~ 4 September 2021**



Sheila Browell's funeral took place at our Church on 16th September when a large number of family and friends attended. The service was conducted by Rev Pat Brooks. The occasion was enhanced by two of Sheila's sons, Philip and Stephen, speaking eloquently about their mother's life, much of which centred around the various Methodist Churches she attended. Contributions by two of Sheila's grandchildren, Elinor,

reading a poem, and Lizzie, singing two songs, also added greatly to the service. Sheila's life was greatly influenced by music, and this was reflected in the service.

Sheila was interred at the Belsay Woodland Burial Ground where the coffin was transported from the road to the plot by a donkey cart. The sun shone throughout the short graveside service conducted by Rev Robin Brooks. Sheila's peaceful resting place in the heart of the Northumberland countryside was admired by all who attended; may Sheila rest in peace there.

An audio recording of the Church service is available on the Ponteland Methodist Church website using the Media/Listen again facility. A full copy of Philip's Eulogy is available from Robin Brooks.

**Rev Robin Brooks**



## THE OPEN DOOR

The Open Door drop-in café is once again up and running. We meet every Monday (except bank holidays) from 1pm to 4pm. We will be serving soup from the beginning of November. Call in for a cup of tea and a chat.

**Judith**

### **Plum Drizzle Cake**

500g plums, halved and stoned  
3tbsp plum jam  
225g sugar  
225g SR flour  
225g butter or margarine  
2 eggs



Line a 2lb loaf tin.

Reserve 4 plums and place the rest in a pan with the jam and 50g sugar.

Simmer for approx. 10 mins until pulpy.

Press through a sieve to collect the pulp. Reserve the juice.

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan.

Rub the margarine into the flour and stir in the rest of the sugar (175g).

Add the lightly beaten eggs and half the plum pulp.

Dice the 4 reserved plums and stir into the mixture.

Spoon into the tin.

Bake for 50 to 60 mins until a skewer comes out clean.

Pierce the cake with a skewer and drizzle over 4 tbsp of the plum juice.

Spread the remaining pulp over the top of the cake.

Leave to cool in the tin.

(I like to drink the left-over juice mixed with hot water.)



## **A VISIT TO MINSTERACRES**

A group of ladies from the Focus Fellowship meeting will be at Minsteracres at the beginning of October for an event which is organised by Methodist Women in Britain. The occasion is a district retreat entitled "being in creation with God". The event will be led by Deacon Gail Morgan. It is residential and takes place at the Passionists monastery at Minsteracres.

The Passionists congregation was founded in Italy by St Paul of the Cross whose original name was Paul Danei and was born in Italy in 1694. The body of St Paul lies in the Basilica of SS John and Paul in Rome. The first Passionist community in England was established in 1841.

Within the grounds is the beautiful Church of St Elizabeth which is closely connected with the Minsteracres Retreat Centre. The Church's foundation stone was laid in September 1852 and it was completed in August 1854 at a cost of £11,000.

On the Thursday afternoon of our retreat we are having a service in St Elizabeth's Church. Her story is a remarkable as she was the daughter of King Andrew of Hungary. She was a life-long friend to the poor and sold all her possessions to support them. When she died in 1231 all she possessed was one worn-out dress in which she was buried. She was canonised in 1235. The Church has some beautiful stained glass windows which were completely removed in 2002, renovated and cleaned at a cost of £7,000. This renovation exposed the beautiful colours and allowed the sun to pour in and lighten the whole interior. There are several plaques on the walls commemorating various deaths of members of the Silvertop family who had inherited and owned the entire estate for many decades. One plaque is in respect of Henry Thomas Silvertop who died very suddenly at the age of 40 years. He had been playing the Church organ in the evening and at midnight fell ill. The cause of death was deter-

mined to be the tin of salmon he had enjoyed at lunchtime. Minsteracres monastery and Church lie east of Riding Mill in beautiful peaceful countryside and all of us who will be setting out for the retreat on 5 October are looking forward to this very special event.

**Jean Tweedie**



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### **TRAIDCRAFT ORDER**

The new Autumn/Winter range of goods is now available from Traidcraft. Please browse goods by going to [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk). Full instructions on how to place an order are included on the form emailed with the notice sheet. I do have a few copies of the catalogue which I can drop off, with an order form, to those without internet access who live in the immediate Ponteland/Darras Hall area. Please place your orders by Sunday 24 October. Thank you.

**Bev**

### **MEN'S FORUM**

**7.30pm Thursday October 28**

**How will your home be heated in 2030?**

A short talk followed by discussion. The talk will cover both technical and financial implications of changes to household heating necessary to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to net zero.

**Andrew Gonnet**

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

On Tuesday 5th October at 2.30pm it is going to be an open meeting to which you are all invited. The subject is Music. Ann Redhead is going to entertain us on the piano. Iain Farquhar will be sharing anecdotes of how he has grown into the love of music.

We will be asking people to wear masks when moving around the building and singing. We will be entering the hall by the door near to the hall.

Women's Fellowship on Tuesday 19th October at 2.30pm will be a Harvest Meeting and the speaker will be Brenda Rutter. There will be a display of fruit and flowers and anyone may bring something to add to the display.

**Kathleen Farquhar**



## GARDENING FOR OCTOBER 2021

As we have moved through the autumn equinox on 22 September (writing on 24) nights now become longer than daylight and this will go on until about 21 December when we have the shortest day. This does not mean that we are putting our gardens to bed – far from it with many autumn blooms to continue to keep up the interest. For the first year in the history of Chelsea Flower Show we have had the event this week with very good coverage on BBC. This has been completely different from the spring event. There have already been calls to have an autumn show again. Through the skills of the nurserymen some displays showed how with careful management, some species



were in full flower as they would have been at the end of May. I was particularly interested in the stand put on by the Jersey clematis breeder. They had cut back clematis in the spring for them to be in full flower for the show. I bought clematis from this nursery in early spring. They flowered in May and are now coming into flower

again without any specialist management other than feeding and potting on.

There is still much work to do. It is our “hedge cutting day” tomorrow when my cousins will come, one to cut and one to help Margaret and me to clear up. We have hedges right around the perimeter of our property. They have grown prolifically over the last two months despite the low rainfall through the summer. Then come all the changes we have to make so that we can enjoy the spring. The bulbs have arrived and planting has begun – all in containers. As some of the bulbs – hyacinths in particular - replace begonias in some of the very heavy (essentially fixed) containers, it seems a shame to take out the begonias. All the begonia tubers are lifted and dried in the greenhouse before packing, wrapped in newspaper, in boxes and storing in the garage until March. If you want indoor hyacinths for Christmas now is the time to plant “treated” varieties such as “Delft Blue” and “Pink Pearl” in bulb compost in bowls with their tips showing. Put them in the dark at temperature of about 10 C. Once the shoots are about 5 cm high move them to room temperature and put in a light place but not too hot.

Leaves need to be raked up and disposed of – composting is rarely easy as there are such variations in decomposition rate. All tender plants need to be taken indoors and kept frost-free. I have already taken argyranthemum cuttings and they are almost ready to pot on. In the vegetable section I have collected runner bean seeds from ripened pods. Spring cabbages have been planted out as well as purple sprouting broccoli. The leeks are doing well and we have already started to eat them. Late-planted lettuce is still very good to eat. Our main crop potatoes caught blight. The haulm were cut back and they have been lifted with very few infected tubers. The variety Sarpo Mara (blight resistant) is still green and will not be harvested until October.



There is still much publicity being given to planting a tree (or trees) for the Queen's Platinum celebration next year. October and early November is a very good time for planting as the soil is still warm and the tree roots can get settled into their "new home" during the winter without much watering over the winter but you should be prepared to offer shelter if we were to have severe wind, frost and snow. The choice of tree

(s) will be yours but beware of the adverts for some that when you look carefully are only young plants in, at best, 2 or 3 litre pots. I would suggest you don't buy them unless you want to grow them on undercover through the winter. Some thirty years ago we took a decision to plant about 12 dwarf evergreen conifers in our front border. Eight of them are still there and have a light trim each year. They look good all year. A blackbird nested in one of them but unfortunately got washed out by a rainstorm. There are plenty of varieties to choose from but you will need to visit many nurseries if you want more than one. They are normally available as 2 – 5 year old trees in up to 3 litre pots. It is important to read the labels giving height and spread after 10 years. The smallest will only grow 1 – 2 feet, some will reach 4 feet after 10 years. They should not be planted too close together as touching each other or other plantings around them will lead to browning of areas of foliage and no re-growth. We plan to plant a new tree but it will be after we have a fence repaired.

Good gardening and tree selection.

**Syd Cowan**

## **VILLAGE NEWS**

### **Former Barclays Bank, Main Street**

Barclays Bank closed early 2019. The owners of the building were granted a premises licence in May 2019. A planning application has now been made for the building to house a restaurant. Information to be found at Northumberland CC planning portal 21/02958/FUL.

### **Proposed Housing Development Near Junction of Western Way and Stamfordham Road**

Esh Living and Karbon Homes wish to provide 65 varied homes on this site. Ponteland Town Council has objected to the proposal, primarily saying that the position of the site is totally unsuitable.

### **Ponteland Flood Defences**

The Environment Agency work on the new flood defence scheme has been completed.

### **Verger's Cottage, Main Street**

This building has been empty for a number of years. The owner has made a planning application to change it into a dwelling house.

### **Plans for Homes at Callerton**

Developers have plans to build 1,600 homes in Upper Callerton. A consortium of developers is behind the plan. The consortium has now requested a "scoping opinion" from Newcastle City Council regarding the environmental impact ahead of a full planning application being lodged.

### **Rialtos Restaurant**

NCC Licensing Committee met on 16/17 September to discuss Rialtos' plans for expansion. At the hearing Rialtos withdrew its request to stage live music outdoors. It also agreed to limit capacity to 350 people at a time. A decision by the Committee is awaited.

**Jennifer Hardy**

## FAMILY NEWS

*Current guidelines on care home visits:*

Grange Lea asks that all visitors who come inside have a lateral flow test prior to their visit.

These can be done in the local chemists. The results take 30 minutes. The plastic test result can then be shown on arrival. Alternatively, Grange Lea can do the test. Visitors then have to wait 30 minutes again for the result.

Visits outside are exempt from this ruling.

It is NOT necessary to have a mobile with the test result on it. Having visits inside has been of great benefit to residents, after months of lockdown.

**Chris Cogan**



### **BOYS' BRIGADE AND CARE AND SHARE CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday 27 November from 10 am

We gratefully request donations for the following stalls :  
Cakes, Books, unused unwanted gifts, crafts, prizes for children's tombola, and adult and children raffle prizes.

All non-perishable items are requested by 31 October, cakes can be accepted on 26 or 27 November.

Donations can be accepted by Pauline Groves, Alison Bates, Angela Lisle, Syd Cowan, Brenda Rutter and Les Dodd.

All adult raffle prizes should be handed to Margaret Cowan.

Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

**Alison Bates**

## Preachers October

3rd 10.00am P Brooks (HF)  
6.30pm Local Arrangement  
10th 10.00am Cunningham  
6.30pm Barrick (S)  
17th 10.00am Gray  
6.30pm Forrester  
24th 10.00am Barrick (S)  
6.00pm at Denton Burn  
31st 10.00am P Brooks  
6.30pm Davies

## HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you need any practical help of any kind (e.g. shopping, collecting prescriptions etc.) then please contact Pete Cowey. If you wish to volunteer to run errands for others then please pass your details on to Pete. Email:

[mrpetecowey@btinternet.com](mailto:mrpetecowey@btinternet.com)

Tel: 07771 857574



## Ponteland Exhibition of Hope

Exhibition of Creative Arts to  
share our pandemic experience



**Sat 6 Nov 10-4 and Sun 7 Nov 12-4  
at the Methodist Church**

### From The Editors

*Don't forget that copy for the November edition of Cornerstone should be with the editor by **Friday 29th October 2021**. The editor's email address is [andrew73anderson@gmail.com](mailto:andrew73anderson@gmail.com). The editorial committee is Andy Anderson, Jennifer Hardy, Jona Sewell and Viv Whyte.*