

# Heddon on the Wall Methodist Church



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## April Services

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Rev T Thorpe. S.
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev G Wynne.
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 6.00pm	Rev J Poore Rev T Thorpe. A.W.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Rev T Thorpe.
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev T Thorpe. S.

## May

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev T Wooley. A.A.
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## IT KEEPS COMING ROUND!.....

It's hard to believe it I know but Christmas was almost four months ago and if you are like me it seems like only yesterday. And now here we are and it's almost Easter again and we have traded the reindeers for Easter bunnies; the paper hats for bonnets and the tin of Roses for chocolate eggs. The winter has dragged on and has had a sting in its tail but the sun is glorious as I write this and thankfully the snow is clearing. The fields are filling up with lambs bouncing and gambolling around. The birds have begun chasing each other around and I am beginning to hear their songs above the roar of a plane heading off to some warmer clime.

I wonder though if we have a problem with Easter. Do we look at Easter through rose tinted glasses; it's all about a few days off, chocolate and chilling out, we see all the good things and close our eyes to the darker side. This was clearly illustrated for me when a woman came to one of my churches, many years ago who normally attended a church in Carlisle. She had come for the Good Friday service when we remember the death of Christ. Apparently her church didn't "do" Good Friday, as they didn't like it. Now most Christians know that without the death and sadness of Good Friday then the glory and joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday would never have happened. We need the Friday before we can have the Sunday. Lent teaches us that we need to know something of the shame of the cross if we are to know the glory of the crown.

Resurrection means new life and new beginnings and it seems to be built in to the very DNA of life. Resurrection is all around us if we have the eyes to see it. An old person dies and at the same moment a child comes into the world; trees that looked dead to the world burst with new life, birds that seemed to have lost their song, sing fit to bust, nations that have lived under brutal oppression rise up to claim freedom, a woman finds the courage to walk away from an abusive relationship, a child begins to pursue their own dreams. Even in the most tragic and devastating of circumstances resurrection is to be found.

Even in the darkest places and in the most tragic of circumstances, resurrection keeps having the last word over death. A few years ago I read an article from Sendai, that town virtually obliterated by the Tsunami. A

survivor wrote how people have changed; they are generous, caring, selfless, loving and really appreciate all that life has to offer and the real value of neighbours, family and friends. Life has become simpler but richer, quieter but grander. In the chaos and devastation love abounds and love overcomes.

Jesus came to offer resurrection to all people and his love still comes round and touches and transforms lives. It may be that someone reading this needs to know resurrection in their life in a big way or a small way. I pray that you will know resurrection working in you and that it will change your life forever.

Have a great Easter

Love to you

Rev Tim Thorpe,

#### Easter Services.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Maundy Thursday Service 6.30pm. (4 Churches together).

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. (Good Friday) 3pm Rev Tim Thorpe.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. (Easter Sunday) 10.30am Rev T. Thorpe.

THEY MISSED HIM!

They were looking for a lion, He came  
as a Lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a warrior, He came as a  
Peacemaker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a king, He came as a Servant, and  
they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome, He I  
submitted to the Roman stake, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mould, He was the  
mould breaker, and they missed Him.

Will you?

If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,  
His work had been incomplete.  
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,  
He had only known defeat  
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross  
and the way of the tomb leads on  
To victorious grace in the heavenly place  
where the risen Lord has gone

*Annie Johnson Flint*

## Heddon Events in April

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Speaker Rev Tim Thorpe.

Craft & Chat

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. making bookmarks with Pauline.

The Garden Room.

Thursday mornings from 10 – 11.30 am. Open for anyone to come along for a cuppa, a confidential listening ear or some quiet time in the church.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Heddon. 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (an ecumenical event at St. Andrew's Church).



Extra money for Heddon Chapel to do good things!

April sees the start of a new Tax Year. If you pay Income Tax and also contribute to the church but don't already *Gift Aid* your donations, you may like to consider doing this. It costs you nothing but enables the church to reclaim the tax you've already paid to the Inland Revenue. It boosts your donation by 25% - all for free! If you want to know more, please contact Robin Brooks who will provide the necessary form and explain what you need to do. Tel: 01661 854452 or email: [robin\\_brooks99@hotmail.com](mailto:robin_brooks99@hotmail.com)

## Fruitful Churches planning meeting.

Although the whole church doesn't attend these meetings we believe the newsletter will be a way to let our congregation be a part of them in prayer.

With that in mind here's a list for us all to be thinking about and praying for:

Pray for-

- 'The Living room' - to grow in numbers and more specifically being something alternative!
- Our future minister and their ministry here at Heddon
- insight into growing enthusiasm in outreach and specifically running Alpha
- the ladies breakfast to grow in its ministry
- development of a children's ministry and for a summer holiday club
- the prison ministry Steve is involved in and Junction 42, the charity he works for.
- the continuing development of the bridge between the churches of Heddon
- a boldness to grow in the hearts of the Christians in Heddon to step up and step out in faith to tell others about Jesus.
- a continuing strengthening of the bonds that hold us all together.
- the community of Heddon to continue its support for the Food banks and pray that the resistance to this is removed.
- an increased desire for members of the church to attend fellowship groups beyond the Sunday morning.

## CIRCUIT NOTICES FOR APRIL 2017

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>Heddon. 10.00 a.m. Men's Coffee & Fellowship Morning. Speaker: Rev Tim Thorpe.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 10.00 a.m. Midi Meander. Please meet in church car park.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>Westerhope. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Coffee Morning.

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Ponteland. 2.00 p.m. Open Door. Tea, coffee, cake, scones etc

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Lemington. 2.00 p.m. Ladies Meeting. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lanyon.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship. Rev J Oldroyd, Vice-Pres. of WMiB.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>Denton Burn. 10.00 a.m. Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.

Thur 12<sup>th</sup>Westerhope. 7.00 p.m. Recognition service for Mrs. Barbara Lanyon.

Thur 12<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 7.30 p.m. Women's Focus. 'Five Weeks Away' – Peter Aughton.

Thur 12<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 7.30 p.m. men's Forum. 'Shared Interest; Investing in a Fairer World'  
– Tim Morgan.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>Denton Burn. 10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning for Carpet Bowls.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>Lemington. 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Craft and Chat.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander. The Weardale Way part 3. Contact Matthew  
(07891301372) if you wish to join us.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Westerhope. 10.00 a.m. Oasis opens for coffee. The church is open for  
quiet prayer and reflection.

Tue 17<sup>th</sup>Lemington. 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. Trial run for clothing bar volunteers.

Thur 19<sup>th</sup>Lemington. 1.15 p.m. Open doors praying for the persecuted Church.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>Blucher. 7.00 p.m. Church Anniversary Concert with The Acomb Singers. Tickets  
£4.00.

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Women's F/ship. Talk by Jennifer Hardy and Jean Tweedie.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Service at Grange Lea Rest Home led by Ann Cooper.

Thur 26<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 7.00 p.m. Concert by Gareth Davies-Jones. Tickets £10 from Ann  
Cooper (01661 824347) and Pauline Groves (01661 824764).

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>Lemington. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Coffee Morning with cakes and cards.

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander led by John Bell (01670 503013 for details)

# Heddon Church Activities

Tues monthly	1.30pm	Craft & Chat Group
Every Thur	10.00am	The Garden Room
	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting.
Alt. Thur	7.30pm	Bible Study.
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Mth	10.00am	Men's Coffee Fellowship.

## Duty Rotas

April

Date	Door am	Flowers	Cleaning
1 <sup>nd</sup>	M Gibson	J Stewart	M Dobby
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y Hart	M Young	
15 <sup>th</sup>	J Scott	L Ellison	
22 <sup>rd</sup>	M Tulip	S Monaghan	
29 <sup>th</sup>	J Ainsley	W Chinery	
May			
6 <sup>th</sup>	L Woodward	J Stewart	M Weatherall

## Vestry Duty.

April

	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
am	M Tulip	B Philipson	W Chinery	S Perry	M Tulip

May 7<sup>th</sup>  
B Philipson

*If you are unable to fulfil your duties please find a substitute*