

Heddon on the Wall Methodist Church



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November Services

4 th	10.30am	Rev R Brooks AA
11 th	9.30am	at St. Andrews
18 th	10.30am 6.00pm	Rev C Barrick Rev J Sewell. AW
25 th	10.30am	Miss R Wood

December

2 nd	10.30am	Rev C Barrick. AA
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From our minister

Dear friends,

There's been a definite change in the air the last few weeks, children have had to settle quickly back into school life, some young people have gone off to college and or university. The weather has taken a dramatic turn and our summer clothes have gone back into hiding as the chill factor bites once again! Add to this the nights are drawing in, even more so as we put the clocks back an hour which marks the official end of British summer time. It got me thinking of a verse of a hymn accredited to St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226

O rushing wind that is so strong,
And clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
And lights of evening find a voice.

It's not always natural to give praise whatever the weather and or circumstance, to see the good in everything and approach it all as blessing! Life is in every sense a mixture of sunshine and rain of highs and lows. As I write I've seen the news of yet another senseless shooting, this time in Pittsburg in America, in a synagogue, where worshippers were celebrating early life. There's been an horrific helicopter crash outside the ground of Leicester City FC following a football match, our thoughts and prayers go out to those in the midst of these and any other tragedies people are facing.

So, we find ourselves ministering to each other and the wider world. Praying for comfort for names, faces and places we've neither been to or know. But, that's what being faithful means. It means standing in the gap, going against the natural flow, speaking out against injustice in all its forms, facing despair together, standing shoulder to shoulder. Keep the faith dear friends. As the apostle Paul says: 'Never stop praying, especially for others, pray in the Spirit, stay alert and keep praying for all God's people.'
Ephesians 6:18

Every Blessing, Yours in Christ, Colin

Heddon Notices for November

Sat 3rd 10am Men's Coffee Fellowship with Mr Estwar Sanichar.
6.30pm Charity Concert by the Grainger Singers. Tickets £7.

Thur 8th 7.00pm-9.00pm Photography Group – Speaker Mr Ron Henry.

Heddon Circular Walks

Next walk Sat 17th meet at 10.30am at chapel. Walks approx 5 miles, bring a packed lunch and will finish with refreshments at the chapel.

Tues 20th 1.30-3.00pm – Craft and Chat.

Sat 24th 9am Ladies Breakfast. Speaker Mrs Miriam Leighton.

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.

Calling Potential Preachers

You are old, Brother William,' the young man said,
'Yet you preach at each church in the circuit.
With the weight of such years on your hoary old head,
Pray, how do you manage to work it?'

'On my youth,'" said the sage, 'If a chapel was far,
We set out to walk at first light
So to travel, in minutes, to church in a car,
Is luxury, lad, at its height,

'You are old, Brother William,' went on the young
man
'And have obviously never been "mod',
Yet you draw a good crowd when your name's on the
plan,
I confess this seems a bit odd.'

'I read myself full,' Brother William replied,
'Then I think myself clear - that's the test -
Then I pray myself hot till I'm glowing inside,
Then let go, and 'let God do the rest!

*'You are old,' said the youth, 'As I mentioned before,
Though you're loyal, hardworking and tough.
With a record of service that tops the three score,
Don't you think you've preached long enough?'*

*'Yes I do,' said the sage, 'Though I love the work so,
I'd be glad of a rest, no denial.
Yes, I and my friends would be ready to go,
If you and your friends were "On Trial!"*

By Marguerite Kendrick

Middle age:
that difficult period between juvenile delinquency and old age,
when you have to take care of yourself.

A Psalm for computer people

The Lord is my programmer.
I shall not crash.

He installed His software on the hard disk of my
heart.

All of His commands are user friendly.

His directory guides me to the right choices
for His Name's sake.

Even though I scroll through the problems of life,
I will fear no bugs, for He is my backup.
His password protects me.

He prepares a menu before me in the presence of
my enemies.

His help is only a keystroke away.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me,
all the days of my life.

And my file will be merged with His
and SAVED FOREVER!

CIRCUIT NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Thur 1st Ponteland. 7.30 p.m. Men's Forum - 'The Listening Post at Brunswick M. C.' - Helle Sewell.

Sat 3rd Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander led by Ann Reid (01661 822123)

Sat 3rd Westerhope. 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning.

Mon 5th Ponteland. 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Open Door - Soup, scones, cakes and fellowship in the foyer.

Tues 6th Lemington. 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Clothes Bar

Tues 6th Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Women's F/ship. 'The Listening Post at Brunswick M C' - Helle Sewell.

Thur 8th Ponteland. 7.30 p.m. Women's Focus. - 'St. Kildas' - John Whittle.

Fri 9th Ponteland. 3.30 p.m. Armistice Day Service at Grange Lea Rest Home. led by Rev Jona Sewell.

Fri 9th Stamfordham. 12.00 – 1.00 p.m. Soup and Pud lunch at the church on the green.

Sat 10th Denton Burn. 10.00 a.m. Tuesday Evening Fellowship Coffee Morning. Lots of stalls.

Sat 10th Lemington. 10.00 a.m. Craft and Chat.

Mon 12th Ponteland. 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Open Door - Soup, scones, cakes and fellowship in the foyer.

Tues 13th Lemington. 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Clothes Bar

Tues 13th Westerhope. 7.30 p.m. Weekday Praise. Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Lanyon

Wed 14th Denton Burn. 10.00 a.m. Beans and Banter Coffee Morning.

Sat 17th Ponteland. 9.30 a.m. Meander. Leader TBA

Sat 17th Westerhope. 10.00 – 12.00 noon. Christmas Fair.

Mon 19th Ponteland. 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Open Door - Soup, scones, cakes and fellowship in the foyer.

Tues 20th Lemington. 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Clothes Bar

Tues 20th Ponteland. 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship - 'Fitness' with Jane Harrington.

Wed 21st Westerhope. 4.00 – 5.30 p.m. Messy Church. Topic: 'We wait for Jesus'.

Thur 22nd Ponteland. 7.30 p.m. Women's Focus. - - 'Canadian Rockies' - Alan and Pat Porrett.

Sat 24th Denton Burn. 10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning for Church Funds.

Sat 24th Lemington. 10.00 a.m. Christmas coffee morning. Tombola, cakes, cards, festive goods etc.

Sat 24th Ponteland. 12.00 noon. 'Shade' Lunch - Tickets, £10 (01661 822474) or (01661 822048)

Sat 24th Blucher. 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. Messy Church

Sat 24th Denton Burn. 7.00 p.m. Film night 'The Post'.

Mon 26th Ponteland. 2.00 – 4.30 p.m. Open Door - Soup, scones, cakes and fellowship in the foyer.

Tues 27th Lemington. 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Clothes Bar

Heddon Church Activities.

Tues monthly.	1.30pm	Craft & Chat
Thur	10.00am	The Garden Room
	2.00pm	Prayer Meeting.
	7.00pm	Bible Study
1 st Sat Mth	10.00am	Men's Coffee Fellowship.

Duty Rotas

November

Date	Door am	Flowers	Coffee	Cleaning
4 th	L Woodward	A Walker		Y Hart
11 th	at St Andrews	E Whitfield		
18 th	W Chinery	L Ellison	L Woodward	
25 th	K Dack	B Philipson		
December				
2 nd	D Hodgson			M Gibson

November Vestry Duty.

	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
am	D Shaw	at St Andrews.	M Tulip	B Philipson

Dec	2 nd
	D W Chinery

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