

Kirkcud & Newlands Parish Magazine

September 2026



Sunday Services

All our services are held in church but there is a Zoom link to services in Carlops at 10am and St. Andrews West Linton at 11.30am.



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West Tweeddale Parishes - September 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
06 September 2026	David H.-Howat	Isobel Hunter	David H.-Howat
13 September 2026	Patsy Campbell	Rev Chris Levison	Patsy Campbell
20 September 2026	Murray Campbell	Peter Worthington	Murray Campbell
27 September 2026	Colin Herd	Isobel Hunter	Colin Herd
04 October 2026	Isobel Hunter	Rev Chris Levison	Isobel Hunter

Welcome: Rosie Sim & Sheila Voas

Church Cleaning: Mary Alexander



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
06 September 2026	Café Church	Isobel Hunter	*
13 September 2026	David H.-Howat	Rev Chris Levison	David H.-Howat
20 September 2026	Linda Hill	Rev Pamela Strachan	Anne Dawson
27 September 2026	Peter Worthington	Isobel Hunter	Peter Worthington
04 October 2026	Café Church	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett

*No service in Tweedsmuir due to cycle race.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Supper

We will be holding our Harvest Supper at Newlands church on Saturday 10th October at 6.30pm. It will be a pot luck supper, where everyone brings food to share and there will be a collection in aid of a charity which is to be confirmed.

Everyone is warmly invited and if you would like a ticket, please let Jean Howat or your elder know – howatjean@gmail.com, 07544 785159.

Can you also indicate if you will be bringing a savoury or a sweet dish.

The **Harvest Service** is on

Sunday 11th October at 10am.

Donations of food will be delivered
to a local Foodbank.

Jean Howat



Sandra Howieson

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear friend Sandra Howieson. She will be sorely missed at Newlands Church and in the wider community by all her friends. She was always one of the most cheerful, friendly and warm-hearted members of the congregation, who was a valued and willing helper every Sunday and at special events. Church will not be the same without her smiling face and her wicked sense of humour. Our hearts go out to her family and close friends at this time.

A memorial service will be held at Newlands Church on Tuesday 15th September at 1pm.

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KIRKURD SWI

Monday 27th July, 12 members and friends travelled to Standhill Farm near Hawick to meet the Shanks family, for a guided tour of the dairy unit and the greenhouses where they produce tomatoes. The greenhouse covers 4 acres and produces 30 tonnes of tomatoes per week from May to late October. This is the largest tomato producer in Scotland. A truly fascinating visit.

Throughout the summer members have participated at the Peeblesshire Agricultural show and several of the local flower shows.

The first meeting of the winter programme is Tuesday 6 th October.

This will be a practical evening of planting bulbs with John Bracken.

John will bring everything required.

Competitions: Garden Flower of the Month. Small Apple tart

Tuesday 3rd November OPEN NIGHT '2 Wars & a Potato'

Dr Keith Dawson will talk about farming in Ukraine and 'pickups for peace'

Visitors £5

Kirkurd SWI meets on the first Tuesday of the month from October to May, in the Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge, at 7:15pm.

To assist with travel the Newlands Community Bus picks up members and friends in West Linton.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

Further information contact: kirkurdsui@yahoo.com

Or telephone Margaret 01721 752242

The Open Gate

The Open Gate counselling service is still always available for anyone who wants help for any problem. The approach used is Solution Focussed Brief Therapy which is pleasant and effective. All sessions are free and confidential.

Phone **07535 898 244** for an appointment

LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The cafe will be closed for hols. on Wednesday 16th September. We are still proving to be a good meeting place for friends and families.

The garden has been very colourful this year and thanks are due to John for all his hard work raising all those bedding plants not to mention all the watering!

Cafe is open on Wednesdays from 10am till two pm and is run by volunteers who also do home baking and make soup.

All welcome.

Cilla Davidson

Carlops Village Talks - Friday 11th September 7.30pm

A talk by Gus Fisher

“The 98 Lost Names of D-Day

British Normandy Memorial”

Admission free but donations are invited. Hosted by Carlops Church.

Pastoral Care Group

We are a small group of people who are there to offer a listening ear in confidence. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a visit. please do contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com.

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.

Garden Ramblings

At the time of writing, the end of August is here and already the nights are "fair drawing in", as my Granny used to say! Outstanding this year has been the Rowan tree in the back garden. I have never seen so many clusters of red berries as early as this before. Blackbirds have been absent for a long time but hey, news must have got around as there are now a female and two males popping back and forth as they are fond of the berries.

Rosebay willow herb sneaked in to my garden this year and I just left it as it provided a bit of colour so now is the time to dig it out as it is starting to get those fluffy seed balls that drift past the window...

The bulbs are starting to appear in the shops so now is the time for all those lovely daffs. to go in. Tulips will be later.

Cilla Davidson

Newlands SWI



Here we are at the start of a new year. Date for your diaries is 10th September in the Hub cafe at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Our speaker is local lady Claire Dickson who will give us an insight into farming in this area.

Our annual fees are due £30 each and guests are kindly asked for £5 a visit.

Best wishes are due to Marion for a speedy recovery from her knee op. and thanks too for compiling the syllabus with the members' suggestions a big help.

Hope everyone had a nice summer and looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Cilla Davidson

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