

Linkage News

Services Sunday 1 March 2026

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Steven Whalley in church & on **Zoom** (see email for link)

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11:30 - Steven Whalley in church & on **Zoom** (see email for link)

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship -9:30am - Fiona Burnett in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Café Church - in village hall



ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Church Family,

It is with deep and sad emotions that I share the news that I will be leaving my position as Minister for the Parishes of West Tweeddale. My last Sunday as your minister will be on the 31/05/2026.

Serving this community of churches has been one of the richest and most profound blessing in my life and ministry. I am and will remain so very grateful for the opportunity you all gave me to be part of your lives as church communities. You are easy people to be with, easy people to minister among, and even easier people to love.

I have learned a great deal from you all during my time with you and have really enjoyed the blessing and support of sharing the responsibilities of ministry with all the members of the various Kirk Sessions and of course the members of the Worship Leadership Team.

I will take those lessons together with a great many happy memories with me.

While I am now moving on to what I hope will be a new chapter in life and ministry I will always cherish my time West Tweeddale and will continue to hold you all in my prayers.

During the coming weeks I will of course remain fully committed to ministry here and will do all I can to make this period of transition as smooth as possible.

With gratitude and blessing,

Rev Dr Tony Foley

Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to

intimations@standrews-westlinton.org

by *Thursday lunchtime* would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

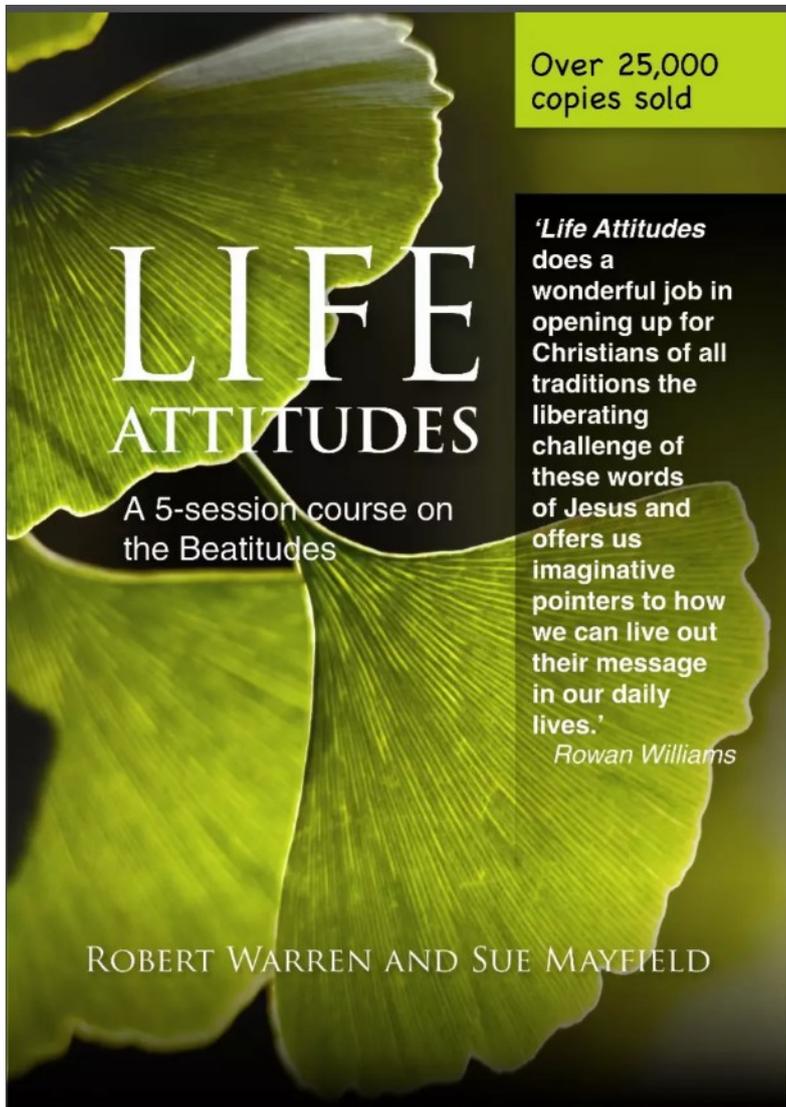
Minister for West Tweeddale - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley

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This 5-session group study course, specially designed to be used during Lent, encourages Christians to examine their lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these kingdom values - now.

The aim of the course is nothing less than to equip Christians to live their faith more fully and so to demonstrate to those outside the Church that a knowledge of God makes sense of the whole of life.

Studying the Beatitudes will: deepen our understanding of Jesus and challenge our deepest personal values, help us understand how they impact on our attitude towards major global issues, such as environmental pollution and the ongoing hostilities and injustices in our world.

Steven Whalley & Colin Herd will lead the [on-line](#) lent study.

The book for the Lent study is:
Life attitudes- A 5-session course on the Beatitudes
 by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield.

We are looking to arrange an on-line study group.

Details to follow.

[Life Attitudes: Free Delivery when you spend £15 at Eden.co.uk](http://Eden.co.uk)

Currently available on Eden Books at £6.39

The list of dates in full are:

Wed 25th February 7pm

Thurs 5th March 7pm

Wed 11th March 7pm

Wed 18th March 7pm

Wed 25th March 7pm

There is also a "in person" lent study on the same book at **10am** on **Tuesday** mornings in the **Laurel Bank cafe in Broughton**, with coffee and a scone.

Time: Mar 5, 2026 6:45pm for 7pm start

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85206287861?pwd=aRL7qtR8WqrR4U35iAv0FTQbv2mXoZ.1>

Meeting ID: 852 0628 7861

Passcode: 015055



**Bethany
Christian
Trust**



GET INVOLVED

One area of our Boys Brigade programme is "Get Involved". Earlier this term we took on the challenge of fundraising to help West Linton Churches in their volunteering with the Bethany Trust care van. Kate Whalley came along to help us understand how the care van works, and to answer our questions. The Junior Section boys led our planning, doing their research on Bethany and organising for us to have a sponsored dance-a-thon! We had an energetic evening dancing to hits including the Macarena and Cotton Eye Joe! We were delighted to raise over £250, and collect donations of jackets and clothes for the team to give out. Well done to the boys (and the leaders!) and thanks to everyone for their kind donations and support!



Parish of Upper Tweeddale
presents a programme of

Films That Make You Think!

next showing
Broughton Village Hall
Friday 6th March '26
film starts 7:00 PM



**An animated musical about the
life of Moses**

This 'U' certificate film is
followed by an open discussion
of some of the themes and
issues raised.

**Free Admission / Light
Refreshments from 6:30 PM**



for more information scan the QR code or go to
www.uppertweeddale.org.uk/films_that_make_you_think.asp

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

St Andrews Parish Church, West Linton at 2pm on Friday 6th March, led by West Tweeddale Guild.

The service is based on material produced by the women of Nigeria.

After the service refreshments will be served with a Nigerian theme.

You will be made most welcome to join us.



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

SUPER SATURDAY tree planting for Roamers Wood



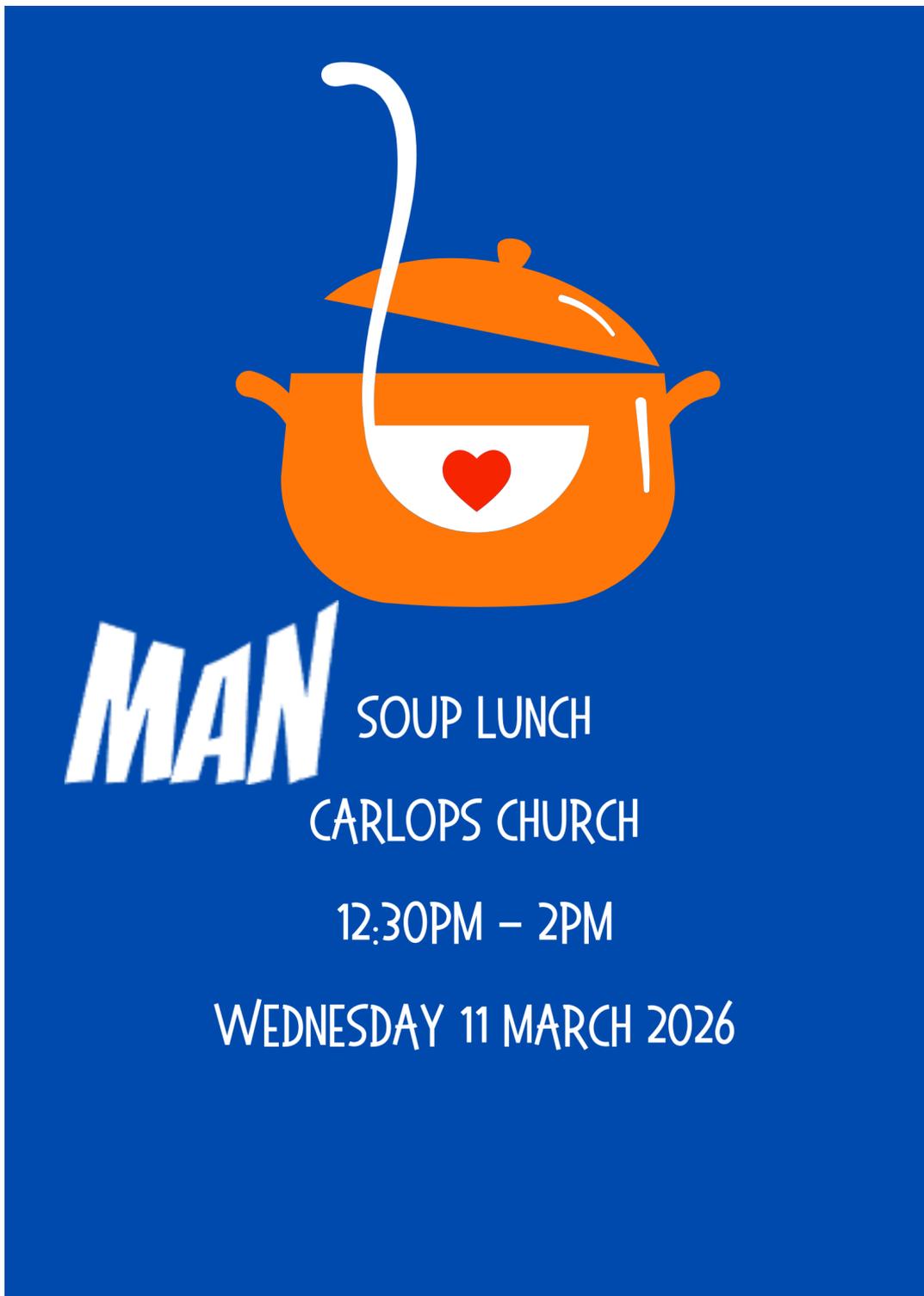
Please join SLWD for two tree planting events on Saturday 7th March

Where? At West Linton Primary School from 11am or at Roamers Wood from 9.30am. Pupils, parents, carers and all the community are welcome to both events. Children must be accompanied.

What? At West Linton Primary School we will be working on the tree nursery, planting trees in pots for the pupils to raise until they are big enough to plant in Roamers Wood.
- At Roamers Wood we will be planting the first batch of trees for 2026.

Bring a picnic, and gardening gloves and a spade if you can. Wheelbarrows would be helpful at WLPS too.

Sustainable West Linton and District | roamerswood.org.uk



Man Soup returns Wednesday 11 March 2026. All are welcome.

This year's Man-souper chefs issue a warm invitation to everyone to come and join the fun. We look forward to greeting you, feeding you, and serenading you.

No fixed charge is made for lunch, but we invite charitable donations by cash or card.

This year, the beneficiary from Man Soup will be Carlops Church itself; monies received will help to maintain our building, so that we can continue to serve the Carlops community with Sunday services, family occasions and celebrations, and fun, social events for everyone.

The 2026 Man Soup team



Sat 28th Feb 2.30pm

Wed 4th March 10am -

(this is an accessible Wandering at Glenholm followed by bite and blether, Broughton)

Thurs 12th March 10.30am

Wanderings is a reflective woodland wander; a gathering where everyone is welcome to come and reflect, talk and walk together.

Meet at the main layby carpark at Broughtonknowe woods. We will be walking about 3km, slowly through the woods on rough, steep, muddy tracks. It is essential folk wear stout boots with good grip and warm, waterproof clothing. There will be some thoughts shared, a Bible verse, time to chat, share and consider as well as some silence and a cuppa. For up to date info or to contact us visit our Facebook page.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

**Meet at what 3 words: [certainty.questions.flown](https://www.facebook.com/certainty.questions.flown)
OS grid ref: NT103391**



#Wanderings - Scotland

Messy[®] Church

MARY
AND
MARTHA
MEET JESUS

Sunday 8 March 2026
4pm
New Church Hall
West Linton

Messy Church offers a warm, welcoming space to everyone who wants to join in. Join us for an afternoon of fun activities and a meal together.



For more info contact howatjean@gmail.com

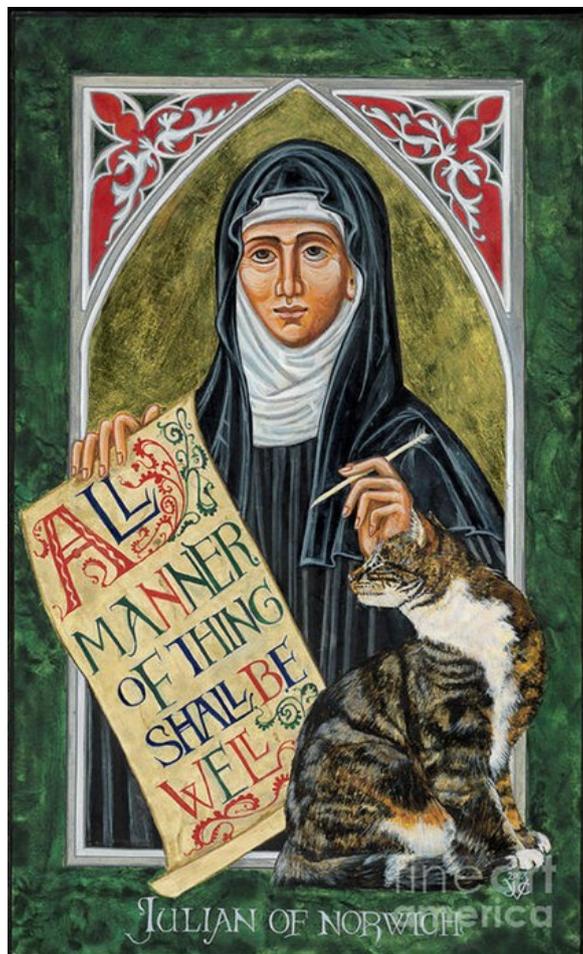
Come and Pray with us

Join us at 10.00 a.m. on the first and third Monday of each month in Broughton Village Hall – in the wee meeting room, next to the bridge into the car park

NOTE THE SLIGHTLY LATER START TIME

Next meeting is 19th January, then 2nd and 16th February

We are still contemplating the wisdom of Julian of Norwich and her utter certainty of God's love for us and her conviction that "all will be well, and all will be well and every kind of thing shall be well". And she held that conviction as much of the population of Norwich was wiped out by the plague and many people died in "the hundred years war" in Europe.



JOIN THE ADVENTURE



Tuesdays
6:30-7:30pm
New Church Hall
Under 11s
From 16th Sept



ANCHORS
5 – 8 Years

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8 – 11 Years

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL GROUP

Drop us an email for more information:
westlintonbb@gmail.com

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

We are inviting anyone over 65 to join our friendly, social and fun group.

West Linton Social Centre

We will be open on Tuesdays - from Tuesday 6th January 2026

Why not come along to our West Linton Social Centre and give it a try?

We're inviting anyone over 65 to join our friendly, social and fun group. Whether you're feeling a little isolated and would like to feel more connected, or simply fancy a change of scene, we'd be delighted to welcome you.

There's always plenty to enjoy-from celebrating birthdays to 10 pin bowling, new age curling, dominoes, games and much more. Come and find out!

Every Tuesday 10am - 2pm from 6th January 2026

Broomlee Court, West Linton, in the lounge for a relaxed, cosy and sociable day

A cuppa and a delicious hot lunch is provided at excellent value.

£13 per session(+£7 for transport, total £20)

If you, or someone you know would like to join us please contact the office on 01896 754481

GUID BLETHERS

**Tea, home baking and chatting with
friends**

Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month

2 - 4pm

Old Church Hall West Linton



Guid Blethers Is about enjoying the company of old and new friends by sharing interests and skills together. Our programme has varying topics of local interest with speakers and other activities.

If you have any questions get in touch with our co-Ordinator
Co-Ordinator Helen Dry 01968 660 506



CARLOPS

CAFE

**Every
Thursday
2:30-4:30pm
Carlops Church**

St Andrews
Old Church Hall
West Linton

Sip and Share



Open to all
(under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult)
Dogs (well behaved) welcome
Free
Donations welcome but not expected
Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and occasionally cake

Table Tennis

Fridays 7 - 8.30pm New Church Hall, West Linton



All ages & abilities welcome

BABY BRUNCH

**Term time
Fridays 10-11.30am**

Old Church Hall, West Linton





Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues? Work
problems? Trouble at school/college? Etc.

Whatever the problem - large or small, recent or
long-standing - Solution Focussed Brief Therapy
can help.

Ask for an appointment at

THE OPEN GATE
Fridays 2pm to 5pm.

Anyone who wants help for their problem is
welcome and will be seen locally and in
confidence by arrangement.

PHONE OR TEXT 07535 898 244

The Open Gate uses a counselling approach which is brief,
effective and future-orientated, building on your own solutions.
All sessions are free and confidential, with no long waiting-list.



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WESTLINTON.ORG

The minister's benevolent fund offers emergency assistance throughout our linkage areas. If you require assistance please contact us by email. All emails will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. People may need other kinds of support and we are also ready to help with that or direct you to others who can.

PASTORAL 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 OUR MINISTER **REV. DR. TONY FOLEY**
TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK
OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**
HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

