

Linkage News

Services Sunday 4 May 2025

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11:30 - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – David Henderson-Howat in church

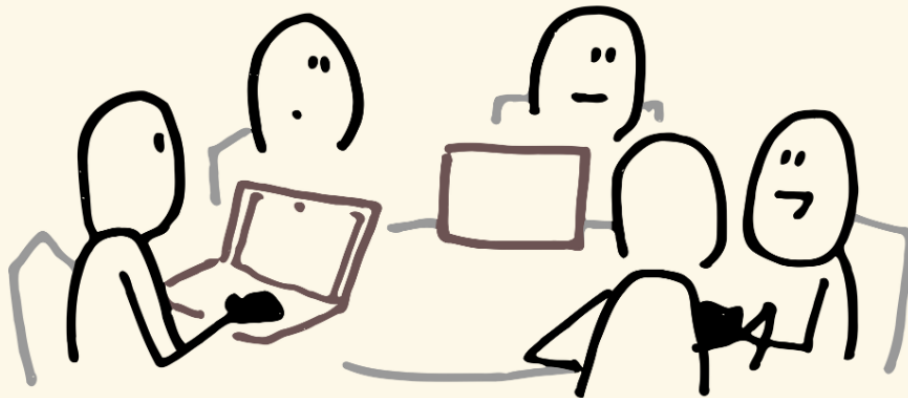
Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - David Henderson-Howat in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9.30am - Fiona Burnett in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Fiona Burnett in village hall



General Kirk Session Meeting



Thursday 29 May 2025

Carlops Church

Meeting 7:30pm

All are welcome to attend

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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West Tweeddale Church Office

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Over 200 people packed into the Drill Hall in Peebles last night to express their views on the recommended closure of their hall. They unanimously rejected the closure or community asset transfer of their vital community space. The fight to save their hall has started.

Here in West Linton, we're being presented with a similar 'take it or leave it' recommendation for our village hall - basically the Graham Institute should close if the community do not take on the whole 'kit and caboodle' of managing, running and maintaining the hall.





PUBLIC MEETING

West Linton

WEDNESDAY

7th May 2025

START AT

7.00PM (19.00HRS)

LIVE BORDERS REVIEW

of Facilities & Services - Tweeddale

Scottish Borders Council are currently reviewing a report by independent consultants into the operation of buildings and services currently run by Live Borders and the council.

In order to engage with the public local councillors in Tweeddale are hosting a series of public meetings to facilitate discussion concerning the use of facilities and options for the future.

GRAHAM INSTITUTE

Lower Green
West Linton
EH46 7EW

ALL WELCOME



2025 will mark the 80th anniversaries of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) on 8 May and VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) on 15 August.

It is an opportunity for the nation to come together to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War generation from across the UK and Commonwealth, through a series of national and local events and activities.

Tweeddale will commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day by the laying of wreaths at all the main war memorials in the region on **Thursday 8th May.**

Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale, Catherine Maxwell Stuart and her Vice Lieutenant Gavin Marshall will carry out the laying of wreaths.

For those members of the community who would like to pay their respects there will be a short wreath laying ceremony at the following times at these memorials;

10.30am West Linton

11.30am Peebles

12.15pm Innerleithen

12.45pm Walkerburn

1.15pm Traquair

In the afternoon Vice Lieutenant Gavin Marshall will lay the wreaths at these memorials:

4.00pm Broughton

4.30pm Skirling

5.00pm Blyth Bridge



Sat 26th Apr 2.30pm

Thurs 8th May 10.30am

followed by Skirling lunch (£2 donation)

Wanderings is a reflective woodland wander; a gathering where all ages can 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.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at what 3 words: certainty.questions.flown

OS grid ref: NT103391



#Wanderings - Scotland

DONATIONS TO SELL NEEDED

**CHRISTIAN AID
CAR BOOT SALE**

**SKIRLING
VILLAGE
GREEN**

**SUNDAY
18 MAY
2025**

**1:30 -
4:30 PM
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**HELP WITH THE TEAS, HELPING IN THE KITCHEN,
SERVING TEAS , BAKING FOR THE TEAS**

MANNING THE CHRISTIAN AID STALL

GENERAL ASSISTANCE IN SET UP & TAKE DOWN



SOUP LUNCH

CARLOPS CHURCH

12:30PM – 2PM

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025

In aid of

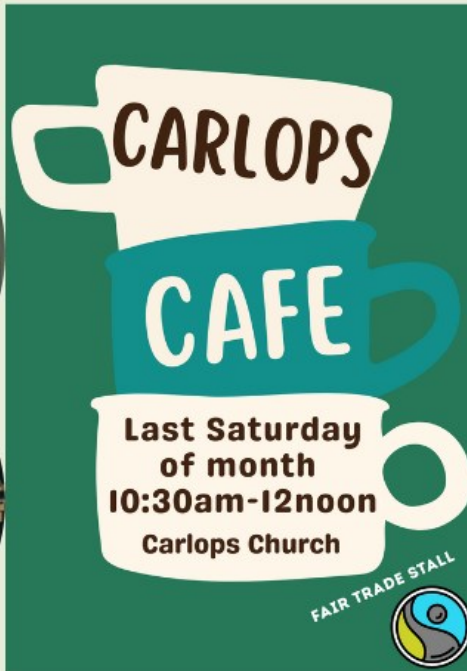


Plant Sale!

PROCEEDS TO

**christian
aid**

BRING & BUY
ALL PLANTS WILL BE
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED



Saturday
31st May

10:30am –
12noon



Kristin Macdonald - An Evening of Arias and Songs

Come join us for a magical evening filled with beautiful arias and songs performed by soprano Kristin Macdonald. Kristin has many years of experience performing and is a soloist with Borders community choirs Crescendo and The Wednesdays. She will be joined by special guest soloists at Newlands Community Centre. Please join us for a natter and nibbles after the performance!

Come and support local musicians, mark your calendars and don't miss out!

Sat, 17 May 2025 19:30 - 21:30. Doors at 7pm £10

Tickets can be bought via [Eventbrite](#)



Christian Aid 80th Anniversary Service at St Giles' Cathedral

Mark 80 years of hope with us at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday 17 May 2025.

Event details

Date: Saturday, 17 May 2025 - 19:00 BST —
Saturday, 17 May 2025 - 21:00 BST

Join us in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh on Saturday 17 May for a special service to mark our 80th anniversary.

Guests are warmly welcomed, and no RSVP is required. Please note that as a historic building, the Cathedral does not have wheelchair-accessible toilets.

Our keynote will be delivered by **The Right Honourable John Swinney**, First Minister of Scotland, and our worship will be led by the **Wild Goose Resource Group** and **Siskin Green**.

We will be joined by **Temwa Kasakula**, Christian Aid's Global Thematic Advisor for Sexual Reproductive Health and Gender, who will be visiting Scotland from Malawi, as well as **Patrick Watt**, Christian Aid CEO.

Looking for other ways to mark our 80th year? Your church could join our **Trees of Hope project** and plant a tree as a sign of commitment.

We hope to see you in Edinburgh on 17 May. We are grateful for the support the churches in Scotland have given us over these 80 years - **the unstoppable power of hope** is what keeps driving us to work for a world where all can live with dignity, equality and justice. Because we still believe in Life before Death.

SKIRLING
VILLAGE GREEN



CAR BOOT SALE

TEAS
IN THE
HALL
£3

NO NEED
TO BOOK
£8
PER CAR

SUNDAY
18 MAY 2025
2PM



Come and Pray with us. Join us on the first Monday of the month at 9.45 a.m. in Broughton Village Hall

(the wee room that you come to from the car park before you get to the main door)



We are continuing to pray for the future of Broughton Kirk using contemplative prayer inspired by Julian of Norwich.

Our next meeting is on Monday 7th April. We will not be meeting in May, but will continue to meet on the first Monday from 2nd June

Coffee Club

at the Old Church Hall, West Linton



All welcome

Open 10am-12pm

FREE hot drinks
and cakes

3rd Tuesday of every month:

18th Feb / 18th Mar / 15th Apr / 20th May

We'll see you there!



JOIN THE ADVENTURE



**BBs meet on
Tuesday
evenings:
email us for info**



ANCHORS

5 – 8 Years

junior

8 – 11 Years

Drop us an email for more information:

westlintonbb@gmail.com



CARLOPS

CAFE

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

Table Tennis
is now on Holiday
returning on Friday
9th May

No Cosy Café this
week returns
16th May

COMMUNITY COSY CAFE AFTERNOON

Fridays 2-4pm
Old Church Hall
West Linton

Come along for
Tea, Coffee, cakes, biscuits,
chat & company



www.westtweeddale.org.uk

More information: 07973 501 665

BABY BRUNCH

**Term time
Fridays** **10-11.30am**

Old Church Hall, West Linton





Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues?
Whatever the problem – large or small, recent or
long-standing, Solution Focused Brief Therapy
can help.

Ask for an appointment at

THE OPEN GATE

In Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge

Fridays 2pm to 5pm.

Anyone who wants help for their problem is
welcome, and will be seen by arrangement. There
is no 'Drop-in'.

PHONE OR TEXT 07535 898 244

**SFBT is enjoyable and helps quickly, usually within 1-3
sessions. All sessions are free and confidential.**



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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.

