

Linkage News

Services Sunday 8 March 2026

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

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

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – Isobel Hunter in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Isobel Hunter in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship -9:30am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley - 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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Messy[®] Church

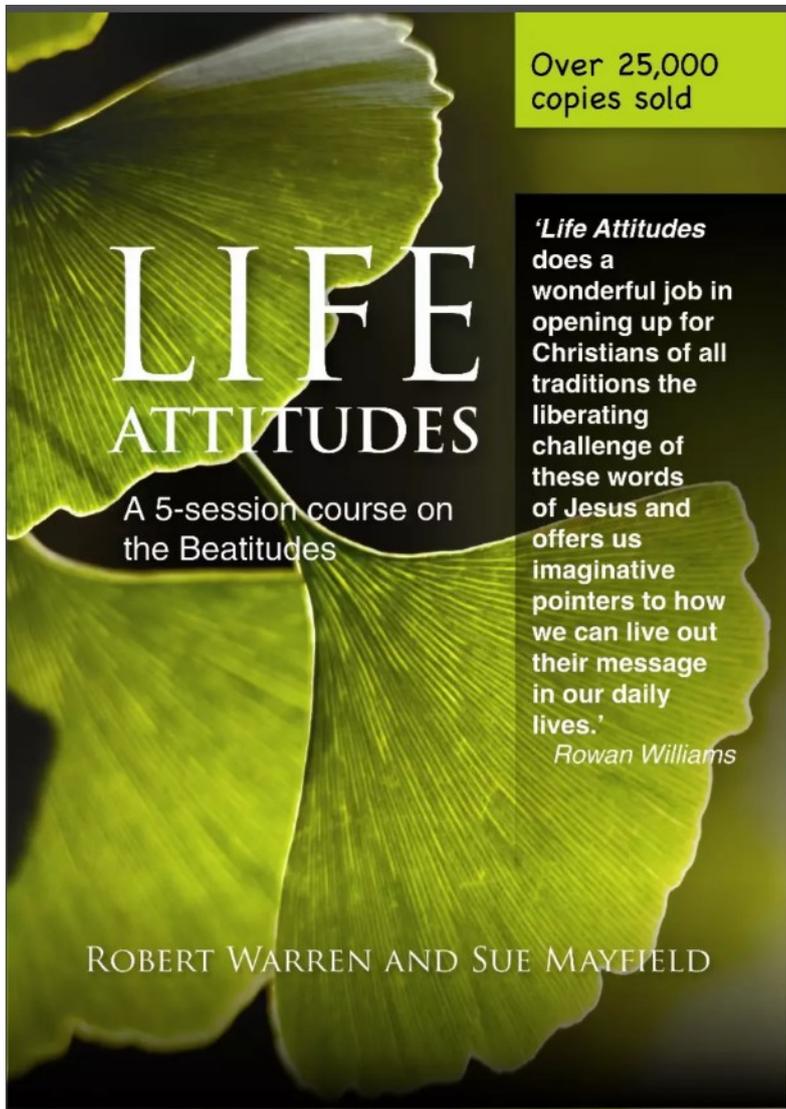
MARY
AND
MARTHA
MEET JESUS

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



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.

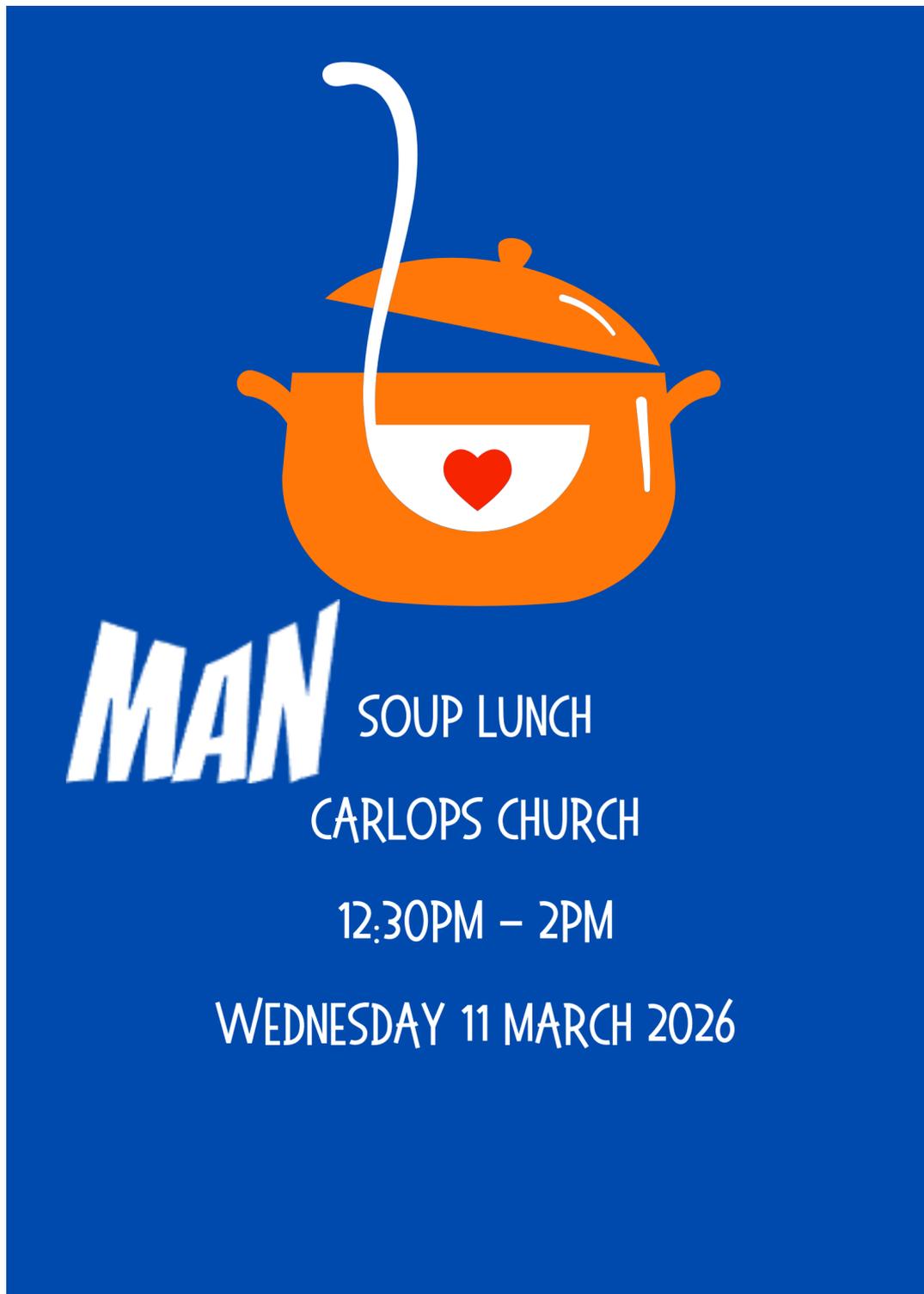
[Link for the next three weeks - on Wednesdays 11, 18 and 25 March](#)

6:45 PM for 7pm start

Meeting ID: 812 9260 7292

Passcode: 489594

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/81292607292?signature=RtmDmYPe-IHtNtY_VcK7NydoZK8ZJfEBYk4ndMbZTTO



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

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH WEST LINTON

Stated
Annual
Meeting

Sunday 15 March 2026

Meeting will be held after the service



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

LITTLE WEST END THEATRE



**PITCH,
PLEASE!**

Big Feelings. Bigger Voices.

Songs From The Musicals

Saturday, March 14th, 7:30 PM

West Linton Bowling Club

EH46 7EP

Tickets at the door £10

A musical review and the bar is open!
Next Saturday 14th March in the bowling club there will be a number of singers and a huge variety of songs from comedy to musical theatre.. come and join us these evenings have been a lot of fun so don't miss it!
Tickets at the door

Come and Pray with us

We meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room at Broughton Village Hall (next to the bridge into the car park)

We have spent the past year in contemplative prayer using the Revelation of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich and will be continuing to do that in March and April

Coming soon

From May we will be studying and praying with the Gospel of Thomas. This was discovered at Nag Hammadi in the last century and scholars believe that it may have been written while Jesus was still alive. It is written in the wisdom tradition of the Bible and contains sayings attributed to Jesus – some of which are familiar to us, some not so.

When the books that are included in the Bible as we know it were finally agreed in the third century the monks and nuns in Egypt and Syria were ordered to destroy any other documents they had. Rather than destroy these many were buried in the desert.

Why study this?

“Seeing Jesus through this new filter... dislodges us... from any lingering smugness that we have Jesus’ teaching in our hip pocket... this new portrait gives us the freedom to go deeper... I find nothing in the Gospel of Thomas that contradicts any of Jesus’ teachings in the canonical gospels. Rather, it rounds them out... and creates a newfound sense of awe..”
Cynthia Bourgeault: The Wisdom Jesus

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**
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OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**
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WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

