

Linkage News

Services Sunday 9 August 2026

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - David Henderson-Howat in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11:30 - David Henderson-Howat 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 - No service - joint Upper Tweeddale service at Skirling

Broughton Church Worship - No service - joint Upper Tweeddale service at Skirling

Whilst we have not, as yet, been given permission to call a Minister, when we do we will have to produce a Parish Profile. The Parish Profile tells any potential applicant what we are looking for and what we have to offer.

So that each Church in our linkage has the opportunity to contribute to the development of the profile, **a meeting, open to all congregations in the linkage**, is being held on **30th August at 12.30pm** in the **New Church Hall in West Linton**. Please bring your own lunch.

Please come along and help to progress this important step in the process of calling a new Minister,

Thanks Session Clerks



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 - Contact details to be advised

Email

Telephone

West Tweeddale Church Office

Tel: 01968 660 221 Email cos1560.tweed@outlook.com

Newlands Open-Air Communion Service and picnic

There will be an open-air Communion service followed by a picnic for the whole West Tweeddale linkage at the **site of the old Newlands church on Sunday 9th August at 3pm.**

For more information contact Jean Howat:
howatjean@gmail.com



**West Tweeddale Churches
Open-Air Communion Service
and Picnic**

at the site of the
old Newlands Church
Everyone is welcome

Sunday
9 August 2026
3pm

Parking will be in the car park opposite the current Newlands Church.

Everyone should bring their own picnic and folding chairs or a rug to sit on.

In the event of the weather not co-operating we will take refuge for the service and the picnic in the current church.

WANDERINGS



10.30am Thurs 13 Aug

10.30am Fri 21st Aug-
Welly Wanders

2.30pm Sat 29th Aug

Broughtonknowe Woods - for more info #Wanderings-Scotland



WELLY WANDERS



Fri 21st Aug 10.30am

Broughtonknowe Woods

exploring faith in the forest for wee ones and their family
for details search Wanderings-Scotland on Facebook

St Andrew's Parish Church **VACANCY**

Housekeeper/Cleaner

We are seeking an organised and motivated individual to care for St Andrew's Church and Halls

apply by
midnight
Fri 14th
Aug.

The role involves:

- Ensuring buildings are clean and ready for bookings.
- Managing opening and locking up as required.

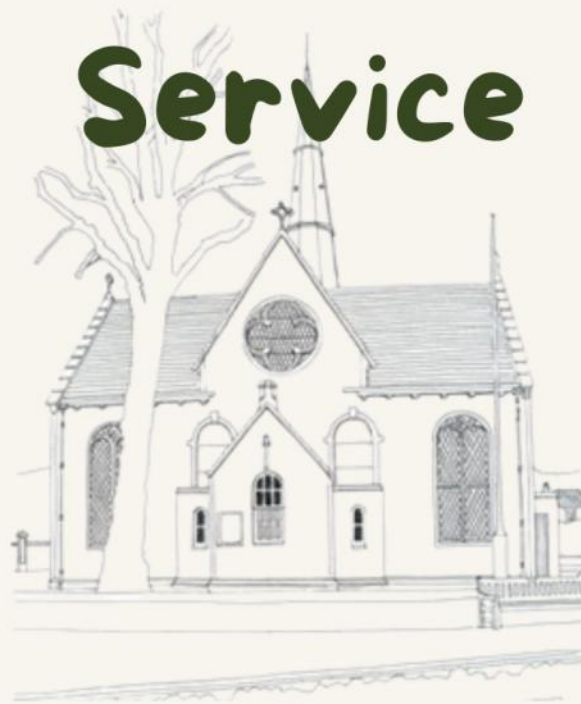
Typically 7-8 hours per week during term times, less during holiday periods. Hours variable to suit, but some evening work and a willingness to be flexible required

For more information
or to apply email:

clerk@standrews-westlinton.org

**St Andrew's Parish Church
West Linton**

Summer Family Service



Sun 23 August 2026

11:30am

**Activities/crafts for children
and refreshments for all
after the service.**

Everyone is welcome.



Our Village Events

Hosted by Carlops Church

Friday 14 Aug 7.30-9pm Gill Gold at home

Summer Garden Party at Birchbrae

Come to **Macbiehill** EH46 7AZ for a relaxing walk round Gill's garden and enjoy seasonal refreshments.

Friday 11 Sep 7.30pm Gus Fisher Letter carver

The 98 Lost Names of D-Day British Normandy Memorial

Earlier this year Gus with a team of letter carvers carved an additional 98 names that have come to light since the Memorial opened in 2021.

Thursday 24 Sep 7.30pm Victoria Crowe Artist

Kittleyknowe and Beyond

An illustrated talk on the impact of living at Kittleyknowe from 1970 to 1990 had on the artist's life and work, and the subsequent development of her paintings over time.

Admission free but donations are invited SC004340

Payments may be made by cash, card or QR code



www.carlopschurch.org

Openreach Event

We are upgrading the broadband network throughout Scotland to Full Fibre Broadband.

Find out more at a free drop-in event:

Where	Where	West Linton Village Centre
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When	When	25th of August 2026
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Time	Time	1pm - 4pm
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The Openreach team will be available to answer any questions you may have about the upgrade to Full Fibre.



Visit www.openreach.co.uk/updateme/

1. Enter your postcode and select your address to see what connectivity options are available to you
2. To register for Full Fibre updates – complete our registration form

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Riaghaltas na h-Alba



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**FREE hot drinks, scrumptious scones,
and delectable cakes!**

West Linton Old Church Hall

Third Tuesday, every month

Doors open from 10 a.m. to noon.

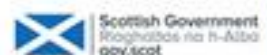
Aug	Sept	Oct
18th	15th	20th

Supported by Citizens Advice Bureau, "The Coffee Clubs" are community cafes. You can meet old friends, make new friends and have a good blether. The Coffee Clubs are for everyone - whether you'd like free access to advice or just a cuppa!

We will have a Foodbank collection point in the venue. Donations are welcomed but not essential.



Funded by Borders Community Action
Community Health and Wellbeing Fund



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
Restarts September



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

We hope everyone will enjoy a relaxed summer and that Guid Blethers will resume on **9th September.**

GUID BLETHERS

Tea, home baking and chatting with
friends

Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month

2 - 4pm

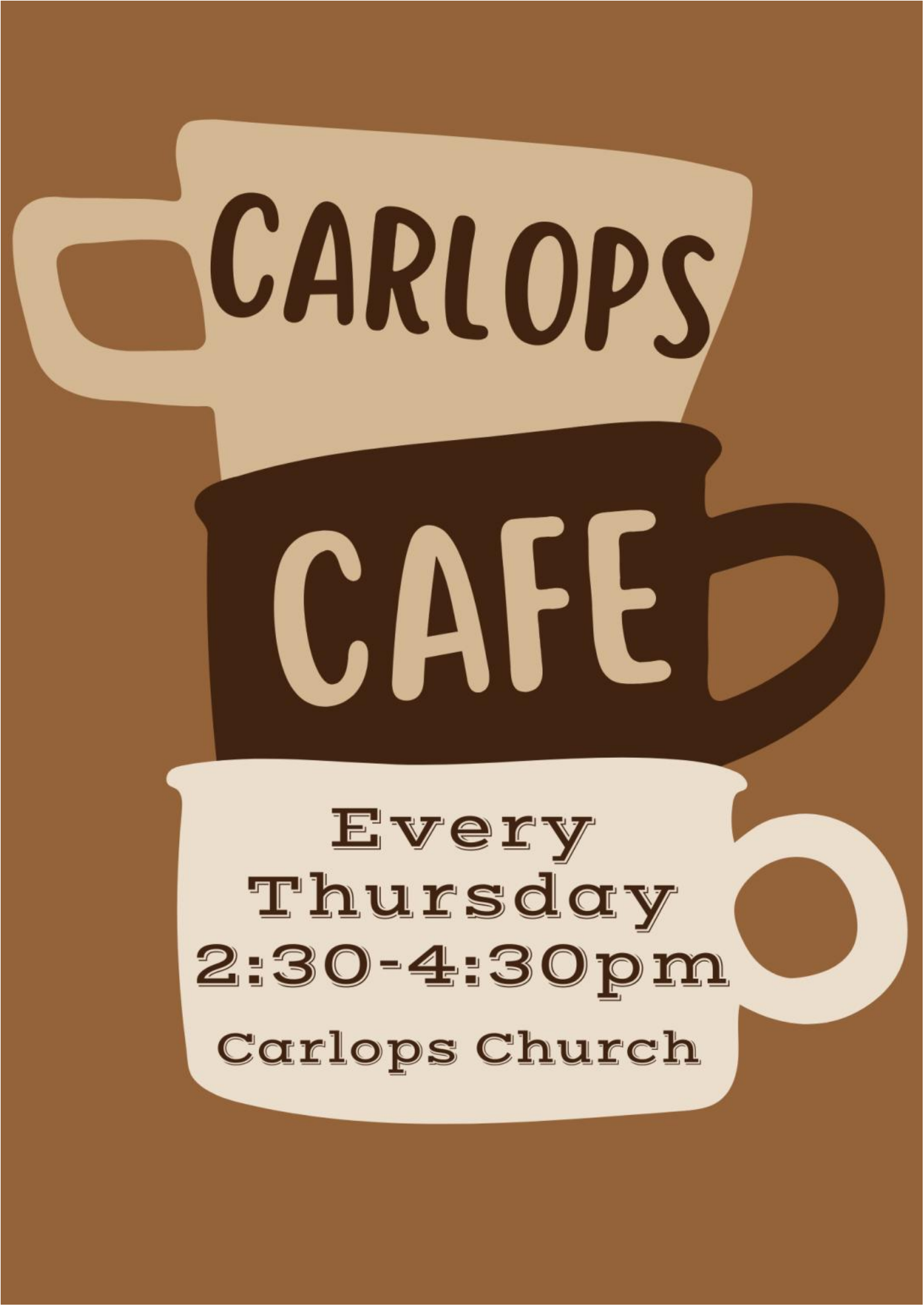
Old Church Hall West Linton



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



On Summer break

Restarts in September

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 SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Have a great summer!

Restarts Friday 21 August



Term time Fridays
Old Church Hall, West Linton

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 PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**
HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.



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.





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.