

Linkage News

Services Sunday 12 October 2025



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

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11:30 - Fiona Burnett in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – Rev. Chris Levison in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Rev. Chris Levison in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9.30am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in village hall



Harvest Thanksgiving (St Andrew's)

Our Harvest thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 12th October and will be led by Fiona Burnett.

As in previous years we will be collecting non-perishable foods which will be shared between the Peebles and Penicuik Food Banks.

Pasta, Rice, tinned meats (Stew, Ham, Sausages etc), Jam, Chocolate. Also things like toothbrushes.

Basically anything which is non-perishable.

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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Sunday 19th Oct

Carlops 10am

St Andrew's 11:30 am



COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us on a Sunday

Carlops Church 10am

St Andrew's Church West Linton 11.30am

Kirkurd & Newlands Church 10am

Skirling Church 11.30

Tweedsmuir Church 9.30am

Broughton Church 11am



WEST TWEEDDALE CHURCHES

You can find our preaching rota on our website.

www.westtweeddale.org.uk

go to Things we do, then select Our Services, then preaching rota

[West Tweeddale Parishes - Roster for Users](#)

You're invited to an unforgettable choir concert filled with joy, laughter, and uplifting music! Join the Sister Community Choirs - Crescendo & Wednesdays, for a magical evening of heartfelt ballads and lively tunes that will warm your soul and bring a smile to your face.

Thursday 23 October - Biggar Kirk 7pm

Tickets can be bought online

[Sister Community Choirs - Crescendo & Wednesdays | Biggar Little Festival 2025](#)

Or from the The Festival Information Centre and Box Office opens on Saturday 4th October at the GILLESPIE CENTRE, 74 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DL.

Opening hours 10.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Saturday, (and also open on Sunday 19th October during Biggar Day Out).



The Blythswood Shoebox

Appeal Checklist leaflets are now available in St Andrew's church.

More info can also be found [here](#)

Filled boxes should be in St Andrew's by Sunday 19 October.

Short on Time? No Shoebox?

For the first time at Blythswood you can bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas without leaving your home.

[Sponsor a shoebox online and we'll do the rest.](#)



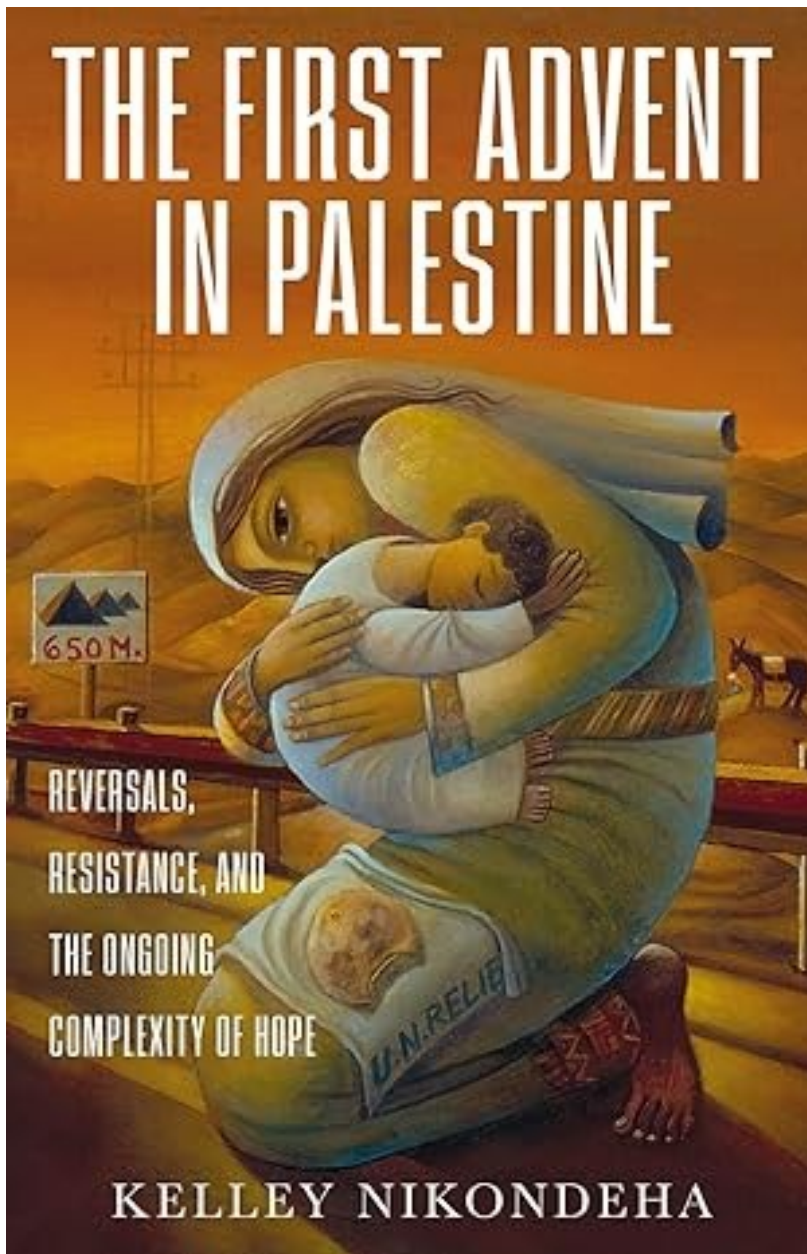
The poster features a young girl with dark hair in pigtails, wearing a green hoodie, holding a large shoebox wrapped in red paper with a colorful circular pattern. A white checklist is attached to the box. The background shows a residential street with houses and a utility pole. The top of the poster has an orange curved banner with the Blythswood logo (a white circle with a stylized 'X' and an arrow) and the text 'Blythswood SHOE BOX APPEAL'. At the bottom, there is a white curved banner with the text 'By filling a shoebox with simple things, you can bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas.' Below this is the Blythswood logo and name, and a QR code on the right.

Blythswood
SHOE BOX
APPEAL

By filling a shoebox with simple things, you can bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas.

Blythswood





This book has been chosen for this years advent studies.

It is available in hardback and paperback, although you may need to shop around for the best price



Our Village Talks

Autumn/Winter **2025** Programme

Monthly talks, tea and chat hosted by Carlops Church

Friday 10th October, 7.30 pm *An Excavation of Mine*

Artist Shelagh Atkinson introduces us to her archive, and takes us through the process of working with Art360 Scotland to build an archive of her work.

Friday 14th November 2025, 7.30 pm *The life and works of John Buchan*

Ted Shields will present on John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, was a Scottish novelist and historian who served as Governor General of Canada and is best known for his iconic novel, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*.

Friday 5th December 2025, 7.30 pm *Three Songs from Africa*

Guitarist Tom Salter's account of his work and travel in Mali, Zimbabwe and The Democratic Republic of Congo. With a taster of some traditional food from Africa. *(Please note change to advertised date for our December event).*

In aid of Malawi and Carlops Church funds
(suggested £5 donation per event)



Wed 1 Oct 9.30am

(no bite and blether that day)

Sat 25 Oct 2.30pm

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
OS grid ref: NT103391



#Wanderings - Scotland

6th and 20th
Oct

Come and Pray with us.

Join us at 9.45 a.m. on the first AND THIRD Monday of each month in Broughton Village Hall – in the wee meeting room



We are just beginning to contemplate some of her writings on the Motherhood of God.

“The all-powerful truth of the Trinity is the Father, who created us and keeps us within him. The deep wisdom of the Trinity is our Mother in whom we are all enfolded.”

Coffee Club



All Welcome!

Open 10am - 12pm

FREE hot drinks and cakes

West Linton Old Church Hall

3rd Tuesday, every month

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17th	-	19th	16th	21st	18th	16th

Sponsored by Citizens Advice Bureau, the Coffee Clubs are community cafes.

You can meet your friends or have some company and a good blether.

The Coffee Clubs are for everyone - whether you'd like advice or just a cuppa!



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

GUID BLETHERS

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

Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month

2 - 4pm

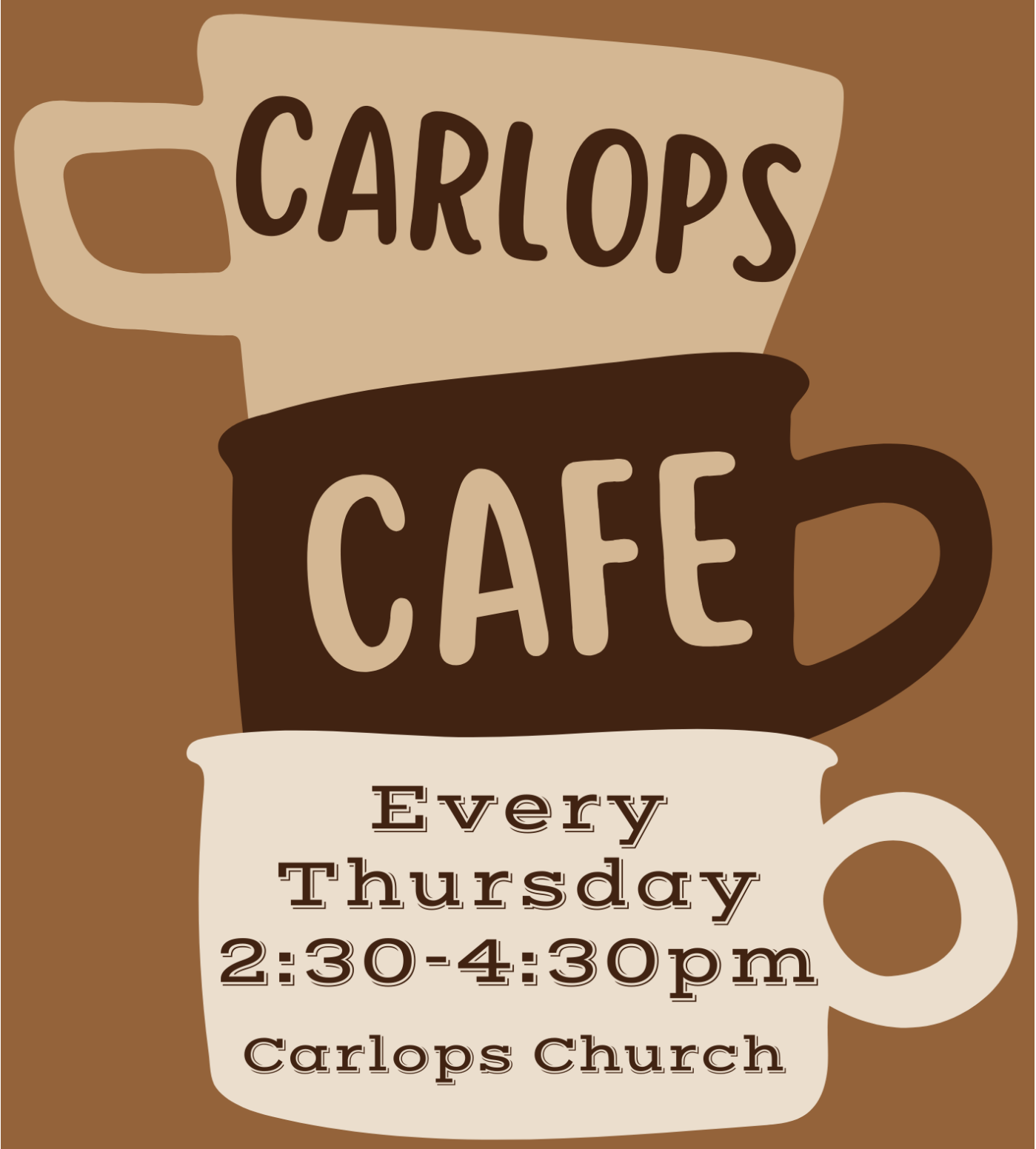
Old Church Hall West Linton



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 **10-11.30am**
Fridays

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**
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WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT
RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

