

Linkage News

Services Sunday 17 May 2026

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 - Peter Worthington in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Peter Worthington in village hall



There is an opportunity to contribute to a collection for a leaving gift for Rev Dr Tony Foley. We anticipate that a cheque will be presented to him on his last Sunday with us, which will be Sunday 31 May when he will lead worship at Carlops Church and St Andrew's West Linton.

Contributions should be made to the St Andrew's West Linton bank account. Payment by bank transfer is encouraged, details below:

Sort Code: 80-09-39 A/C number: 00817827 A/C name: St Andrews Kirk Session
Please include the reference "Gift for Minister".

While payments can be accepted up to midnight on Saturday 30 May, please remember that transfers made from some bank accounts may not be credited to the above account until the following Monday.

If preferred, a cheque made payable to "St Andrews Kirk Session" can be sent to the St Andrew's treasurer:

Michael Knott
9 Tarfhaugh Brae
West Linton
EH46 7DP

Please allow plenty of time for postage, so that cheques arrive by no later than Saturday 30 May

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

Email tfoley@churchofscotland.org.uk

Telephone 07793 294 000 or 01968 660 221

West Tweeddale Church Office

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



COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Sunday 24th May 2-5pm,
Manse Garden, West Linton
Music, games, activities,
refreshments and
info stalls of local groups.

THE CHURCH ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY



A celebration of Pentecost - There have been reports of real growth in numbers embracing Christianity and attending 'Church' in all its forms. Sometimes all that is needed for people is to be invited. On 24th May there is a chance to do just that.

Organisations throughout the Parish have been invited to set up a stall or an activity in the Manse gardens to promote their organisation and attract new members. There will also be a range of fun activities and refreshments. We hope it may give a chance for people to think about what the Church means for them.

Sometimes an invite is all that's needs. Try - "I'm going to the church celebration. It will be good. Why don't you come too"

**IT'S
GOOD
TO TALK!**

It's good to talk - Linked to the Pentecost event where people might want to know more about being a Christian, it would be good to know if you are happy to share your faith with the curious.

It may be as simple as how you became a Christian or why you are a Christian.

If you are happy to talk about your faith to someone who wants to know more please let Steven Whalley know.

Interim Moderator

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An interim moderator is appointed by the Presbytery to lead a parish during a ministerial vacancy, exercising the powers of an inducted minister while guiding the congregation through the transition.

Interim Moderator

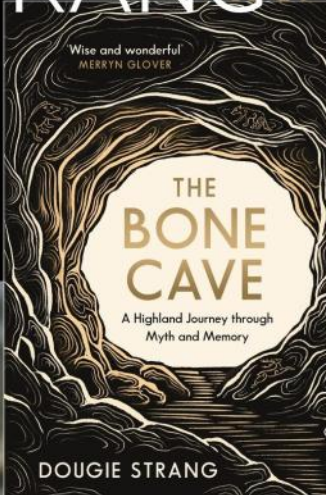
The Reverend Graham Astles (Penicuik North) has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. He will be supported by the Reverend John Urquhart (St Mungo's, Penicuik).

WEST LINTON LITERARY
SALON PRESENTS

THE BONE CAVE: AN EVENING WITH DOUGIE STRANG

Join us for a conversation with author
Dougie Strang as he describes his
journey on foot through the Scottish
Highlands, following a series of
folktales and myths to the places in
which they're set.

Longlisted for the Highland Book Prize




Date:
**WEDNESDAY
27TH MAY
7.30PM**

Location:
**GRAHAM
INSTITUTE,
WEST LINTON**

Tickets:
£8.00



OR EMAIL
WL.EARLY.LEARNERS@GMAIL.COM

All proceeds support West Linton Early Learners and Westies!

Time for another excellent author talk in the village!

Join us for an evening of conversation with Dougie Strang, author of *The Bone Cave: A Highland Journey Through Myth and Memory*. Dougie will be discussing his journey, mainly on foot, through the Scottish Highlands following a series of folktales and myths to the places in which they're set. Through some of Scotland's most ancient stories, such as those of the Cailleach, Dougie use his knowledge of Scottish myth and folklore to uncover a country that is half-hidden from most of us who live in it.

Longlisted for the Highland Book Prize

'A glorious read...replete with meaning'- Scottish Field

'Aches with a profound not-quite-lost connection to earth- The New Statesman

'A beautiful book'- The Herald

All proceeds support **West Linton Early Learners** and **Westies**

Books available to purchase on the night.

Tickets £8 available here: <https://bookwhen.com/wlearlylearners>



**Fri 15th May 10.30am -
Welly Wanders for families**

Sat 30th May 2.30pm

**Thurs 11th June 10.30am -
followed by lunch in Skirling**

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

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

The logo for the Royal Voluntary Service is displayed in three stacked, overlapping magenta rectangular boxes with white text. The top box contains the word 'ROYAL', the middle box contains 'VOLUNTARY', and the bottom box contains 'SERVICE'. The boxes are slightly offset to the right, creating a sense of depth.

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

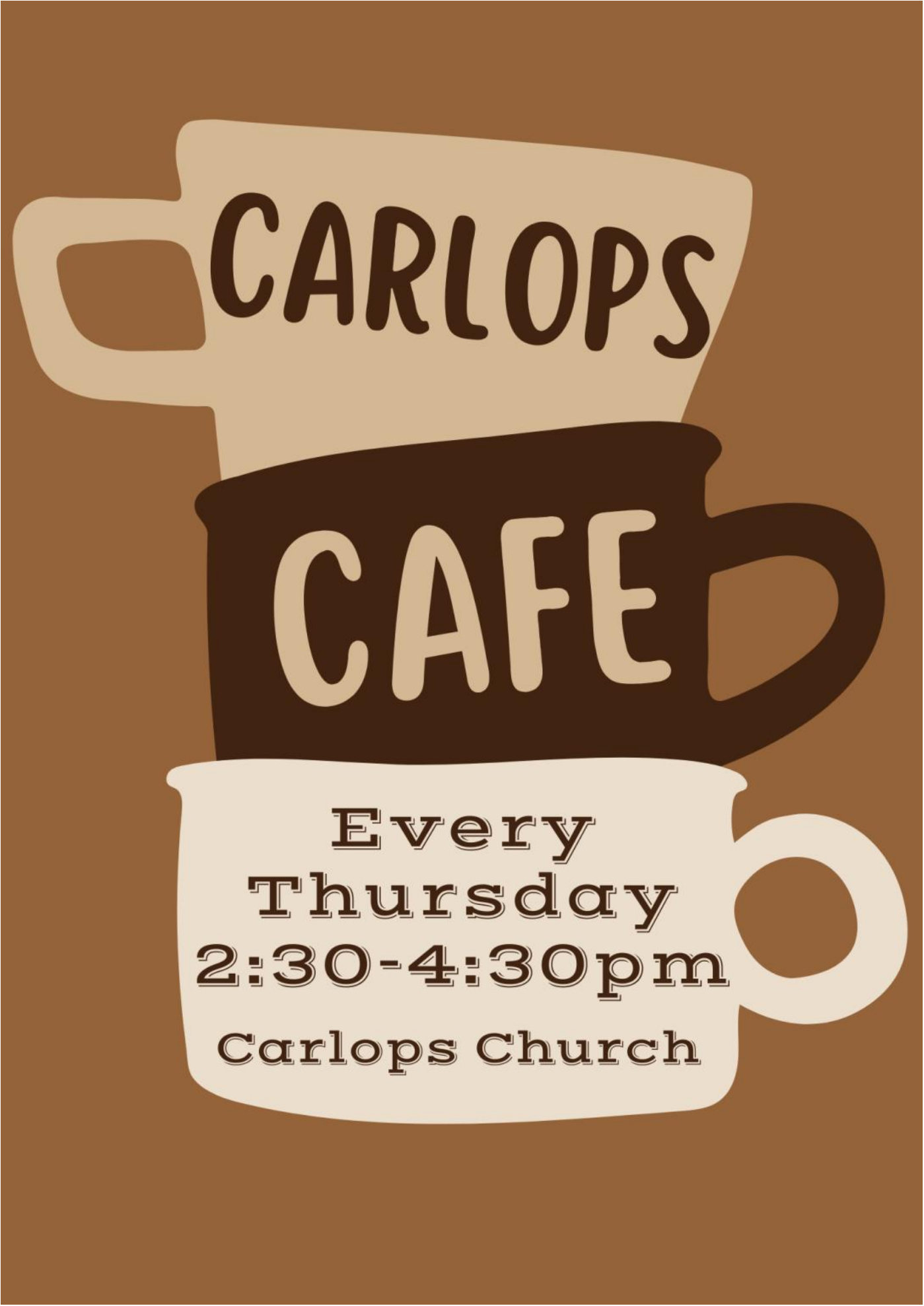
Old Church Hall West Linton



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





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.



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.