

# Linkage News

## Services Sunday 23 August 2026

**Carlops Church Worship** - 10am - Rev. Chris Levison in church & on **Zoom** (see email for link)

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

**Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship** - 10am – Steven Whalley in church

**Skirling Church Worship** - 11:30am - Steven Whalley in church

**Tweedsmuir Church Worship** - 9:30am - Peter Worthington in church

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



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

The development of a Parish Profile is an important step in the process of attracting a new Minister, once we have been given permission to call. **If you are planning to attend the meeting** to help develop the Parish Profile, can you **please let your Session Clerk know**.

Once you do, you will be sent some of the documents that have been submitted to Presbytery. These summarise all the Church activities we currently undertake.

This is important, as it means we can take this information as 'read', and can concentrate on what is important at this meeting, namely what **we want from a Minister** and what we want to focus on about **what we have to offer**.

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

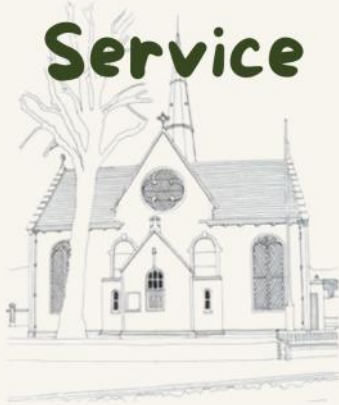
Telephone

**West Tweeddale Church Office**

Tel: 01968 660 221 Email [cos1560.tweed@outlook.com](mailto:cos1560.tweed@outlook.com)

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.

## WANDERINGS



2.30pm Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Aug

Broughtonknowe Woods - for more info #Wanderings-Scotland





# *Retirement* **GIFT**

After over 40 years as the housekeeper for St Andrew's Church, Sheila Small has decided to retire. She has been a stalwart in making sure the Church and Halls are well kept and open before & secure after use.

**We are having a collection to buy Sheila a gift in recognition of her service.** If you would like to make a contribution please make out a cheque and **hand it to Steven Whalley** or make a **bank transfer to St Andrews Kirk Session** Account Number 00817827 Sort code 80-09-39 and tag it as 'Gift for Sheila' **by 24th August.**



# Shoe Box Appeal Filler Ideas



## Woman

Make-up  
Sanitary products  
Shampoo  
Nail varnish  
Small scissors  
Tape measure

## Man

Dominoes  
Pack of cards  
Tools  
Tape measure  
Tin cup  
Wind-up torch  
Shaving brush  
Pen

## Girl/Boy age 3 - 12

(Please choose items appropriate  
to the age of child you have chosen)

Sewing/craft kit  
Chalk  
Paint by numbers  
Paints  
Colouring/sticker book  
Crayons/Stationery  
Jewellery/Beads  
Socks  
T-shirt  
Pyjamas  
Toy car/truck  
Skipping ropes  
Lego  
Board game  
Small ball  
Playing cards

## Teenage Girl/Boy

Make-up  
Craft kit  
Jewellery  
Hair brush  
Nail varnish  
Hair band  
Diary  
Manicure set  
Tennis ball  
Puzzles  
Board game  
Wind-up torch  
Dominoes  
Deodorant  
Thermal vest

## Elderly woman

Hand cream  
Folding walking stick  
Slippers  
Candle  
Tin cup  
Small clock  
Tights

**St Andrew's Parish Church** are collecting shoeboxes for Blythswood again. Leaflets for this year's appeal are available in church. You can now sponsor a shoebox by visiting the Blythswood website.  
Collection date to follow but likely to be mid October.

Blythswood request that each shoebox contains a toothbrush and toothpaste, underwear, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat

Please see some other shoebox filler ideas above

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# Openreach Event

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

## Find out more at a free drop-in event:

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| <b>Where</b> | Where | West Linton Village Centre |
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| <b>When</b> | When | 25th of August 2026 |
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| <b>Time</b> | 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/](https://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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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

**CARLOPS**

**CAFE**

**Last Saturday  
of month  
10:30am-12noon  
Carlops Church**

**FAIR TRADE STALL**



## **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](mailto: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

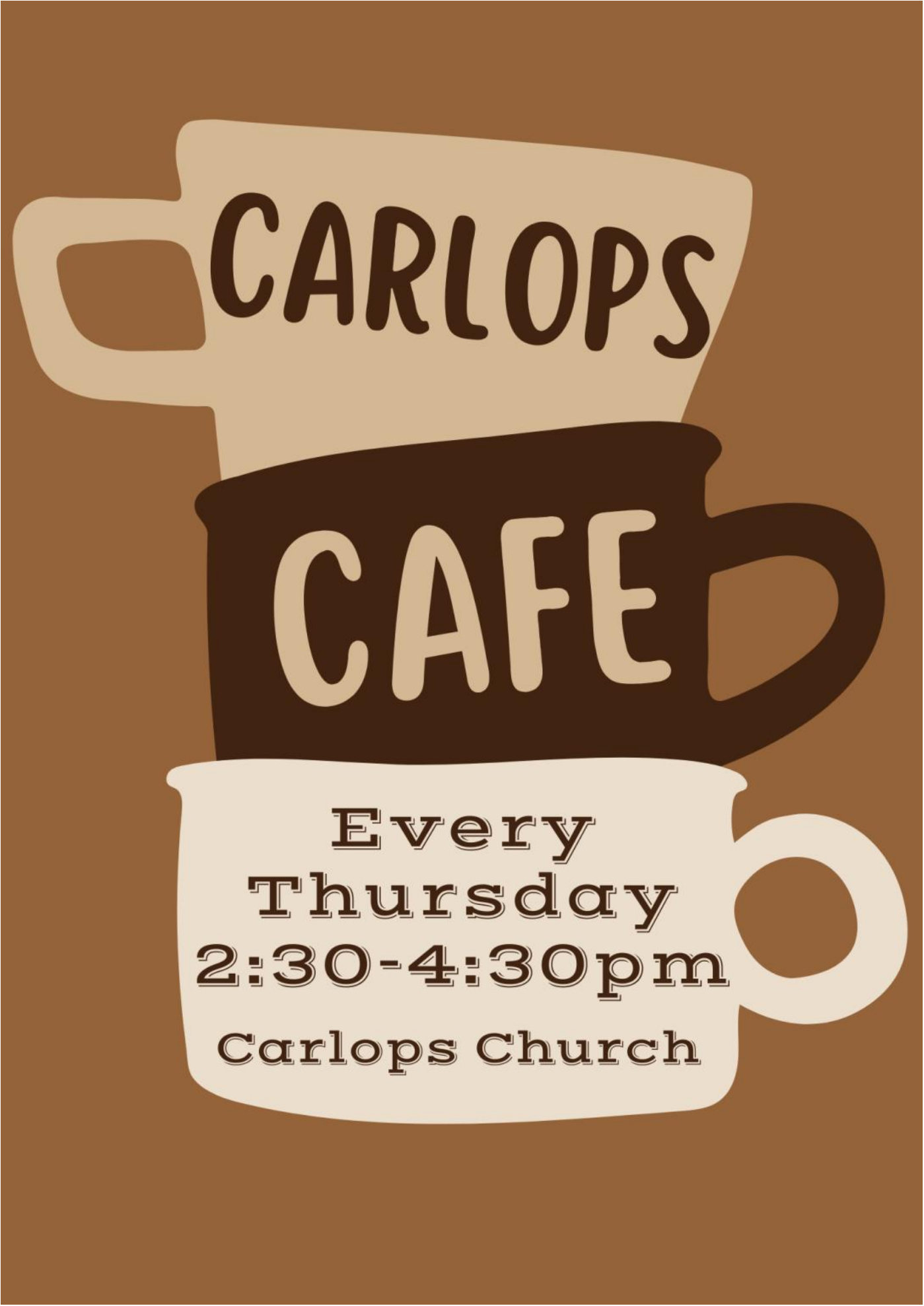
Old Church Hall West Linton



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

**Term  
time  
Fridays**

**10-11.30am**



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](mailto: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.