

# Linkage News

## Services Sunday 23 November 2025



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

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

**Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship** - 10am – Fiona Burnett in church

**Skirling Church Worship** - 11:30am - Fiona Burnett in church

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

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

The Peeblesshire Youth Trust will again be delivering hampers to families in Peeblesshire nominated by schools, health visitors, and social services. It will be delivered this year by the Trust and Peeblesshire Foodbank.

The hampers will focus more this year on seasonal treats and festive items and, as always, the Trust is relying on the generosity of local church members and friends.

## DONATIONS NEEDED



HOW CAN YOU HELP  
PEEBLESSHIRE YOUTH  
TRUST?

**ST ANDREW'S &  
NEWLANDS** HAVE BEEN  
ASKED FOR SHARING  
CRISPS AND "FANCY"/  
LUXURY BISCUITS AND  
HOT CHOCOLATE THIS  
YEAR

LAST DAY FOR  
DONATIONS SUNDAY  
**23<sup>RD</sup> NOV. 2025**

**Kirkurd & Newlands and  
St Andrew's** are asked to donate  
Luxury Biscuit Box or Sharing  
Crisps or Hot Chocolate.

**The last Sunday for donations  
will be 23 November.**

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](mailto: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](mailto:cos1560.tweed@outlook.com)



# Wine & Cheese Evening

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

New Church Hall, West Linton



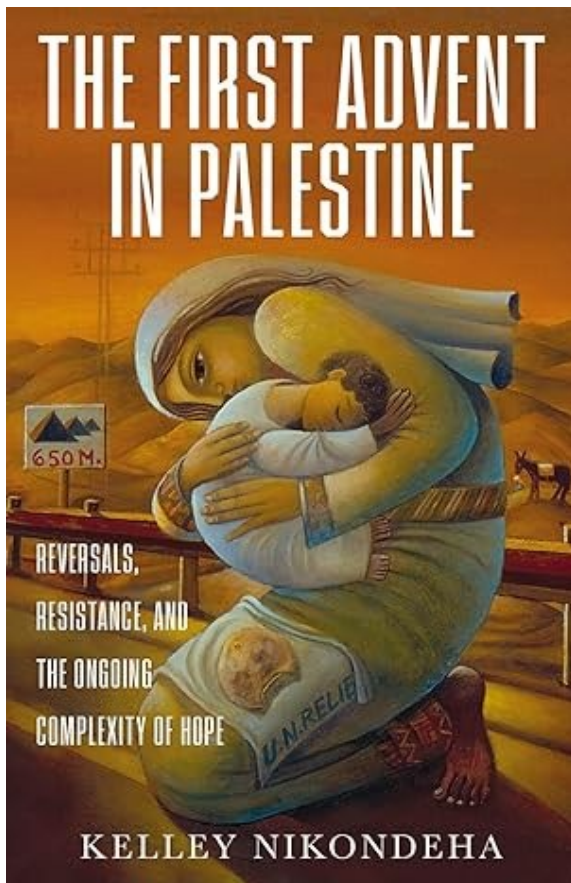
7pm for a 7.30pm start, £35 pp

Pop into our shop in Peebles, email us

[milneandpickles@gmail.com](mailto:milneandpickles@gmail.com) or call

07506 348 082 for more info & tickets....

**6 delicious artisan cheese & wine pairings**



If you are planning to join the Advent Study over Zoom just a reminder that this starts on Wednesday the 26th at 7:00pm.

In week 1 we're going to very lightly touch down in the first couple of chapters but will predominantly focus on chapters 3 and 4.

We will then move on to focus on chapters 5 in week 2, chapter 6 in week 3 and will conclude with chapter 7 in week 4.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83048270273?pwd=onxP9o5NrrilqmMvSwQCHdvPEXP8UD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 4827 0273

Passcode: 855488



YOU ARE  
INVITED TO

Shop  
LOCAL

# *West Linton* *Christmas lights switch on!*

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER AT 7PM

RAEMARTIN SQUARE



CHRISTMAS MARKET FROM 5:30PM

Local shops open late

Local clubs and societies

Highland Dancers from Dance at Studio 21

West Linton Pipe Band



Head to the  
Fire Station  
to see Santa!



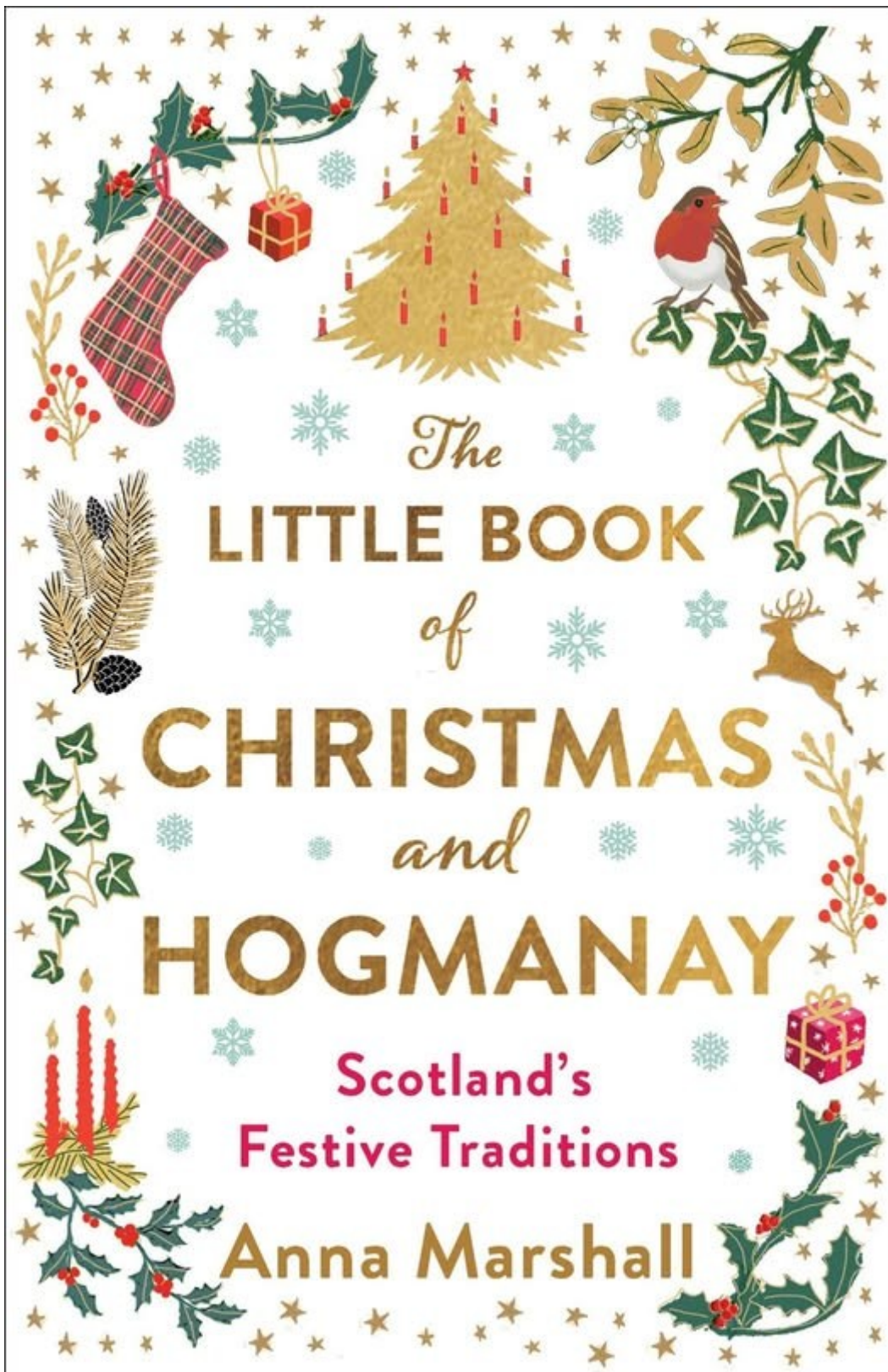
Did you know that Christmas was banned in Scotland for nearly 400 years? Or that first footers in Dundee used to give a gift of a herring in a fish dress at Hogmanay? Do you know the origin of the loony dook, the true meaning of 'Deck the Halls', or how the residents of Biggar kept the Biggar Bonfire burning even during the WWII blackouts?

Come along on Monday 8th December and join me in conversation with **Drummond Begg** as we discuss the wonderfully fascinating and eclectic Scottish festive traditions in my new book, *The Little Book of Christmas and Hogmanay*.

Free mulled wine. Books available for sale on the night- ideal stocking fillers.

Pre-booking appreciated. Please use this link to buy your tickets:

<https://bookwhen.com/wlearlylea.../e/ev-s7sna-20251208193000>





**Sunday Club**  
**St Andrew's Parish Church,**  
**West Linton**  
**Children's Nativity Service**

**All age nativity service**  
**Sunday 7 Dec. 2025 at 11:30am**



Children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite nativity character and will be able to take part if they would like to.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

The service will be very relaxed and should last about 45mins.  
*(Princesses and action heroes will made very welcome at the stable too.*



We are once again proposing to collect gifts and toys for distribution to those less fortunate through the Salvation Army and our local Social Services.

Gifts should be new and unwrapped and may be handed in to St Andrews Church on Saturday 13th December between 10am and noon or at the morning service on **14th December**.

Some wrapping paper is also appreciated. The Salvation Army leaders indicate that there is a continuing need for our assistance and are very grateful for our participation.

**Next session - Wednesday 26 November**

**Our last meeting for 2025 will be on 9th December** (Christmas Lunch).

A peaceful Christmas to all.

**Our next meeting will be on January 14th 2026.** A wonderful memory from the past

# 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





**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm**

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.30am**

**(followed by bite and blether, Broughton)**

**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**

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.”



## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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)



# 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](mailto:westlintonbb@gmail.com)**



**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**  
[TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK](mailto:TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK)  
OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**  
[HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM)

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT  
RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

