

# Linkage News

## Services Sunday 25 January 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 – Rev. Chris Levison in church

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

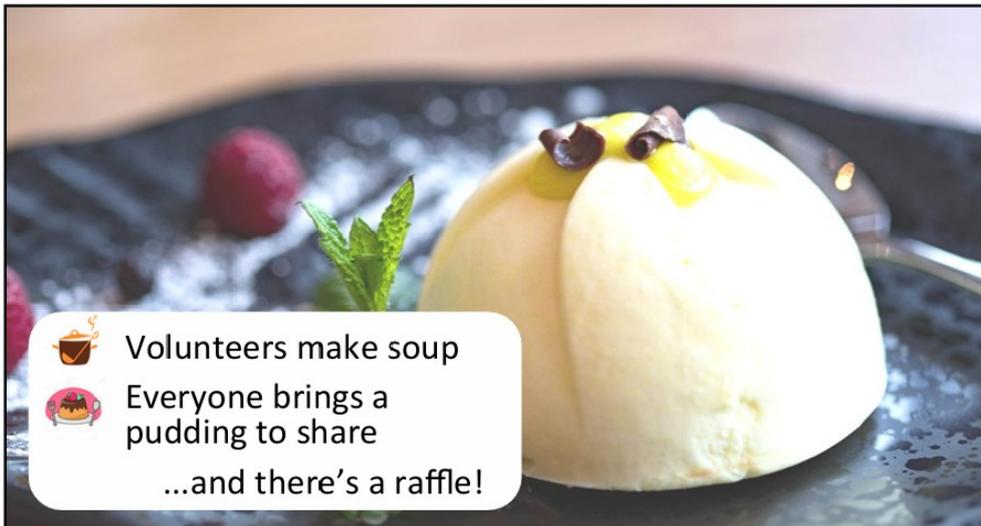
**Tweedsmuir Church Worship** - 9.30am - Steven Whalley in church

**Broughton Church Worship** - 11am - Steven Whalley in village hall



## Pudding Night

6.30pm, Friday 6th February  
at Newlands Church



Volunteers make soup



Everyone brings a  
pudding to share

...and there's a raffle!

**£5 (Children free)** Proceeds to a Famine Relief Charity

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

18-25 JANUARY 2026



The end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity will be marked with a joint service with St Mungo's on Sunday 25th January 2026 (tomorrow) to be held at St Andrew's. The service will start at the usual time of 11:30 am

Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to

[intimations@standrews-westlinton.org](mailto:intimations@standrews-westlinton.org)

by *Thursday lunchtime* would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

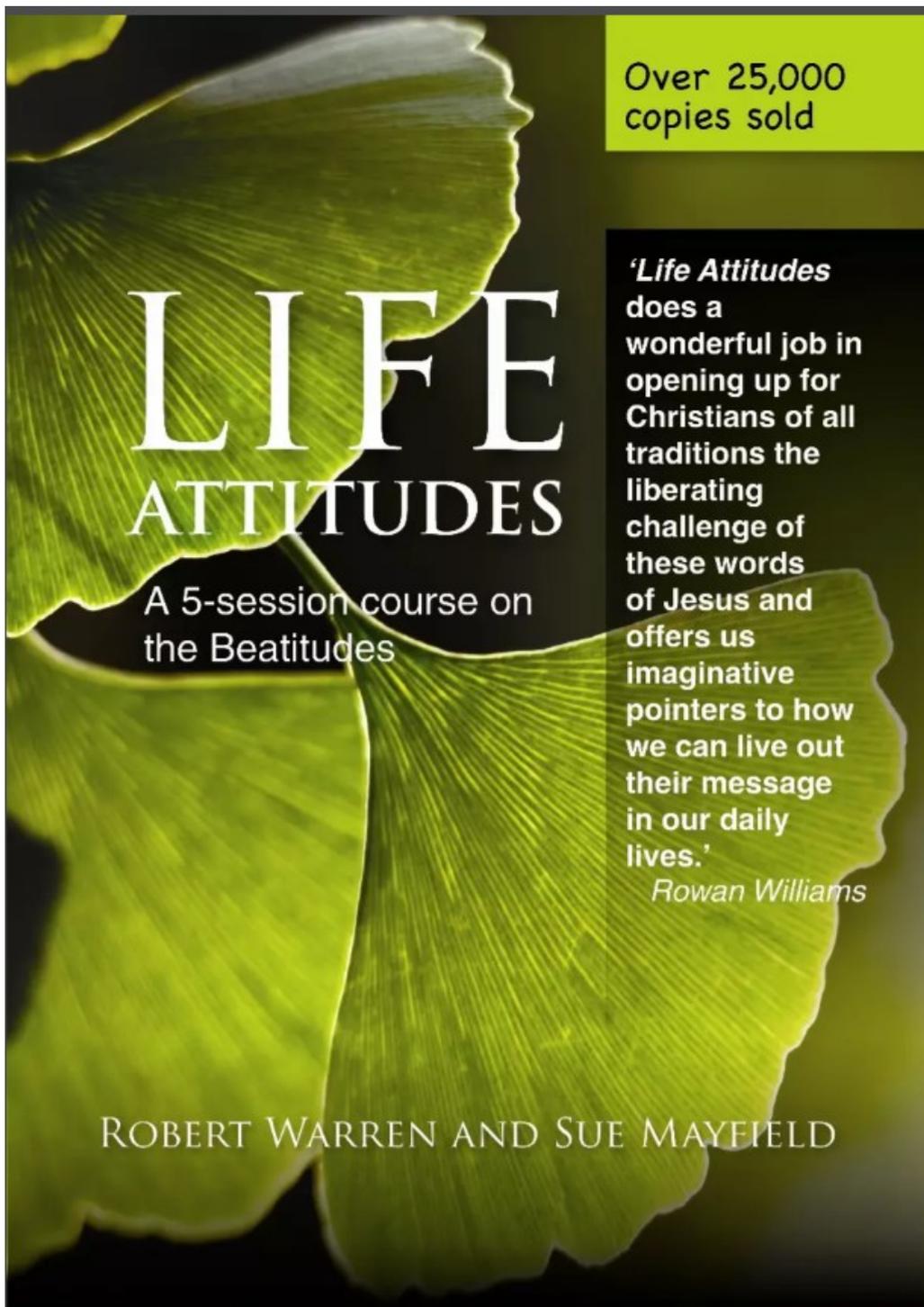
**Minister for West Tweeddale - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley**

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



This 5-session group study course, specially designed to be used during Lent, encourages Christians to examine their life-style in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these kingdom values - now.

The aim of the course is nothing less than to equip Christians to live their faith more fully and so to demonstrate to those outside the Church that a knowledge of God makes sense of the whole of life.

Studying the Beatitudes will: deepen our understanding of Jesus and challenge our deepest personal values, help us understand how they impact on our attitude towards major global issues, such as environmental pollution and the ongoing hostilities and injustices in our world.

The book for the Lent study is:  
**Life attitudes- A 5-session course on the Beatitudes**  
**by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield.**

We are looking to arrange an on-line study group.

Details to follow.

[Life Attitudes: Free Delivery when you spend £15 at Eden.co.uk](http://Eden.co.uk)  
 Currently available on Eden Books at £6.39

# *Whipman Play Society*

## **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are now sought for the **2026 Whipman** from people who should reside in the Whipman Area (West Linton, Carlops, Newlands, Kirkurd, Lamancha and Dolphinton).

Since at this stage only suggestions are required, the permission of the nominee need not be obtained. Nominees should be of suitable character, but do not need to be able to ride a horse as training will be arranged if required. Newsletters are being distributed throughout the village and surrounding areas and a Nomination Form is printed inside and should be either handed in at the Coffee Morning on Saturday, 31 January, dropped into a Whipman voting box in one of the Village Shops or be posted, in a sealed envelope, to Hamish Dykes, South Slipperfield, West Linton EH46 7AA to arrive **NO LATER** than Saturday, 31 January.

# JUNIOR DISCO

IN THE GRAHAM INSTITUTE

FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY

6 – 7.15 P.M.

CHILDREN NOT YET AT SCHOOL – P3

7.30 – 8.45 P.M. - P4 – P7

ALL CHILDREN NOT YET ATTENDING SCHOOL MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR OTHER SUITABLE  
ADULT - ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY

ENTRY - £2

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# COFFEE MORNING

IN THE GRAHAM INSTITUTE

SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY

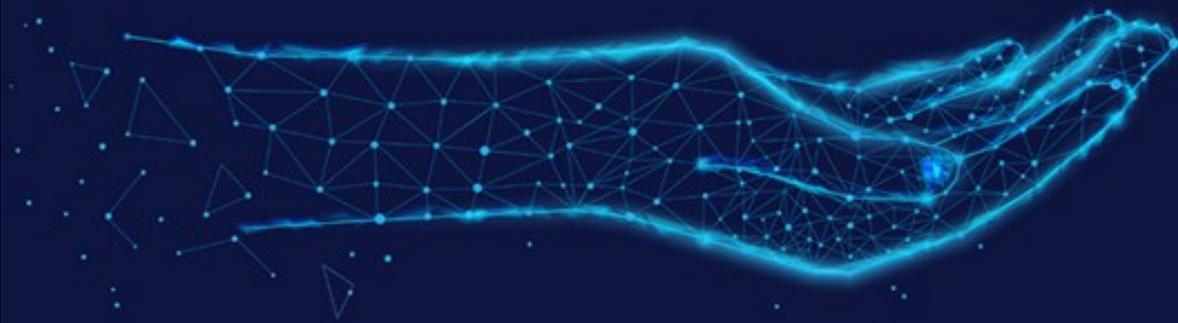
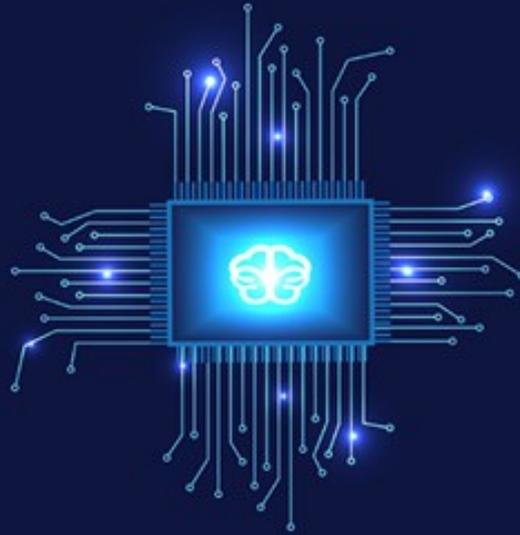
10 – 12 NOON

COFFEE/TEA/HOT CHOCOLATE/HOME BAKING  
TOMBOLA / RAFFLE

**LAST DAY FOR NOMINATIONS FOR  
LINTON WHIPMAN 2026**



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Heriot-Watt Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture 2026

# *The God of Small Things*

A nanotechnologist's view of creation

With Professor Russell Cowburn FRS

University of Cambridge

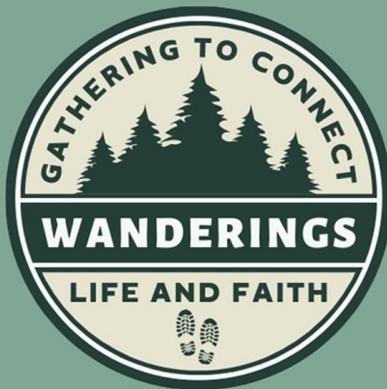
An evening with renowned Cambridge physicist and entrepreneur exploring how science and faith shed light on each other.

Monday 2 February 2026, refreshments 18:00, lecture 19:00  
James Watt Centre, Edinburgh Campus

Click [here](#) to register via Eventbrite  
by 29 January



# WANDERINGS



2.30pm Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Wed 4<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am Fri 20<sup>th</sup> February

Welly Wanders for families

Broughtonknowe Woods - for more info [#Wanderings-Scotland](#)



**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 (except 4 March). 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.

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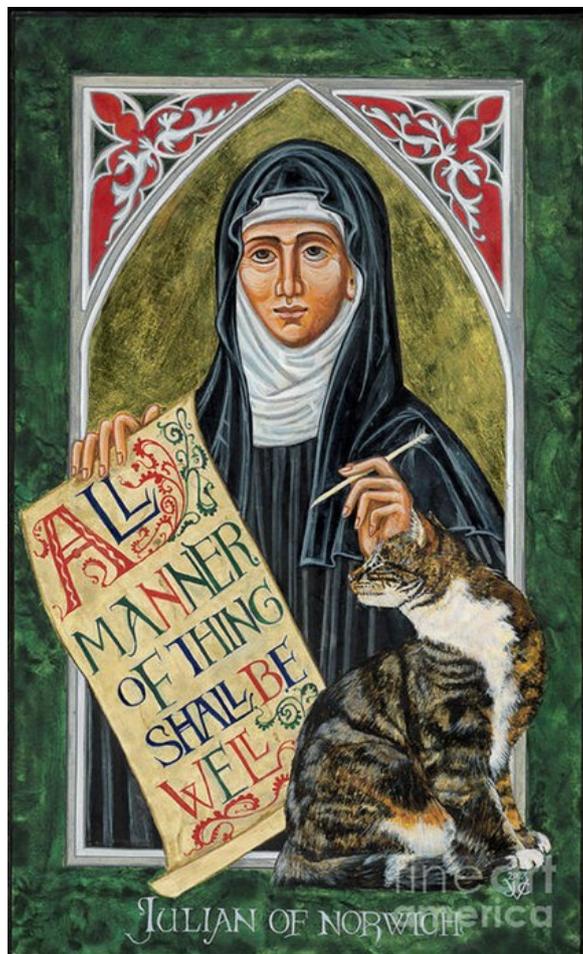
## Come and Pray with us

Join us at 10.00 a.m. on the first and third Monday of each month in Broughton Village Hall – in the wee meeting room, next to the bridge into the car park

**NOTE THE SLIGHTLY LATER START TIME**

Next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> January, then 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February

We are still contemplating the wisdom of Julian of Norwich and her utter certainty of God's love for us and her conviction that "all will be well, and all will be well and every kind of thing shall be well". And she held that conviction as much of the population of Norwich was wiped out by the plague and many people died in "the hundred years war" in Europe.



# 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)**

# 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**

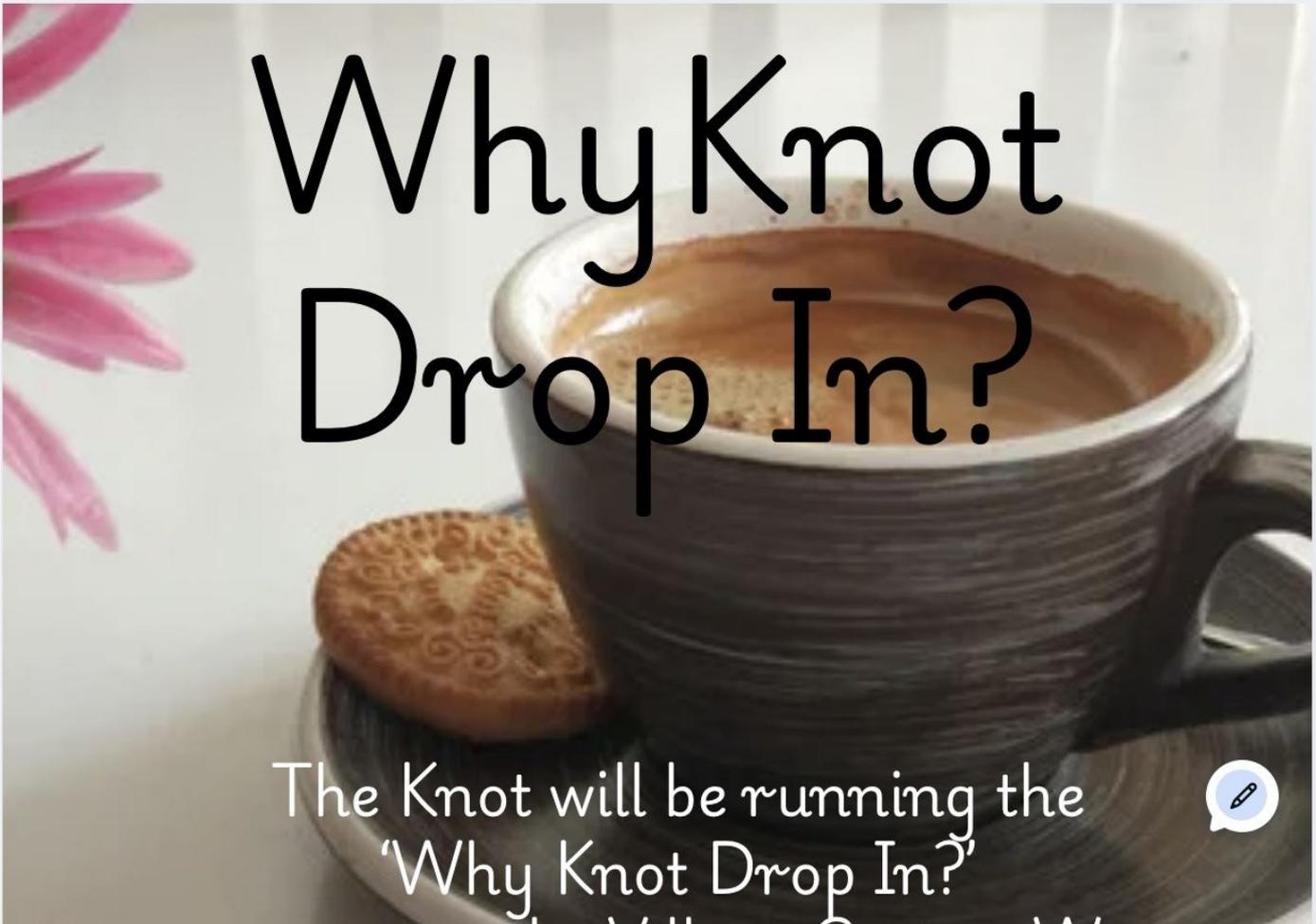
St Andrews  
Old Church Hall  
West Linton

# 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

# WhyKnot Drop In?



The Knot will be running the 'Why Knot Drop In?' sessions, at the Village Centre, West Linton, each Friday during January, starting 9<sup>th</sup> January. We will be there between 9.30am and 12 noon. Join us for a blether over a hot cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. See you there!

[theknotwestlinton.org.uk](http://theknotwestlinton.org.uk)

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

