

Linkage News

Services Sunday 26 April 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 – Steven Whalley in church

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

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9:30am - Colin Herd in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Colin Herd - in village hall



Communion

26 April 2026

Carlops 10am

St Andrew's 11:30am



There will probably be a delay of around six months before we will be given permission to call, but in the meantime we have the opportunity to review our Parish Profile and discuss what abilities and characteristics we will be seeking in a new minister.

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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Telephone 07793 294 000 or 01968 660 221

West Tweeddale Church Office

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Kirkurd & Newlands Church
 Sunday 3May 10am
 All are welcome

Communion Sunday

All are welcome
 to attend

St Andrew's Kirk Session Meeting

Thursday 14 May 2026

7.30pm

New Church Hall, West Linton





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.



**Fri 17th April 10.30am-
Welly Wanders**

Sat 25th April 2.30pm

**Wed 6th May 10am -
accessible Wandering at Glenholm**

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**

Date for your diary – on **24th October** there will be a coffee morning/sale fundraiser in St Mungo's Church in aid of the Breast Cancer Institute in Edinburgh (which carries out research) and Lavender Touch (which brings relief to those living with cancer in the Scottish Borders).

There will be a puppet show and the usual stalls and activities.

Help to staff the stalls, serve teas and coffees, baking and making crafts and donations of prizes for the raffle would be appreciated.

For more details please contact Catriona on 07772 788680 or Gill on 07508 202244.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY
28TH
JUNE

3PM

CONVENTICLE

TWEEDSMUIR CHURCH
REV. DAVID BARTHOLOMEW

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

DONATIONS TO SELL NEEDED

**CHRISTIAN AID
CAR BOOT SALE**

**SKIRLING
VILLAGE
GREEN**

**SUNDAY
10 MAY
2026**

**1:30 -
4:30 PM
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**HELP WITH THE TEAS, HELPING IN THE KITCHEN,
SERVING TEAS , BAKING FOR THE TEAS,
MANNING THE CHRISTIAN AID STALL, GENERAL
ASSISTANCE IN SET UP & TAKE DOWN**

CONTACT ISOBEL HUNTER

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

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

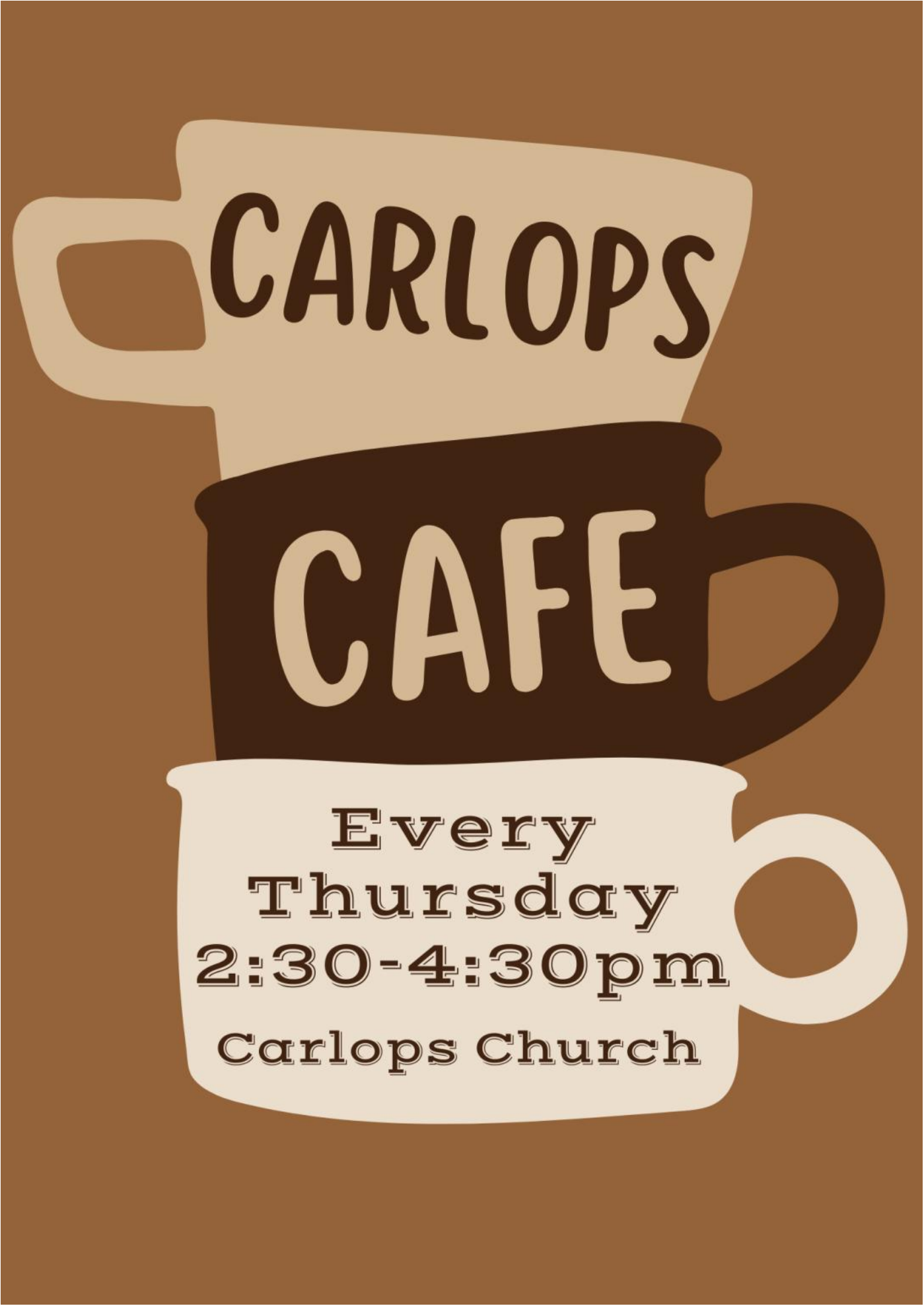
Old Church Hall West Linton



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.