

Linkage News

Services Sunday 26 May 2024

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Steven Whalley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

St Andrew's Church Worship - 11.30am - Steven Whalley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am –Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church - Communion

Skirling Church Worship - 11.30am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church - Communion

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9.30am - Fiona Burnett in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Fiona Burnett in church



The next General Kirk Session is planned for Tuesday 28th May at 7pm in Skirling Village Hall.



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.

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HOORAY!

LET'S
CELEBRATE

10
YEARS

Friday 31 May 2024 10-11.30am

Old Church Hall, West Linton

BABY
BRUNCH



COFFEE &
CONVERSATION



Baby Brunch – ten years old in May

As many of you may know, Baby Brunch meets in the Old Church Hall in West Linton on Friday mornings during school term time.

On 31st May this year it will be **10 years** since our first ever Baby Brunch session. The aim from the start was to provide a warm and welcoming place for parents and carers with babies and young toddlers to come and socialise with others. We were supported by a grant from the Church of Scotland "Go For It Fund " to get started.

I don't know how many families we have known in that time, but I can report that in the course of 2023, 39 families came to Baby Brunch for at least part of the year. This included familiar faces from the previous year, return of families with a new little one, and well as many new faces.

We started out as a band of 4/5 volunteers, some of whom attended every week. We now have 12 volunteers and 2 more about to join us, we have a rota with 3 for the full morning and a 4th coming in to help over the busy time. Those of us who have been involved from the start, (and are now 10 years older), are delighted to have so much help! Most of our volunteers have joined us through word of mouth and just seem to appear when we have been in need! We are hugely grateful to them all for their time and commitment.

The role of volunteers is to do the" housekeeping" for the group but it is also about chatting to parents/ carers, introducing newcomers to others, holding a baby to allow the adult to get a coffee/ attend to a sibling, (or just to have baby cuddles!!)

From the start Baby Brunch was known for home baking and good coffee, and in recent years we have had a group of volunteer scone makers, who bake for Baby Brunch on a rota basis. Their contribution is very much appreciated. The scones are intended for adults with a choice of "snacks" for the children. I think sometimes adults end up sharing their scone with their child!

While the majority of those who come are from within our Linkage area, over the years we have had families from Lasswade/ Peebles/Penicuik. Usually on a recommendation of a local user with whom they are friends.

Yes Friday mornings can be hectic and we go home to sit quietly and put our feet up, but the reward of receiving such warm and positive feedback from those who have attended the Group makes it all worth while!

Seeing children around the village "all grown up " and chatting families who speak of their warm memories of Baby Brunch, and the support it provided, is an added bonus as well.

Table Tennis

Fridays 7 - 8.30pm New Church Hall, West Linton

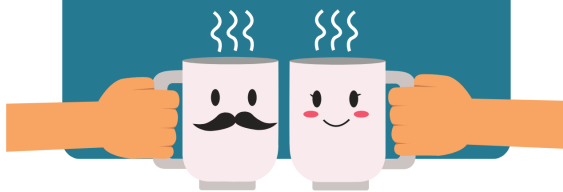
All ages & abilities welcome

**No Table Tennis
Friday 31 May as it's
Whipman Installation Night**

Cuppa & Company



Carlops Church
Thursdays
2-4pm



BABY **BRUNCH**

Term time
Fridays **10-11.30am**

Old Church Hall, West Linton



COMMUNITY **COSY CAFE** **AFTERNOON**

Fridays 2-4pm
Old Church Hall
West Linton

Come along for
Tea, Coffee, cakes, biscuits,
chat & company



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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.

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