

Linkage News

Services Sunday 19 July 2026

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

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

Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship - 10am – Rev. David Bartholomew in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Rev. David Bartholomew in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9:30am - Isobel Hunter in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - Isobel Hunter in village hall



ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that
Peter Wood
will be leading the services at Carlops and
St Andrew's on 2nd August.

Peter is our Presbytery Mission Officer.

It would be great if these could be
well-attended at both our churches.

Please put the **date in your diaries** and
we can look forward to engaging and
inspiring service on 2nd August

SAVE THE DATE
2 AUGUST 2026
CARLOPS & ST ANDREW'S

www.westtweeddale.org.uk

The Mission officer's role is to support churches to discern how best to serve their communities with the gospel and to grow disciples; to tell faith stories, to host and co-ordinate mission networks and clusters that encourage prayer and best mission practice; to encourage pioneering new initiatives and support with funding and with presbytery colleagues to present a vision of the bigger story of which we are all part.

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.

Please come along and help to progress this important step in the process of calling a new Minister,

Thanks Session Clerks

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

Newlands Open-Air Communion Service and picnic

There will be an open-air Communion service followed by a picnic for the whole West Tweeddale linkage at the **site of the old Newlands church on Sunday 9th August at 3pm.**

For more information contact Jean Howat:
howatjean@gmail.com



**West Tweeddale Churches
Open-Air Communion Service
and Picnic**

**at the site of the
old Newlands Church
Everyone is welcome**

**Sunday
9 August 2026
3pm**

Parking will be in the car park opposite the current Newlands Church.

Everyone should bring their own picnic and folding chairs or a rug to sit on.

In the event of the weather not co-operating we will take refuge for the service and the picnic in the current church.

FORGIVENESS

A COURSE LED BY REV. NICK
BOWRY FROM ST MUNGO'S
CHURCH WEST LINTON

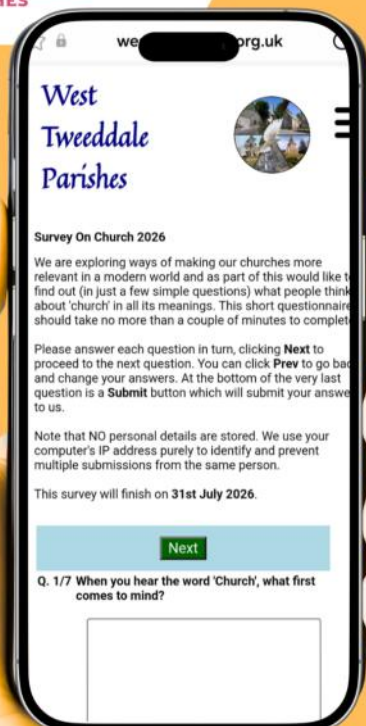
BASED ON A BOOKLET –
MAKING PEACE WITH THE PAST

The sessions will be on a
Tuesday evening from 6th
October to 10th November.
Carlops and Upper Tweeddale are
considering running parallel
sessions.
Times and dates to be
confirmed.

Further details will be available
in Mid-August.



You can start the questionnaire by going to the questionnaire page on the
West Tweeddale parishes website: [www.westtweeddale.org.uk/
questionnaire.asp](http://www.westtweeddale.org.uk/questionnaire.asp)



We Value Your INPUT

Scan the QR Code to complete
our survey

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ME! >>>



Website
www.westtweeddale.org.uk



**Fri 24th July 10.30am-
Welly Wanders for families**

Sat 25th July 2.30pm

**Thurs 13th Aug 10.30am
followed by Skirling lunch**

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

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



**FREE hot drinks, scrumptious scones,
and delectable cakes!**

West Linton Old Church Hall

Third Tuesday, every month

Doors open from 10 a.m. to noon.

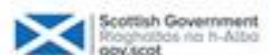
Aug	Sept	Oct
18th	15th	20th

Supported by Citizens Advice Bureau, "The Coffee Clubs" are community cafes. You can meet old friends, make new friends and have a good blether. The Coffee Clubs are for everyone - whether you'd like free access to advice or just a cuppa!

We will have a Foodbank collection point in the venue. Donations are welcomed but not essential.



Funded by Borders Community Action
Community Health and Wellbeing Fund



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

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

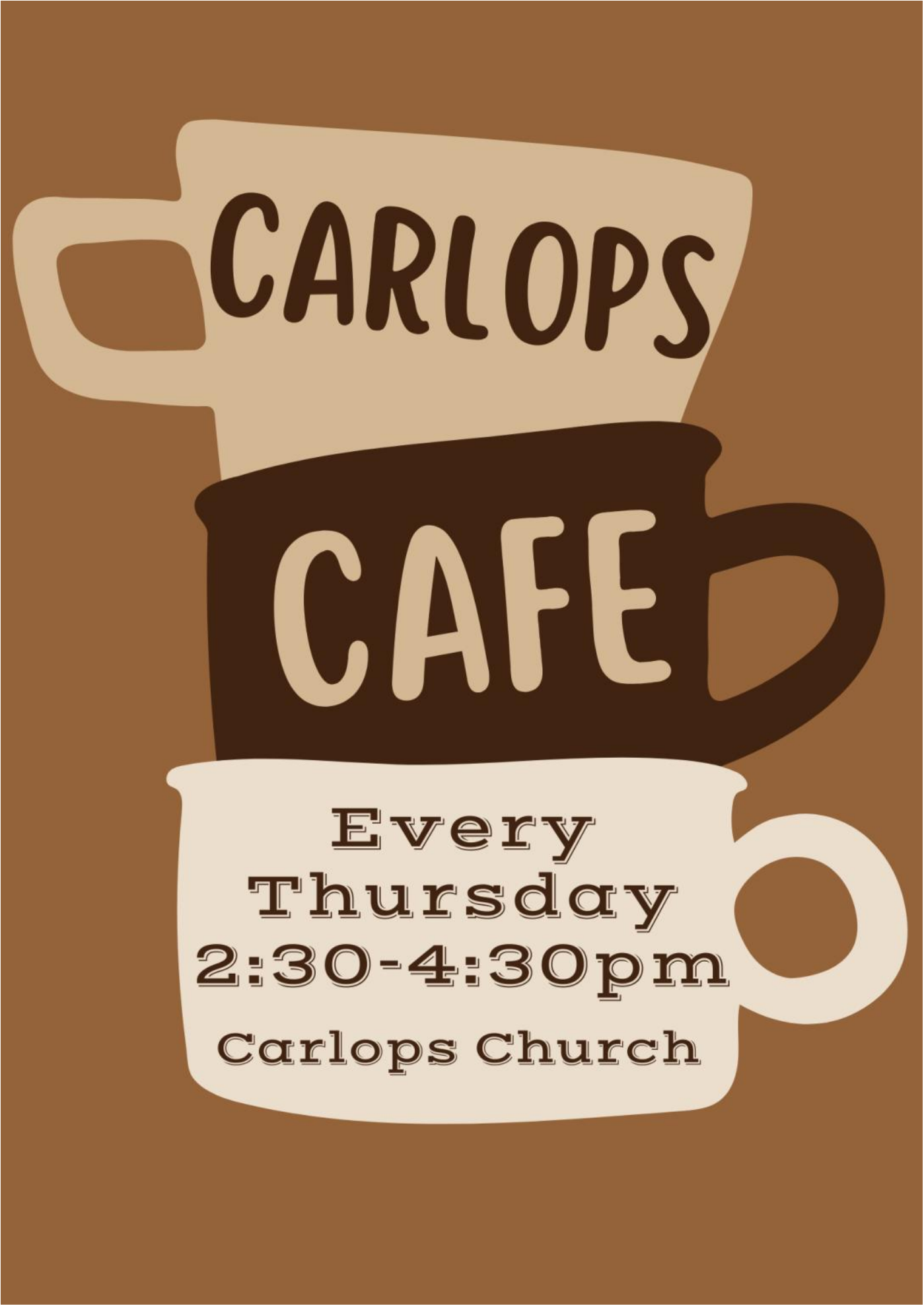
Old Church Hall West Linton



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



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 SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Have a great summer!

Restarts Friday 21 August



Term time Fridays
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

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.