

Linkage News

Services Sunday 30 August 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 – Fiona Burnett in church

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

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

The development of a Parish Profile is an important step in the process of attracting a new Minister, once we have been given permission to call. **If you are planning to attend the meeting** to help develop the Parish Profile, can you **please let your Session Clerk know**.

Once you do, you will be sent some of the documents that have been submitted to Presbytery. These summarise all the Church activities we currently undertake.

This is important, as it means we can take this information as 'read', and can concentrate on what is important at this meeting, namely what **we want from a Minister** and what we want to focus on about **what we have to offer**.

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



Our Village Talks

Monthly talks, tea and chat hosted by Carlops Church

Friday 11 September 2026 at 7.30pm in Carlops



Gus Fisher

Letter carver

*The 98 Lost Names of D-Day
British Normandy Memorial*



Questions, discussion, refreshments to follow!

Admission free but donations are invited

Payments may be made by cash, card or QR code

www.carlopschurch.org/newsletter



Shoe Box Appeal Filler Ideas



Woman

Make-up
Sanitary products
Shampoo
Nail varnish
Small scissors
Tape measure

Man

Dominoes
Pack of cards
Tools
Tape measure
Tin cup
Wind-up torch
Shaving brush
Pen

Girl/Boy age 3 - 12

(Please choose items appropriate
to the age of child you have chosen)

Sewing/craft kit
Chalk
Paint by numbers
Paints
Colouring/sticker book
Crayons/Stationery
Jewellery/Beads
Socks
T-shirt
Pyjamas
Toy car/truck
Skipping ropes
Lego
Board game
Small ball
Playing cards

Teenage Girl/Boy

Make-up
Craft kit
Jewellery
Hair brush
Nail varnish
Hair band
Diary
Manicure set
Tennis ball
Puzzles
Board game
Wind-up torch
Dominoes
Deodorant
Thermal vest

Elderly woman

Hand cream
Folding walking stick
Slippers
Candle
Tin cup
Small clock
Tights

St Andrew's Parish Church are collecting shoeboxes for Blythswood again. Leaflets for this year's appeal are available in church. You can now sponsor a shoebox by visiting the Blythswood website.
Collection date to follow but likely to be mid October.

Blythswood request that each shoebox contains a toothbrush and toothpaste, underwear, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat

Please see some other shoebox filler ideas above

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT



At Tweed Togs, we want every clothing parcel to make a child feel special, valued and cared for. While we love giving good-quality pre-loved clothing a new lease of life, we don't want children to receive clothes that feel like unwanted hand-me-downs.

We carefully select, launder, iron and pack every item, so please only donate clothing that is clean, in good condition and something you would be happy to pass on to another child. Our volunteers are incredibly precious to us, and their time is our most valuable resource. Sorting through stained, damaged or unsuitable donations takes time that could instead be

spent preparing beautiful parcels for children who need them. 🧡☀️☀️

If you're not sure whether we can accept something, please check our simple guide below before donating. It really does help us make the best use of every donation – and every volunteer hour.

Thank you for helping us make sure our parcels feel like a gift, not a hand-me-down.

For more info see Tweed Togs [website](#)

Here's a quick guide to what we do and don't accept:

- ✓ Laundered clothing
- ✓ Good quality clothing including outdoor wear and accessories e.g. hats and gloves, swimwear, sportswear, nightwear
- ✓ Baby/toddler sleeping bags

- ✗ Marked or stained clothing
- ✗ Torn or well-worn clothing
- ✗ Clothing with a country or team name/logo e.g. football strips
- ✗ Clothing with a family member reference on it e.g. 'big sister' or 'Grandma loves you'
- ✗ Shoes
- ✗ Bedding and bed linen
- ✗ Soft toys

You can drop your donations at one of our Collection Points at:

- Fatface, Peebles
- Co-op, Innerleithen
- St Andrew's Church, West Linton
- Treetop Toys, Melrose
- Cafe ReCharge, Galashiels



PUBLIC MEETING

NEW RETAIL STORE (CO-OP)

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
19:00 - 20:30

AT THE GRAHAM INSTITUTE

The applicant and developer will be attending to discuss the application and answer questions from the community.

Can't make it? Want to see the materials before the meeting?

Drop in to view the proposal
between 17:30 and 19:00



You can view documentation about the site on the Scottish Borders Planning Portal using the application reference:

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Organised by West Linton Community Council
Contact: westlintoncc@gmail.com

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
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

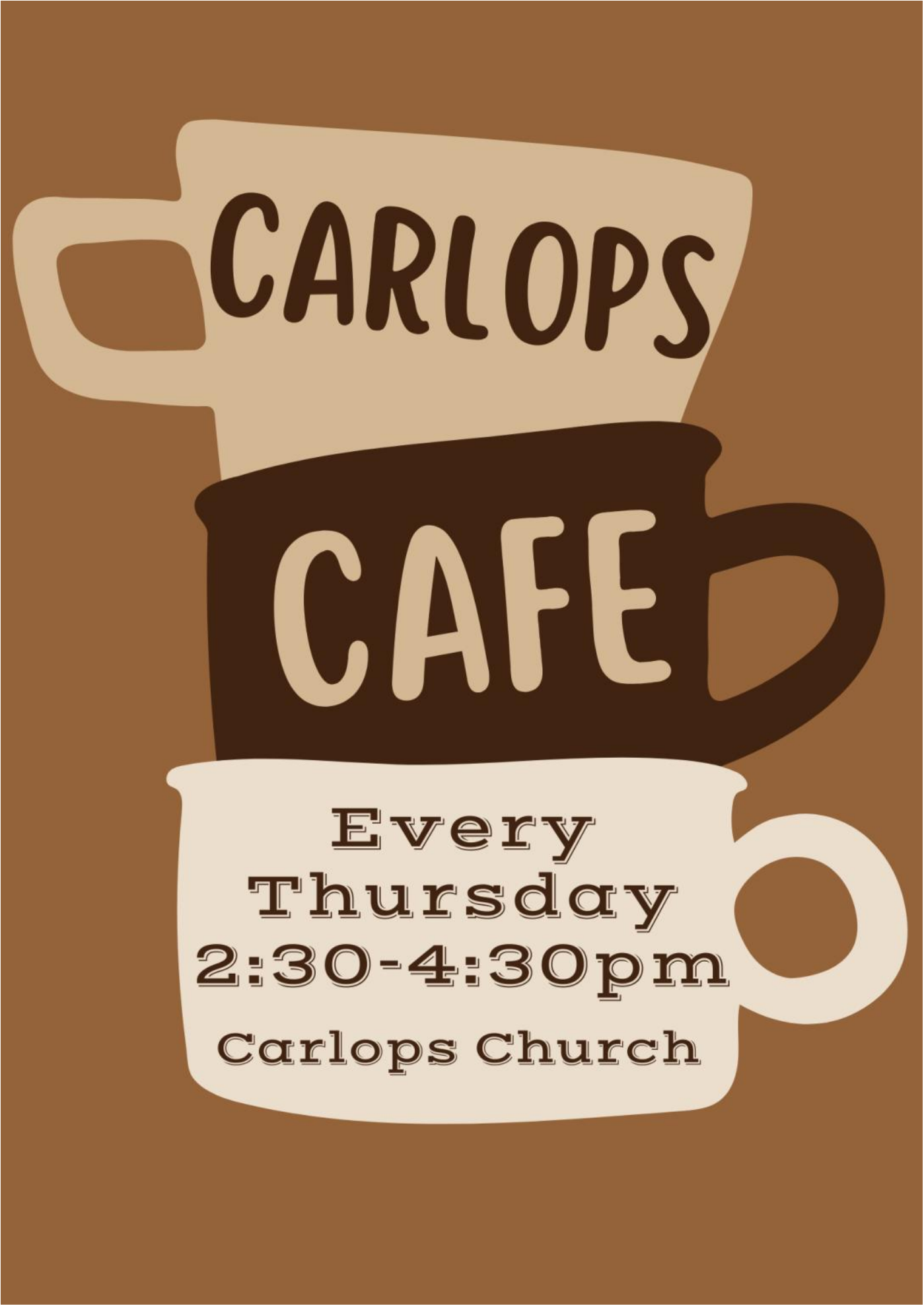
Old Church Hall West Linton



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



On Summer break

Restarts in September

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

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.