

Linkage News

Services Sunday 30 November 2025

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 – Colin Herd in church

Skirling Church Worship - 11:30am - Colin Herd in church

Tweedsmuir Church Worship - 9.30am - David Henderson-Howat in church

Broughton Church Worship - 11am - David Henderson-Howat in village hall



St Andrew's Christmas Lighting The Kirk Session has once again agreed to the illumination of the Church over the Christmas festive period to coincide with the lighting up of the Christmas lights along the Main Street and Raemartin Square.

We have always sought to defray the cost of operating our lights by seeking sponsorship from the congregation and anyone seeking to participate may add their details and amount of contribution on a sheet which, as previously, will be available on the shelf inside the West Door of the Church during November.

Contributions will be collected during December and may be given to Michael Knott, the Kirk Treasurer or Neil Calvert.

St Andrew's Church West Linton

Sunday 7 December at 11:30am - Children's Nativity Service

Monday 8 December at 7:30pm - Blue Christmas Service (at St Mungo's Church)

Sunday 14 December at 11:30am - Gift Service

Sunday 21 December at 11:30am - Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve at 11:30pm - Watchnight Service

Christmas Day at 11:00am - Family Service

www.standrews-westlinton.org

www.westtweeddale.org.uk

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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Sunday Club
St Andrew's Parish Church,
West Linton
Children's Nativity Service

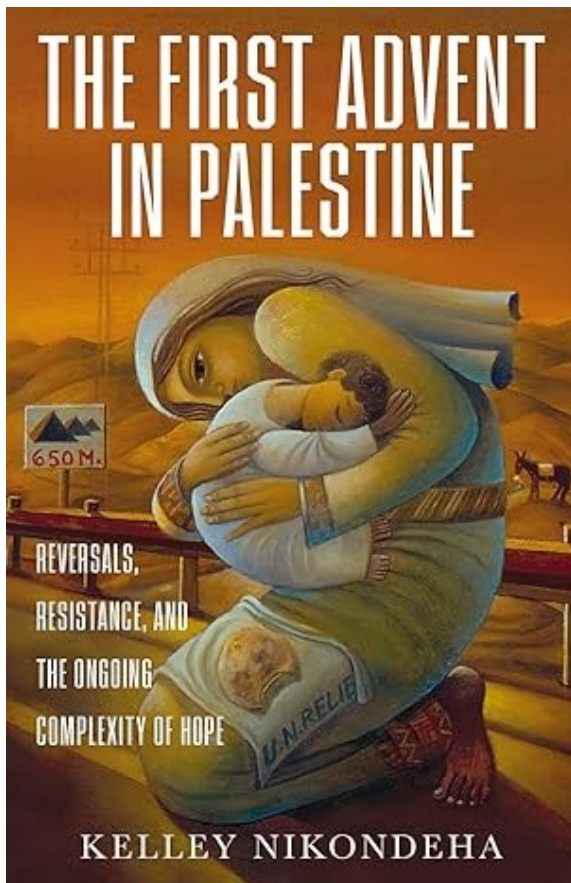
All age nativity service
Sunday 7 Dec. 2025 at 11:30am



Children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite nativity character and will be able to take part if they would like to.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

The service will be very relaxed and should last about 45mins.
(Princesses and action heroes will made very welcome at the stable too.



If you are planning to join the Advent Study over Zoom just a reminder that this starts on Wednesday the 26th at 7:00pm.

In week 1 we're going to very lightly touch down in the first couple of chapters but will predominantly focus on chapters 3 and 4.

We will then move on to focus on chapters 5 in week 2, chapter 6 in week 3 and will conclude with chapter 7 in week 4.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83048270273?pwd=onxP9o5NrrilqmMvSwQCHdvPEXP8UD.1>

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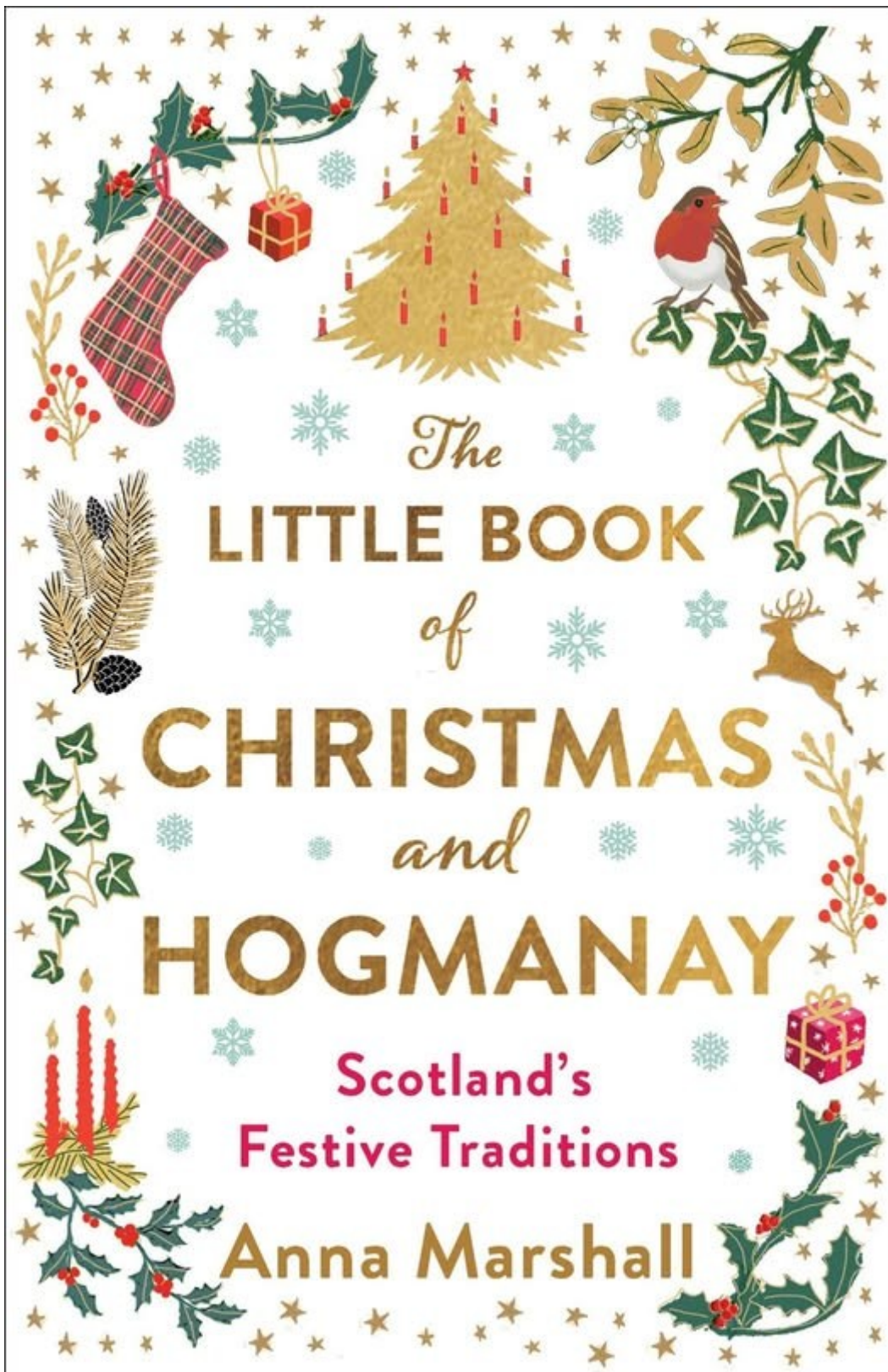
Did you know that Christmas was banned in Scotland for nearly 400 years? Or that first footers in Dundee used to give a gift of a herring in a fish dress at Hogmanay? Do you know the origin of the loony dook, the true meaning of 'Deck the Halls', or how the residents of Biggar kept the Biggar Bonfire burning even during the WWII blackouts?

Come along on **Monday 8th December** and join me in conversation with **Drummond Begg** as we discuss the wonderfully fascinating and eclectic Scottish festive traditions in my new book, *The Little Book of Christmas and Hogmanay*.

Free mulled wine. Books available for sale on the night- ideal stocking fillers.

Pre-booking appreciated. Please use this link to buy your tickets:

<https://bookwhen.com/wlearlylea.../e/ev-s7sna-20251208193000>



St Andrew's are once again collecting gifts and toys for distribution to those less fortunate through the Salvation Army and our local Social Services.

Gifts should be new and unwrapped and may be handed in to St Andrews Church on Saturday 13th December between 10am and noon or at the morning service on **14th December**.

Some wrapping paper is also appreciated. The Salvation Army leaders indicate that there is a continuing need for our assistance and are very grateful for our participation.



Sunday 7th December Upper Tweeddeale Christingle service 11am Broughton Village Hall

Coffee 10:30, Service 11am, followed by soup and sandwich lunch





AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER AND SONG

*In memory of
Doreen Graham MBE*

Newlands Church
Saturday 13th December
7pm

With Crescendo and The Wednesdays
Tea, coffee and mince pies • Proceeds to MSF • Tickets £10



Our Village Talks

Autumn/Winter **2025** Programme

Monthly talks, tea and chat hosted by Carlops Church

Friday 10th October, 7.30 pm *An Excavation of Mine*

Artist Shelagh Atkinson introduces us to her archive, and takes us through the process of working with Art360 Scotland to build an archive of her work.

Friday 14th November 2025, 7.30 pm *The life and works of John Buchan*

Ted Shields will present on John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, was a Scottish novelist and historian who served as Governor General of Canada and is best known for his iconic novel, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*.

Friday 5th December 2025, 7.30 pm *Three Songs from Africa*

Guitarist Tom Salter's account of his work and travel in Mali, Zimbabwe and The Democratic Republic of Congo. With a taster of some traditional food from Africa. (*Please note change to advertised date for our December event*).

In aid of Malawi and Carlops Church funds
(suggested £5 donation per event)

A decorative bokeh light effect consisting of numerous out-of-focus blue and white circular lights of varying sizes, creating a festive and ethereal atmosphere. It is positioned on the left side of the poster, extending from the top to the bottom.

blue *Christmas*

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

7:30PM

ST MUNGO'S CHURCH
WEST LINTON

COME OUT, AND JOIN WITH US IN
SHARING AND HEARING PRAYERS,
SCRIPTURE, AND MUSIC THAT
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOD'S
PRESENCE IS FOR THOSE WHO
MOURN, FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE -
AND THAT GOD'S WORD COMES TO
SHINE LIGHT INTO OUR DARKNESS..

**Everyone,
regardless of church
background (or lack of it)
is welcome.**

Next session - Wednesday 26 November

Our last meeting for 2025 will be on 9th December (Christmas Lunch).

A peaceful Christmas to all.

Our next meeting will be on January 14th 2026. A wonderful memory from the past

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



Sat 29th Nov 2.30pm

Wed 3rd Dec 9.30am

(followed by bite and blether, Broughton)

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.

Join us at 9.45 a.m. on the first AND THIRD Monday of each month in Broughton Village Hall – in the wee meeting room



We are just beginning to contemplate some of her writings on the Motherhood of God.

“The all-powerful truth of the Trinity is the Father, who created us and keeps us within him. The deep wisdom of the Trinity is our Mother in whom we are all enfolded.”

Coffee Club



All Welcome!

Open 10am - 12pm

FREE hot drinks and cakes

West Linton Old Church Hall

3rd Tuesday, every month

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
17th	-	19th	16th	21st	18th	16th

Sponsored by Citizens Advice Bureau, the Coffee Clubs are community cafes.

You can meet your friends or have some company and a good blether.

The Coffee Clubs are for everyone - whether you'd like advice or just a cuppa!



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



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





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
OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**
HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT
RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

