

Linkage News

Services Sunday 24 May 2026

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Patsy Campbell 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 – David Henderson-Howat in church

Skirling Church Worship
Tweedsmuir Church Worship
Broughton Church Worship

No services in Upper Tweeddale - Joint Service in
 St Andrew's West Linton 11:30am



The service on the 31st May will be Tony's last service as our Minister. It will be a joint service with all of the Churches in West Tweeddale. If you can, please come along to bid Tony a fond farewell.



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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West Tweeddale Church Office

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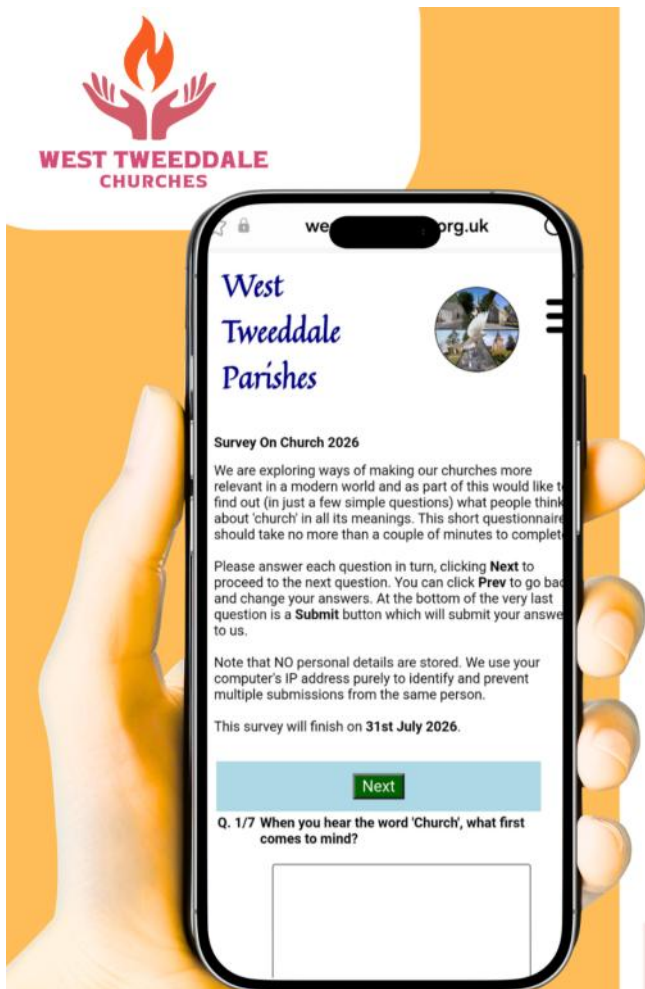
JOIN US FOR CHURCH IN THE MARQUEE



WHIPMAN SERVICE
11 AM
SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2025

All are welcome!
Zoom link on request

JOINT SERVICE
ST MUNGO'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND
ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH



We Value Your **INPUT**

Scan the QR Code to complete
our survey



Website

www.westtweeddale.org.uk

Church Survey 2026

We are exploring ways of making our churches more relevant in a modern world and as part of this would like to find out (in just a few simple questions) what people think about 'church' in all its meanings. This short questionnaire should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete. You can start the questionnaire by going to the questionnaire page on the West Tweeddale parishes website: www.westtweeddale.org.uk/questionnaire.asp

If you would like to explore your faith further through the church then there is also a **Next Steps** page to help you on that path, again on the West Tweeddale Parishes website: www.westtweeddale.org.uk/add-NextSteps.asp.

A great day in a garden – Pentecost Sunday

We held a celebration of Pentecost by showcasing all the Groups who support the community across the linkage. The event was held in the Manse gardens in West Linton with stalls from all the Church Groups from across the linkage. There was also a Margee for tea, coffee and cakes, ice cream, music and singing, competitions and a parachute game which was particularly enjoyed by the children (and some of us adults). We were blessed with terrific weather.

The choice of dates was important as, although there were other events on the day, most notably next door at the fire station and it was a bank holiday, it was important as Pentecost represents the Birthday of the Church, when the disciples left the room and started to preach the Gospel. What was inside a room went outside into the world. They converted 3,000 people on that day. Our event may have not been as successful, but it did take what is inside our church activities into the community. We pray it will bring people closer to the teaching of Jesus.

We did also 'launch' our survey where we are asking how we can make the church more relevant.

We would like to thank all those who helped with setting up, organising stalls, providing refreshments and activities for making it such a memorable day.



Fri 15th May 10.30am-
Welly Wanders for families

Sat 30th May 2.30pm

Thurs 11th June 10.30am -
followed by lunch in Skirling

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](https://www.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

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

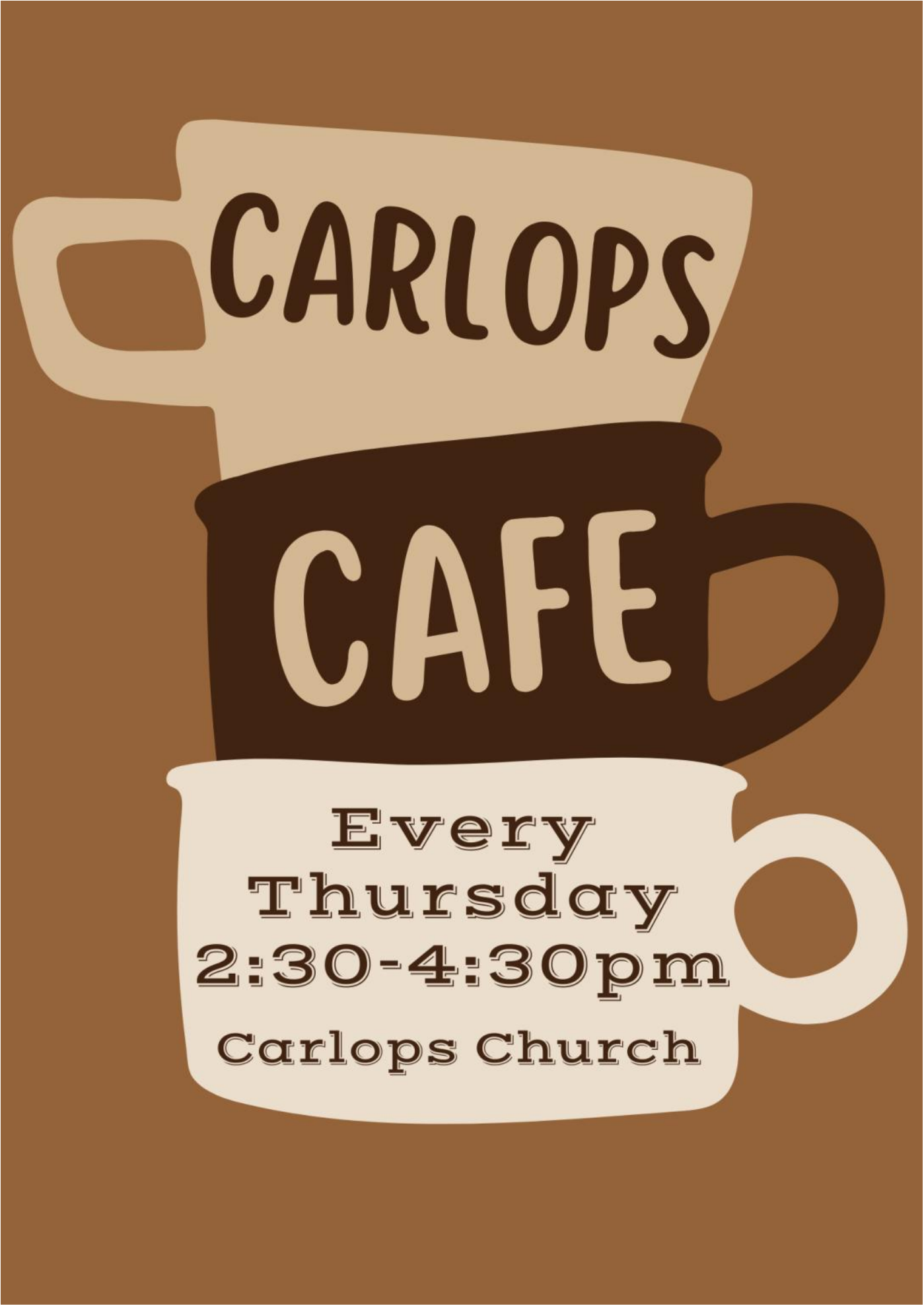
Old Church Hall West Linton



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.