

*Kirkurd & Newlands*

*Parish Magazine*



*April 2025*

## Sunday Services

All our services are held in church but there is a Zoom link to services in Carlops at 10am and St. Andrews West Linton at 11.30am.



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## *West Tweeddale Parishes*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
06 April 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley
13 April 2025	Murray Campbell	Rev Chris Levison	Murray Campbell
20 April 2025	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley
27 April 2025	Patsy Campbell	Fiona Burnett	Patsy Campbell
04 May 2025	Rev Tony Foley	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Tony Foley

**Welcome:** Jean & David Howat

**Church Cleaning:** Joan White



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
06 April 2025	Fiona Burnett	Isobel Hunter	Fiona Burnett
13 April 2025	Fiona Burnett	-	-
20 April 2025	-	-	Peter Worthington
27 April 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley
04 May 2025	Fiona Burnett	David Henderson-Howat	Fiona Burnett

**Holy Week and Easter Services**  
**Sun 13 April 2025 - Sun 20 April 2025**

There will be church services around the linkage during Holy Week and Easter centred around the theme of forgiveness and based on the Lenten Study on Forgiveness:

**Palm Sunday 13 April, 11am**

Joint Service for Upper Tweeddale, Broughton Village Hall

**Monday 14 April, 7pm**

Tweedsmuir Church

**Tuesday 15 April, 7pm**

Broughton Village Hall

**Wednesday 16 April, 7pm**

Skirling Church

**Thursday 17 April, 7pm**

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Newlands Church

**Friday 18 April, 8pm**

Tenebrae Service - Carlops Church

**Saturday 19 April, 10.30am**

A short prayer wander – Glenholm Churchyard.

**Easter Sunday Service 20 April**

10am Newlands Church

10am Tweedsmuir Village Hall

11.30am St Andrews West Linton

## *Having faith in Faith*

To live by faith is not the same as living in certainty. It is logically impossible to be certain about faith. In that sense having faith in God is different to being certain about God. Faith gives us access to the holy and transcendent in ways certainty cannot. Easter is a prime example. It marks the time of year when the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, a feast day that simultaneously calls forth an act of faith and at the same time affirms that act of faith. For centuries Christians have confessed the Apostle's Creed, which begins with the words, "*I believe...*" not with, "*I am certain . . .*". Christians have never been certain. There is too much at stake for that.

Most of the 18th-century philosophers who led the Enlightenment weren't particularly interested in getting rid of religion. They just wanted us to call it faith.

It was an unintentional gift to the Church, because it sought to keep the categories of certainty and faith separate. Our desire for certainty is very understandable especially today when it feels like politically, socially and economically the ground is shifting beneath our feet. We're desperately looking to be certain about something.

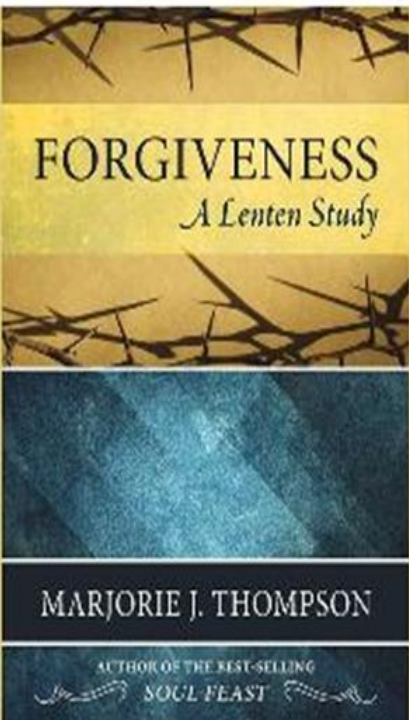
And our relationship with God is no different. But the easiest way to destroy someone's love for us is to continually ask them to prove it. All healthy relationships are bound together by faith. All weddings are an act of faith. Our marriages and our friendships are all based on the belief that when a crisis happens we all hope and believe that family and friends will rush to the emergency room.

It wasn't necessary or certain that God would love us despite our sins or indeed forgive us. The decision to give those blessings was God's choice. As for faith, that's just our way of accessing those blessings.

Thankfully, for reasons only He knows, God keeps choosing to have faith in our faith. Happy Easter to you and yours.

Peace,

Tony



## Lent Studies for 2025

**Starting the week beginning  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for six weeks**

**Forgiveness by Marjorie J. Thompson**

Join either of two groups, one in person and the other online using Zoom on the following days:

**Tuesday 10am to 11am** – the Laurelbank in Broughton led by Isobel Hunter

**Wednesday 7pm** – Zoom study led by Steven Whalley and Kevin Scott

On-line study group for Lent. It will run from next **Wednesday** (the 5th March) until 9th April from 7pm

The study group will be considering the book *Forgiveness: a Lenten Study* by Marjorie J Thompson.

The study group will be facilitated by Kevin Scott and Steven Whalley.

Meeting ID: 880 1773 4989

Passcode: 031485

The link to the meeting is below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88017734989?pwd=z27NKhlfomEM2yB3GFZzSUaifchZE3.1>

## Forgiveness and a free cup of coffee

Forgiveness is something we need to learn to both give and receive. In these disconcerting times probably more than ever.

Come and join us in the Laurel Bank in Broughton at 10am on Tuesdays for a cup of coffee and a discussion based around *Forgiveness* by Marjorie J. Thompson over the 6 weeks of Lent – from the 4<sup>th</sup> March to the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, or just drop in for a single session





# Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council



## NEEDS YOU

**Would you like to  
have more of a say  
within your  
Community?**

**Do you know how the  
Community Council  
works with Scottish  
Borders Council?**

### **When are the meetings?**

The Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council (LNKCC) meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### **Where are the meetings held?**

The meetings rotate between the Newlands Centre and Lamancha Hub

### **What is being a Community Councillor?**

Attending Community Council meetings and giving your opinion/view as a community member.

### **AGM**

Wednesday 11th June, 7:30pm  
Lamancha Hub  
ALL WELCOME



Please contact the LNKCC Chair on  
[lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com) for more information



The next Messy Church session is on



**Sunday 27 April – The Seed and the Sower**

**The session starts at 4pm in the New Church Hall at West Linton.**

All children from babies to P7 are most welcome to come and join in the fun!

We will start with a Bible Story and a song and then the children will do a range of craft activities, followed by a prayer and finish off with a meal together. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Please do consider joining us for an afternoon of fun activities and a family meal together.

For more information contact Jean Howat [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)



## Concert at Newlands Church

*Ruth Alan,  
pianist  
Tom Celeketic,  
conductor*

*Sister Community Choirs*  
**Crescendo and Wednesdays**

*with  
international  
soloists*

**Saturday, March 29th, at 7 PM**

*£5 in aid of  
Macmillan  
Cancer Support*

*Newlands Church*

*Tea, coffee and  
cakes included in  
the interval*

Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm  
on Wednesday 16 April  
at the Lamancha Hub**

Community Councils give people a voice concerning where they live. Come along and make sure your voice is heard and find out what is happening in your area.

**All welcome**

We have a Facebook page which will keep you up to date on meeting dates and local issues. Please email **lnkccchair@gmail.com** with any comments or questions.

**Information regarding flooding:** The Scottish Flood Forum website is a good source of information. [The Scottish Flood Forum - Supporting Flood Risk Communities](#). The Forum works to support communities and individual property owners with any source of flooding issue whether it's out of sewer, pluvial or fluvial flooding . It should also be able to give advice on any insurance issues faced by customers.

**Small grants up to £50** can be awarded by the Community Council to Community Groups. To apply or for more information, email **lnkccchair@gmail.com** .



At the February meeting we enjoyed a practical evening of pasta making with Helen Wood.

Helen had prepared pasta dough and various fillings and sauces for us to create tortellini, spaghetti and various other shapes.

These were cooked and sampled.

Sharon Cowle proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: 2 Dropped Scones    1<sup>st</sup>. Lesley Johnstone    2<sup>nd</sup>. Elma Noble

A Scarf:                                  1<sup>st</sup>. Jean Fraser                                  2<sup>nd</sup>. Margaret Adamson

Members participated at the Peeblesshire Federation SWI Spring Show, where there was an impressive display of spring bulbs, plants, handcrafts and baking etc.

Congratulations to all who took part and won prizes.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. April    A.G.M.**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. May**                      Peeblesshire Fed SWI 100<sup>th</sup>. Birthday Afternoon Tea at  
Peebles Hydro. Tickets £20

### **Our Village Talks in Carlops**

Monthly talks and a chance to chat

Hosted by Carlops Church

**Friday 11th April, 7.30 pm**

### **The Philosophy of Rudolf Steiner**

Colin Third and colleagues will talk about the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner and how his gentle approach influences the care of adults with learning disability who live at Garvald West Linton. Suggested donation of £5 to attend a talk.

As well as bringing you evenings of interest, we hope to raise funds for local charities and for Malawi. The country has faced famine and food insecurity in recent months. We are hoping to raise funds towards a kitchen space and two pit latrines as a contribution to a village hall. The hall will be used for early years learning and for vaccination programmes for children. We will present a visual display of our progress with fundraising efforts to keep you updated.

## The Open Gate

The Open Gate counselling service continues to be available to anyone who wants help with a problem.

The approach used is Solution Focussed Brief Therapy which helps quickly and pleasantly.

Don't carry on feeling anxious, depressed or feeling that you can't cope, but phone or text **07535 898 244** to ask for an appointment in Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge on a Friday afternoon.

## *LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ*

A warm welcome is extended to all every Wednesday from 10 am until 2 pm. Come and try out our home baking, soups, filled rolls and delicious scones followed by a nice cup of coffee.

We have a spacious hall to hire and currently have classes for Yoga, Pilates and Sewing. For further information contact [info@lamanchahub.org.uk](mailto:info@lamanchahub.org.uk)

Cilla Davidson



## Pastoral Care 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 The Rev Tony Foley [TFoley@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:TFoley@churchofscotland.org.uk) or Jean Howat [howat-jean@gmail.com](mailto:howat-jean@gmail.com)

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.

## ***Garden Ramblings***

At the time of writing (mid March) the weather is still on the chilly side and not a lot has been happening in my garden. The snowdrops have been superb this year and the many varieties of daffodil are all ready to put on their display. Talking of daffodils, a big thankyou is due to Glenrath Farms for all the bulbs they have planted on the roadside verges over the years.

The Lamancha Hub garden has recently had a makeover by local landscapers and is looking much tidier and soon (fingers crossed) we will all be able to sit outside during the Wednesday cafe.

The birds are singing and I've heard the first lawnmower so Easter is definitely on the way.

HAPPY EASTER to all of you.

Cilla Davidson



***NEWLANDS SWI***



A very enjoyable afternoon was held at the Bulb Show in the Newlands Centre. Thanks to all the ladies who set up the exhibits and congratulations to all the prize winners.

Our next meeting on Thursday 10th April, at 7.30pm in the Hub cafe, will be our AGM. Please bring any ideas for next year's syllabus. Our regular monthly meetings start again in September, after a well earned break. Have a lovely summer everyone.

Cilla Davidson

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Material for the May magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by

**Tuesday, 22 April 2025**

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