

*Kirkcud & Newlands Parish Magazine*

*February 2026*

*Pudding Night at Newlands Church*

*Friday, 6th February 2026, 6.30pm*

*In aid of a famine relief charity*



*Volunteers make soup*

*Everyone brings a pudding to share*

*Raffle*

*Tickets £5, children free,*

*available from Jean Howat*

*howatjean@gmail.com*

## 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.



For more information contact Jean Howat. [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com) 01968 660677

### *West Tweeddale Parishes - February 2026*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
01 February 2026	Rev Tony Foley	Julian Birchall	Rev Tony Foley
08 February 2026	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Patsy Campbell
15 February 2026	Murray Campbell	David Henderson-Howat	Murray Campbell
22 February 2026	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley
01 March 2026	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley

**Welcome:** Fay Young & Joan White

**Church Cleaning:** Yvonne Ashforth



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
01 February 2026	Café Church	Julian Birchall	Fiona Burnett
08 February 2026	Julian Birchall	Rev Tony Foley	Julian Birchall
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**“There is no science without fancy, and no art without facts.”** Vladimir Nabokov.

Did you know that over one third of the Old Testament is written as poetry. It seems that whenever God wants to say something important to us or wants us to think deeply about a matter, He wraps it up in the rhythms and rhymes of poetry, in metaphors and similes. The father of modern biology Charles Darwin, reflecting in later life on the danger of spending too much time in the pursuit of prosaic information warns us that failing to make time in our lives for poetry, art, and music robs us of something that we cannot obtain by any other means.

“My mind seems to have become a kind of machine for grinding general laws out of large collections of facts, but ...if I had to live my life again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week; for perhaps then those parts of my brain now atrophied would thus have been kept active through use. The loss of these tastes is a loss of happiness, and may possibly be injurious to the intellect, and more probably to the moral character.” CHARLES DARWIN

I don't like poems.  
I don't like poems,  
knotty worded poems  
encasing parcels of wisdom  
I don't like poems,  
poems loaded with hard heavy words,  
vein rich with the ore of insight.  
I don't like poems with sharp words  
that pierce my carefully constructed  
Self, defences.  
I don't like poems  
I need them.

Do yourself some good this week, sit with a poem, a piece of music, or art long enough to hear its voice and to feel its heart. You just might be surprised at how much good it will do you and your brain. Who knows you might even hear the prompting of God.

Peace,

**Tony**



## The theme for this winter is Meeting Jesus



Our next Messy Church Session is on

**Sunday 08 February 2026, 4pm.**

The topic is Jesus and the woman at the well

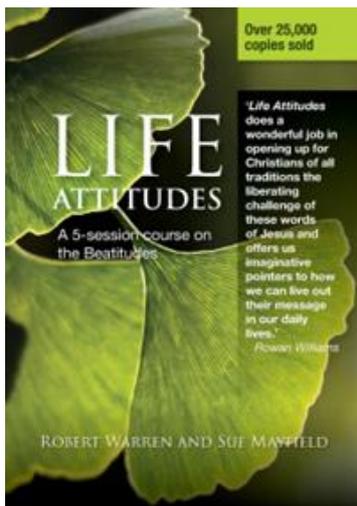
**The session starts at 4pm prompt in the New Church Hall at West Linton and finishes at 6pm.**

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. We will say 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)

### **Lent Study 2026 - Life Attitudes**



For Lent this year we will be discussing the beatitudes using **Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield's** book **Life Attitudes**.

There will be two identical five-week programmes lasting six weeks. One will be online using **Zoom** and the other in person in the **Laurelbank Cafe in Broughton**.

The **Zoom** sessions will be led by Steven Whalley and Kevin Scott every **Wednesday at 7pm** starting on **5th March**.

The Broughton sessions will be led by Isobel Hunter every **Tuesday at 10.00am** starting on **24th February**.

Everyone is welcome to join in. The Zoom link will be published nearer the time.

## Carlops Village Talks

Monthly talks and a chance to chat

(Raising funds for Carlops Church, suggested £5 donation per event)

**Friday 13th February 2026** – Walking From Home to Rome – Geraldine McFaul will share the highs and lows of her 2023 walk from Glasgow to Rome in aid of Mary's Meals and Dementia UK. The kindness she encountered is inspiring.

**Friday 13th March 2026** – Juliet Gold – Orthopaedics in Northern Malawi - Physiotherapist Juliet delivered a talk last year about her work in the NHS. Since then, her work has taken her back to Malawi for a spell and we will hear about her experiences there.

**Friday 10th April 2026** – Marianne Hazlewood Local botanical artist Marianne will give a talk on her intricate work, accompanied by some of her pieces.

**Friday 15th May 2026** – Alex Gray Alex and helpers will give a talk on the different musical influences in Scottish Country Dancing.

## KIRKURD SWI

At the December meeting Michael Shannon gave a very informative talk and film show about his butchery business 'Damn Delicious'. This was followed by many questions ably answered by Michael.

Jean Fraser proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Scottish Tea towel: 1st. Margaret Adamson, 2nd. Lesley Johnstone

Home made Christmas Card: 1st. Christine Summers, 2nd. Jean Fraser

We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas Lunch at West Linton Golf Club on Friday 5th. December.

At the January meeting, Andrew Adamson, Netherurd Home Farm, talked about his livestock and agroforestry business. This was highlighted with slides and video clips.

Sheila Voas proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Item in wood: 1st. Sheila Voas, 2nd. Lesley Johnstone

2 x Chocolate Chip Cookies: 1st. Lesley Johnstone, 2nd. Sheila Voas

**February 3rd:** Quercus Plants with Rona Dodds, Whitmuir

Competitions: 1 pot bulbs, Home made coaster

**3rd. March:** Cira 72 Jewellery with Katy from West Linton

Competitions: Non alcoholic drink, Favourite piece of jewellery

**14th March:** Peeblesshire Federation SWI Spring Show, Newlands Centre.

Doors open 1:00 – 4:00pm.

## The Open Gate

The Open Gate counselling service is still always available for anyone who wants help for any problem. The approach used is Solution Focussed Brief Therapy which is pleasant and effective. All sessions are free and confidential.

Phone **07535 898 244** for an appointment

## *LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ*

Back again on Wednesdays from 10am till 2pm. Come away in and meet your friends and make new ones. Choice of 3 kinds of home made soup including veggie, plus cheese scones and bacon, salad, or egg rolls.

Also why not finish with a bit of home baking or the Chef's own home made tablet?

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 [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.

## *Garden Ramblings*

PHEW! Not a lot to say about my least favourite month of the year which is finally at an end. Thank goodness for the snowdrops once more. Don't they just gladden the heart? Looking on the bright side, the days are getting longer now as my wee Silkies are going to bed at 4.30 instead of 3.30 a few weeks ago.

My favourite catalogue has arrived and I have to make up my mind which plants to order this year, something I really enjoy doing. I think I will order some Clematis as they grow up the fencing and are a boon when you don't have much space left.

I will also be sowing tomato seeds this week as they are worth the effort. I like the Orkado variety and I'll also try some hanging basket varieties this year. Hopefully my raised bed will have courgettes and leeks this year as it was sadly neglected last year.

Happy start to your own gardens this year.

Cilla Davidson

*NEWLANDS SWI*



Our next meeting is on 12th February at the HUB cafe. Time 7pm. where local expert on Cyber Security, neighbour Alex Steven will be back with updates. Very interesting and not to be missed.

Teas are by Mary and Joan and vote of thanks by Nancy P.

Cilla Davidson

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