

West Tweeddale Churches  
Open Air Communion Service  
29 June 2025



*Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*  
*July - August 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* *July 2025*

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13 July 2025	Patsy Campbell	Fiona Burnett	Patsy Campbell
20 July 2025	Isobel Hunter	Peter Worthington	Isobel Hunter
27 July 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley
03 August 2025	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Patsy Campbell

*Welcome:* Mary Alexander & Fay Young  
*Church Cleaning:* Rosie Sim



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton</i> <i>11 am</i>	<i>Skirling</i> <i>11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir</i> <i>9.30 am</i>
06 July 2025	Steven Whalley	David Henderson-Howat	Steven Whalley
13 July 2025	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett	Peter Worthington
20 July 2025	Fiona Burnett	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett
27 July 2025	David Henderson-Howat	Murray Campbell	David Henderson-Howat
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## ***August 2025***

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10 August 2025	David H.-Howat	Isobel Hunter	David H.-Howat
17 August 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
24 August 2025	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison
31 August 2025	Steven Whalley	David Henderson-Howat	Steven Whalley
07 September 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley

**Welcome:** Jim Brown & Stuart Rose

**Church Cleaning:** Sandra Howieson



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## ***‘A death bed life.’***

I want to begin with some questions around a question. As you read my questions don't try to answer them just notice what they do to you. Try to pay attention to the feelings, thoughts and memories that they bring up. Are you ready?

If you were on your deathbed, if you were dying and you knew you were dying, what would be your final prayer?

Would you ask God to spare you, perhaps try to bargain with him? Would you express your gratitude and thanks for the life you got to live, for lessons learned and the blessings received? Would you focus on the past or would you look to the future? Would your prayer be for yourself or for others? Would your last words be a recounting of your successes, accomplishments, regrets, disappointments? Would you speak about the things you did and or perhaps left undone? Would you ask for forgiveness? Would you offer forgiveness? Would your prayer be for your loved ones? What would be your best hopes and desires for them?

I'm not trying to be morbid. I'm thinking about Jesus' *'deathbed'* prayer in John's gospel (chapter 17). It's the night of the last supper. Jesus is about to die, and he knows it. What strikes me about Jesus' prayer is that he doesn't review his life. He doesn't evaluate what he did, how well he did it, or what he didn't get done. He doesn't negotiate his ending with God. He doesn't even list his thanksgivings. He doesn't give any final instructions or advice to his disciples. Instead, Jesus prays for them and us. He prays for theirs and our future. He bears his heart and expresses his deepest longing and desire; that we *"may become completely one."* Honestly, at this time in our history I cannot think of a more timely and relevant prayer for us, for our country, and our world today than Jesus' prayer for oneness.

Jesus' *'deathbed prayer'* wasn't something new that came to him at the end of his life. His prayer expressed how he had lived his whole life. It was at the heart of everything he did and taught. In a way Jesus' *'deathbed prayer'* reflected the fact that he lived a deathbed life. Now there's a thought to mull over.

***Peace,***

*Tony*



On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 3pm, the West Tweeddale linkage celebrated a communion service at the site of the old Newlands Church. It was felt that this was a very special place to come together and share communion. The service was led by the Rev Dr. Tony Foley.



Murray and Patsy Campbell and friends provided the musical accompaniment. A very special moment could be experienced when a group sang Psalm 150 in Gaelic.

The service was followed by a picnic which everyone from the linkage thoroughly enjoyed.

## **Nature Journaling – Tweedsmuir Art Show**

**2nd & 3rd August | 10am–4pm | Tweedsmuir Village Hall**

Celebrate the rich landscapes and plant life of the River Tweed at the *Nature Journaling – Tweedsmuir Art Show*. Held on August 2nd and 3rd at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, this inspiring exhibition showcases the artwork created during an 8-week programme that explored the natural beauty of the Tweedsmuir area.

Destination Tweed funded the project via their Community Grants Scheme, which is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Led by Pete Carthy, a nature journalist and founding director of *Instinctively Wild CIC*, the project invited local participants to engage deeply with the environment through close observation, photography, and watercolour painting. The result is a stunning collection of paintings and reflections that highlight the plants, wildlife, and landscapes that shape this part of the River Tweed.

This is more than an art show—it's a celebration of connection: to place, to nature, and to the creativity that flourishes when we slow down and truly look. Whether you're a nature lover, an art enthusiast, or simply curious, everyone is welcome to enjoy this vibrant community exhibition.

Join us on the 2nd or 3rd August, between 10 am and 4 pm at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, ML.

Be inspired by nature, and see the Tweed through fresh eyes. Additionally, tea, coffee, and homemade cake will be available, plus artwork to buy.

For more info, get in touch with Pete Carthy –

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[https://www.instagram.com/instinctivelywild\\_cic/](https://www.instagram.com/instinctivelywild_cic/)

<https://www.instinctivelywild.co.uk/news/nature-journaling-tweedsmuir-april-june-2025/>

<https://petecarthy.co.uk/nj-tweedsmuir>

## **Wanderings – gathering to connect life and faith.**

**Wanderings** is a reflective woodland wander; a gathering where all ages can reflect, talk and walk together. There will be some thoughts shared, a Bible verse, story or poem perhaps, time to chat, share and consider as well as some silence and a cuppa.

**Wanderings** is being run in partnership with the Church of Scotland with some support from The Novum Trust and Cairn Movement. We meet twice a month, once on a Saturday afternoon (usually the last of the month) and once on Wednesday or Thursday mornings followed by an option to join in Bite and Blether or Skirling Community Lunch.

Everyone is welcome, if you would like to join Wanderings just turn up at the right place, usually Broughtonknowe woods main carpark, with weather suitable clothing and stout boots with good grip, some of the routes are a little steep, rough and muddy. We will be walking about 3km and should be back to the car park within an hour and a half. There are composting toilets on site, if you have any additional needs or questions get in touch. Anyone under 18y needs a responsible adult with them. What3words/// certainty.questions.flown OS grid ref: NT103391

### **Dates for next meetings**

July 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Broughtonknowe followed by lunch at Skirling Village Hall

26<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Broughtonknowe Wandering with refreshments provided.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Broughtonknowe then Bite and Blether in Broughton Village Hall

30<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Broughtonknowe Wandering with refreshments provided.

There's a chance a walk might get cancelled or changed last minute if the weather would not make the walk safe. This will be e-mailed out and posted on our Facebook page, find this by searching "Wanderings – Scotland".

If you would like to sign up to our emailing list,

e-mail [nshawcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:nshawcampbell@hotmail.com)



Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council



**The Community Council is in recess for the summer.**

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 17 September at the Newlands Centre,  
Romanno Bridge.**

If you have any questions over the summer, please email the Chair on  
**lnkccchair@gmail.com**.

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** .



## KIRKURD SWI

On a very hot and sunny Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, May, members enjoyed a beautiful afternoon tea at the Secret Herb Garden, sitting amongst the flowers and the grape vines.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our sales table and manned the stall at the last evening of the Whipman. £170 was raised for the Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. July:** visit to the Lavender Farm at Kinross. A few place still available.

Please contact Margaret for details. Tel: 01721 752242

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>. July** Closing date for entries for the Homecraft Section at Peeblesshire Agricultural Show.

Online to ; [www.peebles-show.co.uk](http://www.peebles-show.co.uk)

OR Telephone show secretary: 07837 3737 90

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. August** Peeblesshire Agricultural Show, Nether Horsburgh, Cardrona.

The Community Effort for the 2026 Spring Show is 'Summer Holiday'

2 x handcraft Items, 2 x Home skills items & 1 x floral exhibit.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. October:** First meeting of the winter programme.



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Enjoy the summer.



## 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*

**Café:** Open on Wednesdays from 10am till 2pm and serving bacon rolls and scones plus tray bakes, cakes and tablet. Coffees and teas too!

Room and kitchen for parties or meetings. Further info just email [info@lamanchahub.org.uk](mailto:info@lamanchahub.org.uk)

Classes: Sewing classes, Pilates and Yoga classes.

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***

What a month June has been. The roses in the garden have grown to almost double their normal size, especially the scotch rose Rosa Alba, and the thornless rose Rosa Mundi is laden with pink and white striped flowers.



These two roses are also repeat flowering which is a bonus. A newish rose worth having is Bonica. Trouble free and a lovely repeat flowerer also.

The weather this year has also been perfect for weeds as you will have noticed. Ground elder is a problem. Thank the Romans for that! They used it as a type of spinach. I don't mind daisies and buttercups and clover too but how do we get rid of ground elder? Someone said try moving!

Have a lovely summer one and all.

Cilla Davidson

***NEWLANDS SWI***



Praise was unanimous for our afternoon tea at the Crook Inn. We did car sharing and had a lovely run there. The food was delicious and they even had plants for sale. We will be back!

Hope this lovely weather continues and see you all in September.

Cilla Davidson

***Minister West Tweeddale***

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