

Kirkcud & Newlands Parish Magazine

June 2026



Wanderings

Thursday 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 Woodland. 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 more information, please see <http://mailchi.mp/.../wanderings-gathering-to-connect...>

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 - June 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
07 June 2026	Colin Herd	Julian Birchall	Rev Nick Bowry*
14 June 2026	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett	Rev Chris Levison
21 June 2026	Isobel Hunter	Peter Worthington	Isobel Hunter
28 June 2026	Steven Whalley	Murray Campbell	Steven Whalley
05 July 2026	Colin Herd	Isobel Hunter	Colin Herd

Welcome: Fiona Dunkley & Rosie Sim

Church Cleaning: Fay Young

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
07 June 2026	Café Church	Julian Birchall	Fiona Burnett
14 June 2026	Isobel Hunter	Fiona Burnett	Isobel Hunter
21 June 2026	Julian Birchall	Peter Worthington	Julian Birchall
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*Whipman Service in the Marquee at 11am.

I have not managed to get someone to write the main article for this month so I hope you will allow me to offer a reflection as we move into vacancy.

Colin Herd

This reflection is based on 2 Chronicles 20, verses 1-26. The time is some 850 years BC – a long time ago. The Israelites were have difficulty with their neighbours.

The King, Jehoshaphat, instead of calling a war council ‘resolved to enquire of the Lord’. In front of all the people he stood up and prayed.

Three phrases stand out to me in his prayer: ‘are you not’, ‘did you not’, and ‘will you not’. Present, past and future. Jehoshaphat recognises who God is – are you not the God who is in heaven. He recognises what God has done in the past – did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land and give it to the descendants of Abraham.

But now this settled state is in jeopardy but Jehoshaphat recognises that God still has a part to play as he prays, will you not judge them’.

After Jehoshaphat had prayed Jahaziel stood up and exhorted the people not to be afraid or discouraged. But the people still had to go out to the battle lines; ‘go out to face them tomorrow, and the lord will be with you’.

Jehoshaphat and all the people worshipped then they went out to face the enemy and wonderfully they found that their enemies had turned on themselves. God had given Jehoshaphat the victory before he even reached the battlefield. But note, he had to go out. No staying at home just because God was at work.

We can apply this to ourselves. Jesus is still the God who is in heaven. He has dealt with our sin on the cross and he will come again. Yes, the bible does speak of judgement. But for those who know Jesus there is good news as this chorus tells us:

He did not come to judge the world,
He did not come to blame,

He did not only come to seek,

It was to save He came.

And when we call him Saviour

We call Him by His name.

God has given us the victory but we still need to go out into the battlefield that is the world to bring those who do not know Jesus to a saving knowledge of Him.

Colin

It was sad to bid farewell to Tony, our minister.

He led a final linkage service in St Andrews West Linton

on Sunday 31 May at 11.30am

Following his departure, there will be two Interim Moderators -

Graham Astles and John Urquhart from Penicuik -

who will guide us through the vacancy process

and chair the Kirk Session Meetings.

We are also looking for a locum who can take services and help with the work of the linkage. The session clerks are meeting regularly and the worship leaders are stepping up to fill in the gap left by Tony.



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 Marquee 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 starting 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.

Steven Whalley



newlands kids
early learning and child care

Fundraising Dates

BEETLE DRIVE 20TH MARCH 18:30

WHITMUIR CAFE

£5 PERSON / FAMILY £20

WHIPMAN BOOK STALL 13TH JUNE

WEST LINTON

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BLYTH BRIDGE

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KIRKURD SWI

Friday 22nd May was dry and pleasantly warm, when members of Kirkurd SWI enjoyed a gentle ramble through Quercus Garden with the expert guidance of Rona Dodds.

Rona explained the creation of the various areas of the garden and discussed the plants most suited to each area. Rona enjoys growing many of the old-fashioned plants which are rarely offered in larger garden centres. We then enjoyed wandering through the plant sales area, where several of us were tempted to purchase plants to take home.

We rounded off the afternoon with a very relaxed and enjoyable soup, coffee, scones and cake and of course lots of chat and laughs.

Saturday 13th June: Sales Table at the Whipman.

Items for the sales table can be handed into Margaret on Friday 12th or brought to the marquee on Saturday evening for 5:30pm.

Usual arrangements, you can park at the marquee to unload, then move your vehicle to the parking area.

Proceeds from the sales table will be donated to the Walston Men's Shed.

Looking forward to the Spring Show 2027, the community effort will be 'Myths & Legends'.

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

A popular place to be every Wednesday from 10am till 2pm, run by volunteers who produce three choices of soup, all homemade, plus scones, cake and tray bakes and also John's famous tablet.

The garden has had a revamp and the "Rhodies" are looking good, so if the weather is sunny and warm, you can sit outside and admire the view of the Pentlands.

Regular classes are Pilates and Yoga plus some Saturday sewing classes. Just email info@lamanchahub.org.uk Cilla Davidson

Carlops Village Talks - Friday 12th June 7.30pm

Chris Levison - Minister and Health Care Chaplain

“But I don’t believe that either!”

Must we accept strange or supernatural beliefs to be at home in the church?

What is “Progressive Christianity” and how does it approach such dilemmas?

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 Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com.

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.

Garden Ramblings

Who needs to go to Kew in lilac time when we have beautiful lilac trees in some of our own gardens in our Newlands area? My own garden supports three, two lilac coloured and a pretty white one, all in full bloom at the end of May. They certainly don't need much maintenance apart from a light prune now and then and the perfume is gorgeous.

Has anyone noticed the blossom on the hawthorn hedges this year? The warmer climate has been good for it. I see and hear the wee bluetits flying in and out so hope one of them builds a nest!

There does not seem to be many slugs about this year as there has been less rain. The Hostas in the community garden at the Hub are nibble free so far. Please feel free to come and sit in this garden any time. Read a book or just relax in the sunshine.

Cilla Davidson



Newlands SWI



At the time of writing we are about to embark on our end of year outing to the Wee Crook Inn at Tweedsmuir for afternoon tea which should be a lovely end to a successful year.

Plans are in place for the start of the new session starting in September so watch this space. A new committee is in place. Meetings will be held at the Lamancha Hub cafe each month so if you are wondering what to do why not come along and join our friendly crew.

Cilla Davidson

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