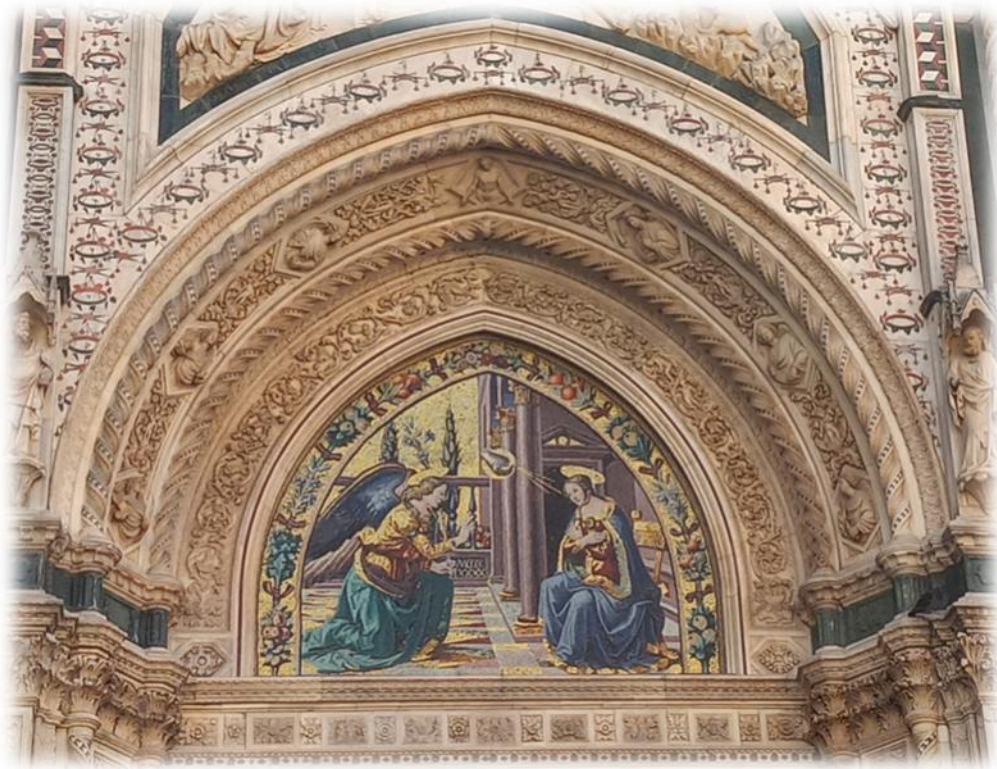


Kirkurd & Newlands

Parish Magazine



Annunciation—25 March: Archangel Gabriel & Virgin Mary
Duomo, Florence

March 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 & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
02 March 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
09 March 2025	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
16 March 2025	Steven Whalley	Murray Campbell	Steven Whalley
23 March 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Calum MacDougall	Rev Tony Foley
30 March 2025	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Patsy Campbell
06 April 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Sarah Magee & Ilka Roehe

Church Cleaning: Ilka Roehe

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
02 March 2025	Fiona Burnett	-	-
09 March 2025	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
16 March 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley
23 March 2025	Peter Worthington	Rev Calum MacDougall	Peter Worthington
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Survivor By Thomas Hardy

"Cogitavi vias meas"

A cry from the green-grained sticks of the fire
Made me gaze where it seemed to be:
'Twas my own voice talking therefrom to me.
Of how I had walked when my sun was higher -
My heart in its arrogance.

"You held not to whatsoever was true,"
Said my own voice talking to me:
"Whatsoever was just you were slack to see;
Kept not things lovely and pure in view,"
Said my own voice talking to me.

"You slighted her that endureth all,"
Said my own voice talking to me;
"Vaunteth not, trusteth hopefully;
That suffereth long and is kind withal,"
Said my own voice talking to me.

"You taught not that which you set about,"
Said my own voice talking to me;
"That the greatest of things is Charity. . . "
- And the sticks burnt low, and the fire went out,
And my voice ceased talking to me.

It is not the most cheerful of poems, But then the season of Lent is now upon us. A period of time in the Church's calendar that calls us to stop and reflect, to as it were, take our spiritual pulse. To pay heed to the voice of our individual and collective conscience. To reflect on what kind of person and people we have become and how we came to be that person and people, and whether we wish to remain so. In Hardy's poem the voice of conscience is repetitively relentless in its 'talking', until that last unsettling line when it goes silent. The warning is obvious. The voice of conscience if ignored too often eventually it goes silent. What then? What kind of person and people will we become with a deadened conscience? Not a bad question to start Lent with.

Peace,

Tony



CHRISTIAN AID'S 80th ANNIVERSARY

Our journey together began in 1945 when Christian Aid was founded at the end of the Second World War. For 8 decades, we have been united in the fight against poverty and injustice – and with your continued support, we won't stop. 2025 will be a year to reaffirm our resolve, to remember the work we've done together, and to reflect on how we should respond to the challenges we're still facing as a global family. We've always shared a gospel call to champion dignity, equality, justice and love. Together we've grown and evolved, living these values – even when the going got tough. We've never been more committed to our calling and hope we can count on you to stay the course with us.

There will be a service of thanksgiving on Saturday 17th May at St.Giles Cathedral – all are welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11-17th MAY 2025

Last year, a fantastic total of £730,000 was raised due to the generosity and creativity of churches and supporters in Scotland. CA Week is one of the biggest acts of Christian witness in our country.

For CA Week 2025, we will be sharing stories from our work in Guatemala, where farmers like Aurelia are pushing back against poverty and the effects of the climate crisis. Guatemala faces immense challenges:

- *more than half the population work in agriculture, yet Guatemala is a hunger hotspot

- *Guatemala has one of the highest rates globally of stunted development in children

- *Guatemala is one of the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to climate emergencies

Aurelia is an inspirational farmer of the Q'eqchi community. She has 8 children and many grandchildren. She moved to the region when she was 2 years old.

Things were very different then: “there was an abundance of trees, plants and wild animals. There was lots of water close to the community and it wasn’t that hot.”

The water sources that were near Aurelia’s home have been drained by heatwaves and industrial plantations that monopolise the water supply and deforest the land. Now collecting water for her crops is laborious and time consuming.

It’s testimony to Aurelia’s endurance and hope that she proactively set out to find solutions. She discovered the work of our partner Congcoop, putting herself forward to attend the specialist training on offer. She has learned to adapt to the changing climate. She now grows climate resilient crops, produces fertilizer and builds rainwater collection systems. She’s leading her community by sharing the skills and knowledge she has gained. It’s vital that this programme continues.

For more information, go to the website caweek.org

Robert Higgins, CA Chair



The next Messy Church session is on



Sunday 16 March – 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

CARLOPS MAN SOUP LUNCH

Wednesday 12th March 2025

The next soup lunch in Carlops Church will be the annual “Man Soup”. Put the date and time in your diary and come along to join in the fun: Wednesday 12 March 2025, 12noon to 1.30pm.



Guests will be invited to choose from a selection of home-made soups, sprung from the creativity and culinary skills of the Carlops’ Man Soup team. Second helpings are permissible and indeed, encouraged! For afters, there will be a range of sweet bites (to take away the taste?!), coffee and tea. In addition, expect to be serenaded by the soup-chefs, who will present the renowned Carlops Soup Song and perhaps, the world première of a new composition.

There is no charge for lunch or for entertainment, but charitable donations will be invited.

We look forward to greeting you, feeding you, and entertaining you!

Rennie McElroy

For the Carlops Man Soup team, 2025

Pudding Night Friday 7th February

We had an excellent evening on Friday 7th February with a mouth watering selection of puddings and a packed church. £620 was raised for Shelter Scotland.

Thank-you to everyone who supported this event and in particular to all those who made puddings and soup and helped to set up and clear away.



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*

Spring Bulbs

CRAFT SHOW

SAT 8 MAR 2025
1-4 pm

Admission £5.00 (INC REFRESHMENTS)

HOME-BAKING - TEAS - COFFEE
FLORAL ART - RAFFLE - SALES TABLE

Newlands Centre
Romanno Bridge EH46 7BZ

Pete Carthy's Art Show:

811 Days of Nature Journaling - @ Newington Trinity, Edinburgh

(formally Mayfield Salisbury Parish church – EH9 1TQ)

Our very own Pete Carthy (who attends Newlands Kirk) is holding his first art show on **Saturday, 22nd March 2025, 10-4 pm at Newington Trinity Church.**



Join Pete for an extraordinary celebration of art, nature, and storytelling as Pete presents his remarkable exhibition, *811 Days of Nature Journaling*. This inspiring showcase features Pete's journey of documenting the natural world daily over an incredible two-year period. Through stunning sketches, vibrant watercolours, and insightful observations, Pete captures the beauty, complexity, and ever-changing rhythms of nature. The vast majority of the art and observations are from around Romannobridge and West Linton.

The exhibition promises to engage visitors of all ages, whether you're an artist, a nature enthusiast, or simply someone who appreciates creativity and mindfulness. Pete's work highlights the profound connection between art and the environment, inviting us all to slow down, observe, and reflect on the world around us.

Please get in touch with Pete at 07555445605 or email pete_carthy@hotmail.com his website is www.petecarthy.co.uk for more info.

Lamancha, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 19 March at the Newlands
Centre, Romanno Bridge**

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 **Inkccchair@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 **Inkccchair@gmail.com** .

At the February meeting, via the SWI U Tube, we enjoyed an evening with the 2 Teddy Bear ladies from the BBC Repair Shop who gave an interesting insight to their business repairing teddies and dolls and working on the Repair Shop.

Arrangements for the Spring Show were discussed and raffle books given out.

Competitions: Winter Photograph: 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Elma Noble

Outdoor Flower of the month: 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Elma Noble

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 4th. March**

Pasta Demonstration with Helen Harrison, Carlops

Competitions: 2 pancakes (dropped scones) A Scarf

Saturday 8th. March: Federation Spring Show, Newlands Centre

Members entries can be placed in the hall 8:30 - 9:30am for judging at 9:45

Doors open 1:00 – 400pm Admission £5 includes Tea / Coffee and home baking.

Sunday 18th. May Peeblesshire Federation SWI 100th. Birthday Celebration

Afternoon Tea at Peebles Hydro Tickets £20

The Open Gate

Please don't forget about the presence of The Open Gate on Friday afternoons at Newlands Centre. There, anyone of any age, can receive early counselling help for any problem, large or small. The approach used is Solution Focused Brief Therapy which is pleasant and effective - and free!

For an appointment, phone 07535 898 244

LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ

We are open on Wednesday mornings from 10am till 2pm. A warm welcome awaits with home made fresh scones and cakes. A choice of soups including vegetable are available.

Our rooms are available to hire at £10 per hour for your meetings etc. We have Yoga, Pilates and sewing groups at the moment.

For more information email 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 or Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.

Garden Ramblings

I have delayed starting my seed growing for this year as it has been so cold. I normally do sweet peas and tomato seeds at the end of January but I'm sure they will catch up. Last year I found my favourite tomatoes were Orkado, spelt with a K, plus some gifted small tomatoes which I've forgotten the name of but hope to get them again this year...

The Lamancha snowdrops are flowering their socks off and are about the only things to do so at the moment. I do see bluebells about to flower. I have both varieties, the Spanish and our true Scottish ones with the weeping heads. I think they have cross pollinated over the years. However, I like both!

There are some early crocus about to flower too but the wee mice seem to like them so they get less every year.

The daylight hours are increasing and the 3 wee bantams are laying, so all good.

Happy gardening to all.
Cilla Davidson



NEWLANDS SWI



The meeting on 13th February was well attended as we were all curious to find out about the "Academy of Arms". Paul lives locally and leads an interesting life making and repairing ancient weapons.

The teas were provided by Joan and Lottie so thanks to both. The shortbread was delicious!

We are busy preparing for our entry to the Bulb show to be held at Newlands Centre in March which is always good fun and full of friendly rivalry. Good luck all participants!

Cilla Davidson

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Material for the April magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

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