



Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine
May 2024

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>
05 May 2024	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
12 May 2024	Peter Worthington	Mary McElroy	Peter Worthington
19 May 2024	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
26 May 2024	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley
02 June 2024	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Janette Raeburn & David Habeshaw

Church Cleaning: Jo Ranson



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
05 May 2024	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
12 May 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Mary McElroy	Rev Tony Foley
19 May 2024	Peter Worthington	David Howat	Peter Worthington
26 May 2024	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett
02 June 2024	Isobel Hunter	Fiona Burnett	Isobel Hunter

Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:
westtweeddale.org.uk

‘Whatabouterism’

In 2013, the then future Prime Minister of the UK, Boris Johnson wrote an article, describing what he called “*dead cat*” strategy politics. Or what I have termed ‘*Whatabouterism*’. Imagine for a moment a family heatedly engaged in some hoary familial argument. When, in walks granddad and slams a mangy and very dead cat on the table. In that moment, the argument is forgotten. The dead cat is all the family is talking about. Johnson’s somewhat cynical point was that if you present the public with an outrageous, ridiculous, and scandalous piece of news, they completely forget about the much more pertinent issue that needs their attention. It is a tactic political media strategists and spin doctors seek to use almost every day — it’s when they shout “*Oh, look over there!*” - ‘*What about that!*’ This insipient form of ‘*Whatabouterism*’ is the plague of our time. It is the stuff that Social Media and our 24/7 news media thrives on.

In 1990, the Nobel Prize winner and Pulitzer Prize Saul Bellow gave a lecture at Oxford University titled “***The Distracted Public.***” In his talk, Bellow lamented what he called the looming “moronic inferno” that was being fuelled by our contemporary addiction to distraction, which if left unchecked would one day become, “the apocalypse of our times.” He called on artists and writers everywhere to raise their voices and use their talents to counter this “massive and worldwide hostile condition” that besetting humanity.

C.S. Lewis struck a similar note in a sermon he preached during the Second World War speaking to what he called the ‘The task of our times,’ counselled his listeners: “*Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or your happiness to the future. Happy work is best done by the person who takes their long-term plans somewhat lightly... The present is the only time in which any duty can be done, or any grace received.*”

The '*Whatabouterism*,' of popular media that is constantly trying to invade our daily lives is emotionally akin to finding ourselves out at sea caught in the thrall of neverending squalls. Perhaps that is what Jesus was trying to warn us about when he counselled us to: '*Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.*' MATTHEW 6:34

Peace,
Tony

Pastoral 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.

The Open Gate

Just a reminder that The Open Gate is still available to offer an appointment to anyone of any age who could do with a little bit of counselling. This uses a Brief Solution Focussed Therapy (BFST) approach which is pleasant and helpful for all sorts of problems often after only 1 session.

Phone 07535 898 244 to ask for an appointment in Newlands Centre on Friday afternoons 2-5pm. This is confidential and free.



Welcome to our new elder!

We are delighted to announce that Fiona Dunkley was ordained as elder on Sunday 14th May. It was a lovely service and we are so pleased that Fiona has joined the Kirkurd and Newlands Kirk Session.

Communion Service on Sunday 26th May

We will celebrate Communion at the 10am service at Newlands Church on Sunday 26th May. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Your Will Be Done

Come and pray with us for and about the future of Broughton Kirk. We will meet from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on the first Sunday and the third Thursday of each month at Broughton Village Hall.

The plan is to look at the many ways in which it is possible to pray, focusing on a particular type of prayer each month; to use that prayer in praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way forward for the church in Broughton; and to reflect on our experiences of using different ways of praying. Linda Hill

Welcome to Kate Whalley

A very warm welcome to Kate as our new linkage administrator. Kate will be in the linkage office in West Linton on most Friday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30, and also in the Old Church Hall on Friday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

Office phone number is 01968 733 112.



‘Newlands Primary pupils, families and staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Newlands Church on the 28th of March. P2/3/4/5 performed an Easter Service, along with some singing and all pupils participated in an exciting Easter Egg Hunt. We would like to thank Newlands Church for supporting this event and we very much look forwards to future visits.’

Beth McDougall



MESSY CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday 19th May.

We will be holding a **Summer Picnic** on **Sunday 19 May** at **3pm** in the **garden of St Mungo's Church, West Linton.**

Families are warmly welcome and please bring your own picnic or food to share and a rug or chairs and come and join the fun! (All children must be accompanied by an adult).

For more information contact Jean Howat: howatjean@gmail.com

Newlands Kids is a charity which is a small, rural **Early Years education and childcare** provider for 2 - 5 year-olds.



Newlands Activity Centre
Romanno Bridge
Near West Linton
Peeblesshire
EH46 7BZ

What do we offer?

Our rural setting allows us to focus on the Natural world which surrounds our setting.

Going outdoors and bringing the outdoors indoors allows our care team to fully integrate our natural setting with the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence.

We learn and grow fruit and vegetables in our outdoor classroom, poly tunnels and raised planting beds. Our in-house cook creates healthy balanced menus for them to enjoy in our outdoor sitooterie.

Term time setting

(38 wks a year)

Holiday Club is available for
4 weeks during Summer

Days and times

Mon - Thurs,
8:30am - 6:00pm

For more info, or to come for a visit please contact
Gill Ross, gill@newlandskids.org.uk



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18th May 2024



DONATIONS

Ideally, donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk

Your money goes direct to CA with no hidden deductions reducing its value.

If you still prefer to use the traditional CA envelope, these will be available to pick up from the church at Sunday services in May – return either to **David Habeshaw** or place in a plain envelope labelled “FREEPOST Christian Aid” and post.

CA Service St. Andrew's church,

Sunday 12th May at 11.30am.

Peter Worthington will lead the service. Slides will be shown telling the story of Aline who lives in Burundi. She was abused, homeless and hungry, poverty had pushed her to the brink of survival. CA funded her in a small business training course and she has now rebuilt her life and has hope for her children's future.

CA Cryptic Quiz

The theme this year is animal/creature names. Printed quiz sheets can be picked up from the church (optional discretionary donation). Alternatively, an electronic version is available from Robert Higgins higfam72@gmail.com Answers by request (but not yet!) if you get stuck.

CARLOPS CHURCH EVENTS

Soup lunch Wednesday 8th May noon-1.30pm

Plant Sale & Coffee drop-in Saturday 25th May 10.30am-noon

SKIRLING CAR BOOT SALE Sunday 12th May

See posters for full details. Please support this traditional fund raiser.

Robert Higgins, CA Chair,

Tel: 01968 660629

DONATIONS TO SELL NEEDED

CHRISTIAN AID CAR BOOT SALE

SKIRLING
VILLAGE
GREEN

SUNDAY
12 MAY

1:30 -
4:30 PM
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED



HELP WITH THE TEAS, HELPING IN THE KITCHEN,
SERVING TEAS , BAKING FOR THE TEAS

MANNING THE CHRISTIAN AID STALL

GENERAL ASSISTANCE IN SET UP & TAKE DOWN

CAR BOOT SALE

christian
aid

SUNDAY 12TH
MAY 2024 2PM

TEAS SERVED
IN THE HALL
£3

£8 PER CAR
NO NEED TO BOOK



Lamancha, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 15 May at the
Lamancha Hub at 7.30pm**

Date for your diary:

**The June meeting and AGM will take place on
TUESDAY 18 June at 7.30pm at the Newlands Centre
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY FROM THE USUAL
WEDNESDAY MEETINGS**

Please email lnkccchair@gmail.com if you have any
comments for the Community Council

**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. We are looking for new
members, could one of them be you!**

All welcome

We have a Facebook page which will keep you up to date on
meeting dates and local issues.



MUSIC FOR DODDIE

ALL DAY LIVE MUSIC

In aid of



Sat. 25 MAY 2024

9:30am - 18:00pm

@ West Linton Village Centre

Free – donations welcome

19:30 - 11:30pm

@ West Linton Bowling Club

Tickets £10

Organised by West Linton Village Centre Sessions
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083047343313&sk>



The Annual business meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd. April.

Sheila Voas gave a very full report of the year's activities and thanked everyone for their continued help and support. There have been many highlights throughout the year, especially winning the community effort at the Spring Show.

Sheila paid tribute to Janet Noble who sadly passed away in March.

Sharon Cowle presented the accounts which showed a healthy bank balance.

Office Bearers for 2024 – 2025:

President : Sheila Voas, Secretary : Margaret Adamson,
Treasurer : Sharon Cowle.

Suggestions for the 2024 – 2025 syllabus were discussed.

Points prizes: 1st. Margaret Adamson

2nd. equal Lesley Johnstone , Sheila Voas

Some dates for the diary:

Wed 1st. May: Visit to Pentland SWI, Penicuik. 7:30pm.

Friday 3rd. May: Afternoon Tea at Margaret's.

Saturday 8th. June: Sales Table at the Whipman.

Our new season starts in September but meanwhile the new committee has a meeting planned for 1pm on Wed 1st May in the Hub cafe where we will be looking at all the suggestions from our members for the 2024/2025 syllabus and also a very important event is happening. This is our centenary year! We are planning a meal and hope to have a display of old photos and any minutes or mementoes. Please bring them along. We think this will be November time. Meanwhile, have a lovely summer.

Cilla Davidson

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!



CHURCH CLEANING

Please contact Fay Young if you can help
with cleaning the church in June.

Garden Ramblings

April is nearly over and here I am still marvelling at how well the daffodils have done. They have certainly enjoyed the wet weather. There are so many different varieties available for planting early autumn. I have bulbs that I put in 47 years ago still flowering every year. Anyone can grow them. Other plants that are doing well are the primroses, starting with the wild ones and my favourites, the auriculas, not to mention the drumsticks and candelabras! In my garden I have a couple of early flowering shrubs in bloom that are easy to grow, namely Amelanchier which has whitish/ pink blossom and has lovely autumn colour and Spirea bridal wreath with masses of white sprays just like a bouquet!

I'm now about to sow my sweet pea seeds plus some sunflowers. Glad I haven't bought bedding yet as the supermarket stands of said plants are looking rather sad after last night's frost. Never mind, I'm sure they will have back up plants somewhere.

Happy Gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

LAMANCHA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The weather is improving slowly and it will soon be time to sit in the community garden and enjoy some home made scones and bacon butties. The cafe will be open as usual on Wednesdays at 10am. The garden is having a make over and is looking pretty just now with primulas and daffodils.

The hall can be hired for £10 per hour or alternatively the cafe is nice and welcoming too for group meetings. Same charges apply.

Cilla Davidson

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Mrs Jean Howat and Mrs Ilka Roehe

Please contact your elder or Ilka Roehe by email if you would like a digital copy or large-print copy of the Parish magazine sent to your email address.

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

Tuesday 21 May 2024



Newlands and Kirkurd Parish Church



<http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>

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