

# *Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*



Flowers: Margaret Adamson

*October 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 &amp; Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
06 October 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley
13 October 2024	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
20 October 2024	Patsy Campbell	Rev Chris Levison	Patsy Campbell
27 October 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley
03 November 2024	Steven Whalley	Isobel Hunter	Steven Whalley

**Welcome:** Jean & David Howat

**Church Cleaning:** Margaret Adamson

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
06 October 2024	David Howat	Fiona Burnett	David Howat
13 October 2024	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
20 October 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
27 October 2024	Fiona Burnett	Kevin Scott	Fiona Burnett
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Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:  
[westtweeddale.org.uk](http://westtweeddale.org.uk)

## ***‘The peace of grace and the grace of shalom’***

*‘Grace is unmoved.*

*It is the light that melts the spring,*

*where words and world*

*fill up with meaning.’ – Jan Zwicky*

Words matter, they carry the freight of our meanings. Like sign posts they point to a shared reality. Like tunnels, they help us get into and out of concepts. What we mean by our words matters. The casual acceptance of phrases like ‘*alternative facts*’ ‘*post-truth*’ and ‘*my truth*’ comes with political, social, and personal costs. In a social landscape where signposts are allowed to mean different things to different individuals it is very easy to get lost. There is no culture without a common standard of meaning, a shared understanding that offers a sense of connection to and regard for others. In a world marked by discord, division and the violence that often follows, the safety of our common future rests on attending to what we mean by our words.

In a world longing for peace and a Church praying for peace what do we mean, by the word “*peace*”? Do we mean an absence of strife? Do we mean the act of intentionally forgetting in order to forge a compromised future or do we mean a forgiveness that begins with assigning blame but ends with showing mercy and giving grace? It often seems that what most people mean by “*peace*” is the victory of their side while for others ‘*peace*’ means a consequence of their defeat. In the fractious world of national politics peace increasingly feels like a place we don’t know how to fully inhabit anymore.

In the Bible, the word *Shalom* is used to refer to peace. It defines a situation of mutual flourishing, where the well-being, prosperity, and security of all is a given. Ultimately, the *Shalom* God offers us is characterised not by justice for all, but by grace toward all.

*“Where there is strict justice there is no Shalom.*

*Where there is Shalom there is no strict justice.”*

*‘The grace and shalom of God be with you all.’*

***Tony***

## **Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Supper**

We will be holding our **Harvest Supper** at Newlands church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. It will be a pot luck supper, where everyone brings food to share. There will be a cash collection in aid of Practical Action, a charity who work with some of the poorest communities in the world.

Everyone is warmly invited and if you would like a ticket, please let Jean Howat or your elder know – [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com) 01968 660677

Can you also indicate if you will be bringing a savoury or a sweet dish.

**The Harvest Service** is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Donations of food will be delivered to Food and Friends, the Penicuik Foodbank.

## **The Guild**

Our next meeting will be held on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm in Broughton Village Hall, when we will be hearing about the work of BEAT. This charity is one which has been supported by the National Guild for the past 3 years, and which works to help with the growing problem of eating disorders in Scotland. As always, you don't need to be a Guild member to attend, and any visitor will receive a warm welcome, as well as tea and cake!

Margaret Habeshaw

## **Cosy House**

If you are out and about around Romanno Bridge and Newlands area for a long walk and feeling cold and chilled to the bone please pop into Ardgour Millbank Romanno Bridge for a warm up and a cuppa comphy chair by a log fire.

Fiona Dunkley



**Messy Church**  
**Sunday 24th November 2024**

**The theme is Zaccheus**

**Sessions start on a Sunday at 4pm prompt in the New Church Hall at West Linton and finish 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 then the children will do a range of craft activities, followed by a song and 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 (01968 660677)

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***LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ***

Just come in through the garden gate every Wednesday from 10am till 2pm where a warm welcome awaits you. We have soups, cakes, scones and tablet for sale, all home made. Come and meet your friends and make new ones this winter.

We have sewing classes and Yoga, too, so if you want more info just email [info@lamancha-hub.org.uk](mailto:info@lamancha-hub.org.uk)

Our hall is available for birthday parties etc at only £10 per hour. The cafe is available at £10 per hour for smaller meetings.

Cilla Davidson

**BIG Gathering,**  
**Broughton Village Hall**  
**Saturday 12 October 2024, morning.**

We are very pleased to confirm the details for the first Linkage wide gathering to be held in October. The event will run from 9.45 am (coffee) through to 1pm (lunch). Everyone is invited for all or part of the event, as you wish, and as is convenient.

The topic is **BIG**. Overarching theme of the Ephesians with inputs Big Picture, Big Church, Big God (Ephesians 3 v1 to 21). The main event is being led by Peter Woods, Mission Officer for the Presbytery.

We have planned what we hope will be an enjoyable morning. There will be fun. There will be music. There will be craft (clay – don't wear smart clothes!). There will be food. There will be worship. There will be prayer. There will be laughter. There will be Fellowship.

To book your place, please let Kate Whalley know on [kate@westlinton.com](mailto:kate@westlinton.com) or contact your session clerk. Lifts and transport can be arranged, again, please let Kate or your session clerk know. Kate needs to know if you are planning to stay for lunch for catering numbers, and if you have any dietary needs (vegetarian, allergies etc). The event is completely free of charge and everyone is welcome.

You can join us for all or part of the morning – and can come and go as you wish. Deadline for registrations is Thursday 10 October.

**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](mailto:TFoley@churchofscotland.org.uk) or Jean Howat [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.



## ***Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal***

By filling a shoebox with simple things

You can bring joy this Christmas.

It's easy to choose gifts for people  
who have so little.



Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

Shoeboxes will be distributed to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Blythwood Care ask that each shoebox, if possible, has a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat, and some item of underwear.

You can find more filler ideas on the Blythwood Care website.

**Thank you for supporting the Shoe Box Appeal.**



**All shoeboxes will be collected by Blythwood Care  
in Peebles**

**on Monday, October 28, 11.30 - 12.00.**

For more information, please contact

Fay Young 01968 660 374



## **The Open Gate**

The Open Gate counselling service started up in 2019 with financial help from the Church of Scotland's Go For It Fund, and had been available on **Friday** afternoons in **Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge** for appointments, proving useful for helping a range of problems. As you know, since the onset of Covid, it has continued only as a telephone appointment service which was available throughout the week.

Following discussion at our latest Kirk Session meeting, it was agreed that **The Open Gate** should continue again back in Newlands Centre on Friday afternoons for face-to-face appointments for a trial period of a few months, and this will start up on a weekly basis **from 1st September**. Early appointments will be arranged by phoning or texting **07535 898 244**.

### **Please make the most of this opportunity!**

Use it for yourself or suggest it to friends. Everyone has some sort of problem in their life that could be helped in a relaxed and pleasant way. Sessions remain free and confidential and the client decides when their problem has been helped – often after only 1 session. Some problems can't be changed eg death of a loved one, physical impairment etc, but folk can be helped to cope more happily with these issues.



Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm  
on Wednesday 16 October  
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 **lnkccchair@gmail.com**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. October** Mary Craig from Galashiels will give a talk about 'Witches'

Competitions: Witch's hat 2 Treacle Scones.

Meetings are held in Newlands Centre at 7:15pm.

Anyone wishing transport from West Linton, the Newlands Community Bus will leave  
The Raemartin Square at 7:00pm.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.

Membership: £30      Visitors: £5

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. November:** We look forward to celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup>. birthday with many past & present members and special guests, with an evening of 'Magic & Memories'.

6:15 for 6:30pm

**Parish of Upper Tweeddale presents**

**Films That Make You Think!**

Broughton Village Hall

Friday 18 October 2024

Film starts 7.30 pm

**Free Admission - Light Refreshments**

### ***Garden Ramblings***

The sun is shining today on one of the better days this September. In my own garden, Heleniums are absolutely huge due to the wet summer we have been experiencing this year. Likewise, there is a huge clump of white phlox flowering now and it must be about 5 feet high! The Butterfly bushes all died this year apart from the Globosa variety with yellow ball shaped flowers so thanks are due to my neighbour who kindly gave me cuttings as her bush was covered in butterflies only last week.

Autumn shrubs worth planting are Potentillas, flowering from June to November, and the different Hypericums all various shades and sizes of yellow flowers. Yellow Crocosmia is looking good as well. Lucifer, the red Crocosmia, has finished flowering and has had a good chop!

Happy gardening.

Cilla Davidson

***NEWLANDS SWI***



Our first meeting was on 12th September and was a very enjoyable get together with an amazing talk by our local enthusiast Diane Bennett on the Tweeddale Ospreys. We were pleased to welcome some new members as well, so looking good. This year is our centenary year and we are having a meal in November so watch this space.

Cilla Davidson

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Material for the November magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by

**Tuesday, 22 October 2024**



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