

Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine

October 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>
05 October 2025	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington
12 October 2025	Fiona Burnett	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett
19 October 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley
26 October 2025	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell
02 November 2025	Patsy Campbell	Rev Chris Levison	Patsy Campbell

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>
05 October 2025	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell
12 October 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
19 October 2025	Colin Herd	Isobel Hunter	Colin Herd
26 October 2025	-	-	Isobel Hunter*
02 November 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley

* Upper Tweeddale Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Tweedsmuir, 10am

The Mockingbird by Mary Oliver

*All summer the Mockingbird
in his pearl-gray coat
and his white-windowed wings flies
from the hedge to the top of the pine
and begins to sing.*

*But it's neither lilting nor lovely,
for he is the thief of other sounds –
whistles and truck brakes and dry hinges
plus all the songs
of other birds in his neighbourhood.
Mimicking and elaborating,
he sings with humour and bravado.*

*So, I have to wait a long time
for the softer voice of his own life
to come through. He begins
by giving up all his usual flutter
and setting down on the pine's forelock
then looking around
as though to make sure he's alone.*

*Then he slaps each wing against his breast,
where his heart is,
and, copying nothing, begins
easing into it
as though it was not half so easy
and rollicking,
as though his subject now
was his true self,
which of course was as dark and secret,
as anyone else's
and it was too hard—
perhaps you understand—
to speak or to sing it
to anything or anyone
but the sky.*

In the poem above Mary speaks of how tempting and easy it often is to be simply an echo of other people's opinions. Of how often like the Mockingbird we simply amplify and repeat what we have heard others say, never taking the time to think, '*What do I really think...*' Taking the time to hear your own voice can be a bit scary. But ask yourself, '*Do I really want to be simply a human Mockingbird, a mere echo someone else's opinion?*'

Peace,

Tony



Harvest Thanksgiving and Harvest Supper

We will be holding our **Harvest Supper** at Newlands church on Saturday 4th October at 6.30pm. It will be a pot luck supper, where everyone brings food to share and there will be a collection in aid of Bethany Christian Trust.

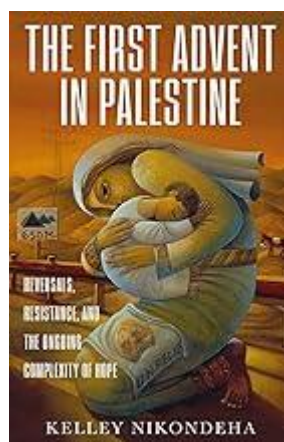
Everyone is warmly invited and if you would like a ticket, please let Jean Howat or your elder know – howatjean@gmail.com 01968 660677

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

The **Harvest Service** is on Sunday 5th October at 10am. Donations of food will be delivered to Peebles Foodbank.

Advent Study Series

The proposed study book for our Advent Studies is



Study dates will be announced in the November magazine. Please also see the West Tweeddale website: www.westtweeddale.org.uk



Blythswood

Shoe Box Appeal



*Bring warmth, joy and
hope this Christmas*

“Since our first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993 we have sent more than 2.8 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. “

All Christmas Shoe Boxes need to be handed in to either Newlands Church or Fay Young by **Sunday, 26 October at the latest.**



Films That Make You Think

12th October 2025, 7pm

Broughton Village Hall

A doctor loves to help his patients with humour and compassion, but his methods are not appreciated by the scientific and medical communities – a film about what happens when we challenge the accepted culture of a group.

Reuse Repair & Share

@ Whitmuir CIC

is running from the barn on the edge of the car park - Supporting OUR community to make environmental choices, reducing waste and promoting sustainable living.



REUSE HUB - A place where household goods can be donated and sold. Saving things from landfill and giving them a second life. Shorter journeys than to Peebles/Eshiels.

Repair & Share - Coming next... A Library of Things... Offering access and sharing of household items, garden equipment, mobility aids etc which are needed infrequently or short term. For a modest annual subscription.

Working towards Repair Workshops- Get small household gadgets repaired and learn how to do it at the same time. Any profits will be recycled into the community, running skills programmes, regular repair sessions, workshops and skill-sharing events.

Reducing waste and promoting sustainable living.

Website: reuserepairshare.org.uk email ;info@reuserepairshare.org.uk

Or keep up with our opening times on Facebook ; Reuse , Repair & Share Hub @ Whitmuir

KIRKURD SWI

Saturday 27th. September 2025 Peeblesshire Federation SWI Coffee Morning & Display of member's work. Peebles Rugby Club, 10:00 – 12:00. Entrance £3 includes tea / Coffee & scones.

Tuesday 7th. October 7:15pm. Newlands Centre.

We invite you to our first meeting of the winter programme, when David Gilchrist & colleagues will tell us about making Shepherd's Crooks.

Competitions: 2 x pieces carrot cake

An item incorporating horn.

Newlands Community mini bus will pick up at Bogsbank Road, 6:45pm,

Raemartin Square / clock, 6:50, Broomlee Court approx. 7:00pm.

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

Annual Membership £30, Visitors £5

Tuesday 4th. November OPEN NIGHT Tweed Valley Osprey Project

This meeting is open to all.

Competitions: 2 x toffee apples

Photograph of a bird / birds

West Tweeddale Guild

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 October at 2.00pm in Broughton Village Hall, when we will be hearing about the current new project by the Scottish Bible Society. This is "Bible for Bairns" which aims to provide an age-appropriate Bible to every new child born in Scotland.

All will be made very welcome.

LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Cafe will be open on Wednesdays from 10am till 2pm providing a cosy environment for home made soups, filled rolls and scones plus cakes and the usual coffees and teas. Come and meet your friends and make new ones.

We have Yoga classes on Thursdays and Pilates classes on Fridays. Sewing classes on some Saturdays.

For further information email info@lamanchahub.org.uk

Cilla Davidson

Carlops Village Talks

Monthly talks and a chance to chat

Friday, 10 October, 7.30pm

Reflections from a Pentland Artist

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

Well, this is the last day of September and what a surprise to see a purple lupin with two flower heads still blooming. The lupins were the Russell strain and all grown from seed. I have saved seed from one lovely pale blue lupin and will give them a go. I will also try growing from seed the clematis Tangutica as I grew it in the past and still have a beautiful plant flowering over the garden fence. I just love the yellow bell shaped flowers at the same time those fluffy seed heads. Definitely a star performer for our Newlands area.

The crocus bulbs have arrived so that will be the next job. Trouble is the pot I intend using still has busy lizzies in full bloom! Will probably repot them for indoors where they should keep on flowering!

Cilla Davidson



NEWLANDS SWI

Autumn is here and we have an excellent syllabus ahead of us. Our next meeting is on the 9th of October and we will enjoy seeing our local plant expert Joanne Thomson demonstrating how to plant a spring pot.

Competition is a decorated cup cake and the teas are by Nancy Porteous and Fay Young. Vote of thanks by Lin Hunter.

Venue Lamancha Hub at 7.30.

See you all there.

Cilla Davidson



Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues? Work
problems? Trouble at school/college? Etc.

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The Open Gate uses a counselling approach which is brief,
effective and future-orientated, building on your own solutions.
All sessions are free and confidential, with no long waiting-list.

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