

*Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*



*September 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>
01 September 2024	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison
08 September 2024	Patsy Campbell	Peter Worthington	Patsy Campbell
15 September 2024	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
22 September 2024	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
29 September 2024	Isobel Hunter	Steven Whalley	Isobel Hunter
06 October 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley

**Welcome:** Fiona Dunkley, Rosie Sim & Ilka Roehe

**Church Cleaning:** Mary Alexander

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
01 September 2024	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett
08 September 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
15 September 2024	Peter Worthington	David Howat	Peter Worthington
22 September 2024	Julian Birchall	Rev Tony Foley	Julian Birchall
29 September 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley
06 October 2024	David Howat	Fiona Burnett	David Howat

Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:  
[westtweeddale.org.uk](http://westtweeddale.org.uk)

### ***“What’s wrong with those people?”***

Sometimes when dealing with irritating cold callers on the phone, I will exclaim, *“What’s wrong with these people?”* Actually, I do this more often than I like to admit and not just on the other end of the phone. Sometimes I do it when listening to this or that reporter, or other car drivers, and certain politicians. My wife recently admonished me: *“Tony, nobody is one of ‘those people.’ Be careful because you are slipping into the realm of the collective slur and that’s morally sloppy and morally corrupting. You don’t really know that person’s name, but you do know that they are a person.”*

She’s right of course. I do sometimes allow my momentary annoyance to slide into a wide pool of irritation that pushes other people into *“kinds.”* Individual persons very quickly become *“Those people”*, who work for insurance companies, or *“Those people”* who work for the airlines, or university administrators, or ecclesial bureaucrats, and so on and so on. If I am not careful my world can quickly become populated with a whole series of anonymous, irritating *‘They.’*

I am of course exaggerating a little, but you get my point. My wife was right when she also pointed out that *“‘Those people’ are God’s; and God is the God of each and every one of them”*. Yes, there are ‘kinds,’ ‘types,’ and categories that have a collective character—a *“they”* if you will. But each *‘they’* is made up of persons, who were created as singular individuals. The Bible tells us God knows each one of us by name. Names are important in the Bible and for good reason. Calling a person by their name is a profoundly affirming way of acknowledging the humanity of that person. Acknowledging a person by their name is a way of reminding ourselves that the person we are engaging with is known to God and made in the image of God.

In case you ever find yourself irritated and tempted to resort to the impersonal *‘They,’* let me leave with my wife’s admonishment; *“Nobody is one of ‘those people.’”* We should all be careful of slipping into the habit of using the collective slur because it’s morally sloppy and morally corrupting. You might not know that person’s name, but you do know that they are a person.

Peace,

Tony

## **Newlands Kirk Session – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Our next Kirk Session Meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September in the Church Annexe.

## **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 and there will be a collection in aid of a charity which is tbc.

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 a local Foodbank.

## **Save the Date**

### **A Celebration of Faith in West Tweeddale**

The first of our half yearly gatherings to inspire, worship and enjoy each others' company

Date : 12 October 2024

Registration, Cake and Coffee to start at 10am

Followed by Worship, Discussion, Questions, Learning, Prayer and Music

Lunch around 12.30

**Completely free to attend. Registration will open shortly.**

**Everyone very welcome.**



**Messy Church will be starting  
later this autumn in November.**



**Dates to be confirmed in October.**

**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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### **Pastoral Group**

We are a small group of people who are there to offer a listening ear in con-  
fidence. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a visit please do con-  
tact 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.

### ***LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ***

A warm welcome awaits you at our Wednesday cafe. Open to all from 10am till 2pm. Deli-  
cious cheese or fruit scones freshly baked along with cakes preceded by hot filled rolls or  
muffins.

The garden is still looking good for sitting out if we get a sunny day! We also have a few  
perennial plants for sale too.

There are regular Yoga and sewing classes held here so please get in touch with  
[info@lamanchahub.org.uk](mailto:info@lamanchahub.org.uk) if you are interested.

Cilla Davidson

## Broughtonknowe - 'Woodland For Sale'

For those who do not know Broughtonknowe

it is 135 acres of woodland situated on the A701

about a mile North of Broughton Village. It is more

than just a woodland. It was planted on farmland in the late 1980's by Major David Balfour-Scott whose vision was a commercial planting of conifers softened by large patches of native hardwoods. In addition, there are now three large ponds, with a hide. A considerable area remains as upland grassy heath and marshy meadow. So, in effect there are a range of distinct habitats.

Woodland management has been by selectively felling spruce, larch and other conifers rather than any clear-felling. This has created a semi-natural spacing between the remaining trees producing a very pleasing aesthetic as well as letting in light so encouraging regeneration of more natural plant and animal communities.

The 'Friends of Broughtonknowe' (FoB) was established as a community group in 2020 with the dual aims of 'improving amenity and increasing biodiversity' within the woodland. A wind-farm grant was successfully applied for in 2021 and considerable, volunteer led, work has subsequently enlarged the car park, extended the path network, put in benches, dug two more ponds and created a new picnic facility.

The wildlife highlights are an amazing congregation of frogs and toads at the ponds in the spring. An abundance of butterflies in the grassland areas in the summer and a wonderful diversity of woodland fungi in the autumn. In the winter you can enjoy spectacular panoramas of the surrounding Southern Uplands.

At the top of the woodland there is a picnic and fire-pit area used regularly by the local cubs / scouts and by the Biggar Kirk youth group. The woodland also features a small disused quarry from which 'Green Ash Chairs' runs



short courses using traditional country-craft techniques to make a chair, starting with just a length of young Ash tree. The courses are run by Peter Young. In the summer he erects a large yurt from which FoB have been running a programme of events with a focus on the surrounding natural history, the latest being a 'woodland foraging' event run by Ilka Roehe. It is a wonderfully peaceful setting for mindfulness and general wellbeing as well as for educational experiences.

With the woodland coming on the market this has been a concerning time for all of us who enjoy walking here. A public meeting in the Broughton Village Hall was really well attended and prospects for the future were aired. The consensus was that a bid for a 'Community Buyout' was feasible. Christopher Lambton, the present woodland owner, has stated that he would be very happy to facilitate this. What remains therefore is for us to organise and formulate a management plan that can be submitted to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF). A lot has been going on behind the scenes to meet their criteria and if we are successful up to 90% of the purchase price could be awarded. We would hope to fundraise the remainder of the purchase price. There is already a strong community following on Facebook - 'Friends of Broughtonknowe'. Developments can be followed here, and on our website: [broughtonknowewood.co.uk](http://broughtonknowewood.co.uk)

John Hart

(Friends of Broughtonknowe).



Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be on  
Wednesday 18 September at the  
Lamancha Hub at 7.30pm**

*There will be a discussion regarding  
the proposal to axe the local bus  
service, linking Blyth Bridge and  
Lamancha to West Linton and  
Peebles, in favour of a telephone  
booking service.*

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 but please email [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com) if you  
have any comments or questions.



# Learn about solar panels, batteries, and the support available with Home Energy Scotland

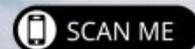


**Tuesday 17th September, 6:45pm - 8:15pm**  
**Village Centre, Raemartin Square, West Linton**

Sustainable West Linton and District's Community Heat Team is joining up with Home Energy Scotland to help households save energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Come along to our first 'Hot Topic workshop' to hear from a Technical Officer about:

- Solar panels and energy batteries
- Home Energy Scotland's home visit service
- The tools and support available to help make your home greener and cheaper to run
- Information on funding available for energy efficiency improvements such as insulation and heat pumps

**Sign up at [qrco.de/HESsolar](https://qrco.de/HESsolar) or scan the code**



## *Garden Ramblings*

"Summer, what summer?" we gardeners and friends are asking. Sunshine has been in short supply this year. One thing I have noticed is that all plants and shrubs have been phenomenal in their growth. This can only be due to our rain as I haven't fed anything. The roses such as the Jacobite rose (Rosa Alba ), Bonica, Rosa Mundi, and last but not least, New Dawn the shell pink climbing rose that has lived up to its reputation of being one of the best roses for shrugging off wet weather. My butterfly bush is almost as tall as the conifer next to it. The Potentillas in their shades of lemon, pink, and white have been amazing.

The few annuals in pots have done well and will soon be replaced with spring bulbs.

In the polytunnel at the community garden I have a few green tomatoes but boy are they slow to ripen. However, they are ripening now due to banana peelings draped over the stems. I'm told this really does help to ripen them so fingers crossed!

Make sure you get out in the sunshine this month.

Happy gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

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The clock is ticking towards the second Thursday in September when the new season starts. The syllabus looks good! Hoping to see all the regulars plus some new faces. Further info will be available soon.

Cilla Davidson

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**Tuesday, 17th September 2024**



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