

*Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*  
*September 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.



For more information contact Jean Howat. [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com) 01968 660677

## *West Tweeddale Parishes*

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Carlops 10 am</b></i>	<i><b>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands 10 am</b></i>	<i><b>West Linton 11.30 am</b></i>
07 September 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley
14 September 2025	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley
21 September 2025	Patsy Campbell	Isobel Hunter	Patsy Campbell
28 September 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
05 October 2025	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington

***Welcome:*** Ilka Roehe & Rosie Sim

***Church Cleaning:*** Mary Alexander



<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Broughton 11 am</b></i>	<i><b>Skirling 11.30 am</b></i>	<i><b>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</b></i>
07 September 2025	Fiona Burnett	Colin Herd	-
14 September 2025	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison
21 September 2025	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley
28 September 2025	Isobel Hunter	Peter Worthington	Isobel Hunter
05 October 2025	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell

## ***What we were always meant to do***

*“He gives you something you can give away, which grows into fully formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way so that you can be generous in every way.”* 1 CORINTHIANS 9:11-12 THE MESSAGE

Giving is what we do best. It is how we were designed. Giving is how the world works best, (*taking on the other hand*). We are given to our parents, our families, our neighbours and friends. Our life is a gift to others as theirs is to us. That is the way creation works. Some of us try desperately to hold on to ourselves, to live our lives for us. In doing so we become spiritually poor and emotionally bedraggled as we pathetically hold on to the dead branches of what is *ours*. All the while we live in fear of soaring on the untried wings of giving. So often do we dare not risk living generously in every sense and in every area of our lives, and so we never really try. But the sooner we start the better, for one day we are going to have to give up the lives we were given. The longer we wait the less time we have for doing what we were always meant to do, soaring and swooping in the thermals of giving.

*‘Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I’ve climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds,—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence.  
I’ve chased the shouting wind along...’*

***Peace,***  
*Tony*

## **Newlands Kirk Session – Monday 8th September**

Our next Kirk Session Meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 8th September in the Church Annexe.



## **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 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 5th October at 10am. Donations of food will be delivered to a local Foodbank.





## **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](http://reuserepairshare.org.uk) email ;[info@reuserepairshare.org.uk](mailto:info@reuserepairshare.org.uk)

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

Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 17 September at the Newlands Centre,  
Romanno Bridge.**

If you have any questions, please email the Chair on **lnkccchair@gmail.com**.

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** 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 **lnkccchair@gmail.com** .

## KIRKURD SWI

Monday 21st. July was a beautifully warm and sunny day; 12 members and friends travelled to Kinross to visit the Scottish Lavender Farm & Perfumery. On arrival we had a leisurely picnic style morning coffee and goodies.

We then wandered through the rows of blooming lavender taking in the scents and listening to the bees at work. We enjoyed the conducted tour through the lavender fields and into the small distillery where the essential oil is extracted from the plants at harvest time.

Leaving Kinross, we travelled to Glenfarg, where Glenfarg SWI provided us with afternoon tea in the village hall. A truly great day out.

Saturday 27th. September Peeblesshire Federation SWI Coffee Morning and display of members work. Peebles Rugby Club. 10:00 – 12:00 noon. £3 includes tea / coffee and scones.

Tuesday 7th. October First meeting of the winter programme.

David Gilchrist and colleagues will tell us about Crook Making.

Competitions: Item incorporating horn, 2 x pieces of carrot cake.

Kirkurd SWI meets on the first Tuesday of the month in Newlands Centre, Romano Bridge, at 7:15pm.

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

Further information contact: [kirkurdsui@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirkurdsui@yahoo.co.uk) or

telephone Margaret 01721 752242

### **West Tweeddale Guild**

The first meeting of the new session will be on Wednesday, 17th September. This will be a visit to Rosslyn Chapel followed by refreshments in a café.

Further details from Fiona Burnett: [fiona@glenholm.co.uk](mailto:fiona@glenholm.co.uk)

### **Carlops Village Talks**

Monthly talks and a chance to chat

Friday, 12 September, 7.30pm

Conservation, Protection & Enhancement

Andrew Marsden, Chairman, Friends of the Pentlands

### ***LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ***

CAFE is open every Wednesday from 10am till 2pm. Come and enjoy filled rolls, fresh baked scones and muffins plus choice of home made soups and nice coffee or a pot of tea.

#### **CLASSES**

We have sewing classes plus the usual yoga and pilates classes.

Main hall charges are £10 per hour for meetings or birthday parties etc.

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

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.



## ***Garden Ramblings***

Writing this on the last day of summer and wondering which rose will be the last rose of summer in my garden. There are actually 2 contenders. First one is Bonica with only 2 blooms but this rose does me proud flowering for weeks with no blackspot and frankly thriving on neglect! The 2nd rose is a climber, New Dawn. This rose has been in the garden for many years and doesn't mind the rain although it has enjoyed this dry summer. Other roses are now full of rose buds which will help feed the birds in the coming weeks.

I have placed an order for tulip bulbs for delivery later on this year and will probably purchase more daffs.

My tomatoes in the Keder House at the Hub have done well and that variety is Orkado, sweet and juicy with a pinch of salt.

Hope everyone has a nice September with the lovely colours autumn brings.

Cilla Davidson



## ***NEWLANDS SWI***

Our meetings resume on the second Thursday of September (which is the 11th). We are all looking forward to meeting up again. The syllabus is full of interesting talks etc. First talk is by Hugh Munro of Penicuik Paper Museum at 7.30. Membership fees will be collected then.

Cilla Davidson



# Got a problem?

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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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