

West Linton St Andrew's Parish Church

September 2026

Scottish Charity No SCO03938

Interim Moderator: Rev Graham Astles

From the Editor

August and September mark the end of summer as the days begin to get shorter and cooler. As we look back at the unusually warm summer that we have had we may wonder what the coming winter holds for us.

This season also marks the return of children to school and the restarting of activities after the summer break. As we restart our activities do we appreciate the many volunteers who faithfully keep these activities running.

There seem to be vacancies much of the time. You may not notice because someone else has stepped in to ensure that the show is kept on the road. So why not ask yourself, "what can I do to help"? There is no need to wait to be asked. Find one of our activities that interest you and just ask someone "what can I do to help"?

One particular vacancy which we have is that of Property Convenor. This does not need to be filled by a member of the Kirk Session. If anyone would like to consider this role, please speak to Steven Whalley.

Is there anyone who would like to be the Editor for the Newsletter? It is not that I am planning to resign but with our current vacancy both

Steven and myself will have some extra services to fill the rota. If you would like to help with this please speak to me.

We were encouraged by comments we received after the family service for the Sunday Club prize giving at the end of May so we have programmed in more of these family services beginning on the 23rd of August, then our Harvest service in October and the Nativity service in December. Children are the future of the church. Please welcome them and their parents at our family services.

Colin

Parish Profile meeting

This meeting is **open to all congregations in the linkage**, and will be held on Sunday **30th August at 12.30pm in the New Church Hall** in West Linton. **Please bring your own lunch.**

The development of a Parish Profile is an important step in the process of attracting a new Minister, once we have been given permission to call. **If you are planning to attend the meeting** to help develop the Parish Profile, can you **please let your Session Clerk know.**

Once you do, you will be sent some of the documents that have been submitted to Presbytery. These summarise all the Church activities we currently undertake.

This is important, as it means we can take this information as 'read', and can concentrate on what is important at this meeting, namely what **we want from a Minister** and what we want to focus on about **what we have to offer.**

Sunday Club

It is now four years since we restarted children's ministry at St Andrews. Things are going very well and we would like to thank the worship leaders and everyone in our congregation for welcoming the children and their families; and for supporting us. We are hugely encouraged by the positive feedback from the children and their families. Many of the parents join in at Sunday Club, their help and support is greatly appreciated.

Sunday Club restarts after our summer break on Sunday 6th September and this year in preparation for this there will be a Family Service on Sunday 23rd August.

Dates for diaries:

23rd August - Summer Family Service

6th September - Sunday Club

4th October - Sunday Club

25th October - Harvest Family Service

1st November - Sunday Club

6th December – Sunday Club Nativity Service

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of every month in the Old Church Hall during school term times. We leave from church during the service and walk the children to the hall and for those who wish to meet us at the hall we suggest 11.45am. This is particularly useful for our children who attend the earlier service in Carlops. After Sunday Club we bring the children back to the church or they can be collected by parents around 12.15pm.

Ann Lyon and Kate Whalley

BABY BRUNCH SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Have a great summer!

Restarts Friday 21 August



Term time Fridays
Old Church Hall, West Linton

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2026

Last year more than 85 000 boxes were delivered to Eastern Europe and since 1993 a staggering 2.8 million shoeboxes have been delivered. Leaflets for this year's Shoebox Appeal are now available in church. The format is the same as before. You can also sponsor a shoebox by visiting the Blythswood website if you prefer. Fillers ie items for shoeboxes are also welcomed if you don't want to fill a box.

Details of when to bring your boxes will follow once collection dates are confirmed.



Volunteers Required

Do you enjoy your tea or coffee after the service each Sunday? Volunteers are required to increase the team who provide for us each week. There is no obligation to provide home baking. All you would need to bring is some biscuits and milk.

Full instructions and training will be given. There is a rota list at the front of the church.

Guid Blethers

9th September

Bake Off with Jean Heath

23rd September

My Japanese Family with Sophie Pilgrim

In the Old Church Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake

Suggested weekly donation £1.00

All welcome

For further information contact Helen Dry

Sip and Share — Fridays 2pm to 4pm In The Old Church Hall

Restarts Friday 4th September

Entry is completely free, open to everyone (though under 16s must be accompanied by an adult), dogs welcome if well behaved.

Entry is free although donations are welcome.

Contacts

Interim Moderator: Rev Graham Astles

Telephone: Email: GAstles@churchofscotland.org.uk

Mobile:

Linkage Administrator: Kate Whalley

Office: 01968 733112 email: cos1560.tweed@outlook.com

Telephone: 07973 501665 email: kate@westlinton.com

(Most of the time Kate will be working from home therefore use the contact details immediately above)

Session Clerk: Steven Whalley

Telephone: 07525 378187 email: stevenwhalley.westlinton@gmail.com

Treasurer: Michael Knott

Telephone: 01968 660977 email: michael.knott@talk21.com

Property Convener: Vacant

Telephone: email:

Weekly Linkage News: Christine Leith

Telephone: 01968 660800 email: intimations@standrews-westlinton.org

Newsletter Editor: Colin Herd

Telephone: 07792 815953 email: newsletter@standrews-westlinton.org

Sunday Club:	Kate Whalley	Ann Lyon
Telephone:	07973 501665	01968 661347

Flower Convener: Ann Lyon

Telephone: 07702 984185 email: annlyon@live.co.uk

Sip and Share: **Kate Whalley** Telephone: 07973 501665

Guid Blethers: **Helen Dry** Telephone: 01968 660506

Baby Brunch: Mary Turnbull Telephone: 01968 661737

Boys Brigade: **Emma Lyon** Telephone:

Email: westlintonbb@gmail.com

August/September 2026

	West Linton	Carlops	Newlands
23/8	Colin Herd Family Service	Rev Chris Levison	Steven Whalley
30/8	Peter Worthington	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett
6/9	David Henderson- Howat	David Henderson- Howat	Isobel Hunter
13/9	Patsy Campbell	Patsy Campbell	Rev Chris Levison
20/9	Murray Campbell	Murray Campbell	Peter Worthington
27/9	Colin Herd	Colin Herd	Isobel Hunter
4/10	Isobel Hunter	Isobel Hunter	Rev Chris Levison

Door Duties		Read and Welcome	
September		September	
Tony Hoskins	Choir	6 th	Michael Knott
Steven Whalley	Main	13 th	Michael Knott
Pat Graham (£)	Gallery	20 th	TBC
		27 th	Maria Hodgetts
October		October	
Colin Herd	Choir	4 th	Steven Whalley
Mary Turnbull	Main	11 th	Steven Whalley
Marion Moore (£)	Gallery	18 th	Kirsty Crick
		25 th	Kirsty Crick

Material for the September Newsletter should be submitted to the Editor by Monday 21st September. Please include 'Newsletter' in the subject of your email. All submissions should be in MS Word or equivalent. Please do not simply send an email.

The October 2026 issue will be available by 27th September 2026.