

# ***West Linton St Andrew's Parish Church***

**October 2024**

**Scottish Charity No SC003938**

**Minister: Rev Dr Tony Foley**

***'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?

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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**

## ***Guid Blethers***

**October 9th**

***Errington Cheeses & tasting  
with Kate Whalley***

**October 23rd**

***Costumes for Shakespeare at Traquair  
with Sally Wild***

Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from **2.00 pm to 3.30 pm** In the Old Church Hall.

Following a talk on an interesting subject or an activity (non strenuous!) we enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some wonderful tasty nibbles

***Further information from Helen Dry 660506***

# The BIG Gathering

Broughton Village Hall

Saturday 12 October 2024

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.**

# Harvest Thanksgiving

The West Linton Harvest service will be held at the usual time (11.30) on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring donations of canned food which will be taken to the Peeblesshire Foodbank for those with not enough to eat.

Thank you in advance.



## ***Need some emergency help?***

These organisations are nearby: Penicuik Food, Facts & Friends

42 John St Penicuik EH26 8AB [www.foodfactsfriends.org.uk](http://www.foodfactsfriends.org.uk)

Peeblesshire Foodbank 1 Silverbirch Studios, Cavalry Park, Peebles  
EH45 9BU 07413 484174 [www.peeblesshire.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.peeblesshire.foodbank.org.uk)

Crisis Assistance from the Minister's Barnabas Fund 07943 509906  
[emergencyfoodbank@standrewswestlinton.org.uk](mailto:emergencyfoodbank@standrewswestlinton.org.uk)

For further information about West Tweeddale Winter Warmers  
please contact the church office on 01968 733112



**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)  
[howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

## Shoe Box Appeal 2024

We are again supporting Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal. Since it started in 1993 over 2.5 million shoeboxes have been distributed to schools, orphanages, care homes, hospitals and low income families in eastern Europe . Families in Ukraine have also been helped since the war with Russia began.

Leaflets will be available in church very soon. If you have any spare shoeboxes, please leave them in church. If you don't want to fill a shoebox any of the requested items will be gratefully received to supplement other boxes.

All filled boxes and any fillers must be brought to Church by

**Sunday 27th October.**

**The Blythswood van is coming to Peebles on Monday 28th October to collect the boxes.**

Thank you.

**Pat Graham**



### ***The Open Gate***

Just a reminder that The Open Gate is still available to offer an appointment to anyone of any age who could do with a little bit of counselling. This uses a Brief Solution Focussed Therapy (BFST) approach which is pleasant and helpful for all sorts of problems- often after only 1 session.

Phone 07535 898 244 to ask for an appointment in Newlands Centre on Friday afternoons 2-5pm. This is confidential and free.

## Sunday Club

As we now enter our third year of Sunday Club at St Andrews, we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children and their families back after our summer break on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. We are hugely encouraged by the positive feedback from the children and their families. Many of the parents join in at Sunday Club where their help and support is greatly appreciated.

### **Dates For Diaries**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

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 and families who attend earlier services at their churches in Carlops and St Mungo's West Linton. 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***

### **Community Cosy Coffee Afternoon**

Our hours are 2pm to 4pm on Fridays, at the Old Church Hall. Come along for a chat, cuppa, company and cake! Everyone very welcome, although under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult. Free of charge although donations welcome but not expected. More information from **Kate Whalley**.

**JOIN THE ADVENTURE**

**THE BOYS' BRIGADE**  
>the adventure begins here

**BBs will return  
for Under 11s  
on 17th  
September**

**ANCHORS**  
5 - 8 Years

**JUNIORES**  
8 - 11 Years

Drop us an email for more information:  
**westlintonbb@gmail.com**

The Boys' Brigade is a Company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales number 00022. It is registered charity in England & Wales number 1049080. Adults & children members £12.000 to Registered Child Members under 18 years membership £6.000 U18s £3.00

We have restarted following our summer break. We'll be offering a mixed programme of activities for under 11s, suitable for both Anchor and Junior sections. We're keen to welcome new boys to the group, so if you know of any under 11s who would be interested in joining us, drop the team an email for more information:  
[westlintonbb@gmail.com](mailto:westlintonbb@gmail.com)

***Emma, Jo and Gillian***

West Linton Boys Brigade Leadership Team



Parish of Upper Tweeddale  
presents a programme of

# Films That Make You Think!



**Broughton Village Hall**

**Friday 18th October**

**film starts 7:30 PM**

A family friendly film followed by an open discussion of some of the themes and issues raised by the film



for more information scan the QR code or go to  
[www.uptweeddale.org.uk/films\\_that\\_make\\_you\\_think.asp](http://www.uptweeddale.org.uk/films_that_make_you_think.asp)

Free Admission  
Light Refreshments

On **Friday 18th October** in **Broughton Village Hall** the Parish of Upper Tweeddale is showing the second of a pilot programme of three films that have been chosen to provoke thought and discussion. This is a family friendly film starting at **7.30pm** and lasting about 100 minutes, and it will be followed by an opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings about the film in a facilitated discussion lasting about 30 minutes.

The licence we have to show this film prevents us from publishing the name of the film in our advertising outside of the venue. You can go to **[www.uptweeddale.org.uk/films\\_that\\_make\\_you\\_think.asp](http://www.uptweeddale.org.uk/films_that_make_you_think.asp)** to find out more about the program and there are links within that page which allow you to e-mail members of the organising team to find out more about the film itself. Or you can e-mail Neil Robinson ([neil@glenholm.co.uk](mailto:neil@glenholm.co.uk)).

**Everyone** is welcome, the evening is **FREE** (donations are welcome) and **light refreshments** will be provided at the beginning.

## LINTON LIFTS

*A not-for-profit group*

*Offering you opportunities to be a good neighbour*

Could you spare a few hours occasionally to take a neighbour to a medical appointment? Linton Lifts gives you the chance to make new friends in your own area by offering a door-to-door service to wherever the appointment is, since in some cases it takes three buses to get there and three buses back. Patients are often in an anxious state, and perhaps are quite elderly and/or no longer driving – a friendly face can make all the difference.

Drivers are reimbursed by the statutory mileage allowance and clients are simply asked to make a donation to Linton Lifts to cover this. Clients must be able to access a car without assistance (we cannot take wheelchair users, sorry) but we do take along carers when required.

We are in the foothills of running this service and in order to feel able to advertise it more widely **we need more drivers** to make themselves available so that no-one is asked to drive too frequently. When a request is made Margaret puts out a call to see who is available on the relevant day, so no need to have a day set aside on a regular basis – it's more whenever you happen to be free to help.

**For more information**, please email [margarettorrance6@icloud.com](mailto:margarettorrance6@icloud.com), or phone Margaret on

**01968 660678** (leave a message if it is not answered).

*Thank you*

***Margaret Torrance***

*Convenor, Linton Lifts*

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## Sunday Club

**On the first Sunday of each month during School Term Time  
for children in P1 to P7**

**And pre-school children by arrangement**

**Contact Kate Whalley or Ann Lyon**

**07973 501665 or 07702 984185**

## Services October

|      | <b>West Linton 11.30 am</b>                       | <b>Carlops 10.00 am</b>        | <b>Newlands 10.00 am</b> |
|------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6th  | Rev Dr Tony Foley                                 | Rev Dr Tony Foley              | Fiona Burnett            |
| 13th | David Henderson-<br>Howat<br>Harvest Thanksgiving | David Henderson-<br>Howat      | Rev Dr Tony Foley        |
| 20th | Patsy Campbell                                    | Patsy Campbell                 | Rev Chris Levison        |
| 27th | Rev Dr Tony Foley<br>Communion                    | Rev Dr Tony Foley<br>Communion | Kevin Scott              |
| 3/11 | Steven Whalley                                    | Steven Whalley                 | Isobel Hunter            |
|      |   |                                |                          |

### Door Duties

#### October

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Kate Dykes      | Choir   |
| Christine Leith | Main    |
| Colin Herd      | Gallery |

#### November

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Ann Lyon      | Choir   |
| Neil Calvert  | Main    |
| Mary Turnbull | Gallery |

### Readers

**Oct**    6th Steven Whalley  
           13th Steven Whalley  
           20th Elaine Robinson  
           27th Elaine Robinson

**Nov**    3rd Kirsty Crick  
           10th Kirsty Crick  
           17th Fiona Hessey  
           24th Fiona Hessey

**Material for the November Newsletter should be submitted to the editor by Monday 21st October 2024. Please include 'Newsletter' in the subject of your email.**

**The November 2024 issue will be available by 27th October 2024**