

West Linton St Andrew's Parish Church

September 2024

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Minister: Rev Dr Tony Foley

“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

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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

Need some emergency help?

These organisations are nearby Penicuik Foods, Facts & Friends 42 John St Penicuik EH26 8AB www.foodfactsfriends.org.uk

Peeblesshire Foodbank 1 Silverbirch Studios, Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU 07413 484174 peebleshire.foodbank.org.uk

Crisis Assistance from the Minister's Barnabas Fund 07943 509906 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

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 1st 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 1st September

Sunday 6th October

Sunday 3rd November

Sunday 1st 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

JuniORS
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 180122. It is registered charity in England & Wales number 1040989. Adults & children number 12122016. Registered Office: West Linton, Northumberland, NE47 5BB, UK.

We're looking forward to Boys Brigade restarting on 17th September 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

Emma, Jo and Gillian

West Linton Boys Brigade Leadership Team

Brownies—Now and Then

Now ... Anyone walking up the green one Sunday afternoon in July could have been forgiven for thinking that they had entered dangerous territory: with great success, the Brownies were firing cannisters into the air, propelled by bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. Just as well that earlier in the summer both Brownie units had learned about first aid in the field, including such useful skills such as improvising a sling with a carrier bag, although no advice about what to do if overwhelmed by a strong smell of vinegar. Waterproofing matches and then learning to light a tealight was another activity enhanced by the slight element of danger, and of course comes in very handy when a fire is needed to toast marshmallows and make smores.



Then ... One hundred years ago, in 1924, Mrs Patricia Thomson, later Lady Thomson, started the first Brownie pack in West Linton; later the same year, her sister-in-law, Mrs Elizabeth Thomson, started the Guide Company. Both Brownies and Guides met in what is now the Old Church Hall, wearing dresses and tunics sewn by the mums, with hand-knitted caps for the Brownies. A century on the girls wear their own choice from a selection of mix-and-match uniform and skills such as fire lighting are learned in a different way, but the fun, the friendship, and the adventure are still central to the guiding experience!



Guid Blethers

After a summer break, Guid Blethers will start a new programme on Wednesday 11th September, 2024 at 2.00pm in the Old Church Hall.

We look forward to meeting old friends and we hope some new friends will join us. As usual we will enjoy tea and cakes as well as the opportunity to chat.

For further information contact Helen Dry 01968 660506

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.

Collection dates have still to be confirmed.

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.

Parish of Upper Tweeddale
presents a programme of

Films That Make You Think!



starting in
Broughton Village Hall
Friday 13th September
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.uppertweeddale.org.uk/films_that_make_you_think.asp

Free Admission
Light Refreshments

On **Friday 13th September** in **Broughton Village Hall** the Parish of Upper Tweeddale is showing the first 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.uppertweeddale.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).

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

Church Flowers

If you have been away on holiday or holidaying at home, the beautiful summer flowers in our countryside and gardens have been lovely this year. As September approaches we look forward the summer colours giving way to the rich and rustic colours of autumn as we move into harvest time.

Thank you for your continued support of the Church Flower Fund. All contributions are very much appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund you can use the envelopes available in church. Please put your name and 'Flower Fund' on any plain envelope which you put into the offering bag or pass on to your arranger or any Elder. The Church treasurer, Michael Knott has made arrangements to make it possible to pay direct into the Flower Fund using the details below:

Account Name: St Andrews Kirk Session

Sort Code: 80-09-39

Account number: 00817827

It would be helpful if you could add 'Flower Fund' to your donation and if you are a taxpayer please consider to 'Gift Aid' your donation. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please email treasurer@standrews-westlinton.org or call 660977 or write to 9 Tarfhaugh Brae, West Linton EH46 7DP.

Over the summer Anne McDiarmid and the flower distribution ladies welcomed Mary Turnbull to the team, sincere thanks to Mary who has already been visiting! Thanks to Fiona Hessey and Jill Green who arranged the flowers in July and August and to our flower arrangers for September, October and November; Helen Bruce, Nancy Porteous and Sheila Forsyth, your time and talents are so very much appreciated.

Ann

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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 September

	West Linton 11.30 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
1st	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
8th	Patsy Campbell	Patsy Campbell	Peter Worthington
15th	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Tony Foley	David Henderson-Howat
22nd	Kevin Scott	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley
29th	Isobel Hunter	Isobel Hunter	Steven Whalley
6/10	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett

Door Duties

September

Tony Hoskins	Choir
Pat Graham £	Main
Marion Moore	Gallery

October

Kate Dykes	Choir
Christine Leith	Main
Colin Herd	Gallery

Readers

Sept 1st Mary Turnbull
8th Michael Knott
15th Michael Knott
22nd Kevin Scott
29th Kevin Scott

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

Material for the September Newsletter should be submitted to the editor by Monday 19th September 2024. Please include 'Newsletter' in the subject of your email.

The October 2024 issue will be available by 25th September 2024