

# Linkage News

## Services Sunday 1 December 2024

**Carlops Church Worship** - 10am - Kevin Scott in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

**St Andrew's Church Worship** - 11:30 - Kevin Scott in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

**Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship** - 10am – Murray Campbell in church

**Broughton Church Worship** - 10am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley - see page 2 of linkage news no service in Skirling or Tweedsmuir



### Carlops Parish Church, Sunday 1st December, 3.45pm.

#### THE CARLOPS ADVENT GARDEN, 2024

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT (Adults welcome too - you don't need to be accompanied by a child!)

Advent is a special time of year, when we are preparing for Christmas. Once again we will make our magical indoor garden in Carlops Parish Church: a spiral path of moss, with a mound in the centre, holding a large candle, from which, one by one, as we all sing carols, the children will light their own small candles. As they return along the path, the children choose a place in the green moss to plant their candles, which they carry in lovely red cored apples. (Adults or siblings can guide little ones around the path, of course.)

By the time the last child has made the journey, our garden will be blooming with many flame flowers.

**PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, each child should bring her/his own apple, with a candle placed in its cored centre, so that the apple becomes a candle-holder. An ordinary white kitchen candle is ideal. Red apples look lovely placed in the moss garden.**

***We'd like to be able to start by 4pm, at dusk, so do try to arrive at 3.45pm!***

The ceremony will last for about an hour. There will be Christmas biscuits for the children to enjoy with juice, after the ceremony, while Gerda reads a Christmas story. And there'll be some mulled wine for the adults.

**Finally, thinking of candles at ground level, it would be best for us to avoid wearing flouncy, flowing garments!**

Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to

**[intimations@standrews-westlinton.org](mailto:intimations@standrews-westlinton.org)**

by *Thursday lunchtime* would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

**Minister for West Tweeddale - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley**

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**West Tweeddale Church Office**

Tel: 01968 733 112 Email [cos1560.tweed@outlook.com](mailto:cos1560.tweed@outlook.com)

No kirk service this Sunday in Skirling or Tweedsmuir- all invited to Broughton...

## **The Parish of Upper Tweeddale**

Invites you to a  
**Christingle Service**  
To celebrate the start  
of Advent



**Broughton Village Hall**  
**Sunday 1st December**  
**service starts at 10:00**

**Coffee, bacon rolls and croissants served from 9:30**

**The story of the beginning of Advent**

**Advent carols**

**Make Christingle decorations**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY  
INVITED TO

# Newlands

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON & MARKET

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

1

3-5pm

FREE ENTRY

STALL £10

MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE/  
PUNCH & CAROLS

Stall enquiries:

[gill@newlandskids.org.uk](mailto:gill@newlandskids.org.uk)

[newlandsprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:newlandsprimarypc@gmail.com)



**newlands kids**  
early learning and child care

**ENTRY  
BY  
DONATION**

**CAROLS**

*Dementia friendly Tweeddale*

# *Christmas Fair*

Food, Drink, Crafts, Cards, Toys, Gifts,  
Wreaths. Tombola and MORE!

**Sunday 1st December**

**10am - 4pm**

**Peebles Drill Hall**

Seasonal refreshments  
served from the kitchen

Hosted by Dementia Friendly Tweeddale  
SC052397



Come and Pray with us.  
Join us on the first Monday  
of the month at 2.00 p.m.  
in Broughton Village Hall  
(the wee room that you  
come to from the car park  
before you get to the main  
door)



For the next few months  
we will be praying for  
the future of Broughton  
Kirk using contemplative  
prayer inspired by Julian  
of Norwich



Next meeting  
Mon 2 Dec



**4th Dec 9.30am**  
**28th Dec 10.30am**

Meet at the main layby carpark at Broughtonknowe woods. We will be walking about 3km, slowly through the woods on rough, steep, muddy tracks. It is essential folk wear stout boots with good grip and warm, waterproof clothing. There will be some thoughts shared, a Bible verse, some reflection, there will be time to chat, share and consider as well as some silence. There's an option on the 4th to head on after to Bite n Blether in Broughton village hall (£3 donation). Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at what 3 words: [certainty.questions.flown](http://certainty.questions.flown)  
OS grid ref: NT103391



New, this year. Kid's

activities in Craft Workshop

# CARNIVAL

West Linton

12pm - 3pm

Saturday 7th December

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Teas, coffees, Baking, lunches available  
 Various food stalls, pottery, candles,  
 handwoven textiles, Handmade soaps  
 Bric-a-brac and lots more



We are delighted to let you know there will be a **community event to thank Gillian, Calum and the Post Office team for their services to our local communities over 29 years.**

Everyone from all our local villages and communities is welcome to drop in as we say thank you to the Post Office team.

There is a little red book in West Linton Pharmacy for you to add your own message to Gillian and Calum - please pop in. There will also be an opportunity for you to sign it on Sunday 8th December at our wee community gathering.

In the **New Church Hall, West Linton,**  
on **Sunday 8th December from 2-4pm**

Enjoy a tea or coffee (& juice for our younger residents) and some delicious homebaking.

**Please let your friends and neighbours know too! Everyone is welcome!**





# BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

MONDAY 9TH DEC. 2024 7PM  
ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH,  
WEST LINTON

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music to shine light into our darkness.

Everyone,  
regardless of church background (or lack of it)  
is welcome.

**Kirkurd & Newlands are also holding their gift service on Sunday 15 Dec. where donations can also be collected.**

**ON BEHALF OF THE SALVATION ARMY  
& SBC SOCIAL SERVICES**

# **GIFTS FOR CHILDREN**

Please donate **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** gifts for children of all ages, for distribution across the Scottish Borders. Donations of wrapping paper are also welcomed.



**Accepting Donations until  
15 DECEMBER 2024**

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
WEST LINTON**

**Donations can also be made on Saturday 14th  
December from 10am until noon**

**Sunday Club**  
**St Andrew's Parish Church,**  
**West Linton**  
**Children's Nativity Service**

**All age nativity service**  
**Sunday 15 Dec. 2024 at 11:30am**



Children are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite nativity character and will be able to take part if they would like to.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

The service will be very relaxed and should last about 45mins.  
*(Princesses and action heroes will made very welcome at the stable too.*



# Christmas

Sunday 15th Dec.  
4pm

New Church Hall  
West Linton

Messy Church offers a warm, welcoming space to everyone who wants to join in. Join us for an afternoon of fun activities and a meal together.

For more info contact  
[howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)



# Coffee Club

at the Old Church Hall, West Linton



All Welcome

Open 10am-12pm

**FREE** hot drinks  
and cakes

3rd Tuesday of  
every month

Tuesdays on 19th Nov, 17th Dec,  
21st Jan and 18th Feb



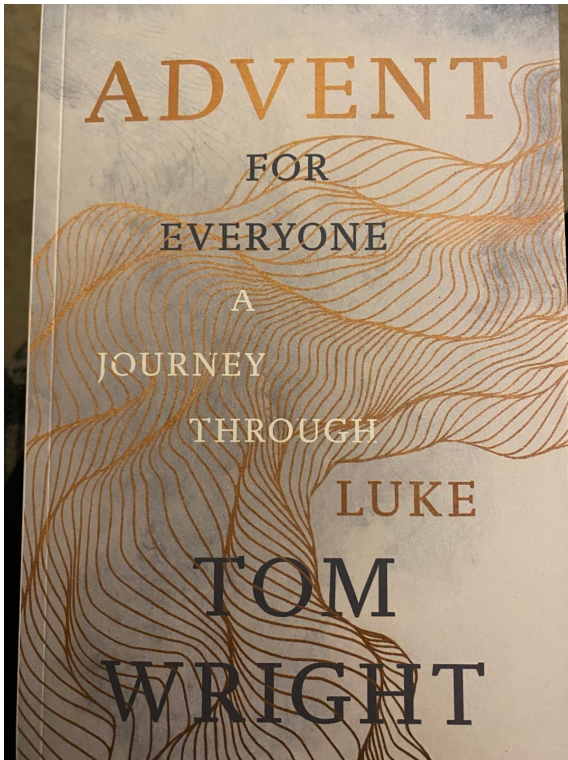
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Need help or support?  
We'll see you there!



01721 721722





## Advent for Everyone—a journey through Luke—Tom Wright

In person Advent Study will be held at the Manse starting on **Tuesday 26th November at 7:30pm.**

Led by Yvonne Foley.

For 4 weeks.

## Advent for Everyone—a journey with the Apostles—Tom Wright

Online advent study via Zoom



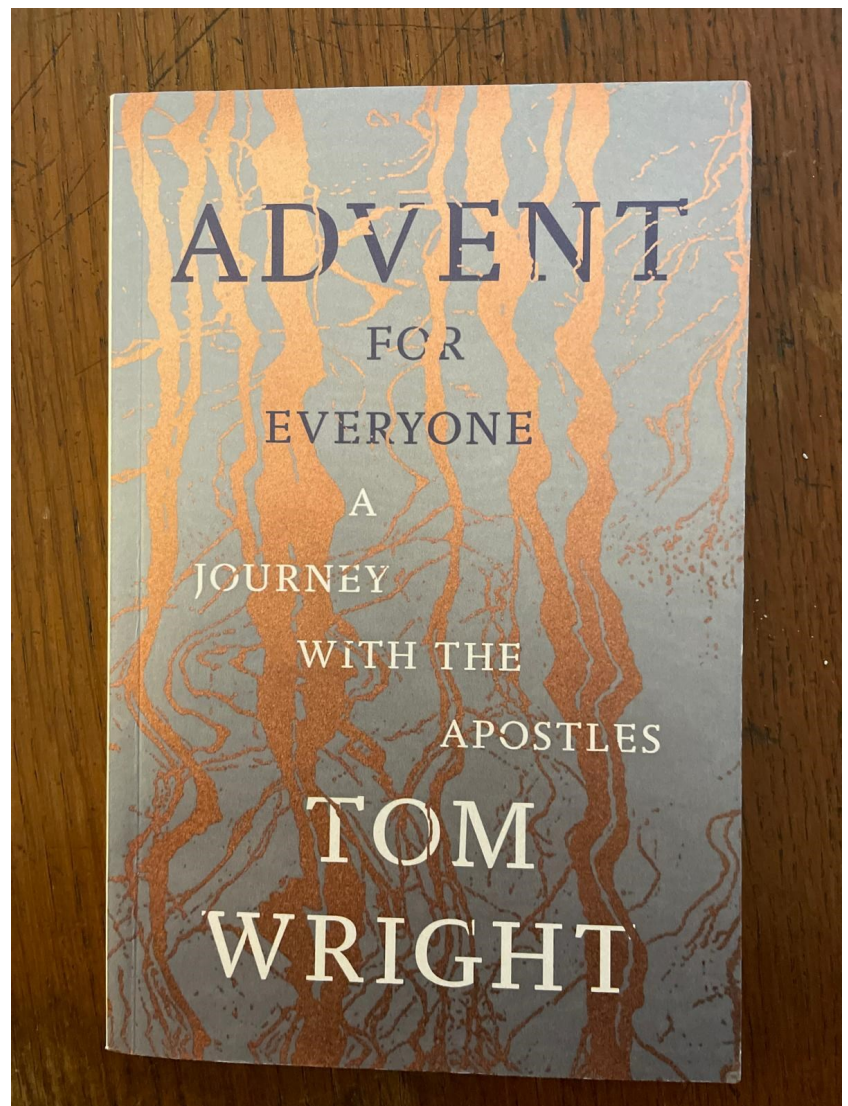
started **Thursday 21st** Nov. 7:15 for a 7:30pm start

Don't worry if you missed last week's meeting. Do come along.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN ONLINE](#)

Meeting ID: 817 3015 8887

Passcode: 268835



# JOIN THE ADVENTURE



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



**ANCHORS**  
5 – 8 Years

**ЈУНИОРС**  
8 – 11 Years

Drop us an email for more information:

[westlintonbb@gmail.com](mailto:westlintonbb@gmail.com)

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# Cuppa & Company



Carlops Church  
Thursdays  
2-4pm



# Table Tennis

Fridays 7 - 8.30pm New Church Hall, West Linton



All ages & abilities welcome

# COMMUNITY COSY CAFE AFTERNOON

Fridays 2-4pm  
Old Church Hall  
West Linton

Come along for  
Tea, Coffee, cakes, biscuits,  
chat & company



[www.westtweeddale.org.uk](http://www.westtweeddale.org.uk)

More information: 07973 501 665

# BABY BRUNCH

Term time  
Fridays 10-11.30am

Old Church Hall, West Linton



COFFEE &  
CONVERSATION





## Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?  
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues?  
Whatever the problem – large or small, recent or  
long-standing, Solution Focused Brief Therapy  
can help.

Ask for an appointment at

# THE OPEN GATE

In **Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge**

**Fridays 2pm to 5pm.**

Anyone who wants help for their problem is  
welcome, and will be seen by arrangement. There  
is no 'Drop-in'.

**PHONE OR TEXT 07535 898 244**

**SFBT is enjoyable and helps quickly, usually within 1-3  
sessions. All sessions are free and confidential.**



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WESTLINTON.ORG

The minister's benevolent fund offers emergency assistance throughout our linkage areas. If you require assistance please contact us by email. All emails will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. People may need other kinds of support and we are also ready to help with that or direct you to others who can.

## PASTORAL 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 **REV. DR. TONY FOLEY**

[TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK](mailto:TFOLEY@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.ORG.UK)

OR OUR PASTORAL GROUP LEAD **JEAN HOWAT**  
[HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOWATJEAN@GMAIL.COM)

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS BUT RATHER SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS.

