

# Linkage News

## Services Sunday 27 October 2024

**Carlops Church Worship** - 10am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

**St Andrew's Church Worship** - 11.30am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church & on [Zoom](#) (see email for link)

**Kirkurd & Newland Church Worship** - 10am – Kevin Scott in church

**Skirling Church Worship** - 11.30am - Kevin Scott in church

**Tweedsmuir Church Worship** - 9.30am - Fiona Burnett in church

**Broughton Church Worship** - 11am - Fiona Burnett in church



Given the unfolding tragedy in the middle east a prayer vigil via zoom has been organised. Please remember to share this amongst your congregations. Details below.

**Presbytery Prayer Vigil for Lebanon & the Middle East - Tuesday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm**

Join with us online as we share news from partners and friends and pray for peace & justice.

[Presbytery of Lothian & Borders facebook page](#)

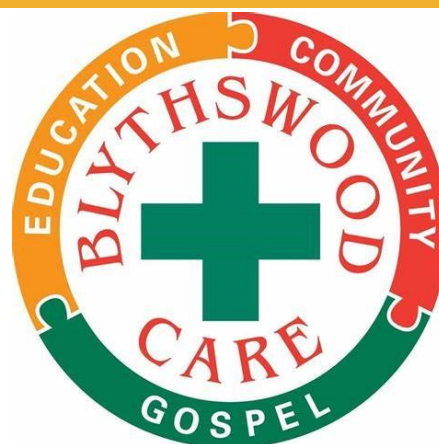
Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593934759?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593934759?pwd=eD4K68M9yENUbFwVs6U7ECM7RHVFO9.1)

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Meeting ID: 825 9393 4759

Passcode: 930978



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)



Thank everyone who came along and contributed to our hugely successful 150th celebrations and who also donated to the food bank. These generous Harvest donations - as well as a cheque, gave nearly 150 kilos of food to the foodbank.

The worship workshop did a fantastic job of sharing the service and we had Tom Celeketic with a good number of the Crescendo choir. Plenty of cake and lots of stories shared throughout the day.

We also had Archie who helped place a poppy at our war graves in preparation for Remembrance Sunday

**TWEED TOGS**  
**LOCAL**  
**PEOPLE**  
**CLOTHING**  
**LOCAL**  
**CHILDREN**

St Andrew's Church West Linton is the new collection point for Tweed Togs in West Linton. As you may know it's a Peebles based charity that collects donated and recycled Children's clothes and distributes to those in need. The Church is open during that day and there is a box inside suitably labelled.

If anyone needs to know please tell them. Of course, if you have any spare children's clothes, as the colder weather approaches, we are sure your donations would be appreciated. More information can be found on their [website](#)

# Can you help re-open West Linton Post Office?

You may have read in the Peeblesshire News about a fundraising campaign, I'm including it here for those not on social media. Some will know Susan from her regular visits to West Linton with The Allotment pop up fruit & veg shop, some will remember her father Reid Meikle or her grandfather Jock Meikle the policeman.

My name is Susan Meikle, I am asking for community help to fund the reinstatement West Linton Post Office.

The closure of West Linton Post Office has left a void in the community, and many residents are feeling the impact, especially those lacking alternative transportation options.

A Post Office serves as more than just a point for transactions; it is a gathering space for locals, a hub for vital information, and an essential resource for delivering packages, accessing postal and banking services.

Unfortunately, when the West Linton Post Office closed, Post Office Ltd removed all the equipment and disconnected all utilities, stating they were tied to the previous post mistress's contract and cannot be reassigned to another post master. This leaves a situation whereby any incoming post master will be required to finance the purchase of new equipment, signage and reconnection of utilities themselves. Post Office Ltd is advising there is no funding available for this.

Post Office counters are reliant on host retail premises and it is my intention to open The Allotment West Linton in the building, and as such, will be bearing all costs of this. The landlords are very kindly bearing the cost of refurbishing their premises to allow this to take place. I just need help with the Post Office part. :)

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Susan

To donate follow this link

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/crowdfunding-page-west-linton-post-office>

## St Andrew's West Linton Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal 2024

Leaflets are now available for this year's appeal.

The boxes will be distributed in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. We are asked to use boxes rather than bags and partly filled boxes are acceptable as well as items from the list as they can be used as fillers. Filled shoeboxes and any fillers must be in church by **Sunday 27 October**. The van is coming to Peebles on Monday 28 October.



**Peebles Youth Trust Christmas Hampers**  
We have been asked if we could donate jam and/ or shampoo/shower gel/soap.

They anticipate around 120 nomination from social work, schools and health visitors to help families across Peeblesshire and hope we can help in some small way. Last day for donations at St Andrew's West Linton will be **Sunday 17 November**

## ADVENT STUDIES

Would there be any interest in attending "in person" Advent Studies this year. The plan is to do a Zoom study as previously, which would be held during afternoons.

However, if there are enough who would like to do a weekly in person session, then we can set one up to run as well as the Zoom discussions. Could you possibly do an intimation and let us know if there is interest?

Open to all as usual, and expressing interest does not commit. **Please speak to your Session Clerk or Kate our linkage administrator**



Parish of Upper Tweeddale  
presents a programme of

## Films That Make You Think!

next showing  
**Broughton Village Hall**  
Friday **15<sup>th</sup> November**  
film starts **7:00 PM**



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



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

Free Admission  
Light Refreshments

# ST ANDREWS UPCOMING DATES 2024

**We look forward to seeing you**

**Sunday 27 October - Last date for Blythswood Care  
Shoebox donations**

**Sunday 17 November - Last date for Peeblesshire  
Youth Trust donations**

**Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Service 10:45am,  
2 min silence at 11am and War Memorial afterwards**

**Monday 9 December - Blue Christmas Service**

**Sunday 15 December - Last date for New and  
unwrapped toys for Salvation Army**

**Sunday 15 December - Gift Service including  
Sunday Club's Nativity**

**Wednesday 18 December - Garvald's Shepherds  
Play**

**Tuesday 24 December - Watchnight Service**

**Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day Service**

St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church  
Chapel Brae, West Linton EH46 7EP

# PRAYER

10.30 am to 2.30 pm  
Saturday 2nd November

Curious about prayer?  
Spiritual but not  
religious?

Tried to pray but find it a  
challenge?

A practiced person of  
prayer?

Drop in and try some  
different types of prayer.



St Mungo's Scottish Episcopal Church  
Registered charity SC014349

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 4<sup>th</sup> Nov



# JOIN THE ADVENTURE



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



**ANCHORS**  
5 – 8 Years

**ЈУНИОРЕС**  
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





## 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.

