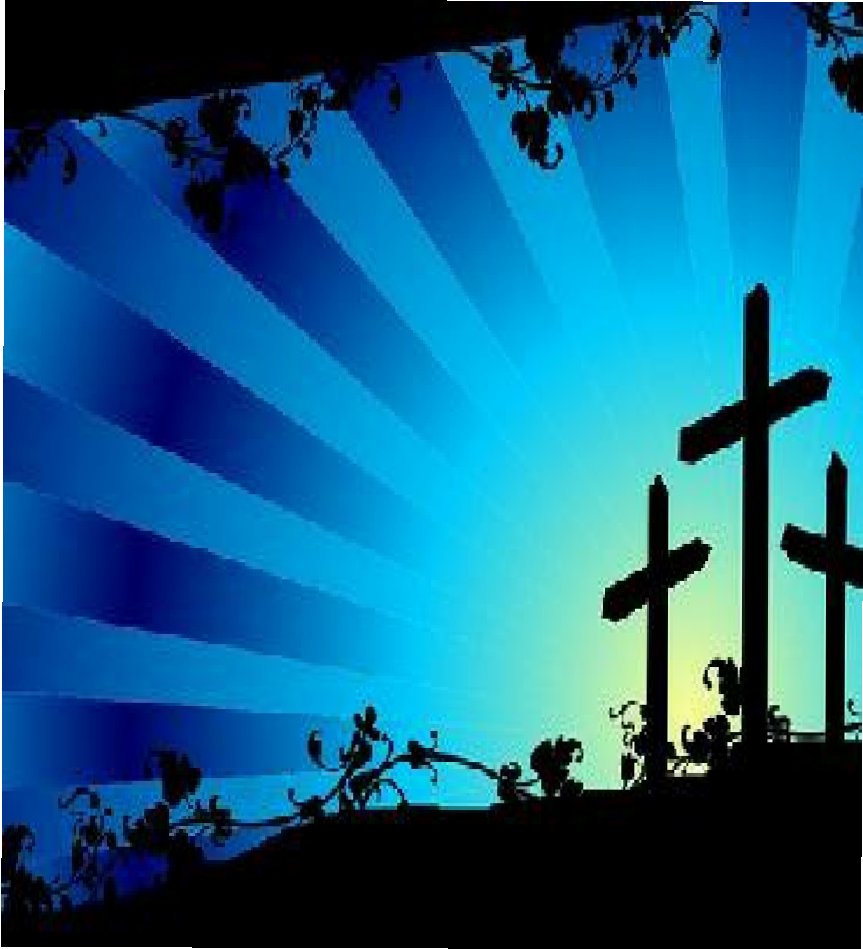


Newlands and Kirkurd



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Church Services
 Newlands Church 10am
 Adventurers 10am



	Carlops	Kirkurd & Newlands	West Linton	Extra
4/3	Communion Rev Nancy Norman	Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald	Rev Nancy Norman	Carlops 6pm Murray Campbell
11/3	Sheena Livingstone	Rev Nancy Norman	Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald	
18/3	Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman	
25/3	Rev Nancy Norman	David Henderson- Howat	Rev Nancy Norman	PALM SUNDAY
1/4	Baptism Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman	Easter Songs of Praise 7pm

Elders Rota: March Sarah Magee and Fay Young
 April Ilka Roehe and David Habeshaw

Church Cleaning March Rosie Sim
 April Ilka Roehe



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At risk of giving my age away, something happened recently which last occurred in the year of my birth. Wednesday 14th February was simultaneously Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day. The coincidence called for creative thinking. Within the Roman Catholic Church the preferred solution was to combine Valentine flowers and chocolates with Shrove Tuesday pancakes and observe the traditional imposition of ashes and fasting on Ash Wednesday.

While the two days have very different moods each expresses the theme of love in its own way. St Valentine offers joyful celebration; Ash Wednesday reminds us that love has a more sombre face, with mourning as an expression of that love which is stronger than death. As the bard put it: 'Had we never loved sae kindly, had we never loved sae blindly; never met and never parted, we had ne'er been broken hearted.'

2018 sees another calendrical coincidence with Easter Day falling on 1st April – All Fools' Day.

In the first chapter of 1st Corinthians St Paul appears to verge on blasphemy, when he talks of 'the foolishness of God.' The context is a reflection on preaching Christ crucified, which to the Jews is a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness. However, to the faithful it is given to understand that this 'foolishness' of God is wiser than human wisdom and this 'weakness' of God is stronger than human strength. The passage provides us with a challenging reminder as we journey towards the Cross, namely that 'God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise...and what is weak in the world to shame the strong.'

Grace and Peace be with us all,

Finlay

Stated Annual Meeting (Congregational Meeting) 4 March after the Sunday Service. All are welcome to attend.

How do I say "thank you" to three congregations with whom it has been my privilege to serve, in what have turned out to be such challenging times for you all? Just to get through and continue the worship, the mission, and the daily life of the charge meant that with God's help, **everyone** had to pull together and it is I who should be thanking you. But I have been hugely moved by the warmth and the generosity and the kindness shown to me by all of you when I felt I had to step back from the post of Interim Moderator. It was hard to say au revoir, but I was helped in no small measure by knowing that Finlay Macdonald was free and willing to take over from me. So thank you, all of you, for the gifts, and for the friendship and best wishes. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Rachel

N.B.. au revoir!



Easter Dates:

25 March: Palm Sunday Procession:
Meet at the Health Centre in West Linton at 10.50 to follow Moses, the donkey as he walks to St Andrews Church.

30 March: Good Friday - Tenebrae Service at Carlops at 8pm.

1 April: Easter Sunday:
Easter Breakfast, Carlops, 9am

Family Easter Service at Newands at 10am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. I hope you can join us!!

Joint Songs of Praise, St Andrews, West Linton, 6pm.

CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE

Extracts from the Christian Aid Scotland Annual Review 2017

Churches in Scotland raised the amazing sum of £25,334 for Community Partnerships in Malawi, South Asia, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Honduras. With match-funding from the EU and the Scottish Government, these donations will be worth in excess of £100,000. Thanks to all our supporters who have made this possible.

Work with the Scottish Government on long term development projects and in response to humanitarian emergencies continued and expanded. In Balaka, Malawi, we support communities to demand quality maternal and child health services with funding from the Malawi Development Fund. As a result, there has been increased government spending on health in the region, improvement in services and reduced mortality rates. Support from the Climate Justice Fund for the project in Nsanje, Malawi which introduced innovative solar irrigation schemes to farmers came to a successful end after 3 years. Households in this project now expect significantly larger harvests and are better prepared for erratic weather.

In October we received funding for a new project in Central Province, Zambia working with small-scale farmers, mainly women and young people, to develop profitable businesses and to advocate for better business conditions. It will run until March 2022.

Christian Aid is now receiving money from the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. This will provide shelter, clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and health services to those fleeing persecution in Myanmar.

Since 2016, the Church of Scotland Guild has generously supported a project to provide solar ovens to communities living in the Bolivian Amazon. The impact of the project has been profound: improving the lives of local women, safeguarding precious natural resources and sparking international interest.

FUTURE AIMS

Change isn't only possible, it is happening. Christian Aid and its supporters are sensing a growing solidarity and a greater determination to expose the scandal of poverty which is an outrage against humanity. Poverty robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Transformation needs us all to play our part: to raise money, yes: but also to raise our voices and to act. We must continue to speak up to stop the climate chaos that robs the poorest of their present and everyone of their future, to challenge gender inequality that stifles the right to become equal, and tax injustice that unfairly burdens developing countries. Together we are more than a charity.

DIARY DATES

Christian Aid Week 13-19th MAY 2018. Door to door collection.

West Linton Coffee Morning Graham Institute Saturday 12th May 10am.

Robert Higgins, CA Chair

Members enjoyed the February meeting when Philip and Myrtle Ashmore gave a very interesting talk about Carrifran Wildwood. They explained how the valley is being developed to re-create a forested wilderness of native trees. The project is long-term and we were told how the initial idea took form until how it is to-day. Fay gave a well deserved vote of thanks. The competition was a photograph of birds and the winners were 1st Lyn Lusk 2nd Janette Raeburn 3rd Nancy Porteous.

The next meeting is our Bulb Show on Thursday 8th March in The Annex of Newlands Church at 7.30 pm. when we will be setting up our Community Effort for the Federation Bulb Show on Saturday 10th March. Please note change of venue.

Nancy Porteous

KIRKURD S.W.I.

At the February meeting we were delighted to be joined by members of Manor SWI, West Linton SWI and many friends.

Jean MacDonald and Stewart Ramsay from Innerleithen, gave a short talk and slide presentation about the life and history of alpacas. Jean also explained how she had started to keep alpacas and how this has become a passion, from four to now approx 30.

Stewart then brought 2 alpacas into the hall, when everyone had a chance to meet and feed the animals.

Elma Noble proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Knitted fisherman's hat 1st. Mo Lamb 2nd. Elma Noble
Animal Photograph: 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Kaye

Park

Wednesday 7th. March: Spring Crafts with Margaret Leiper. This is a practical evening. Don't forget to bring your spectacles if required.

Competitions Bowl of Bulbs Decorated Egg

The Peeblesshire Federation Bulb & Craft show is this year being held at Newlands Centre.

Friday 9th. March all entries including the community effort to be handed in from 2:30 – 4:00pm

Saturday 10th March: Bulb Show open from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Girl Guiding - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section

We are currently gauging interest for a monthly Rainbows/Brownies

Unit and if there is enough demand will open a new unit. Contact

Alison Turpie at aturpie@live.co.uk or call on 07967 591406

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March 2018

‘All God’s creation is very good’

Written by Christian women of Suriname

Every year on, or near, the first Friday in March, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

‘Lord teach us to pray’

This year we pray with the women of Suriname for

- Single women who have to provide for many children
- Areas of concern: rivers poisoned by mercury: high suicide rate:
domestic violence: child sexual abuse
- Adequate, appropriate support and provision for the disabled and those with mental health issues

In services throughout the world on 2nd March people were thinking and praying about creation,

‘All God’s creation is very good’

What can we do to care more effectively for our amazing beautiful planet?

MARCH 2018

MON	13:15	ART CLASS (TOM HENRY)
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR FOOTBALL
	15:00	GIUITAR TUITION
	18:30	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	19:45	CLUBBERCISE
TUE	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL
	18:15	PILATES
	19:00	BRIDGE CLUB
WED	09:00	SPEAK OUT FRENCH
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS
	19:00	CHOIR-THE WEDNESDAYS
THU	10:00	SENIOR TABLE TENNIS
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR BASKETBALL
	18:30	NEWLANDS YOUTH GROUP
	20:00	BEESSLACK KEEP-FIT CLUB
FRI	09:00	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	10:00	NEWLANDS SURF CLUB
	10:30	GENTLE YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
SAT	09.00	YOGA—FOR MEN (MOSTLY!)
SUN	19:30	NEWLANDS SENIOR BB


newlands
 activity centre



Featured Activities



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

project
TRUST since 1967

Fundraising Ceilidh

10th March 7-11pm
Newlands Centre

Dave Francis & Friends Live Band

Light Buffet, Drinks & Raffle Draw

Tickets Adult - £10.00 U16 - £8.00

Tickets from:
Wildies Books & Crafts, Pablies, West Linton Pharmacy & Newlands Centre.

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PEEBLESHIRE FEDERATION SWI
 COMMUNITY EFFORT, FLORAL ART, SPECIAL DISPLAY OF TOYS & GAMES

SPRING BULBS CRAFT SHOW

SAT 10 MAR

10am - 4pm

Newlands Centre
 Romano Bridge EH46 7BZ

Admission £2.00

TEAS - COFFEE - HOME BAKING
 RAFFLE - TOMBOLA - SALES TABLE



Tweeddale Railway Society

Railway & Model Layout Exhibition

featuring
 History of the TWEEDDALE RAILWAYS



March 17 & 18
 Open 10am - 4pm
 Tickets £5.00/£4.00

Tickets from Eventbrite or at the Venue

Model Rail Layouts include Glendevon, Tam Shoogle & Bareneschlucht & many more

Historical Exhibition Colour Pamphlet Films, Photos & Workshops

Exhibitors & Traders Cafe & Seating Area Venue parking

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Mothers and Toddlers

Netherurd Memorial Hall 10am -11.30am

Due to school holidays there will be no meetings on Thursday 5th. & 12th. April

The next meeting will be on:
Thursday 19th. April
in Netherurd Memorial Hall 10:00 – 11:30am

There is a charge of £2 for adults and 50p for children.


Peggy (01968 682231) and Pat (01721 752205)

LNKCC


The next meeting of the Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council is at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 March at the Lamancha Community Hub.
All welcome.



Fun for the children - find the mouse!



Each month a little church mouse will be hidden in this magazine. Ask your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbour's children, or maybe have a go yourself to find the little rascal.



Circle him and bring your magazine to the last Sunday service of the month. Happy hunting.

**The next session of Messy Church is on:
Sunday 4 March – Preparing for Mothering Sunday, The Annunciation and Visitation**

4-6pm in the New Church Hall at West Linton.

All children from babies to P7 are most welcome to come and join in the fun! After a game to start the children will do a range of craft activities, then have a song and a story and finish off with a meal together. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Jean Howat (01968 660677)

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LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

Lamanca Hub is a family-friendly community centre which has two multi-purpose halls (recently re-decorated), a community garden, a children's play area and a Scandinavian Barbecue Hut. Recent events at the Hub include a Christening Party and birthday parties where the BBQ hut was included in the package. We also have first-aid courses organised by a fully qualified paramedic.



The Barbecue Hut seats 15 and only costs £15 to hire!

What's on at the hub

Tuesday: Mindful Yoga

7.30pm

Thursday: Hatha Yoga 9.30am

Thursdays Pilates! Beginners and intermediates. First class starts 6.15pm - Second class 7.15pm

Drumming lessons: call Ian
07847 486074

Café will reopen after winter in March.

The BBQ hut is all ready with charcoal for anyone fancying something a wee bit different. Only £15 for a day or an evening.

Tel: 01968 660008

Email: info@lamanchahub.org.uk

Run by the Lamancha & District Community Association, a charity reg in Scotland, no SC035299 & a company limited by guarantee reg in Scotland no SC263766. Reg office is: Old School House, Old Moffat Road, Lamancha, Peeblesshire EH46 7BD



News from the 2000m² Project

Project Update

The 2000m² project is finishing in its current form on 31 March as our funding has run out. Many thanks to everyone who has participated in the project these last three years.

Our food waste collection service will cease on 30 March with its final collection from West Linton Primary School that day. We know that this will be a disappointment to many and we are keen to try to find an alternative solution for food waste in this area to avoid it going back in to landfill. **If you feel strongly about this issue please let us know** and if there is enough interest we will arrange a public meeting with our SBC local councillors to push for a solution. In the meantime the Whitmuir Community Farm Management Committee are looking at how to keep the composters going, maybe moving one of them to West Linton if there's enough local interest. Ideas welcome – get in touch with Pete at pete@whitmuir.scot or Heather at heather@whitmuir.scot or come in and chat to someone in the shop. After 30 March if you are happy to keep hold of your large caddy and kitchen caddy we would request that you do so, in the hope that the service can be brought back online in the future. If you would rather return them then please do so at either one of our collection times or directly to Whitmuir Farm.

We will be holding an **End of Project Celebration on Saturday 24 March, 2-4pm**. Come along and celebrate with other volunteers, community composters and course participants in the 2000m² Polytunnels. There will be cake (certainly!), competitions (maybe!) and a chance to plant seeds and potatoes to grow your own this spring.

Best wishes from the 2000m² Team: Catherine, Sarah, Brian & Leon



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2000m² Project: Food for a better climate is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and is a part of the Whitmuir Community Benefit Society.

7/3	Kirkurd SWI Spring Crafts
8/3	Newlands SWI Newlands Church Annex 7.30pm
9/3	Bulb Shows entries 2.30pm to 4pm Newlands Centre
10/3	Federation Bulb Show Newlands Centre 10am to 4pm
25/3	Palm Sunday. Health Centre in West Linton for 10.50am follow Moses the dokey to St Andrews Church
30/3	Good Friday - Tenebrae Service 8pm Carlops
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1/4	Joint songs of praise, St Andrews west Linton 6pm

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