

Newlands and Kirkurd



Parish Magazine

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Services December			
	West Linton 11.15 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
2nd	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Murray Campbell
9th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy	Rev Stewart McPherson
16th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy
23rd	Rev Stewart McPherson	Patsy Campbell	Rev Stewart McPherson
30th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Stewart McPherson

Elders Rota: December - William Adamson & Sarah Magee
 January - Jean & David Howat
 February - Rosie Sim & Stuart Rose

Church cleaning: December - Fay Young
 January - Spring clean/ Fay
 February - Yvonne Ashforth

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The news today informs us that it is 20 years since the launch of the first component of the International Space Station. 16 nations were involved in building this object which is the size of a six-bedroom house, requiring 136 space flights to deliver the parts to complete the single most expensive object ever built (£93.4 billion) and the third brightest thing in the night sky which we often see passing by in the dark. All this money, energy, effort, ingenuity, imagination, hope, to create something with a 30-year expected life-span. And what is it? It is described as a huge laboratory to enable long-term exploration of space and provide benefits to people on Earth ... serving as the gateway to new frontiers in human space exploration. It was created to help us discover more.

The season of Advent is about investing in a journey towards mystery in order to discover more. There is, of course, for so many people all the investment of money, time, energy, and emotion during this period which for some is dominated by a hope that Boxing Day will arrive soon so that it can all be over, and we can return to normal. For some it is a journey they make alone while, it appears, everyone else is having an exciting time with family and friends. For many, life gets busier and our sense of incompleteness rises as we buy more stuff, attend more events, eat more mincemeat pies, hunt the computer files for our address labels and check who has not died since the previous Christmas when we were last in touch. And amidst it all the mystery evades us, and the journey can be a chore rather than a joy. For many it is a journey of anticipation and hope.

This Advent will involve the beginning of a journey for our three linkage congregations as we meet together, reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we want to go. It is a journey which will not be easy but is a journey that is made possible because it is rooted and grounded in advent hope. It will require imagination, courage, working together, listening, exploring, a little grace and kindness, and most of all, trust in ourselves and in one another. Our aim is not to build something as expensive and big as the ISS, but perhaps to create something which enables us to explore the mysteries, discover more, and provide benefit for people on earth.

The end of the journey for those first Advent explorers led them to a baby in a stable which was not what they had anticipated at all as their expectations were of something grander, higher and richer. We may not know nor be able to predict what will lie at the end of the journey for any of us, but we set off and commit to it and trust that in the darkness shines a star which will guide us towards a huge surprise ... a recognition of the potential for new life that lies within us all ... and deeper into this mystery we call God.

Have a blessed and peace-filled Advent journey.

Stewart.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Gift Service, Sunday 9 December 10am, Newlands Church

Please bring new gifts for children up to 16. They will be distributed through the Salvation Army to children in the Borders. They should be unwrapped but wrapping paper is much appreciated. This will be an All Age Service so babies to those in their 90s are most welcome!

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Joint Carol Service, Sunday 23 December 4.00pm, St Andrews West Linton

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Carols at Carlops, Monday 24 December, 7pm

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Don't forget to try to find the church mouse hiding somewhere in this magazine!

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The next sessions of Messy Church are on:

Sunday 9 December – Journeys towards Christmas

Sunday 3 February

Sunday 3 March

They are from 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) howatjean@gmail.com

Communion Sunday 13 January 2019, 10am

We will be celebrating Communion and all are welcome to attend

THE GUILD

With Christmas carols in mind, some of our Guild members will be adding their voices to many more at The Big Carol Sing on Friday 7th December. This will take place in St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh at 2 pm, and tickets for this event have already sold out. Another earlier carol-singing will take place in Innerleithen Church at 2.30pm on Monday 3rd December, and Innerleithen Guild members would be very happy for other folk to join them then.

Our Guild will be holding its Christmas Party on Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm, and as usual we will be hoping that friends from Castlecraig and other visitors will be joining us then for the fun.

On Wednesday 30th January, we will be meeting in The Old Church Hall, West Linton, starting at 2pm and will be using an excellent new resource which has been produced by the World Mission council of the Church of Scotland.- 'Living Together in a World of Religions'. A special game of Dominoes will help us learn little known facts about the other world religions. Do come and join us then.

Margaret Habeshaw

Community Council - November meeting

KIRKURD SWI

Wednesday 7th. November – Oh what fun, when we learned a selection of basic steps and techniques for belly dancing, under the expert guidance of Celia Buchan from Penicuik. The giggliest group she has ever taken, she guided us through the evening to put on a final performance. Definitely a fun evening. Margaret Adamson proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: 2 Cereal Bars 1st..Sue Unwin 2nd. Margaret Adamson
A Scarf 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Peggy Wills.

Wednesday 5th. December Christmas Nibbles with Morag Kinloch, Elsrickle.
Competitions: Home made coaster Photograph - 'Winter'

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Wednesday 9th. January Breast Screening Service with Jane Prady, Blyth Bridge

Competitions: First Aid Box 6 home made sweeties

Wednesday 6th. February Surviving inner city Birmingham WW2 with Ted Bowen, Biggar

Competitions: 2 plain oven scones Best polished shoes or boots.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for any of the meetings

Meetings are held in Netherurd Hall on the 1st. Wednesday of the month at 7:30p.m.

With very best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Christmas and a quiet and peaceful New Year.

NEWLANDS SWI

The November meeting was well attended and all enjoyed a talk by Chris. Atkinson about the history of Broomlee Camp. He brought along a very interesting display of old photographs of the Camp which was built in 1939 and is still a well used facility to-day. The competition winners were: 4 lines of poetry about Robert Burns 1st equal Lyn Lusk and Margaret Habeshaw.

The December meeting will be held in the Cafe at Lamanca Hub on Wednesday 12th at 7.30 pm and will take the form of a Christmas Party. The competition that evening is a small table decoration.

BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 36 Christmas boxes which should now be on their way to a destination in Eastern Europe. A special thanks to Newlands Guides who contributed 11 well-filled boxes, with goods appreciated, I'm sure, by teenagers - it was lovely to have a 'younger' input!! Thanks again, Fay Young

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

We meet every Thursday morning in

Netherurd Hall 10:00 - 11:30

The last meeting for this year will be the Christmas Party

Thursday 13th. December

We shall start up again on 10th. January.

We look forward to seeing everyone and a warm welcome to any new members.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a quiet & peaceful New Year.

Peggy Wills 01968 682231

Pat Graham 01721 752205

Netherurd Memorial Hall

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the Pudding Night on 2nd. November and as a result the hall funds have been boosted by £642.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Merry Christmas from Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Give the gift of Guildguiding and register your daughter's interest. [Www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or telephone 07967 591406 or email aturpie@live.co.uk for more information.

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year" in a blue, bubbly, 3D-style font. The text is surrounded by small, colorful confetti-like shapes in white, red, and green.

Happy New Year

Looking for a social event for Hogmanay? There are several events in the area. Newlands Centre holds a popular Ceilidh with live band, food and bar. See their website for tickets—book quickly as they sell out quick. If you fancy going a little further afield then Broughton Village and Biggar have events—see their facebook pages for more information.

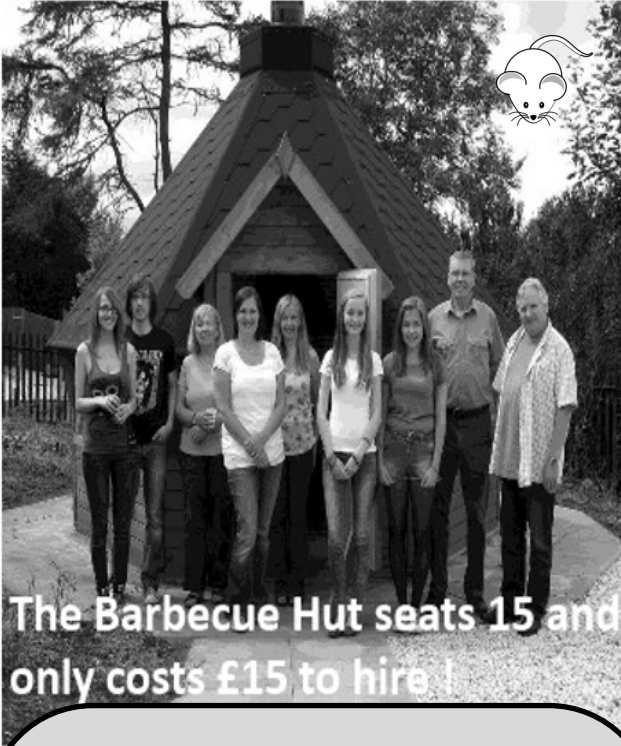
If you stay in the Netherurd, Kirkurd, Blyth Bridge neighbourhood then Night Out at Knock Knowes is once again opening their doors to the Turpie Tavern—please see the facebook page Netherurd, Kirkurd and Blyth Bridge News or contact Alison on 07967 591406.

West Linton also has a lively social calendar—check out their facebook page for more information.

Enjoy!

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!

By popular request we are holding a knit and natter group every Wednesday morning from now until Spring. The cafe is the place to meet at 11am till 12.30pm. No charge but there will be home made soup, hot drinks and filled rolls at a nominal charge if required. All welcome including beginners.

What's on at the hub

Tuesday: Mindful Yoga

7.30pm

Classes full!!

Thursday: Hatha Yoga 9.30am

Classes full!!

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

Classes full!!

Drumming lessons: call Ian 07847 486074

NEW! Poly tunnel for use by the community! Located behind the BBQ hut!

info@lamanchahub.org.uk

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We meet every Thursday in

Netherurd Hall 10:00 - 11 :30

Adults £2 50p per child

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Pat Graham 01721 752205

WEST LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL ASSOCN.

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Tues 20th November Talk on The Ancient Sundials of Scotland - Andrew Kerr.
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15th Jan The Forbes Family, Medwyn - Alan Cameron

19th Feb Isobel Ketchen's Cottage - Michael Clarke

19th Mar Scottish Shale Oil Industry - Harry Knox

16th Apl A.G.M, + ?

All meetings in Old Church Hall, W.L. at 7.30 p.m. - All Welcome

Annual Sub £10 (plus £2 per meeting) Guests £2

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