

# Newlands and Kirkurd



## *Parish Magazine*

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<b>Services February</b>			
	West Linton 11.15 am	Carlops 10.00 am	Newlands 10.00 am
3rd	Mary McElroy	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy
10th	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy	Rev Stewart McPherson
17th	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Stewart McPherson
24th	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Stewart McPherson	David Henderson-Howat
31st	Rev Stewart McPherson	Mary McElroy	Rev Stewart McPherson

Elder's Rota:                      March    Fay Young & Sarah Magee  
    April    Ilka Roehe & David Habeshaw

Church Cleaning                      March    Rosie Sim  
    April    Ilka Roehe

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At the recent baptism of little baby Zara in Carlops Church the congregation continued their tradition of giving the little one the gift of a tree. A small tree about 18 inches tall with a few brown leaves, which looked on first sight a rather colourless and lifeless gift. Of course, it is a beautiful gift, full of potential and colour with fruit to bear in season reflecting the gift of a child and the gifts the little one has the potential to gift to the world.

Trees are such powerful symbols, evidenced in the bible from the beginnings in the garden of creation and the tree of knowledge though to the leaves of the trees for the healing of the nations in the closing book of Revelation. The people of God were a wandering people who knew life in the scrubland of the desert, and then rejoiced when they could live in more fertile plains, knew the value of the sight of a treeline that promised water or strong trees from which to build security. The oaks of Mamre, the cedars of Lebanon, the trees under which prophets sat to think and where plans were hatched by kings; the tree of faith in which all the birds of the air will come and nest; Jesus parable of the fig tree and the church as the branches of the vine; the tree on which Zacchaeus first encountered Jesus, and of course, the cross hewn from a tree and the spring trees in the garden in which resurrection was witnessed.



The life of a tree comes from its roots. Or rather, where its roots are planted. A tree, as symbol of faith, asks that our roots be planted in that which gives us life, refreshment, strength, in order that we realise our potential and bear fruit. Rooted in God.

As our churches locally and nationally enter a phase of pruning that which is past, identifying the buds that are being revealed, and tending the saplings that are growing, it is necessary to ensure that our roots are planted in that which feeds and refreshes and nourishes us. Whatever form our prayer life or regular our worship engagement, can we ensure our faith is rooted in that which gives us life? A faith that digs down and spreads out towards the living streams of our faith tradition, of our scriptures, of prayer, of attending to the words and life of Jesus and being part of a worshipping, caring, compassionate community. And as we do, we each can reflect on where our faith is rooted, the gift we are to the world, and the potential fruit we might bear.

Yours in the name of the God of life,

Stewart McPherson.



**The next session of Messy Church is on:**

**Sunday 3 March – Messy Pancake Day**

**It's 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)

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### **STATED ANNUAL MEETING**

This will take place after the service on March 17<sup>th</sup> after the morning Service. All are welcome to attend.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

There will be a special All Age Service at 10am on March 31<sup>st</sup>, where we will be celebrating Mothers' Day with all our senses and everyone is welcome – from babies to those in their 90s.

# Interim Ministry Update: February 2019

Carlops, Kirkurd & Newlands & St Andrew's West Linton

## Where We Are & Where We Are Going ...



**The main focus for our Interim Ministry is:**

- ◆ *Coming to terms with our history*
- ◆ *Discovering our new identity*
- ◆ *Planning for our Future*

### What's been happening ...

In order to explore these areas, there have been many one-to-one conversations, a gathering of the elders from the three congregations, Listening Spaces for small groups to share their feelings about past events, and a gathering of all congregations on 12th January. From all of this, the Transition Support Group (TSG) has identified with the Interim Minister certain areas of focus and created some objectives for us to achieve based on the results of all our conversations.

The main Aim is to create a church ready to call a new minister at the end of the period of Interim Ministry. However, we want to use that as a springboard for looking beyond that time and the shape and life of our congregations and linkage.

### Main Objectives ...

- ⇒ Continue offering Listening Spaces for people to be heard.
- ⇒ Identify ways through which the linkage can build relationships, and respect diversity.
- ⇒ Improve communication in all areas of church life and beyond.
- ⇒ Identify ways of improving joint working especially between Kirk Sessions.
- ⇒ Review variety of worship experiences and identify changes to aid our congregational life and mission.
- ⇒ Better equip and resource our worship leaders and add to their number.
- ⇒ Build on the good pastoral care carried out by the minister, elders, and others, and how that experience might be shared and developed.
- ⇒ Build on the outreach work carried out in each of the three parishes.
- ⇒ Undertake an audit of gifts and needs in the linkage congregations and parishes.
- ⇒ Engage with the Presbytery Plan process and the wider Church's vision for its future shape and life.

*A number of ideas have arisen in our conversations and In order to continue this process , and identify specific intentions, a series of events has been planned.*



*Come along to any one, two or more of the evenings where YOU can help shape our future ...*

**“Worship the Lord!”**

Thursday 14th March

7.30pm

Carlops Church

Why do we worship, and how do we grow our worshipping life?

**“Every word!”**

Thursday 21st March

7.30pm

Carlops Church

Why & what we communicate is important, but how do we do it in our life together?

**“They will hold you up!”**

Thursday 28th March

7.30pm

Old Church Hall,  
West Linton

Christian community is about living in relationship, so how do we respect, celebrate, and affirm our diversity?

**“Angels about you!”**

Thursday 4th April

7.30pm

Old Church Hall  
West Linton

How do we understand mission and our engagement with those who live in our communities, and do we open doors to get people in or to let us out?

**“And angels helped him!”**

Thursday 11th April

7.30pm

Newlands Church

How do we care for one another and why do we bother? What is Pastoral Care?

**“Jesus was hungry”**

Thursday 18th April

7.30pm

Newlands Church

We are fed and nourished by the one who was nourished by God. We share Communion together in Holy Week as Jesus did with his friends.

## **THE GUILD**

The Guild will be meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Newlands Annexe, when we will be joined by members of our local BB group. We hope to spend the evening in getting to know more about each other's activities, and generally to develop some friendships.

Boys Brigade Scotland is one of the 6 projects chosen by the National Guild to be supported financially over the next 3 years, with the aim being to encourage growth of leadership, develop community partnership, and to give opportunities for personal growth for BB boys across Scotland.

Margaret Habeshaw



## **Kirkurd SWI**

At the February meeting, Ted Bowen from Biggar, gave an excellent illustrated presentation about being brought up in inner city Birmingham during the second world war. He explained about food rationing and clothing coupons etc. After the war, into school and then on to Birmingham School of Art where he trained a silversmith. This was a truly fascinating talk.

Janet Noble proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks,

Competitions: Best polished shoes 1<sup>st</sup>. Margaret Adamson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Peggy Wills

2 plain oven scones 1<sup>st</sup>. Elma Noble 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Margaret Adamson.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Practical Craft Evening with Jean Fraser.

Competitions: Home made Easter Card Bowl of bulbs.

Institute level of the following competitions Aberdeenshire Butteries and a decorated flower pot max. diameter 8 inches will also be held at this meeting.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**. Annual Bulb & Craft Show, Community Centre, ( Drill Hall ) Peebles. 10:00 – 4:00

Entries for judging to be in on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. March at 1:30p.m.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. March** Housewives & Handicrafts Spring Meeting  
Venison Cookery Demonstration.

St. Andrews Leckie Bakehall, Peebles 7:30

This meeting is open to all SWI members.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April** Kirkurd SWI AGM

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. May** Outing

The February meeting was enjoyed by all members when Wim Bosma gave a talk on his work at Langhill Farm looking after a dairy herd and involved in teaching students all there is to know about the welfare of dairy cows. He answered many questions and Cilla Davidson gave the vote of thanks. The competition winners for a photograph of a farm animal were - 1st Janette Raeburn 2nd Margaret Habeshaw and 3rd Lin Hunter. The Federation Bulb Show was discussed and names taken for the duties required.

The next meeting will be our Bulb Show which will be held in the Cafe at Lamancha Hub on Thursday 7th March at 7.30 pm when members' bulbs will be displayed and we will set up our Community Effort.

## **MOTHERS & TODDLERS**

**We meet every Thursday morning in**

**Netherurd Hall 10:00 - 11:30**

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

Adults £2

Children 50p

Peggy Wills 01968 682231

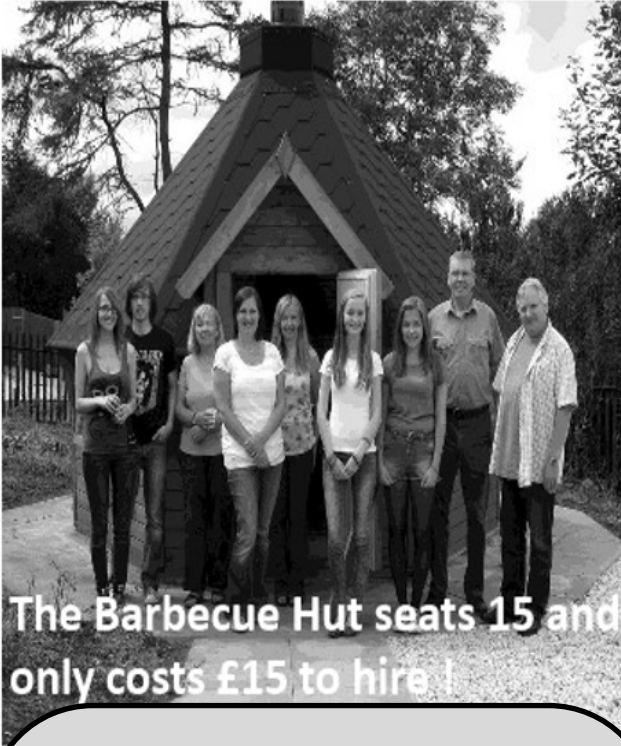
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Don't forget to try to find the church mouse hiding somewhere in this magazine!

# LAMANCHA **hub** COMMUNITY

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/or natter** group every Wednesday morning from now until Spring. The cafe is the place to meet at 11am till 1pm. No charge but there will be home made soup, hot drinks and bacon butties 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

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

## **Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.**

Register your daughter's interest [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Did you know we have a monthly Rainbow Unit for those of you who cannot make it to weekly meetings?

Contact Alison at [Rainbows3rdWL@Outlook.com](mailto:Rainbows3rdWL@Outlook.com)

## **Calling all photographers.**

We are looking for lovely photos of the local landscape and landmarks for the cover of the next edition of the Parish Magazine?

Please send your photo's to the editor at [NKparishmag@outlook](mailto:NKparishmag@outlook) and we will let you know if your photo will be published. Sorry no prizes but you will get a worthy mention in the magazine!

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# **GAMES/PUB NIGHT** **at THE HUB**

1st and 3rd Friday of the  
Month.

Adults £2 KIDS GO FREE!!!

**DOORS OPEN** **BYOB**  
**6.30PM**

**FUN FOR ALL - EVERYONE WELCOME**

**DARTS**

**TABLE TENNIS (LOTS OF BATS!)**

**POOL TABLE (SLATE BASED!)**

**DOMINOES**

**MORE GAMES COMING SOON INC KURLING AND**

**CARPET BOWLS\***

\*subject to funding approval

## **Community Council News**

Are you 16 or over, have an interest in local affairs and willing to give around 18 hours of your time in a year? If so, your local Community Council would like to hear from you.

The Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council area stretches from Leadburn to just before Skirling and you can download the area map from the Scottish Borders website [www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/1014/lamancha\\_newlands\\_and\\_kirkurd](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/1014/lamancha_newlands_and_kirkurd)

Community Councils are voluntary organisations set up by statute and run by local residents to act on behalf of their area. They are the most local tier of statutory representation in Scotland. According to the Scottish Government they are intended to bridge the gap between local authorities and communities, and help to make public bodies aware of the opinions and needs of the communities they represent and therefore play an important role in local democracy.

Current members of the Community Council live at Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, Romanno Bridge and Halmyre. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month except in July, August and December and the meetings are held in one of our three local community halls; the Newlands Centre, Lamancha Hub and Netherurd Hall.

Our local Councillors attend the meetings and a variety of subjects are discussed and considered. These might be planning applications, the provision of a new High School in Peebles, local transport or potholes in the roads.

The Community Council also buys the plants for the colourful planters dotted along the A701 and when funds allow, small grants are awarded to local community groups. In the recent past, £50 grants have been awarded to 1st Castlecraig Brownies, the Wednesdays Community Choir, Newlands and Kirkurd Senior Citizens Fund, Newlands and Kirkurd Playgroup and Newlands School Parent Council. It only takes an email to apply telling us about the group and what the money will be used for – [Inkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:Inkccchair@gmail.com).

The next meeting is at the Lamancha Hub on Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm so why not come along.

## **Romanno Bridge Flood Mitigation Works Update**

Scottish Borders Council has been in touch with the Community Council with an update on the flood protection plans for residents which consist of creating an embankment, kerb raising and potential property level protection against the Lyne Water. Site issues requiring additional work have changed the timetable for works and the revised construction dates are now within the latter part of 2019.

## **Changes to opening hours at SBC Eshiels Recycling Centre from 1 April 2019**

Season Monday to Friday Saturday and Sunday Summer - First Monday in April to last Sunday in September

Morning Evening 10am to 1.15pm 2 to 6.45pm Morning Evening 9am to 1.15pm 2 to 4.45pm

Winter - First Monday in October to last Sunday in March

10am to 1.15pm 2 to 4.45pm 9am to 1.15pm 2 to 4.45pm

Please note the Recycling Centre will be CLOSED on Wednesdays from 1 April 2019

## **The wheels on the bus go round and round –**

but only until the end of March. There is now a late night taxi to replace the lack of evening buses but the funding is only until the end of March and funding will only continue if enough people use it; so use it or lose it! The service can take 8 people, will run Monday to Saturday and will leave from the bus stop outside Lidl in Penicuik at 20:25, 22:15 and 23:15.

The taxi will travel from Penicuik to Dolphinton via Carlops, West Linton, Loanend Dolphinton at Garvald Road end.

The cost is £2.40 per trip and passengers wishing to use this service will have to register with West Linton Community Council (WLCC) who will issue you with a numbered membership card, which must be quoted when journeys are booked. For more information or to register or book your seat, email [wlcc taxi@gmail.com](mailto:wlcc taxi@gmail.com).

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