

*Newlands & Kirkurd*

*Parish Magazine*



*February 2020*

## *Services February 2020*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Carlops</b>	<b>Newlands &amp; Kirkurd</b>	<b>West Linton</b>
02/02	Rev. Stewart McPherson	Murray Campbell	Rev. Stewart McPherson
09/02	David Howat	Nancy Norman	Nancy Norman
16/02	Rev. Stewart McPherson	Patsy Campbell	Rev. Stewart McPherson
23/02	Sheena Livingstone	Rev. Stewart McPherson	Rev. Stewart McPherson

***Elder's Rota:*** Fay Young & Rosie Sim

***Church Cleaning:*** Yvonne Ashforth

Please contact your elder or Ilka Roehe by email on [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) if you would like a digital copy of the magazine sent to your email or if you would like a large print copy. Material for the March magazine to Ilka by Tuesday, 18th February 2020.

# THANK YOU

We had a tremendous response to our appeal for donations of food for the Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hampers and for Christmas gifts for children to be distributed through the Salvation Army in the Borders. We enormously appreciate the generosity of all who contributed.

I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the annual cleaning of the church in January. It was a tremendous effort and the church is sparkling!

Jean Howat



## *Transitional Support Group Meeting*

*6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Newlands Church*

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, where all three congregations will gather with the visiting Transitional Support Group to reflect on the past 18 months and to decide whether we are ready to draw this period of Interim Ministry to a conclusion.

## ***STATED ANNUAL MEETING***

This will take place after the morning service on March 22nd, 2020. All are welcome to attend.



Representation from our three congregations are invited to gather on 6<sup>th</sup> February at Newlands Church to share in a time of conversation and reflection on our time together over the past 18 months. We will focus on three main areas. What we have learned? What has been achieved? and, What do we take forward together? Revisiting the initial objectives of this period of Interim Ministry might be helpful as we do so. They were ... *to offer a period of settled ministry; allow healing to begin; enable relationships to be rebuilt; strengthen the linkage; enable a better understanding of process; help acknowledge the hurt and frustration caused by the disciplinary process; and provide tools for better ways of working together.*

It is in these areas I have sought to offer my presence, my time, and my energy, but it is you rather than I who are best able to identify what might be considered successes and failings. I have my own thoughts but only you can discern the true effect of this period. For although I am the Interim Minister, the interim ministry has been provided, lived, and shaped by us all along this journey together. Has anything changed or been transformed by us during this period? It was never and could never have been a set time where all things broken might be fixed, or varied perspectives become a uniformity of mind, or everyone arriving at the same place at the same time. It was and remains a journey, and as People of The Way (*which is what the early followers of Jesus were named*) we continue travelling with one another and with Jesus as our companion into whatever future lies ahead.

That future is not perhaps what was expected when we began, but then only reflects life's precarious and unpredictable nature, while rooting our faith in themes of hope, reconciliation, and trust. As we journey, we live in hope, not that things will simply get better with the passage of time but to trust in that deeper grounding which is beyond and within our structures and our expectations. While we are called to live as people who believe in love as reconciliation where we seek a life as reconciling people which is a lifelong task of learning, growing, and loving.

If we have learned anything as individuals, as congregations, or as a wider community of faith, then it must include some aspect of intentionally seeking a better way of doing and being church as a movement of listening, respecting, and walking together along that way.

The church has always been and ever will be a multi-faceted community rather than a homogeneous group, a colourful tapestry rather than a grey cloth, reflecting the God who is larger than we can ever imagine and a Jesus whose living, dying, and rising take us through and beyond the limiting perspectives of the world.

A success might be that we have discovered or rediscovered a way to journey together rather than a destination at which we have arrived, and as People of The Way, perhaps that is our greatest and most honest measure. As the theologian Stanley Haurwas said, "Jesus called us not so much to be effective but to be faithful".

Stewart McPherson



**The next sessions of Messy Church are on:  
Sunday 2nd February – Love Rules!  
Sunday 1st March – Messy Spring  
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](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)



## **Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council**

The next meeting of the Community Council is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 February at the Lamancha Hub. We would love to see you at the next meeting or you can contact us at [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com).

The Community Council meets nine times a year with no meetings in July, August and December. Our meetings are always on the third Wednesday on the month and rotate around the three halls in our area; the Newlands Centre, Lamancha Hub and Netherurd Hall. We hear from local people, comment on planning applications, provide the plants for the 22 roadside planters and are able to award small grants to local groups. We also normally have one of our local councillors in attendance. Community Councils need the input of local people or quite simply, we don't exist. Why not come along to our next meeting, see what we do and consider getting involved. We would love to meet you.

**Road repairs:** At the January meeting concerns were expressed about the poor state of the roads in the area. The Community Council has contacted our councillors to request an urgent survey of the A701 and its feeder roads to West Linton and Peebles from Romanno Bridge and from Blyth Bridge. If you would like to report a road repair you can do this via the website [https:// www.fixmystreet.com/](https://www.fixmystreet.com/) The website will notify Scottish Borders Council and the process of reporting issues is quite simple.

**Counter Terrorism Training:** An award-winning counter terrorism training course is now available to the public for the first time and Police Scotland is encouraging members of the public to sign up. The ACT course is free of charge and comprises seven modules that take a few minutes to complete. You can pause and rejoin at any time and in total the course takes about 45 minutes. Go to [https@// ct.highfieldelearning.com/](https://ct.highfieldelearning.com/) to start learning.

## *“Newlands Community Development Trust (NCDT)”*

Following our fundraising appeal in this magazine last Autumn we are delighted to advise that with the generosity of some of our community and with match funding from The British Heart Foundation we have now acquired and are installing 3 defibrillators in our ward. They are all automated defibrillators, so training is not specifically required to be able to use them.

- 1 – Located at the Newlands Centre in Romanno Bridge just outside the front door
- 2 – Located in the old phone kiosk in Blyth Bridge, just beside the bus shelter.
- 3 – Located on the wall of Coppice Corner at the Kirkurd/Kirkdean junction.

We will be scheduling a series of training sessions at the Newlands Centre so that anyone can learn how to do CPR as well as use the defibrillators. These will be advertised in due course. Keep an eye out for those. We would like to thank everyone for their donations towards this worthwhile cause.

NCDT endeavours to provide a range of services and facilities that our community needs/wants. We are all volunteers giving up a bit of time to try and achieve this. We would always welcome anyone interested in joining our Board who can bring a particular skill or even just their enthusiasm to our group so that we can continue to run the Newlands Centre and other community services. If you don't want to join the Board but would like to help out with events or volunteering some hours at the Centre please make contact. If you might be interested in joining us and helping to provide for your community please contact [secretary@newlandscdt.org.uk](mailto:secretary@newlandscdt.org.uk) or call Sue on 07730 556086. “

## ***THE GUILD***

The next meeting of The Guild will be at 2pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February in The Old Church Hall, West Linton. Dr Fiona Burnett who is currently Moderator of our Presbytery, will be telling us about the latest interactions between our local churches and our linked churches in Zomba, Malawi. A further visit to Zomba was made in October by representatives along with some local young people, so it will be good to get feed-back about this, as well as the developing links with Lebanon. Anyone is welcome to attend – you don't need to be a Guild member.

Margaret Habeshaw

## ***THE OPEN GATE***

The Open Gate continues to offer a counselling service on Friday afternoons in Newlands Centre. Anyone can make contact by phoning or texting **07535 898 244**.

At present, we are being under-used, and this is a pity, since the chances of being helped, and quickly, are high. We use a solution-based approach which is pleasant and effective, and appropriate for most type of problems which are causing concern or anxiety. Also no months of waiting for an appointment! All sessions are free. Perhaps you know some-one you could encourage to make contact.



For the first meeting of the New Year, we were pleased to welcome Anne McWhinnie from Alzheimer Scotland, who gave a very informative presentation on the work of Dementia Friends Scotland. She briefly explained some of the more common types of dementia, and ways everyone can be more aware of symptoms and able to assist with simple everyday tasks.

Mo Lamb proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Item of home made jewellery: 1<sup>st</sup>. Elma Noble 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mo Lamb  
Old Buttons: 1<sup>st</sup>. Mo Lamb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elma Noble

**February 5<sup>th</sup>. Saltdough Practical evening** with Barbara Whitten, Broughton  
Competitions : 2 gluten free scones old vase

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. March 'Dawyck - A Jewel in Scotland's Crown '** with Graham Stewart, RBGE

Competitions: 1 Bowl of Bulbs Spring Photograph

This is an open meeting. Please come along and join us for the evening.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.March** Peeblesshire Federation SWI Annual Bulb & Craft Show this year is to be held at Newlands Centre. All exhibits to be in 8:30 - 9:30.

Show open 2:00 - 4:30 Entry £3 includes tea & home baking.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>.** Peeblesshire Federation SWI H & H meeting 7:30. Cookery Demonstration.

This is open to all SWI members. Venue to be confirmed.

## **MOTHERS & TODDLERS**

**We meet every Thursday morning in  
Netherurd Hall  
10:00 - 11:30**

**A very warm welcome awaits any new member who would like to join us.  
Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads, Carers, babies & toddlers.**

**Adults £2**

**Children 50p**

Peggy 01968 682231

Pat 01721 752205

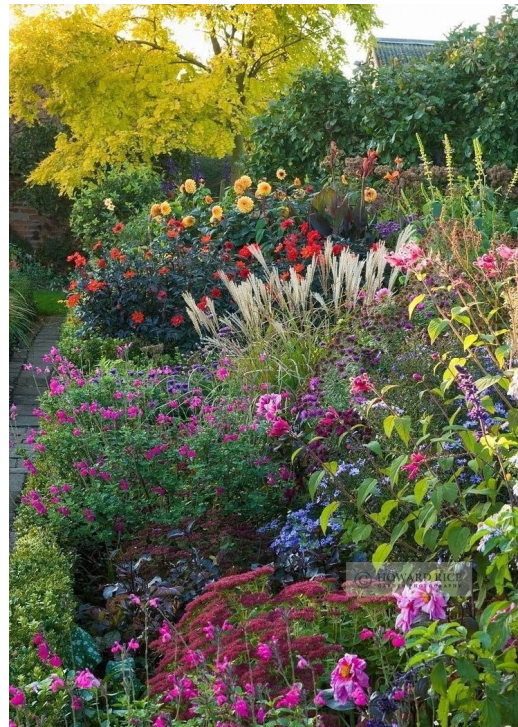
## NEWLANDS SWI

Due to winter ailments and the threat of snow, only a handful of us turned up for the Belly Dancing class on January 8th. Any thoughts we had of watching from the sidelines were not an option as all 6 of us had to participate! For the first ten minutes we were given body belts with castanets attached and were taught how to make shimmying movements. Next, we were all given our own veils which comprised of yards and yards of the most beautiful chiffon material in jewel colours. We were taught the most graceful movements using arms, hands and fingers. Once we had a rough idea what to do we were treated to John Lennon (or was it Ben E. King) singing "Stand By Me". Judging by everyone joining in singing and dancing it had to be one of our favourite songs. All in all we all ended up enjoying the class immensely.

Many thanks to Nancy Dow for the lovely cakes and cups of tea afterwards.

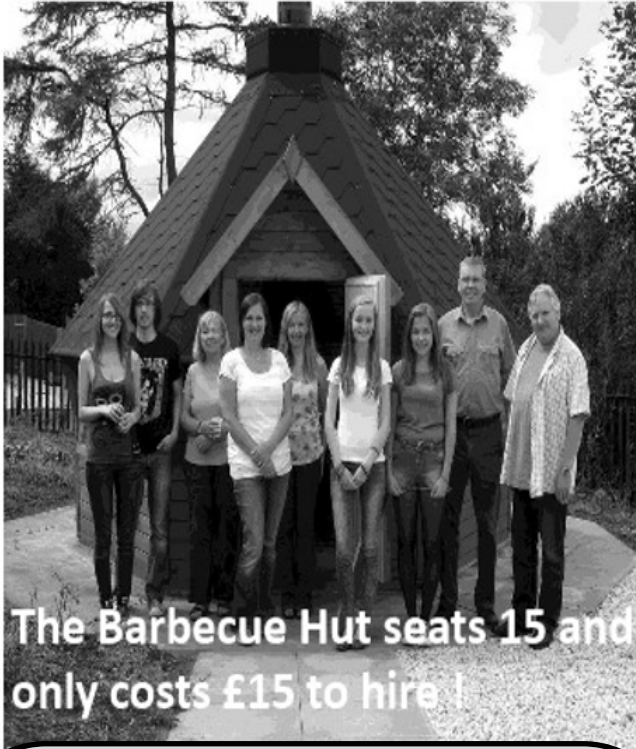
Our next meeting is on February 12th, at 7.30 pm, in the Laman-cha Hub café, where West Linton gardener John Bracken will give a talk on Cottage Gardens. This is an open to all meeting with a small charge of £2 for non members.

Cilla Davidson



# 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/or natter** group every Wednesday morning. 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

**Thursday:** Hatha Yoga 9.30am

**Thursdays Pilates!** Beginners and intermediates. First starts 6.15pm  
7.15pm

Start date to be advised

**Drumming lessons:** call Ian  
07847 486074

Games night. 7pm. 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month.

Adults £2 KIDS GO FREE!!!

Pool, darts, table tennis, board games and more!

[info@lamanchahub.org.uk](mailto: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

**Minister (Interim)** Rev Stewart McPherson  
Mobile: 07814901429  
Landline: 01968 660221  
The Manse, West Linton  
Email: smcpherson@churchofscotland.org.uk

**Session Clerk** Mrs Jean Howat  
StoneyKnowe  
Romanno Bridge  
01968 660677

**Church Treasurer** Mr David Howat  
StoneyKnowe  
Romanno Bridge  
01968 660677

**Guild President** Mrs M Habeshaw  
Damside  
Romanno Bridge  
01968 660887

**Assistant Treasurer** Mrs E A Goodall  
Macbieknowe  
Lamancha  
01968 660457

**Adventurers** Mrs Jean Howat and Mrs Ilka Roehe

**Scottish Charity Number** SCO 18087



Newlands and Kirkurd Parish Church

<http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>



Photocopying of this magazine has been kindly donated by Dr McCann of Castle Craig.