

Newlands & Kirkurd

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The *Acts* of the Apostles, 1:4-5



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of *Pentecost* had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

The *Acts* of the Apostles, 2: 1-4

Tribute to Anne Goodall



We were all very sad at the death of our dear friend, Anne Goodall, on Wednesday 15th April. She touched the lives of so many in the church and in the community and she will be hugely missed by her many friends and most of all by her family.

Anne was born and brought up in Midcalder and was the youngest of five children. She married Dave in 1968 and they bought their first house together in Penicuik. They had a long and happy marriage until Dave's sudden death in 2012.

She worked as a teller for the Bradford and Bingley and then later at the Halifax in Morningside until she retired.

With their son Kirk, Anne and Dave moved to Macbieknowe in 1980 and Anne became involved with Newlands Church, the Women's Guild and the Rural. She also joined the West Linton Tennis Club and later took up golf and curling. In all these activities and indeed throughout her life Anne formed so many strong friendships. Whenever I saw her over the past few months I was struck by the number of phone calls and visits she received almost every day. She radiated warmth and cheerfulness wherever she went and was a close and caring friend to so many.

She was closely involved in the church over many years. She became one of the first women elders in 1996 and was for 15 years a valued and very hard working treasurer. She accomplished the major feat of digitalising the accounts, setting up Gift Aid and joining OSCR as well as conducting successful stewardship campaigns. Her practical approach, her wise words and her sense of humour will be greatly missed at Kirk Session Meetings and in all aspects of church life.

In addition to church activities, she was a key organiser of the Newlands Flower Show, bringing together so many members of the community, young and old, as well as raising money.

She was an exceptional woman and we were privileged to have known her. Our hearts go out to Kirk and to all members of her family.

Jean Howat

Letter from our Minister

People have spoken about the pressure of expectation placed on people during this period of Lock-down. Some say we should take the time to learn a new skill, develop one which has lain latent, teach our children at home, ignore the recipe book and get creative with what you find in the fridge, read some books, do indoor exercises. That leaves many of us merely feeling the shame of inadequacy that we have achieved none of those things. Coping with the change, the anxiety, the news reports and missing family and friends all seems more than enough.

In ministry it is much the same, as you scan the online resources of churches and discover a variety of examples of people being creative and reaching beyond themselves while many clearly have no skills in editing videos. I feel the pressure. Although evidently familiar with standing and speaking in front of groups of various sizes, congregations and conferences, I struggle to the point of anxiety when faced with doing something in front of a camera. And yet, that is one of the ways communication has moved and currently essential in many ways. Producing resources for people to use at home for reflection and prayer, creating a short video with a weekly message, discovering how to use Zoom for meetings and hold worship gatherings, has all been a steep learning curve, some aspects of which I have personally adapted to more easily than others. I do believe simplicity is best, unless it is your gift and skill then you can be more creative. However, it is the way we will gather, worship, share messages for the foreseeable future.

And the lessons we learn, apart from how to use Zoom, are many. There is something to rediscover about the simplicity of worship, and that the familiar format may well be reinvented now. We have discovered how few business meetings we require. We have rediscovered the central place of the home as the place of prayer and connecting with God. We know we miss our church buildings yet are left wondering what it is about them we miss most and why.

We have realised the vital importance of face to face relationship and the natural interactions that matter which get lost or get in the way on Zoom. The participation in worship in terms of singing together, meeting each other, listening, speaking, coffee after worship, as often online worship becomes so passive as we sit and merely watch from a distance. Participation, human contact, relationships matter, and matter so much more than the content or shape of worship.

All our communication whether websites, Facebook, YouTube or Newsletters, must have at its heart relationship. To tell a story and hear stories, and in church terms that also means enabling people to nourish a relationship with God as we discover God in the life and witness of the man from Nazareth. Most of Jesus' life was spent outside of religious buildings and so often in people's homes. At times of bereavement, at dinner parties, at a friend's house for tea, at a bedside of a friend's sick daughter, or in the fields plucking grain, in the countryside pointing at sheep, on a hill in the afternoon, in a garden at dawn.

We will eventually return to our church buildings and will be glad of that. But we cannot return without taking with us what we have learned during this time of Lockdown. The central importance of our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. The Word became flesh for a reason.

Be safe. Be blessed.

Stewart McPherson



Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd

Community Council



All Community Council meetings have been **cancelled until further notice** due to the ongoing situation regarding the Covid-19 virus. Should you need to contact the Community Council, please email LNKCCChair@gmail.com

One issue to highlight is the Scottish Government's guidance for private landlords and letting agents in response to COVID-19 which was published on 20 March 2020 - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for private landlords and letting agents - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/healthandcare/coronavirus/covid-19/guidance-for-private-landlords-and-letting-agents)

It is worth highlighting the following sections:

Q. Can I still allow tenants to move into properties?

A. The Scottish Government recognises that it is particularly important to avoid people becoming homeless at this time. Tenants should be allowed to move into properties where a tenancy has already been agreed or where absolutely necessary (for example, where a prospective tenant may be at risk of becoming homeless or placed at risk by not being able to access alternative accommodation or to accommodate key workers).

Face-to-face contact should be limited where possible. In cases where face-to-face contact is necessary, distancing measures should be carried out by all parties – ensuring a distance of two meters is kept between anybody who is not from the same household, and limit the number of people present in line with public gathering rules. You should also follow Scottish Government advice on hygiene and cleanliness before, during and after visits.

Q. Can I evict a tenant and if so under what circumstances?

A. We have been clear that no landlord should evict a tenant because they have suffered financial hardship due to Covid-19 and we expect landlords to be flexible with tenants facing financial hardship and signpost them to the sources of financial support available.

In recognition of the severity of the situation we now find the country in, the Scottish Government has passed emergency legislation to protect renters in Scotland during the Covid-19 outbreak. The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 protects tenants in Scotland from any eviction action for up to 6 months. This will apply to both the private and social rented housing sectors and will ensure the position is absolutely clear for all landlords and tenants in Scotland.

This new legislation temporarily extends the amount of notice landlords must give when ending a tenancy. **In most cases landlords will now need to give tenants 6 months' notice**, unless they are ending the tenancy for particular reasons, including antisocial and criminal behaviour by the tenant, or where the landlord or their family need to move into the property where the notice period is 3 months.

The legislation also temporarily makes all grounds for eviction in the private rented sector discretionary, ensuring that the Tribunal will be able to use discretion and take all factors relating to the impact of Covid-19 has had on both the landlord and tenant into account before deciding whether to issue an eviction order or not.

The new law applies in cases where a landlord serves notice on their tenant on or after 07 April 2020. Where a landlord has served notice on their tenant before 07 April 2020, the changes in the new law do not apply.

For further information contact Scottish Borders Council Private Sector Liaison and Enforcement Officer by email, aileen.roberston@scotborders.gov.uk or call 01896 661 392, or their nearest Citizens Advice Scotland office - <https://www.cas.org.uk>

COVID-19 - the Newlands Centre at Romanno Bridge is working to bring volunteers together with the most vulnerable in our Community who will require additional support during any periods of enforced isolation and during this very worrying time for all.

Join the Surf Club - If you are in the position of wanting to engage with friends and family online and are not sure how to do it, check out the Centre's Surf Club which has now gone to an online format.

LNK Resilient Community Hub

With support from Newlands Community Development Trust, SBC and Newlands Volunteers we are supporting residents of Lamancha, Newlands & Kirkurd.

Our volunteers can assist you, your family or your neighbours with Food Shopping, Prescriptions, Transport, Finances, IT support (Computer, Laptop, iPad or Mobile Phone), or if you simply want to have a friendly chat please email or call.

E-mail—resilience@newlandscdt.org.uk

Tel - 07831 595 828

Our service is Free, is confidential and our volunteers are provided with protective equipment, are fully insured and adhere to all social distancing guidelines.

*Newlands & Kirkurd
Cottager's Garden Produce
Show and Sale 2020*



At present, it looks like as the Flower Show is not going ahead and a schedule is not produced.

Should circumstances change, we will let everyone know.

The Committee

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Meetings postponed until further notice.

Hope everyone is keeping safe.

KIRKURD SWI

Saturday 14th. March: On entering Newlands Centre, the air was filled with the scents of spring from the amazing show of spring bulbs, plants, floral art and crafts on display at the Peeblesshire SWI Annual Spring Bulb & Craft Show. Congratulations to all the prize winners and to everyone who participated and came along to support the show, which all contributed to make the show such a success.

Kirkurd SWI was placed second in the Community Effort – 'Welcome to Spring'. Janet Noble won the Floral Art Trophy and Margaret Adamson had prizes in the bulbs and plants section.

Due to the current restrictions all events have been postponed until further notice.

Keep safe, keep well.



Netherurd Memorial Hall

Annual General Meeting
&
annual outdoor maintenance
postponed until further notice.

Keep safe



Garden Ramblings



During Lockdown I'm passing time by staring out the window at those glorious daffodils which continue to cheer us up regardless. Making me think---which 10 plants would I take to the Moon from here if I had the chance.

1 **SNOWDROPS** -- Eagerly awaited and reliable regardless of the weather they are the first to flower in January.

2 **DAFFODILS** of course, from the giant King Alfred's down to the little Tete a Tete brightening our roadsides and most gardens in March.

3 **TULIPS**-- With their jewel colours who doesn't like a vase of them in the home?

4 **PRIMROSES**--From the wild primrose to polyanthus, cowslips and all the candelabra types they are all worthy of taking with me.



5 **ROSES**--Roses for Romance as the saying goes and there is a rose for every occasion.

6. **JACOB'S LADDER**-- First time I saw this plant was in the derelict school garden at Laman-cha. A beautiful plant with white flowers. I asked someone to identify it for me and after 40 years I still have some seedlings from it although the flowers are smaller now.

7. **DAISIES** --From the wild ox eye daisy that flowers its socks off to the big Shasta type what's not to love?

8. **ALCHEMILLA MOLLIS**---What?? I hear some of you saying but this plant saved many a lady from distress. Known as lady's mantle I love to see the raindrops on the leaves. Many state-ly homes have a mixed border of this with the large geranium known as the bloody cranesbill and it looks stunning.

9. **HARDY GERANIUMS**--- Feels like I have the national collection of these including War-grave Pink from John Buchan's garden at Broughton. No, I didn't pinch it but was given a root from a lady who parents lived next door to him. Tough little plants suitable for all soils.

10. **HELLEBORES** -

Sometime known as the Lenten Rose as it flowers every year at this time. Colours range from white to nearly black. My choice would be the white one.

Cilla Davidson



LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

YOGA

Tuesday evenings with Eileen

Thursday mornings with Linda

NEW!!! PILATES

Friday mornings with Kirsten

FRENCH

Wednesday mornings with Yvonne

Knit and/or natter for ladies and gents

Wednesday mornings from 11 am till 1 pm.

Community café open for soup, cakes, coffee, etc.

ALSO AVAILABLE: FIRST AID COURSES

***** COMING SOON *****

First Aid course for dogs given by vet Aileen.

APOLOGIES

***ALL CLASSES
CANCELLED DUE
TO THE CORONA
VIRUS!***

The BBQ hut is for all weathers and as we have lanterns why not treat the kids to a BBQ in the dark before summer appears. Cost £15 to hire for as long as it takes.



The hall has central heating and is available for special events such as birthdays. Contact us on info@lamanchahub.org.uk

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