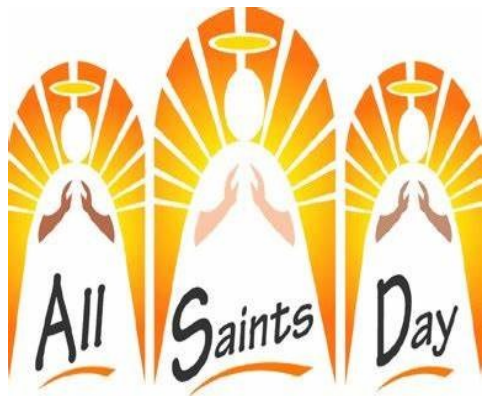




Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine



Diwali Festival of Lights



St. Martin Festival



Zoom Sunday Services

November/December 2020

** Service planned in KN Church*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
01 November	S. Livingstone	Colin Herd	Colin Herd
08 November*	Remembrance Rev N. Norman	Remembrance D. Henderson-H.	Remembrance Rev N. Norman
15 November	Patsy Campbell	Rev N. Norman	Steven Whalley
22 November	Mary McElroy	Kevin Scott	Rev N. Norman
29 November	Colin Herd	Rev C. Levison	Rev C. Levison
06 December*	Rev N. Norman	D. Henderson-H.	D. Henderson-H.
13 December	S. Livingstone	Rev N. Norman	Rev N. Norman
20 December*	Rev N. Norman	Mary McElroy	Steven Whalley
27 December	Rev C. Levison	D. Henderson-H.	Kevin Scott



Remembrance Sunday Service – 8th November

This service will be held in church at 10am. Immediately following the service wreaths will be laid first at the Newlands war memorial and after that at the memorial at Blyth Bridge.

All the available seats for this service have been taken, but Zoom services will be held at Carlops at 10am and West Linton at 11.30am. For more information contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com.

Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hampers

Once again PYT will be assembling Christmas hampers to be delivered to families who are struggling in the Tweeddale Area. We have been asked to donate oatcakes and crackers. These can be brought to the Remembrance Day service or dropped off with Jean Howat at Stoneyknowe. howatjean@gmail.com



Harvest Thanksgiving Service

We held a very successful service in the church on 11th October and were delighted that the church was ‘full’. There was a huge collection of donations of food for the Penicuik Foodbank and ‘sweet treats’ for Whim Hall for which they were very grateful.

Thank-you so much to everyone who contributed.

Thoughts from the Locum.....

From its stately height the grandfather clock gazed down benevolently upon us, its face bright and clear and the rhythm of its heartbeat as measured and dependable as the day it was first set in motion.

‘Isn’t it fine?’ my friend ventured, an unmistakable note of quiet pride in his voice. ‘My grandfather carved it.’

A skilled and loving hand had indeed long ago crafted and shaped the handsome oak case, following the dark grain of the wood to form the clean bevelled edges of its panels, softening the corners with carved columns of upwardly intertwining spirals, and patiently coaxing from smooth wood an intricate design of clustered grapes, leaves and stems.

Just as lovingly now, the grandfather clock had been brought home and given pride of place on the landing at the first turn in the stair.

The long front panel of the case opened easily at the turn of a key and from the dark depths of its body, a gleam of polished brass flashed momentarily as the light behind us caught the heavy pendulum mid-swing. Measuring time. Unwearied. Unhurried.

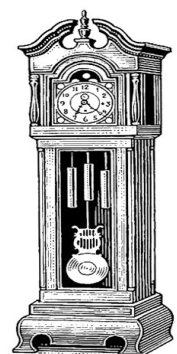
Memory tugged me back to my childhood in Richmond, Virginia, to my father’s basement workshop. He was a mender, rather than a maker, of clocks. From the basement rafters, clock works and weights and pendulums, temporarily removed from their casings, hung in profusion. I would dodge through their random lengths – always with the risk of meeting one head-on! – and then stop to listen to their mesmerising tickings and tockings, measuring time, like the enchanting sing-song of so many raindrops falling on roof-top puddles. Unwearied. Unhurried.

Time. That most precious gift. Not surprising that the puzzles of its measurement should occupy the human mind, whether in the wondrous craftsmanship which fashions so beautiful a timepiece as a grandfather clock, or in the heady scientific calculations of the universe, the moon and the sun, the stars and the planets, in their courses.

It is of course the use to which we put the gift of time which is of greatest importance. May God ever be our guide, in the priorities by which we define our living and in the things towards which we channel our considerable but finite energies.

*Nancy Norman
Locum Minister*

October 2020



NEWS FROM ZOMBA

Our Presbytery's World Mission Committee has continued to meet together online to keep up to date with our links with Zomba in Malawi, and had a Zoom meeting on October 21st with Rev Picklen Chafulumira, the minister at Tondwe Church. Picklen has been invaluable in organising links between the parishes of Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn and Tondwe parish in Zomba. He is now about to move to a new parish of Chirimba in Blantyre, and the committee organised the meeting with him on Zoom to thank him for all his efforts to further our Presbytery linkage with Zomba since his visit to us in Scotland four years ago. We all hope that the links that have been built up with his help can continue and strengthen with his successor.

Godfrey – the first midwife student we supported financially – has still to get permanent employment as a trained midwife, but is presently working in a malaria-control clinic. The second student – Limbikini- has resumed his studies in his midwifery course, and the World Mission Committee has provided money to defray the costs of the equipment he needs to finish the third and final year of his course.

The Committee also have been discussing ways of giving support to their church contacts in Lebanon, being aware of the great problems there following the disastrous explosion in Beirut.

David Habeshaw

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL



A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who filled a shoebox.

21 boxes and 2 big bags of 'extras' were delivered to Blythswood on Monday,

26 October.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Fay Young



THE OPEN GATE PHONE

This is just a reminder that the Open Gate Phone is still being kept charged up, ready to receive any incoming calls. Although we are no longer available as a Friday afternoon session at Newlands Centre, The Open Gate is continuing to offer counselling by phone to anyone who makes contact. The approach used is Solution-Focussed Brief Therapy which doesn't need face-to-face contact to help.

The number remains the same: **07535 898 244**

Phone appointments can be arranged for any time throughout the week to suit both client and therapist.

Please let folk in our community know about this resource which can be helpful for all sorts of problems and for all sorts of age-groups.

Margaret Habeshaw

Come said the leaves to the

Wind one day,

Come o'er the meadows and

We will play.

Put on your dresses

Scarlet and Gold

For summer is gone and

The days grow old.



KIRKURD SWI

The AGM and first meeting of the new session was held on Wednesday 7th. October via Zoom.

Mo Lamb welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a resume of activities over the past 18 months. One of the many highlights being placed second in the community effort at the Bulb Show in March.

Mo thanked everyone for their hard work and continued support over the year.

Sue presented the treasurer's report. After some discussion it was decided to set the membership fee for 2020 - 2021 at £15, payable by cheque or direct banking.

Office Bearers 2020 - 2021

President: Mo Lamb Secretary: Margaret Adamson Treasurer: Janet Noble.

Members were asked to provide suggestions for activities which can be done online if required.

Wednesday 2nd. December via Zoom. Easy Christmas Crafts and Recipes

Anyone with any simple ideas which can be done online to contact Margaret or Mo.

Link will be sent to members and friends nearer the time.

Mustard, Sausage & Apple Tart

6 fat sausages skinned and cut into fairly large chunks

1 large red onion peeled, halved and cut into thin wedges

1 red eating apple thinly sliced (leave the skin on)

approx 6–8 sage leaves 375g pack ready rolled puff pastry 2 tablespns Dijon Mustard

Method: Oven 200C

Put the onion, apple and sage into a bowl with 1 teaspn of oil and toss well.

Unroll the pastry directly onto a large baking sheet. With a sharp knife, score a border approx 1 inch wide all the way round.

Spread the mustard over the pastry keeping within the border. Scatter over the onion mix and the sausages.

Bake for 20 mins. until the sausage is cooked and the onion and apple are starting to turn golden and the pastry is well puffed and golden.

Garden Ramblings

Well, it's nearly November now and very little frost so far. The leaves are beginning to fall but the colours have been amazing.

I'm so pleased with my lupins grown from seed and still flowering especially the pale pink ones as they look good against the red leaves on the Euonimus shrub.



This isn't really apple growing country as we are above 700 ft but one variety that does well is "Discovery ". A few residents around here grow these apples and all have done well. My own little tree gave me a big bowl full. Nowadays you can buy fruit trees grown on dwarf root stock which makes them suitable for small gardens.

In the Lamanca Community Garden the polytunnel has been well used. We have had failures with the squash and too many cucumbers. Courgettes also didn't do well, however, tomatoes made us self-sufficient.

We have room outside for a couple more fruit trees so will be ordering them soon. Bulbs are here waiting to be planted in the tubs. Can't wait for Spring!

Cilla Davidson



LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

While we cannot have the usual Yoga and Pilates classes in the main hall, the cafe can be used as long as we adhere to the Covid rules which include wearing our masks when not seated. This means we can still hold the *Knit and Natter* meetings. (Thinking of changing to Natter and Knit though!) We have bacon rolls and cakes along with coffee and tea. We meet for an hour or so every Wednesday morning at 11.00 am. At present we are knitting tiny angels for Christmas, fiddly but fun!

We are pleased also that our office space to let on the upper floor has a new tenant who makes clothes for children to her own designs so sewing machines instead of lap-tops.

Cilla Davidson

The BBQ hut is for all weathers and as we have lanterns why not treat the kids to a BBQ in the dark. 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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