

Dawyck Botanic Garden

Kirkcaldy & Newlands Parish Magazine

October 2020

Zoom Sunday Services

October/November 2020

** Service planned in KN Church*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
04 October	Patsy Campbell	Kevin Scott	Kevin Scott
11 October*	Rev N. Norman	D. Henderson-H.	Rev N. Norman
18 October	ECO Service	Rev N. Norman	Steven Whalley
25 October	Kevin Scott	Rev C. Levison	Rev N. Norman
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



Welcome to Malcolm Jefferson and Nancy Norman

Following Stewart's departure we are delighted to welcome the Rev Malcolm Jefferson from Peebles who will act as our Interim Moderator. We are also very pleased to have the Rev Nancy Norman return as our locum minister. She will be leading many of our Zoom services over the next few months.

We particularly appreciate the fact that both Malcolm and Nancy will be giving up their time to work with us in the foreseeable future.

Jean Howat

Harvest Thanksgiving service

Sunday 11 October in Kirkurd and Newlands Church

Following on the success of our first trial service back in church in September, we will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 11 October at 10am. It will follow a similar format and masks must be worn. If you would like to come you should register with Jean Howat - howatjean@gmail.com - as there is a limit on the numbers who can attend.

We will be collecting donations of food for the Penicuik Food Bank and if you would like to donate to either Bethany Christian Trust or Practical Action, which are the two charities that we normally support at our Harvest weekend, here are the links:

<https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/>

<https://practicalaction.org/>

Jean Howat – 01968 660677



BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

There are leaflets available for pick up on the shelf in Fay's porch. We would appreciate if the boxes could be dropped off at Fay's the last week in October/beginning of November.

Thank you so much, and please make contact with me if you wish any other info.

Fay - 660374

Introducing the Interim Moderator


Rev Malcolm Jefferson

I am delighted to be involved at Newlands as your Interim Moderator. Nancy Norman will have more pastoral contact with the congregation as locum but I hope to be able to connect with you in some way. I thought a helpful start would be to share a little about myself and a word of encouragement.

I am married to Hannah and we have two lovely children, Samuel and Millie. I enjoy playing football, mountain biking, being in the outdoors and laughing!

I have been the minister of St. Andrews Leckie and Lyne and Manor since 2012. I love Jesus and helping people to discover him. As a shy young man who was terrified to ever stand up before a crowd, I never thought that I would be a minister and was planning to train as an Educational Psychologist. However, when I was 20 (that's half my life ago if you want to guess my age!), I sensed that the Lord was saying to me, "You have your future all mapped out without asking me... I want you in a ministry of church leadership and preaching". It coincided with being given gifts for ministry (particularly in preaching), that previously I didn't have.

After spending a few years work as a full time youth worker with a church in Edinburgh, I eventually trained as a minister with the Church of Scotland.



John 15 *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."*

As well as being a local minister, I am also Moderator of Presbytery this year and as many of our plans and normal activities are suspended, I want to encourage us to see this as an opportunity to reflect upon what makes the church fruitful. Perhaps we will discover that there are some things that the Lord would like us to lay down and some new things that he would like to lead us into. The key is to remain rooted in Jesus as the true vine.

It is a challenging time for everyone and as God's people we are not immune to the discouragement and anxiety. Limitations on gathering with others and physical contact continue to starve us from having vital human needs met. We feel this keenly as the people of God, as we remain hungry for fellowship with one another and for corporate singing of God's praises and the special dynamic of His Presence that we know when we meet in Jesus' name.

However, our God is the God of all hope and all comfort. He is the Father of compassion and the wonderful thing about the hope that He gives to us, is that it is not dependent upon our circumstances nor our power of positive thinking. Christian hope is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that God Himself wants to grow within us. In other words, Christian hope comes from outside of us as a gift from God. We have a living hope in the person of Jesus Christ. Hope grows as we live in and with him. He is the author and giver of hope because he has been raised from the dead – he has already overcome the most hopeless of realities and shares with us his life that cannot be extinguished.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Malcolm



Newlands Primary School

The children of Newlands Primary returned to school on the 11th of August 2020 marking the close of a most unusual time in their educational careers. The disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic was endured by the whole community, of course, but for the youngsters of Newlands Primary school it brought sudden and lasting change to their normal school routine.

Every effort was made by the staff of Newlands Primary to deliver the curriculum remotely to the children and with the help of diligent parents the pupils were quickly engaging with online activities and routines.

How then would the school community, the children, the staff and indeed the parents handle the return to the school building and a full school day?

With calm, delight and resilience!!

The glorious sound of children laughing and squealing with excitement at the sight of each other warmed the hearts of the adults present. After much preparation for the safe return to school the staff welcomed the children warmly, commenting on how happy they were to see the children back safe and well and how they were looking forward to the term ahead.

The children adapted instantly to the new sanitising, handwashing and safe distancing routines now in place and with lots of outdoor activities included in their daily programmes, it is clear they are delighted to be back with their friends and peers.

They are already immersed in their learning and are getting used to their new classrooms as they set themselves goals for the term and the year ahead. From the P1,2,3 to P6,7 the children have embraced the return to 'normal' and just like every year the excitement of the young learners is evident and hugely pleasing. Mrs Peaston and all the staff within the school are looking forward to helping the children achieve their full potential and a most memorable 2020/2021.

Carn Peaston

(Acting Head Teacher)



NCDT NEWS

Newlands Activity Centre | Newlands Memorial Hall | Newlands Community Orchard



End of an era!

John Currie, the driving force behind NCDT for the past 16 years and a key member of the school board who saved the Primary school from closure is retiring from the Trust.

The current and past Board members and wider Community which John helped create around Newlands Activity Centre owe John a huge debt of gratitude for the tireless work and guidance he has brought to the Trust.

Instrumental in delivering our ground breaking Community Centre and forging alliances which have delivered numerous Community Activities, Celebrations and Events John's input into our Community cannot be underestimated.

The NCDT Board wish John and Margaret Currie a happy retirement.



Newlands Activity Centre

Manager, Neil Clunie, and his team of volunteers continue to support Newlands Kids, Nursery and After School Club along with Newlands Primary School during these challenging times.

Newlands Memorial Hall

New NCDT Director, Gilbert Cameron is heading up a team who aim to complete the outstanding Internal and External works required to bring the Hall up to building standards regulations.

A huge thanks must also go to former NCDT Director, Jane Dickson for securing the funds to make these works possible.

Newlands Community Orchard

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to manage, tend and expand the newly planted Orchard at Newlands Activity Centre.

Joe Fernand
NCDT Community Development
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Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council



Online Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30pm

To attend the meeting you will need to register by email
LNKCCChair@gmail.com with the subject Meeting Registration.

Deadline for registering is noon on Monday 19 October 2020.

A representative from Scottish Borders Council will join us online to discuss changes to local speed limits and other traffic/road concerns.

The monthly face-to-face Community Council meetings ceased due to the Covid-19 virus and it is hoped they can resume in the near future.

KIRKURD SWI

Wednesday 7th. October First meeting of the winter session. This meeting will be held via Zoom. A link will be sent to members nearer the time.

Smarties Cookies

100g butter softened 100g light muscovado sugar 1 tablsbn syrup

150g S.R.flour 85g smarties (approx 3 tubes)

Method: Oven 180C

Grease baking trays.

Cream together butter, sugar and syrup.

Work in flour and smarties. Roll into balls and place well apart on baking trays.

Bake 12 – 15 mins until pale golden at the edges.

MOTHERS & TODDLERS

Cancelled until further notice.

Hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

Netherurd Memorial Hall

Due to increased lockdown restrictions the AGM on 17th. September had to be postponed and will hopefully take place sometime in early 2021.

When lockdown restrictions are eased and groups can once again meet, a public meeting will also be arranged for 2021, to discuss the future of the hall.

Sadly no Pudding Night this year.

Keep safe everyone.

Sadly our hoped for meeting in October has been cancelled but we are a resilient bunch of ladies and will now meet in the New Year all going well.

Cilla Davidson

Garden Ramblings

Woke up this late September morning to the first signs of autumn and was reminded of the Keats poem "Ode to Autumn" from my school days.

This morning truly was a season of mist and mellow fruitfulness as the sun was shining through the mist and making the dew sparkle on the remaining flowers here at Lamancha.

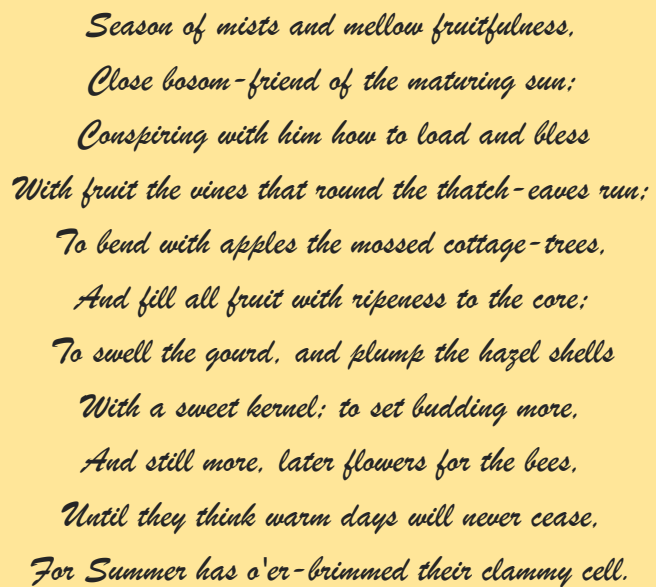
There are a few apples and plums still left to pick but as always flowers reign supreme in this garden and the star performers have been the white and lilac Phloxes with Heleniums just coming into bloom and boy, are those lupins doing well on their second flowering.

Buy a packet of seed and they will not let you down.

Petunias are past their best now and will be replaced with spring bulbs and winter pansies closely followed by polyanthus for the planters. (Looks like a day out to the local garden centre with lunch thrown in!)

Lamancha Community Garden shrubs were all carefully chosen for year round interest and this autumn the Euonimis Alatus is truly stunning with fiery red foliage. We can't grow Acers very well here but this more than makes up. The Big Hydrangea and Dogwoods have been lovely too especially the lime green one. The garden is open to all so please feel free to bring a flask if the weather is nice. Bring the kids as there is a play park next to the garden.

Cilla Davidson



*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run:
To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cell.*

Poem by John Keats



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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Please contact your elder or Ilka Roehe by email if you would like a digital copy or large-print copy of the Parish magazine sent to your email address.

Material for the November magazine to *ilka.roehe@btinternet.com* by Tuesday, 20 October 2020.



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