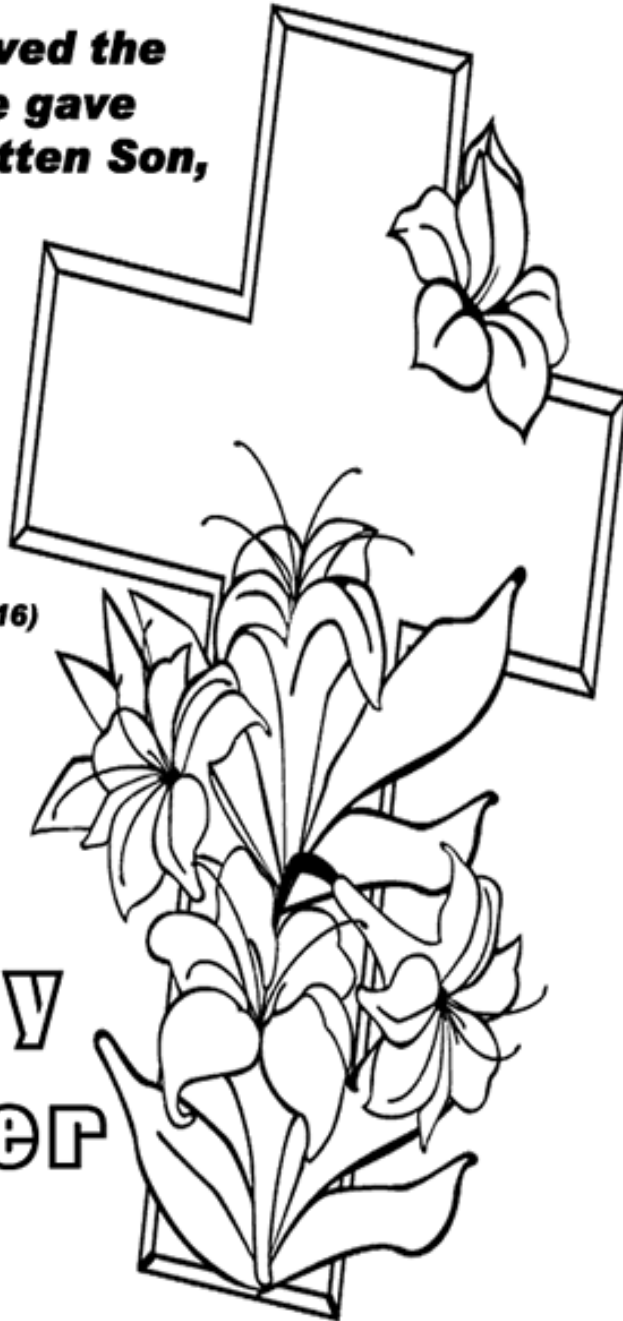


Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)



**HAPPY
EASTER**

April 2021



Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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Easter Services

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| 1 April 7pm | <i>Linkage Maundy Thursday Zoom communion</i>
Rev Nancy Norman and Rev Chris Levison |
| 2 April 8pm | <i>Linkage Zoom Good Friday service</i>
Rev Nancy Norman |
| 4 April 10am | <i>Easter Day Service in church</i>
David Howat |

For Zoom links to these services contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com / 01968 660677. There will also be Easter Day Services via Zoom in Carlops at 10am and West Linton at 11.30am.

Zoom Sunday Services April 2021

** Service planned in KN Church*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
04 April 2021*	Rev Nancy Norman	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Nancy Norman
11 April 2021	Dr. Patsy Campbell	Rev Chris Levison	Dr. Patsy Campbell
18 April 2021*	Mary McElroy	Kevin Scott	Rev Nancy Norman
25 April 2021	Sheena Livingstone	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd
02 May 2021*	Rev Nancy Norman	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Nancy Norman

New linkage approved

Presbytery gave final approval on 23 March 2021 to the new linkage of Carlops, Kirkurd & Newlands, West Linton St Andrew's, Broughton Glenholm and Kilbucho, Skirling, and Tweedsmuir. The new linkage was formally established from the same date and may be referred to as West Tweeddale.

The linkage has permission to seek a new minister. Work to that end will begin soon. The Kirk Sessions will meet to put together a Parish Profile and the process will be started to form a Nominating Committee. The committee will be chaired by the Interim Moderator.

Congregational meeting

The congregation met via Zoom after the morning service on Sunday 21 March 2021 for an informal Congregational Meeting.

Treasurer David Howat presented the 2020 report and accounts. Coronavirus has affected finances, mainly through the lack of the Sunday plate offering but the finances are stronger than may have been expected, because people responded well to the signalling of this issue: some made extra donations; others started new standing orders or increased existing ones. David thanked people who had helped in this way.

Stuart Rose reported that the church building is inspected regularly and remains in sound condition.

Margaret Habeshaw noted that the Guild had not met during 2021.

Jean Howat reported on the success of the Zoom services and of the socially distanced services in church. She thanked everyone who had contributed to these and paid particular tribute to the Rev Stewart McPherson for all he did as Interim Minister.

TALK ABOUT PRACTICAL ACTION

Glyn Jones, a volunteer from Practical Action, gave a very interesting talk via Zoom on the work of this charity in putting ingenious ideas to work so that people in poverty can change their world.

Interim Moderators

We welcome Rev Calum Macdougall as Interim Moderator of our new linkage. Calum was formerly minister at Eddleston with Peebles Old, and more recently, Interim Moderator to the parishes of Upper Tweeddale, our new linkage partners.

We say goodbye to former Interim Moderator Rev Malcom Jefferson, who has guided us with a sure and friendly touch since last autumn. Thank you, Malcolm, for your service to us. We wish you well in all that you do.

Rev Nancy Norman will continue as our Locum Minister while Rev Pamela Strachan will be the Locum Minister for the three churches in the former Upper Tweeddale.



A Message from our new Interim Moderator

Introduction

I retired in September 2019, having been minister at Eddleston with Peebles: Old for just over 18 years.

Now that Presbytery has agreed to extend our Linking to include the three remaining parishes of Upper Tweeddale, and has granted permission to call a minister, I feel privileged to have been asked to be Interim Moderator. I look forward to working with the elders and office bearers of all six congregations, together, of course, with the Nominating Committee once it has been elected. I firmly believe that our new linking has a bright future with its new ministry.

Calum Macdougall

Minister's Letter

I am so happy to be able to share this latest and hopefully last stage in your journey towards the beginning of a new ministry. A period of vacancy can be unsettling at the best of times and the challenges we have all had to face in the last year and more have tested both the faith and resilience of so many of us.

At the same time as we have been anticipating better days to come, with the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, so too we have been yearning to gather together once more in church for worship and fellowship. More than that, however, we now look forward to a significant new chapter in our shared story, as the three congregations that have until now formed our linking create a wider grouping with three of the former Upper Tweeddale congregations.

It might seem a tall order to set about attracting would-be applicants to a six-way linking. That said, the more I have got to know about Upper Tweeddale, where I have been Interim Moderator not once but twice, and the more I am getting to know about Carlops, Kirkurd and Newlands, and St Andrew's West Linton, the more I believe that our new linking, comprising congregations each of which has its own distinct strengths and identity and all of which are used to working in close co-operation, will be able to continue to impact our communities with the blessings and challenges of Christian faith, both proclaimed and lived.

I hope you'll not feel that I am straying into the clichéd language of the election manifesto, with which we'll become all too familiar in the coming weeks, when I state firmly that I dearly hope to be of real service to you in the months to come. I shall be here for you, I shall try to represent your best interests and to give considered guidance when required to do so. I look forward to getting to know you and to encouraging you as I am able.

May we all know God's blessing as we journey together.

Calum Macdougall
Interim Moderator

**Lamanca, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council**



Online Community Council Meetings

Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Deadlines for registering is noon on Monday 19 April 2021.

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.

Please check the Parish Magazines for details.

Mothers and Toddlers

Peggy and Pat would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter
and hope you are all keeping
safe and well.

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. The Open Gate offers counselling by phone or video-link to anyone who makes contact. The approach used is Solution-Focussed Brief Therapy which is pleasant and effective.

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

Phone appointments can be arranged for any time throughout the week.

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.

NCDT NEWS

Newlands Activity Centre | Newlands Memorial Hall | Newlands Community Orchard

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.

Neil is now inviting enquiries for weddings, corporate days and family events as we begin to plan our reopening to the Community.

Newlands Kids

Continues its expansion and is now offering extended Nursery hours, After School Club and new employment opportunities.

www.newlandskids.org.uk

Newlands Community Orchard

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

info@newlandscdt.org.uk



COMMUNITIES RECOVERY FUND



Newlands Renew Crew

Our aim is to reduce landfill, reduce digital exclusion, reduce financial exclusion and create long term local employment.

Our Community IT Refurbishing Project has been made possible through the Third Sector Community & Recovery Programme.

Our pilot project will deliver refurbished Tablets, Laptops, PC's and Mac's to individuals and Groups across our region between April and June 2021.

Newlands Renew Crew has gained Microsoft Third Party Refurbisher (TPR) accreditation to ensure every Laptop or PC we provide has a legal MS Windows and MS Office Installation.

www.renewcrew.org.uk



This year the Bulb Show, like so many events, has been held via the internet. Kirkurd members participated and are delighted to be in the prize list. Well done to everyone who took part.

Bulb Show Results

Bowl 3 Hyacinths

1st. Margaret Adamson Kirkurd
2nd. Mo Lamb “
3rd. Peggy Wills “
C Rosemary Napier Whitebridge

Bowl 10 Miniature Daffodils

1st. Ros Pyat Manor
2nd. Margaret Adamson Kirkurd
3rd. Anne Hutchison Dolphinton

Amaryllis 1st. Cath Beaumont Whitebridge

Jug of Spring Flowers

1st. Janet Noble Kirkurd
2nd. Anne Hutchison Dolphinton

Item of Winters Work

1st. Gillian McGregor Whitebridge
2nd. Cath Beaumont “
3rd. Margaret Adamson Kirkurd

The next meeting **Wednesday 7th. April, 7:00p.m.** Via Zoom when Stewart Houston from Biggar will give a talk, 'Tales from the Courts'

Link will be sent to members and friends. If anyone would like to join us please contact Margaret Adamson or Mo Lamb.

Lemon Pots

600ml double cream
zest and juice of 2 lemons
135g caster sugar
raspberries to serve
1 teaspn vanilla paste

Method:

Put cream, sugar and vanilla in a pan and bring to the boil.

Whisk in the lemon zest and juice and bring back to the boil for 30 seconds, stirring constantly.

Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly.

Pour into small glasses, cool then chill in fridge for at least 2 hours or overnight.

Serve topped with raspberries.



Garden Ramblings



We are almost into April now and boy have those snowdrops lasted well after all this cold weather but as they are finally going over now is the time to lift and separate if you want to transplant a clump or two in another part of the garden. Do so while still in the green and no need to remove seed heads.

Mini daffs such as Tête à Tête are now in bloom and my favourites, the larger ones, will soon be in bloom along the roadsides and in our gardens and planters putting on a lovely display for Easter.

Hellebores are not so showy but have done well too this year. I moved mine from a shady side garden to the back garden in sun. Took a chance last year as we couldn't see them from the window! (With our summers here I think they will be safe enough as they are shade lovers.)

Amongst the wild flowers which I adore I have Lesser Celandines which unlike buttercups are so well behaved. They appear in March and totally disappear by June. They pop up round the lawn and on the rockery which is now full of perennials and small shrubs but still known as "The Rockery".

In the little greenhouse I have pots of Salvias which are still dormant after overwintering so I'm watching anxiously for signs of life. They are not hardy so if they don't make it they will be replaced with something else. Taking up a shelf are my Lewisias and they are starting to bloom. On the other shelf are my Auriculas which will flower later. Thank goodness for my little share of the HUB garden poly-tunnel for all those tomato plants I'm bringing on.

Happy Gardening Everyone.

Cilla Davidson



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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 May magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by Tuesday, 20 April 2021.



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