



*Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*

*February 2021*

## *Zoom Sunday Services*

### *February/March 2021*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
31 January 2021	<i>Joint Communion</i> Rev Nancy Norman	<i>Joint Communion</i> Rev Nancy Norman	<i>Joint Communion</i> Rev Nancy Norman
07 February '21	Steven Whalley	Rev Nancy Norman	Steven Whalley
14 February '21	Mary McElroy	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman
21 February '21	Sheena Livingstone	David Henderson- Howat	David Henderson- Howat
28 February '21	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd	Colin Herd
07 March 2021	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman
14 March 2021	Rev Nancy Norman	Mary McElroy	Steven Whalley
21 March 2021	Kevin Scott	David Henderson- Howat	Kevin Scott
28 March 2021	Palm Sunday Colin Herd	Palm Sunday Rev Nancy Norman	Palm Sunday Rev Nancy Norman



### *Zoom Services*

Because of the current restrictions all our church services are now on  
*Zoom at 10am on a Sunday.*

If you would like to receive the link to these services please contact  
Jean Howat at [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

### *Parish plans to link with Upper Tweeddale*

All church members should now have received information about the plans to join our linkage of Carlops, Kirkurd & Newlands and West Linton with the linkage of Upper Tweeddale. Once any questions about this have been answered we will be sending out voting papers to seek approval for the linking.

### *Thank-you for the Christmas Hamper Contributions and the Children's Gifts*

Thank-you to everyone who donated so generously in the run up to Christmas. A van load of Christmas gifts was taken down to Hawick to be distributed by the Salvation Army to children in the Borders.

Meanwhile the donations to the Christmas Hamper Appeal were hugely appreciated by Peeblesshire Youth Trust who organised the packing and distribution of the hampers to families who are struggling in Tweeddale.

Thank-you so much! Jean

### THE GUILD

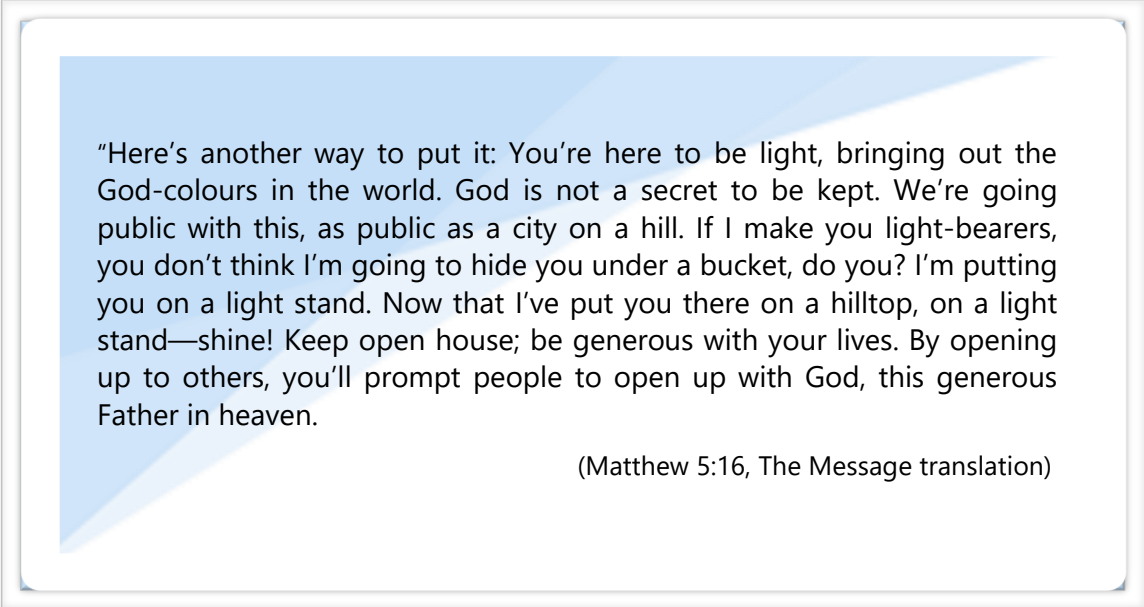
Though our small Newlands Guild branch has been unable to meet for some time, it's been good to read in our regular News Update letters coming from Head Office on-line, that the great work of the Church of Scotland Guild continues, along with its support of the 6 chosen projects. Some of our larger guilds have managed to hold virtual meetings and activities across the country and our Guild members have been invited to join by zoom some of these in the East of Scotland.

Keep a look-out for the occasional glimpse of a colourful face-mask in the red, blue and white Guild tartan.

Margaret Habeshaw

On 13<sup>th</sup> January, I watched the Christian organisation, Open Doors, present “The World Watch List” to Members of Parliament. The World Watch List is Open Doors’ annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. We heard from Father Daniel in Iraq as he explained that a population of 1.5 million Christians has been decimated to around 150,000 as many have fled because of persecution. Father Daniel appealed for prayer that his own people would remain despite the persecution in order that a witness to Christ would remain in that troubled land.

Jesus called his followers to be the salt of the earth and light of the world (Matthew 5:16). Christians in Iraq are called to shine with his light as are we in the midst of particular challenges we face in Scotland.



“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

(Matthew 5:16, The Message translation)

Henrietta Blyth, CEO of Open Doors UK & Ireland makes the point that, “Salt and light is only needed in times and places that are dark, broken and tasteless and lock-down for many of us is just like that so we need to keep going. And in order to do that we need to press into Jesus.”

Something wonderful happens to people who spend time in the presence of Jesus, listening to his words. A light is ignited that shines brighter than the shadows that are cast by despair and fear.

If you would like to know more about the World Watchlist or to hear Henrietta Blyth share further on her theme you can do so with the following links:

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/>

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/covid-19/message-from-henrietta/>

Malcolm

## The Remarkable Mary Somerville

Queen of 19th Century Science

An illustrated talk by Ian Archibald

**Friday, 19 February 2021, 7.30pm**

Hailed by *The London Post* as "the Queen of Nineteenth-Century Science," Mary Somerville was drawn to algebra after she came upon some mysterious puzzles with "strange looking lines mixed with letters, chiefly X'es and Y's" in a women's fashion magazine at age 13.



A look at the life and times of Scots born Mary Somerville who was an astronomer, a pioneering mathematician, and a gifted writer. What made this all the more significant was she mostly self-taught at a time when education for women was not encouraged. She has been described as the most remarkable woman of her generation.

Contact [info@carlopschurch.org](mailto:info@carlopschurch.org) for the zoom link.



### **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

# WHIM HALL TIMES

December 2020



*Photography by Pam Ann Scoggins*

## Season's Greetings!

Now it being nearly Christmas, both Residents and Staff have both appreciated all generous donations and gifts provided by our warm community.

Serving as a pleasant and much needed reminder that even in tough times we are stronger when we work together. It has brought much more brightness this Christmas than anticipated especially after a long year of strict lockdowns and the unknown.

*"And all the books you've read have been read by other people. And all the songs you've loved have been heard by other people. And that if you looked at these facts when you were happy, you would feel great because you are describing 'unity'." — Stephen Chbosky*

## Special Thanks

- *Newlands Church Parish*

For your much appreciated donations. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- *Tesco Penicuik*

For collecting and donating Christmas gifts to our lovely Residents. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- *Our Neighbours*

For the Lovely Chris Caroling we had last Friday Evening. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**We wish you all  
a very merry  
Christmas.**



25 January 2021

# 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.

## Newlands Memorial Hall

NCDT are hopeful of securing funding to allow an innovative new Community project set up home at Newlands Memorial Hall in the coming weeks.

Watch this space!

## 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](mailto:info@newlandscdt.org.uk)



## Newlands Kids Community Climate Asset Fund!

Newlands Kids, supported by NCDT, have secured a share of funding made available through the Scottish Government's Community Climate Asset Fund (CCAF).

The CCAF is Scottish Government fund, administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, and 279 community-based organisations from across Scotland have been awarded more than £3.2 million of funding to tackle climate change.

Building on the invaluable contribution that community-based organisations are making to Scotland's COVID-19 response, the CCAF will help them to play a prominent role in the green recovery.

We are looking forward to developing our 'Grow Your Own' project..



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**Lamancha, Newlands and  
Kirkurd Community Council**



**Online Community Council Meetings**

**Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.30pm**

To attend the meeting you will need to register by email  
[LNKCCChair@gmail.com](mailto:LNKCCChair@gmail.com) with the subject Meeting Registration

**Deadlines for registering is noon on Monday 15 February 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.**

NEWLANDS SWI



A few of our members are keeping in touch by phone and email so we were delighted to have an invite to a Zoom talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind on the 3rd February at 7pm hosted by our sister "Rural" down the road. Many thanks to Margaret Adamson for inviting us as this is the first date for some of our diaries.

Cilla Davidson

***LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB***

The building is once again in lockdown but the heating has been left on at a low temperature so will be ready for classes to resume as soon as we are allowed. Wonder what we will be knitting or sewing next time around and who will be the new darts champion?

John, from the garden group has ordered the bedding for the roadside planters from Pentland due to arrive in April so something to look forward to.

Cilla Davidson



At the December meeting members shared several Christmas craft ideas. Mo and Margaret guided us through a practical session creating gift boxes from card and recycled Christmas cards. Sheila showed her knitted Nativity set and many Christmas recipes were shared.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. February 7:00p.m.** Frances Pringle from Galashiels will talk about Guide Dogs.

Link will be sent to members and friends a few days before meeting.

If anyone else would like to join us for the evening please contact Margaret Adamson or Mo Lamb for link.

The Bulb Show 13<sup>th</sup>. March will be held virtually. Classes are : bowl of 3 hyacinths any colour, bowl of 10 miniature daffodils any variety, 1 amaryllis, jug of spring flowers, any article of handcraft made during the winter.

Photographs of entries to be sent via email to Federation Secretary by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. March.

Contact details from Mo or Margaret.

### **Butternut Squash and Red Pepper soup**

1 medium sized butternut squash, peeled de-seeded and chopped  
1 –2 red peppers de-seeded and chopped  
1 onion peeled and chopped                      1 large potato peeled and chopped  
1 tablsn oil                      1 ½ pints stock approx.                      milk

Method:-

Heat oil in deep pan, add vegetables and allow to soften without colouring. Add stock, bring to the boil and allow to simmer for 20 –30 mins until all veg are soft. Allow to cool slightly and then liquidise. Return to pan, adjust seasoning and re – heat. Adjust consistency by adding milk or stock. Can be frozen before adding the milk.

## *Garden Ramblings*

Well, we're nearly at the end of January and not a lot happening in my garden apart from lovely deep sparkling snow. I have ordered some plants for later on, namely phlox, salvias and a love or hate yellow crocosmia.



Indoors I have a large drawer full of gardening paraphernalia and decided to have a tidy up. First thing I found was a 1992 catalogue from Chelsea Flower Show! This brought back memories of 4 of us from the UK Edinburgh/ Borders group of the Cottage Garden Society, which I had joined in 1990, deciding to go for the day. We set off from Edinburgh airport on an early flight, then took the tube to Chelsea and had a wonderful time. That was the first time I had a Pimms which is a must at Chelsea apparently! I especially remember the floral marquee with all the amazing stands. I hadn't seen Auriculas before and fell in love and have had them ever since.

I then found a Peter Beales Roses catalogue in the drawer and remember going to his rose garden in Norfolk one holiday. June was the month for roses and every rose you can think of was there. Of course, I couldn't resist buying a couple but being mindful of flying back from Norwich in a little plane, not to mention the hotel sink where they had a soak....

Another leaflet was for Sissinghurst in Kent home of Vita Sackville West and now home to Sarah Raven. Again we were on holiday and spent the day there. I had to see the famous white garden which had mainly roses with Rambling Rector rambling everywhere. The Herb garden was lovely too with Lutyens seating and then there was the Cottage Garden and a lovely tea room to end the visit.

Needless to say not much stuff was thrown out.



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 March magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 23 February 2021.



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