

*Kirkurd & Newlands*

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***Services in Kirkurd & Newlands Church and on Zoom***

We continue to hold socially distanced services in church once a fortnight with Zoom services on the Sundays between. Please contact Jean Howat if you would like to come to the church service to ensure that you have a place, and also for the Zoom link for the alternate online services –

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***Zoom Sunday Services June 2021***

*\* Service planned in KN Church*

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Carlops</i></b>	<b><i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</i></b>	<b><i>West Linton</i></b>
06 June 2021	Colin Herd	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd
13 June 2021*	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman Whipman 11am
20 June 2021	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman
27 June 2021*	Mary McElroy	Kevin Scott	Kevin Scott

## JUNE 2021

I imagine few among us do not have a mobile phone. As one who, for a long time, vowed I would never possess one, I now seldom go anywhere without what has become the must-have item of personal technology. In view of my initial resistance I am a little reluctant to admit that, but it is true.

Not only do our mobiles enable easy and instant communication, for me it is my timepiece, my handy pocket camera and a source of seemingly endless amounts of information on any number of subjects. Among its many other functions, it incorporates a calculator, it monitors my daily exercise, it provides a readily accessible photo album and in recent times has carried applications that aid with tracking and tracing in the Covid pandemic.

In the light of all of this, it is little wonder that the phone's storage capacity was coming alarming close to its limit. Very helpfully, though I had not known it, the phone gives me a breakdown and to my horror I discovered that the greatest drain on storage capacity came from the 'recycle bin'.

For years I have tried systematically to delete various items that I have felt no further need of, specifically in order to save the battery. Had I been more tech-savvy I might have realised that pressing 'delete' would not remove items from the phone altogether, but would only send them elsewhere, namely the recycle bin. When I discovered this and emptied the bin, suddenly I had oodles of spare capacity. What a wonderful discovery!

The General Assembly that came to a close last Thursday has spent much time reflecting on reports and engaging in debates focusing on the multi-faceted crisis that is confronting the Church. The strain on finances and the acute shortage of ministers are but two continuing manifestations of the overall challenges we face, but money and personnel apart, one fundamental question, to be addressed at every level, concerns priorities.

We need to set our priorities for mission: where, in the lives of our parishes and communities, should we be concentrating our efforts? How can we make optimum use of our human and other resources to be worshipping and serving communities that proclaim, in word and action, our love of and service to Jesus Christ? How can we hold in tension those aspects of being Church that we feel we cannot do without, together with the absolute necessity of discarding those structures, traditions and practices that may have served us well but which we can afford to carry no longer. We need to be mindful that, as John Henry Newman put it, the Church exists primarily for those who are not part of it.

As we look to the future and to a new ministry in our extended linking, there will, of necessity, be certain changes of emphases in how we organise ourselves. More will be asked of elders, members and adherents. Gifts and talents will be discerned and put to work effectively in the service of Christ. As we reach out to our communities, we shall have to be increasingly ready to acknowledge that those who become part of our congregations cannot be expected simply to fit in with the way we do things. To follow Newman's line, the Church exists to serve and glorify Christ and not to please its members.

We are in the midst of challenging but exciting times for all of us and, like every living entity, we live with constant change. Sometimes that can be unsettling, at other times exhilarating, but either way we need to cast off what is no longer essential so that our collective power pack, in which our shared faith is the most important element, will be primed for the purpose.

With warmest wishes,

*Calum Macdougall.*

Interim Moderator.

### ***New linkage update***

The process to find a new minister for our linkage of West Tweeddale is now under way. We are putting together a parish profile and are in the process of forming a nominating committee with representatives from each church in the linkage. They will work together to attract and identify a minister who will lead us in this new linkage.

In the meantime we are delighted that Calum Macdougall will guide us and work with us as Interim Moderator and Nancy Norman will continue as our locum Minister.

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd

Community Council



## **June Community Council Meeting**

**7.30pm on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at the Newlands Centre, Romano Bridge**

In line with the easing of government Covid restrictions, the Community Council will resume the usual format for meetings rotating them around the Newlands Centre, the Lamancha Hub and Netherurd Halll.

**Should you wish to contact LNKcc, please email [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com)**

### ***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.

### ***LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB***

Our community cafe is open to all on Wednesdays only from 10am till 2pm. Weather permitting we have new outside seating so you can sit in sunshine hopefully. Inside seating is also available. Face coverings must be worn indoors when moving around but can be removed whilst seated. Run by volunteers we will have cakes, scones, bacon rolls, soup and hot drinks. Takeaways provided.

Possible puppy training classes can start in the autumn if enough people are interested. Let us know.

The BBQ hut is available for bookings. Great for kids parties this summer.

We still have plenty plants for sale all grown by locals with all monies in support of the garden. They are on a table outside the office door and an honesty box is provide.

Cilla Davidson

# NCDT NEWS

Newlands Activity Centre | Newlands Memorial Hall | Newlands Community Orchard

## Newlands Activity Centre

Manager, Neil Clunie, and his team of volunteers are gradually reopening the Centre to our regular clubs and classes and preparing to host our first wedding in over sixteen months.

## Newlands Kids

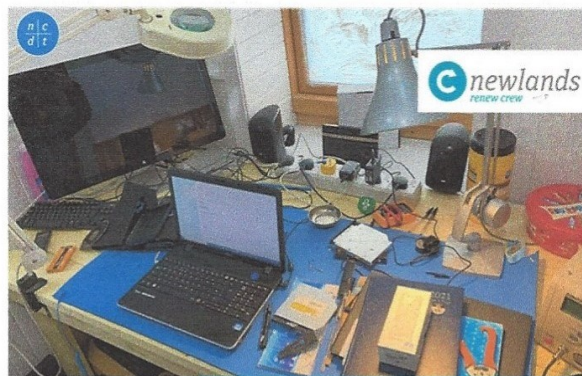
In conjunction with NCDT have created a Community Gardener and Cook Healthy Cook full time positions as they introduce sustainable growing and healthy eating into the curriculum for our Pre-school day care and After School Club kids.

[www.newlandskids.org.uk](http://www.newlandskids.org.uk)

## Newlands Community Orchard

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

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



**WANTED YOUR OLD LAPTOP**

## Newlands Renew Crew

The Renew Crew Laptop refurbishing team have been busy delivering donated laptops to charities, groups and individuals across Tweeddale.

If you have an unwanted laptop, ideally with an Intel i3 or i5 processor, we remove, destroy and recycle the old hard-drive, install a New solid state hard-drive and install a fully licensed copy of Microsoft Windows 10 and Office before delivering the laptop to a new user.

Food banks, Community Meal suppliers, Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Groups and individuals experiencing financial and digital exclusion have all benefitted from our pilot project.

If you have a Laptop (or desktop) you can donate please get in touch.

[www.renewcrew.org.uk](http://www.renewcrew.org.uk)



Peeblesshire Agricultural Show has been cancelled due to the on-going Covid restrictions. The show committee are hoping to put on a virtual show. Details of this can be found on the Agricultural Show website.

Following on from the success of the virtual bulb show, Peeblesshire Federation SWI will be having a virtual industrial section for the show.

**AGRICULTURAL SHOW SCHEDULE 2021                      14 August 2021**

Class	Section 1	Class	Section 4
1	2 decorated cup cakes	10	Handwritten envelope addressed to Show Secretary
2	Novelty birthday cake - decoration only	11	Charcoal drawing
3	Decorated biscuit – any shape	12	Painting of flower(s)
	<b>Section 2</b>	13	Knitted baby cardigan – to be donated*
4	Photograph – culinary delight	14	Crocheted cushion cover*
5	Photograph – new arrival	15	Item in needlecraft*
6	Photograph - weather		<b>Junior Section (7 years and under)</b>
7	Photograph – local landmark	16	Drawing of a farm animal
	<b>Section 3</b>		<b>Junior Section (8-12 years)</b>
8	Jug of garden flowers	17	Decorated stone
9	Show day – floral exhibit with natural plant material		

Entries to the Federation Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup>. July.

Email: [secretarypeeblesswi@gmail.com](mailto:secretarypeeblesswi@gmail.com)

Next meeting we hope to be able to meet outdoors sometime soon, weather permitting.

**Rhubarb and Almond Crumble Tart**

1 x 23cm. shortcrust pastry case – cooked

750g. rhubarb, chopped                      140g. golden caster sugar                      juice of 1 large orange

Topping:-

140g. butter                      100g. ground almonds                      140g. plain flour

175g. light muscovado sugar                      ¼ teaspn ground cinnamon                      handful flaked almonds

Method:-

Oven 180C / gas 4

Cook rhubarb with orange juice and caster sugar until just tender, but still holding its shape. Tip into a sieve over a bowl and reserve the syrup.

Rub together the topping ingredients, except the almonds.

Spoon rhubarb into baked pastry case, then crumble over the topping. Scatter with almonds and bake for approx. 20 mins.

## Garden Ramblings



June has arrived and seems to have brought Spring at last. Now I can go round all those ailing shrubs and see what has survived. Hydrangeas are sprouting from the base so fingers crossed for them. Two Buddleia are totally dead. My little pink patio rose in it's pink pot has given up the ghost but not to worry I have a replacement all ready to take its place.

Like a lot of people I have gone a bit overboard this year buying up bedding and growing plants from seed and have now decided I really need to buy more pots and compost but I'm holding firm and digging up lots of spreaders to make more room in the actual garden which can be tough as there is hardly any bare soil anywhere.

Oh well, I'm just gardening nature's way. Clematis are a great thing to have though as there is always room for them as they go up and up...just thinkin'!

Cilla Davidson





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Material for the July/August magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 22 June 2021.



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