

Kirkurd & Newlands

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Zoom Sunday Services

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
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

ANNUAL CHURCH UPDATE

There will be a meeting after the Zoom church service on Sunday 21 March. We will start with a virtual coffee session and then will have an update on the church accounts and other church activities. All are welcome to attend. Contact Jean Howat for the Zoom link: howatjean@gmail.com



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

INVITATION TO ATTEND A MEETING OF PRESBYTERY ON 2 MARCH 2021 BY ZOOM

At the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7pm by ZOOM, the Presbytery Planning Implementation Committee will report on the outcome of the vote of the congregations of Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho, Skirling, Tweedsmuir, Carlops, Kirkurd and Newlands and West Linton: St Andrew's on the proposed Basis of Linking of these congregations. Should the congregations vote in favour of the Basis of Linking, Presbytery will be invited to give its approval to the Basis of Linking. Should the congregations vote against the Basis of Linking, Presbytery will decide whether to approve the Basis of Linking in any event or to implement another course of action. An appeal against the decision of Presbytery can only be raised during the Presbytery meeting, by a Kirk Session or member of the Presbytery, and only on certain procedural grounds.

The congregations are hereby cited to attend the above meeting of Presbytery for their own interest. This means that any member of one of the congregations may attend the meeting of Presbytery and may speak (but not vote) on the Presbytery's consideration of the Basis of Linking.

If you would like to attend, the ZOOM invitation link can be obtained from the Presbytery Clerk or from your Session Clerk or Interim Moderator.

To receive the link, contact Jean Howat: howatjean@gmail.com

TALK ABOUT PRACTICAL ACTION

There will be a talk via Zoom about the work of the charity, ***Practical Action***, on Thursday 4th March at 7.30pm. Practical Action helps people find solutions to some of the world's toughest problems - made worse by catastrophic climate change and persistent gender inequality. Newlands Church has supported the work of Practical Action in the past. Register with Jean Howat and she will give you the link to the talk. howatjean@gmail.com Tel 01968 660677

Thoughts from the Locum ...

Heralding a new era, the ceremony to inaugurate the 46th President of the United States would have been watched – barely a month ago? it seems already as if it were an age – with such a mixture of thoughts and feelings. As anxious for the well-being of my native country as I am conscious of its shortcomings (and mine!), I listened to the youth poet laureate Amanda Gorman's poem *The Hill We Climb*, delivered in the movements of her hands and the pacing of her words:

*For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us.
This is the era of just redemption.
We feared at its inception,
we did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter
to offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
now we assert
how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was
but move to what shall be ...*

*When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid.
The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
if only we're brave enough to be it*

There is always light, and we cannot do without it.

The motto of the Royal Astronomical Society is, in Latin, *Quicquid nitet notandum*, which translates roughly to ‘*Whatever shines is bound to be recorded*’, referring of course to the infinitesimal stars and suns of space to whose mystery humankind has been drawn from the dawn of the world. Could we not adopt its wisdom – and that of Amanda Gorman’s poem – as a watchword for ourselves and for our own times, as we observe and contemplate and chart not only the movement of galaxies but ourselves too, peoples and nations and faiths – knowing that it is not just whatever shines, but whoever shines, that we so desperately need and so willingly record.

Astonishingly and comfortingly these lights are everywhere around us – as myriad as the stars on a clear night. You are light for all the world, Jesus declared, leaving no one out.

May we give thanks, then, for every gift of light – for every sign of an open and generous spirit, for every place where there is beauty even alongside ugliness, wherever tendrils of hope weave their way through the darkness of the world’s suffering, shedding light where there is greatest need, wherever humanity and freedom are affirmed, and wherever our symbols of love are brought to life not only in soaring vision but in present reality.

Whatever and whoever shines is bound to be recorded. Let us go forth then, and shine. All of us.

Nancy Norman



**Lamancha, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council**



Online Community Council Meetings

Wednesday 17 March 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 15 March 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There is a planning application for the development of a sand and gravel quarry on the land West Of Slipperfield House at Slipperfield Loch. This is in the West Linton Community Council area but the application has serious implications for our own area as there is an ethylene pipeline running under the site. It is owned by INEOS and runs from Lincoln to Grangemouth and crosses our Community Council area. The application will be discussed at the March meeting and you may wish to attend.

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 Memorial Hall

NCDT have secured funding for a Laptop, PC and Tablet donation and upcycling project.

www.renewcrew.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



Community Climate Asset Fund



Newlands Community Transport!

NCDT have secured key funding to allow the Trust to fulfil its long term aim to deliver a minibus to our Community.

Our Sustainable Community Transport Project has been made possible through the Scottish Government's Community Climate Asset Fund (CCAF).

A fully electric 13-seat EV Minibus with removable seating has been ordered and is due to be delivered by May 2021.

Twin electrical charging points are being planned for installation at Newlands Activity Centre along with a New website which will include a minibus booking system.

The project aims to deliver a useful resource plus sustainable transport plan for our Community.



Our February meeting was held via Zoom, when 24 members and friends linked in to hear Frances Pringle, who gave a very interesting presentation about Guide Dogs for the Blind, from breeding all the way through to becoming a working dog. Frances was ably assisted by Carol who is a puppy walker. Carol was accompanied with Skye and demonstrated some of the training procedure and also highlighted many of the restrictions of access and difficulties being experienced at present due to the Covid lockdown. We were also joined by Diane who is a guide dog owner and her dog Frank. Diane explained how her life was completely changed with her guide dog, giving her a new sense of independence and freedom.

Mo Lamb proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks. We would like to thank everyone who has given so generously to our collection which has been forwarded to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Saturday 13th. March 2:00p.m. Virtual Bulb Show presentation of prizes and afternoon tea.

Photographs of entries to be sent by email no later than Monday 8th. March, to federation secretary

Email: secretarypeebleswi@gmail.com

Link for show will be sent nearer the time.

Our next meeting again by Zoom, **Wednesday 7th. April 7:00p.m.**

Guest speaker, Stewart Houston with 'Tales from the Courts'.

Smoked Salmon & Dill Tartlets

6 x 10cm ready baked shortcrust tartlet cases

200g smoked salmon or trimmings 2 eggs 2 tablspsns chopped dill

284 ml carton single cream lime or lemon wedges to serve

Method: Oven180C

Place tartlet cases on a baking tray.

Divide salmon between tartlets. Whisk eggs, cream and dill and season as desired and pour into tartlets.

Bake for approx 15mins.

Serve warm

These can be frozen once cooked and chilled.

Garden Ramblings

Some of us will be thinking green hills at last, while others will be saying we've had a real winter this year! Snow is a great equaliser though as it makes all our gardens look pretty!

However, my garden is a bit of a disaster area with broken fencing and the loss of a specimen conifer which had keeled over and was too big to stake. As usual the snowdrops are lovely and in November I planted supermarket daffodil bulbs and they are all waiting in the wings to do their stuff. Well done Asda.



I also find Tesco a joy for spring plants just now as we are all missing the garden centres. I also have a delivery coming today from Parkers so it's all go. My propagator has been dusted and is ready for action.

The days are getting longer too as at Christmas time my 4 rescue hens all went home to roost at 4pm and now at the end of February they disappear at 5.40. so we're getting there. These wee girls are still laying eggs throughout the winter which is amazing.

The Keder greenhouse at the Hub garden has white foxgloves and Lupin seeds on the go so look out for them on our wee table outside the Hub in April.



Cilla Davidson

NEWLANDS SWI



Due to ongoing restrictions not a lot to report but we did enjoy a Zoom meeting with talk on Guide Dogs with our sister group down the road. Thanks ladies.

We are considering having a cream tea in the Lamanca Hub garden in May or June. This will be our first get together so something to look forward to. If it's raining hopefully we won't be breaking any laws by holding it indoors in the cafe by then.

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 April magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by Tuesday, 23 March 2021.



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