

Kirkurd & Newlands

Parish Magazine



May 2021



Services in Kirkurd & Newlands Church and on Zoom

We are now holding socially distanced services in church every two weeks. The services in May are on 2nd, 16 and 30 May. Everyone is very welcome to attend but seats need to be reserved in advance as places are limited. Please contact Jean Howat on howatjean@gmail.com or 01968 660677 if you would like to come. Services will be held via Zoom on the alternate Sundays and again contact Jean for the Zoom link.

Zoom Sunday Services May/June 2021

** Service planned in KN Church*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
02 May 2021*	Rev Nancy Norman	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Nancy Norman
09 May 2021	Steven Whalley	Rev Nancy Norman	Steven Whalley
16 May 2021*	Kevin Scott	Mary McElroy	Kevin Scott
23 May 2021	Pentecost Rev	Joint Communion Nancy Norman	Service 11 am
30 May 2021*	Rev Chris Levison	David Henderson-Howat	Rev Nancy Norman
06 June 2021	Colin Herd	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd
13 June 2021*	Mary McElroy	Rev Chris Levison	Mary McElroy
20 June 2021	Dr. Patsy Camp-	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman
27 June 2021*	Rev Nancy Norman	Kevin Scott	Kevin Scott

Thoughts from the Locum

Above the spacious entrance hall of the East Wing of Washington DC's National Gallery of Art, the mobile sculpture moves as lightly as a feather. Suspended by a single cable its long and gracefully curving arms support, along their thirty-metre lengths, huge triangular black and red panels, each individually mobile. From the floor of the hall below, visitors crane their necks in awe to watch the sculpture's motion, barely perceptible, effortless and noiseless as it glides, revolves and rotates, responsive to the tiniest current of air. Poetry in motion, precision, balance and counter-balance and an impression of weightlessness mask the fact that the whole structure, constructed of steel and aluminium, weighs more than half a ton.

There is a garden gate in Peebles, wrought iron, twice my height and three times my width, and yet at the touch of a hand upon its latch, the gate swings open silently and effortlessly despite its weight. Perfect balance and counter-balance.

Somehow a weight is borne. But the effort does not show.

The communities that make up Carlisle, Kirkcaldy & Newlands and St Andrew's West Linton move and revolve, responsive to the things that happen within them and beyond them – joyful things, sad things, big things, little things, worrying things, comforting things, fun things and serious things. Rarely does anything happen that does not touch most everyone in the community in some way or other. But that, I believe, is a strength. Every weight is borne, dispersed and shared, instinctively, naturally, though the effort does not necessarily show. But no weight or burden is carried by one alone.

The resilience and strength of any community lie in the fact that the strengths and weaknesses of the individuals that make it up balance and counter-balance each other. Every individual's character traits, abilities, interests, gifts, talents, skills, capacities are needed at some time and in some way, though not all at the same time nor in the same way. Where one individual might show strength in a particular way, another who may not have that same strength has other strengths which others need but do not have. Sometimes a particular circumstance calls forth a strength that otherwise might have remained hidden had that circumstance not arisen. What is certain is that each individual has a crucial part to play within the life of the community, and as that happens every weight is borne by the community together. That dynamic may not always be visible, but it happens. And the community, rather than being weakened, grows in strength. Balance and counter-balance. That is the value of life lived in community.

As higher authorities in the church consider the viability of ministry in small, rural parishes, may it be the privilege and responsibility of communities such as this one, and its new linking into West Tweeddale, to show a resilience and a strength far beyond its size, a stubbornness of purpose that is not easily defeated, and a centrality of Christ-like living that supports not only the people who live within the boundaries of the parish but also people everywhere. And let us thank God for who we are, and offer what we have and are, to balance and counter-balance, uphold, support and bear every weighty part of life, here and throughout all the wide earth.

Nancy Norman



The West Linton Home Group are starting a new series of studies this week on the theme 'Christianity and climate change'. Each week we will watch a short video by the internationally renowned Christian climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe answering questions posed by Elaine Duncan, CEO of the Scottish Bible Society, the Right Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly and the Rev Canon Dave Richards, Rector of St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh. After the video we will have a short discussion on the topic.

The group meets by Zoom on Thursdays at 7.30 pm for about an hour. If you would like to participate in this series – even just to listen in – contact Colin Herd on carradale42@btinternet.com for the Zoom link.

You are invited:

CRISIS CLIMATE

carlops church
presents **Friday 30th**
April 7:30pm

Adrian Shaw
Eco Congregation Scotland

COP26 Glasgow
a scientific, economic and spiritual
response to climate change
this event is 100% carbon neutral for
those with good energy

Please contact Bridget for the Zoom link:

bridgetwilcox@hotmail.com

LAMANCHA HUB

Wednesdays

French class resumes at 9.30 till 10.45 in the cafe.

Knit and Natter resumes at 10.45 till 12.30. No need to bring knitting or sewing, just come for a blether. Coffee, tea and cakes or a bacon roll available to purchase.

Cilla Davidson



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Monday 10th - Sunday 16th MAY 2021

Normally our church linkage would be actively preparing for CA Week. Alas, these are not normal times! The traditional local fundraising events which we took for granted are still banned under Government covid regulations. No Saturday coffee morning in the Graham Institute, no door to door envelope based collection and no united Sunday service at St. Andrew's church. Despite restrictions on movement and activities during the first drastic lockdown, almost £4 million was raised digitally during CA Week 2020. Although this was half the total for 2019, it was still a great achievement, showing the adaptability of CA in connecting with its loyal supporters.

Responding to emergencies is how CA started 75 years ago. It was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees searching for food, shelter and kindness in the aftermath of WW2. Being there for people in crisis is still a key part of its work today. Your generosity allows CA to respond quickly, using locally based partner agents who best understand the needs of disadvantaged communities, ensuring your donations go further.

This year CA will focus on those whose lives are adversely affected by climate change. Read online Rose and Florence's stories about living in Kenya where unpredictable rainfall now creates chaos when severe drought can suddenly change to extensive flooding.

HOW TO DONATE

Ideally please donate online at

www.christianaid.org.uk

Your donation goes directly to CA with no hidden deductions reducing its value.

If you do not have access to a computer, you could post a personal cheque direct to CA Scotland head office at the following address:

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OTHER EVENTS AROUND CA WEEK

1. QUIZTIAN AID Saturday 8th May, 7pm. The return of the popular virtual general knowledge quiz hosted by celebrity guests, suitable for all the family. Register your team in advance at caweek.org/quiztianaid
2. "Guess the Song" Quiz sheet. Paper copies will be available from your CA committee church representative (optional small donation).

Robert Higgins, CA Chair, contact tel. 01968 660629 or higfam72@gmail.com

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 planning towards a partial reopening of the Centre from the 17th May.

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



COMMUNITY CLIMATE ASSET FUND



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Newlands Grow Your Own

NCDT are supporting Newlands Kids as they install two new polytunnels and develop our Grow Your Own project which aims to engage our Nursery and After School Club children with healthy food production and preparation.

NCDT Director Gilbert Cameron and a small team of volunteers have been working hard over the past two weekends to lay the groundwork and install the Polytunnel frames.

Raised bedding, planting tables, water butts and compost bins are due onsite later this week.

Newlands Grow Your Own project has been part funded with a grant from the Community Climate Asset Fund - if you would like to get involved in developing the project please get in touch.

www.newlandskids.org.uk



Members and friends linked in to our meeting on 7th. April, when retired Procurator Fiscal kept us entertained with his Tales from the Courts. After a brief outline of the duties of the Procurator Fiscal he gave some light hearted stories of some of the more humorous events which he has had to deal with.

Peeblesshire Agricultural Show has been cancelled due to the ongoing 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 cake	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)
	Section 2	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		Junior Section (7 years and under)
7	Photograph – local landmark	16	Drawing of a farm animal
	Section 3		Junior Section (8-12 years)
8	Jug of garden flowers	17	Decorated stone
9	Show day – floral exhibit with natural plant material		

Entries to the Federation Secretary by 1st. July.

Email: secretarypeeblesswi@gmail.com

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

Orders for 2022 calendars and diaries to Margaret Adamson as soon as possible.

Mediterranean Basil Pasta

2 red peppers deseeded & cut into chunks	2 red onions, cut into wedges
3 garlic cloves roughly chopped	2 mild red chillies, deseeded and diced (optional)
1 tspn sugar	2 tablspsn olive oil
approx 1lb small tomatoes	
12oz pasta shapes	2 “ grated Parmesan
handful basil leaves	

Method: Oven 200C

Put the peppers, onions, chillies (if using) and garlic into a large roasting tin. Sprinkle with sugar and drizzle with oil and roast for 15 mins.

Add tomatoes and roast for another 15 mins.

Cook pasta in normal way, and drain when ready.

Tip drained pasta into the vegetables and toss together. Sprinkle over torn basil leaves and Parmesan.



Funny Oxymorons

found missing

open secret

small crowd

act naturally

fully empty

pretty ugly

original copy

only choice

liquid gas

and the mother of them all

social distancing

Garden Ramblings

This year April has been a month of unusual weather. The first thing many of us noticed has been the lack of rain. Whatever happened to April showers? I can't remember using the watering can so much. Temperatures fluctuated too with my outside thermometer reading 19 degrees yesterday and a whopping minus 9 two weeks ago.



I have had a few casualties with frosted new growth on some shrubs and perennials and have written off 4 Clematis still in pots I bought at the end of last year. They were dry as a bone as I'd completely forgotten about them so they are now in the bin. Never mind, that's a good excuse for visiting the garden centres again soon! Other plants are doing well in the unheated greenhouse. I have some plants brought on from tiny plugs doing well, namely Phlox, Heleniums, auriculas and antirrhinums.

The Daffodils have lasted ages this year just as the Snowdrops did earlier, in fact there are some varieties still to flower.

Has anyone else noticed there are more birds in our gardens this year? They are still visiting the feeders due to the late Spring and a first for my garden is a Reed Bunting with two baby buntings.

Watch out for our plant table in the next week or so as we have some plants coming on in the polytunnel at the Lamancha Hub. There will be some nice bedding for sale thanks to John and Mike. Plus we will have a few perennials too.

Happy Gardening

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 June magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by Tuesday, 18 May 2021.



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<http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>



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