

*Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine*



*October 2021*



## All Services back in Church

We are now holding weekly services back in church again and everyone is very welcome to attend. Zoom services are still being held at Carlops at 10am and St Andrews West Linton at 11.30am. For more information contact Jean Howat. [howat-jean@gmail.com](mailto:howat-jean@gmail.com) 01968 660677

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</i>	<i>West Linton</i>
03. October 2021	Rev Chris Levison	David Howat	Rev Nancy Norman
10. October 2021	Rev Nancy Norman	Mary McElroy	Mary McElroy
17. October 2021	Patsy Campbell	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman
24. October 2021	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd	Rev Nancy Norman
31. October 2021	TBC	TBC	TBC

Duty Elders: Ilka Roehe & Jim Brown



### Service of Induction for the Rev Dr Tony Foley

Rev Dr Anthony (Tony) Foley was elected our new minister by a vote of members and adherents after he preached as sole nominee on Sunday 29 August 2021. We look forward to welcoming Dr Foley to Newlands soon.

The service of induction will be held on the evening of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at St Andrews, West Linton. Final arrangements are still to be confirmed so for more information contact Jean Howat. [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com) 01968 660677

## ***THOUGHTS FROM THE LOCUM***

From the uncurtained kitchen window at the back of the house, a broad channel of light streamed out into the dimness of the evening and across the gravelled path to the back door. As my feet crunched into the brightness, heads bent over the kitchen table inside turned and looked up – smiles, a quick wave, the back door flung wide releasing mouth-watering aromas of fresh baking and warmth, hands and arms extended in the virtual welcome necessitated by these covid days, and in a twinkling I was seated at the table amidst all the signs of life there: newly baked bread cooling on a wire rack; an open cookery book; a brightly coloured teapot on its stand; pen and notepad and a hand-written letter in progress; a willow basket awaiting use; balls of wool and knitting needles and the beginnings of a jumper, laid down momentarily; slices of a date and walnut loaf already on a plate; a little candle alight, its flame still dancing in the current of air from the open door and settling down now to the gentle flow of conversation around the table.

Every kitchen table tells its story. Every kitchen table weaves its spell of magic, of hospitality, of on-going life. Around them, in one way or another, are concerns shared, items of news exchanged, joys exclaimed, sorrows poured out, plans made, ideas inspired. I have never met an ordinary kitchen table; always there is around them the vibrancy of life in all its mixture and mystery and abundance and intricacy.

I learn, to my horror, that in some places in America, new houses are being built with no kitchens – perhaps because convenience food needs only to be microwaved in minutes, or because meals are taken more frequently in restaurants, or worse, perhaps because there is so little time taken to stop and sit and talk.

In the period of time that I've been Locum here – over the past year, and in previous years too – I've been welcomed to so many kitchen tables, or their equivalent, and I am immensely grateful for that wonderful experience.

May kitchen tables everywhere be blessed with good things. May everyone have the privilege of being welcomed in the circle of warmth and generosity which kitchen tables offer in their own particular way. And may we find our own kitchens to be places of thoughtfulness and delight, nourishment and open welcome, laughter and bright hopes and love.

***Nancy Norman***  
***Locum Minister***

### *From our Interim Moderator*

In this, my final minister's letter before the induction of Dr Tony Foley towards the end of the month, I want to offer my warmest good wishes and to assure you of my continuing thoughts and prayers, as you look forward to the next stage in your faith journey together. The transition from having been part of a three-way linking, now to being in a charge of six congregations, can seem a daunting prospect. It will take time to adjust. In some respects things will be different, not least the need to get used to having a reduced 'share' of the minister. That very fact, however, may have very positive consequences, for it should help to release more gifts for shared ministry among the folk of the congregations. The priesthood of all believers will become an increasingly vital reality in all six congregations, for, even in churches where talents abound and levels of commitment are high, there will always be scope for the discerning of experiences and skills that can be used in the service of the Church. The nature of parish ministry is changing rapidly, due both to the alarming shortage of ministers and to the continuing decline in membership. We could so easily be tempted to move towards a siege mentality, allowing the main focus of our efforts to be concentrated merely on preserving what we have. That would be so wrong and it would be a betrayal of our historic and traditional understanding of parish church and parish ministry. Tony Foley comes to us, not as chaplain to our members but as minister to our congregations and parishes. As such, much of his time and effort will be concentrated in the wider parish communities, including, of course, in our local schools. Please encourage and support him in that essential element of ministry. In all my years in parish ministry I continually marvelled that not only had I been given a people to love, but that that love was more than reciprocated, all in the name of Jesus Christ. I know your welcome to Tony, as he takes up his charge, will be enthusiastic and sincere. Support him, care for Yvonne and him and, in Christ's name, love him dearly. May God's richest blessing always be with you.

Calum Macdougall

Interim Moderator

## ***PRESBYTERY NEWS***

Some good news! As most of you know, our Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles has been encouraging links between our churches and those of Zomba in Malawi, and has been giving some financial support to various projects in Zomba. Some of you may remember Geoffrey – a nursing midwife student who had been funded by the Presbytery throughout his period of training, and how we celebrated his graduation during his visit to us in Scotland in 2018. He had been an excellent student, but due to the employment problems in Malawi, it was decided to continue to support him financially as he worked in a voluntary capacity as a midwife, until paid employment was possible. We have just had news that Geoffrey has now secured permanent employment as a Health Systems Support Co-ordinator in a Child Health programme for a French NGO. This means that he will be able to use all his experience to improve the health of mothers and children, and prevent unnecessary deaths and illness. We give our warmest congratulations to Geoffrey.

Limbikani, the second midwifery student which the Presbytery is also supporting financially, is also making good progress, and sends us excellent reports on his enthusiasm for his work and studies.

### SOME ADVANCE NEWS

Now that many churches have begun to use new ways of presenting church worship, using digital technology, it can be difficult for those smaller churches which would like also to make changes, but perhaps don't have any members with the know-how. Help is on hand! It is hoped that the Presbytery will set up a training opportunity for those who would like some help in using modern technology, with advice on equipment needed etc, and any church member who would like to attend this should apply to Presbytery once details have been arranged. There will be further information about this in due course.

David Habeshaw



### **The Open Gate**

The Open Gate phone is still always available for anyone of any age, to ask for some counselling help. Appointments can be arranged for a time to suit during the week, and are free. The approach used is Solution Focussed Brief Therapy which helps quickly and pleasantly.

Why wait? There's nothing to lose, and life could be a lot happier for those who are feeling anxious or 'down' or in need of emotional support.

Phone or text 07535 898 244

## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving at our 10am service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Donations of food will be given to the Penicuik Foodbank. At present they are short of beans, soup, tinned fruit, juice and shower gel but all donations are very welcome. There will also be a retiring collection in aid of Edinburgh City Mission, a charity which supports refugees and asylum seekers, the homeless and also foodbanks in Edinburgh.

In view of the current rates of COVID infections in Scotland we have decided not to hold the Harvest Supper but postpone it to 2022.



### *The Guild*

It's been some time now since we have had any formal meeting of Newlands Guild. Now that it is a little easier to get together, we find that we are now a much smaller group, making it less appropriate to be arranging for meetings involving speakers.

Over this summer, we have had two happy and sunny afternoons enjoying tea and cakes in Fay's beautiful garden, and have used this time to start to plan our future activities. We hope to continue to support the work of the wider Church of Scotland Guild with its projects, while also serving our local church community.

Our sister Guild of Upper Tweedsdale has kindly invited us to join them at their monthly meetings in Broughton, and on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we enjoyed hearing from Neil Robinson about how their churches had produced their weekly recorded services. Their next meeting will be held on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm when Rev Pamela Strachan will speak about COP 26, climate change, and what we can do about it. Again, our members are looking forward to joining that Guild meeting.

Margaret Habeshaw

# NCDT NEWS

Newlands Activity Centre | Newlands Memorial Hall | Newlands Renew Crew

## Newlands Activity Centre

Manager, Neil Clunie, and his team of volunteers are gradually reopening the Centre to our regular clubs and classes.

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

## Newlands Kids

We are looking for volunteers to assist our Healthy Cook cook at snack and lunch time.

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

## Renew Crew

Laptop & Desktop Refurbish and Rehomeing is proving very popular along with our Repair service..

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

## Newlands Community Gardener

Volunteers wanted to work with our New Community Gardener to manage, tend and expand the newly planted Community Orchard and 'Grow Your Own' Polytunnels.

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



## Community Transport

Small steps taken for the Newlands Community Transport project this past week with New 22KW charge stations being installed at Newlands Activity Centre and Newlands Memorial Hall.

The charge points, which utilise solar and mains power, will keep our New 13-seat EV minibus on the go and will be available via the VendElectric network to EV owners who are members of NCDT or users of Newlands Activity Centre.

The charge points will be fully commissioned and tested by the end of October 2021 and available through the VendElectric App. on your mobile phone.

We are planning a series of 'meet the EV' owners Sundays at Newlands Activity Centre starting on the 31st of October - look out for updates via the NCDT website.

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



*Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd*

*Community Council*



The next meeting is at

**7.30pm on Wednesday 20 October**

**and due to the high COVID-19 figures the meeting will return to online.**

To register to attend, please email **lnkccchair@gmail.com** by noon on Monday 18 October with the subject heading Meeting Registration.

**MINUTE SECRETARY:** LNKcc is looking for someone to produce the minutes of our meetings. We meet on nine months of the year (no meetings in July, August and December) and we can offer an honorarium of **£10 per meeting**.

If you are interested, please email **lnkccchair@gmail.com** with the heading Minute Secretary.

**BLYTH BRIDGE BUS SHELTER:** Would you like to take part in sprucing up the bus shelter? A small group will get together to clean the shelter. Please email with the heading Bus Shelter.

**JOHN'S PATH MAINTENANCE:** We are looking for volunteers to help clear the pathway. Interested? Please email with the heading John's Path.

***LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB***

Wednesday cafe open from 10 till 2pm. Hot drinks, home made soup, bacon rolls and cakes available. Knit and Natter is back from now for the winter months in the cafe at the same time. All welcome.

Yoga classes with Linda Shand are held on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 till 10 am every week.

Games nights will resume towards end of October.

W.I. first monthly meeting will take place in the cafe on the 13th Oct at 7.30. Old and new members welcome.

New tenants are moving in shortly to both the upstairs and the downstairs offices.

Cilla Davidson



***Musical demonstration by Murray and Patsy Campbell.***

Roll up! Roll up! The Marvellous Murray Campbell, Professor of Physics, Astronomy, and the Known Universe, accompanied by the Gracious and Mystical Patsy Campbell, will take us on a musical tour through time and space. We will transport back in time to answer your questions on the rebec, gemshorn, portative organ, and our Renaissance friend, the serpent. Join us for a night of wonders guided by our very own musical magician!

Zoom meeting Friday 1st October 2021 at 7 pm.

Details from [info@carlopschurch.org](mailto:info@carlopschurch.org)



## *KIRKURD SWI*



On a beautiful warm, sunny September afternoon, we joined with members of Dolphinton SWI and friends for their charity event and a wander around the extensive garden at Meadowhead, Dolphinton by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. A. Taylor. This was followed with tea and cake provided by Dolphinton SWI. Photographs can be seen on the Peeblesshire SWI face book page.

Over £700 was raised for Breast Cancer Now.

First meeting for the autumn will be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. October 7:30** at Newlands Centre to discuss winter programme and Bulb Show.

Please come along and join us for the evening.

### **Roast Pumpkin & Tomato Soup**

Approx 1 ½ lbs pumpkin or winter squash                      1lb ripe tomatoes  
6 garlic cloves – unpeeled    1 red onion peeled and cut into wedges  
1 sprig rosemary    2 sprigs thyme    2 pints chicken or vegetable  
stock  
4 tablespns olive oil

Method: Oven 200 – 220C

Put all ingredients for soup, except the stock, in a plastic bag and toss to coat with oil.

Tip into roasting tin and roast, uncovered, for approx 35 – 40 mins, turning occasionally until everything is tender.

Discard herb stalks and garlic skins, and liquidise with the stock.

Pour into large pan, reheat, adjust seasoning and consistency. Serve with croutons.

## Garden Ramblings

A sign of Autumn finally arriving is the sound of geese. The first arrivals flew by last week. Makes me drop everything and rush outside to see them.

This year am I alone in thinking the late summer perennials have really done us proud, flowering for weeks on end? Crocosmias, love them or hate them, are a perfect example. I especially like the lemon flowered varieties. The mini orange one I have was a rescue which had been dumped down a banking on the A701. I noticed it whilst walking the dogs. That was 40 years ago and it's still going strong. Crocosmias originated in South Africa along with Kniphofias and Agapanthus so I've just read.

This year the blue old fashioned Michaelmas Daisy has spread throughout a large clump of yellow Heleniums. Sometimes nature does it better!



Another plant that is often overlooked in Autumn is Sedum "Autumn Joy". Yesterday mine was playing host to four bumble bees and a peacock butterfly, a much needed source of food for them.

In my garden this year for some reason butterflies have been few and far between. I've seen more cabbage white than any other species the last few weeks. My Buddleia bushes have been late in flowering this year so that could be a reason.

This is the time when we start buying bulbs and there are so many to tempt us and we always buy too many and then think where on (or in) earth do we put them? Pots are the answer!

Cilla Davidson



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