

*Kirkurd &*

*Newlands*

*Parish Magazine*



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### **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>
05 Sept. 2021	Sheena Livingstone	David Howat	David Howat
12 Sept. 2021	Mary McElroy Eco-Service	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Chris Levison
19 Sept. 2021	Rev Nancy Norman	Steven Whalley	Rev Nancy Norman
26 Sept. 2021	Colin Herd	Rev Nancy Norman	Colin Herd

Duty Elders: Jean and David Howat

### **Service with the Rev Dr Tony Foley**

The Rev Dr Tony Foley was proposed as sole nominee for the post of minister of our new linkage by the Nominating Committee. He took services in Newlands, St Andrews West Linton and Broughton on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August and his appointment will be confirmed by a vote of all the members and adherents during the following week.

The Rev Dr Foley is currently minister at Dollar l/w Glendevon l/w Muckhart. He has previously worked in Taiwan as well as Scotland in other denominations and was formally accredited by the Church of Scotland in 2018. He was locum minister to our linkage partners, Upper Tweeddale and also served a term at Peebles Old Church with Rev Calum Macdougall before moving to Dollar in 2019.



## Linkage wide Open Air Communion Service

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August we held an Open Air service in the old Newlands graveyard by the ruined church on the banks of the Lyne.

It was our first joint event with friends from all six churches in our new linkage and we celebrated Communion together in glorious sunshine. The service was beautifully led by the Rev Nancy Norman and the Rev Pamela Strachan, our locum ministers, and Murray Campbell directed a wonderful band of musicians. All in all it was a memorable afternoon! A film of the event should be available on the Upper Tweeddale website.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE LOCUM

‘Dear Readers,’ Canadian novelist and poet Margaret Atwood prefaces her most recently published collection of poems, ‘there are more birds in these poems than there used to be ... I wish also for more birds in the world. Let us all hope.’

Let us all hope.

The world of nature offers its mysteries to us – however briefly, mostly unbidden – and we are lifted out of ourselves, beyond language, beyond thinking, to the wonder of the unfathomable mystery of existence.

There is no surprise to learn that again and again the nation’s favourite piece of classical music – at least amongst listeners of Classic FM who have taken the time to make their preferences known – is Vaughan Williams’ *The Lark Ascending*, a glorious celebration of that elusive airborne spirit that stirs our souls, kindles our imaginations, and opens our eyes to far horizons. But scan the bright sky in vain to catch the falling and rising of the little bird whose heart is so full, the source of that song without words that tumbles down to inspire us terrestrial beings.

How can so extraordinarily beautiful a sound emerge from so small and fragile a creature?

And in that question lies the conundrum. The dilemma: the fragility that is so easily broken. And each breakage – much of it from human impact – leaves the world the poorer for its loss. Our tread upon the planet has exacted a heavy toll. A word, coined only recently, attempts to express that sense of loss, through environmental change, of familiar things we have loved and valued. Solastalgia: homesickness while we are still at home.

But let us all hope.

As creatures of intellect we rely on words, believing that the right ones at the right moment will trigger the turning point the world so desperately waits for, and needs, to resolve its multiple crises.

But we are also creatures of emotion, of compassion and imagination and instinct, moved not by words alone but by the sudden song of a bird, by seeing in a single shaft of sunlight the whole of nature’s splendour, by witnessing the world’s anguish at the cry of an infant caught in the crossfire of conflict, by feeling the indelible bond of love that exists between a parent and a child.

Hope for better things does not die, but springs up everywhere, catching us by surprise with its transformative power. Every gathering, however large or small, in every place the world over, can work a work for good – at COP26 or in its fringe meetings, over coffee tables and in cafés, via Zoom and What’sApp, in eco-groups, in prayer groups and Bible study and Sunday worship, around kitchen tables where often the deepest fears and yearnings of the human heart are entrusted into another’s hands, around campfires, on park benches, on walks, in casual conversation, in silent companionship, however and wherever and on whatever scale concerns are shared.

May it be our prayer – and hope – that as we direct and continually re-direct our energies towards everything that fosters – for every form of life on this planet – wholeness and health, kindness and neighbourliness, we may no longer put at risk the fragile sources of inspiration, the song of the universe, but rather steward the mysteries of life in harmony with all things, to their greater good.

*Nancy Norman*

*September 2021*

### **Save the Date**

We will celebrate

### **Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

at our 10am service. Donations of food will be sent to the Penicuik Foodbank and there will be a retiring collection in aid of refugees.

If regulations allow we may hold a harvest supper in church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This would be a “bring your own picnic in a basket” supper rather than the usual harvest supper but it will be confirmed nearer the time.



### ***National Giving Day***

Congregations across the Church of Scotland are being invited to participate in a *National Giving Day* initiative that will take place during September and October. In recent years, Kirkurd & Newlands church has – like many others - been struggling to “balance the books”, and the situation has been made worse by having to close the church because of Covid. Nevertheless, our congregation remains active – and the church is now open once again for weekly Sunday worship, as well as weddings, christenings and funerals. Looking ahead, we are keen to maintain the long-term financial viability of the church so that it can continue to play its part in the life of our community. Accordingly, the Kirk Session has asked me, as Treasurer, to invite people to offer donations: we don’t like asking for money, but would be very grateful for any contribution that you would be willing to give at this time. This can be done by cheque (made out to Kirkurd & Newlands Church) or by BACS transfer - just email me (at [hendersonhowat@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonhowat@gmail.com) for the account details!)

David Howat

# 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 Rehoming 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)

## Grow Your Own

Our week-long Summer Camp supported by Youth Borders 'Get Into Summer' funding was a great success.

Pippa and the Newlands Kids Care Team had a fun time exploring sustainability, self-sufficiency and renewable living options.



The rain water collection system on our two new poly tunnels is now up and running.

In the 13 weeks leading up to COP26 we will undertake 2 activities a week which will educate local children in green behaviours, increase biodiversity & provide access to better, sustainable nutrition.

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



*Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd*

*Community Council*



The next meeting is at

**7.30pm on Wednesday 15 September at the Lamancha Hub**

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

In line with the easing of government Covid restrictions, the Community Council has resumed the usual format for meetings rotating them around the Newlands Centre, the Lamancha Hub and Netherurd Hall. Should this change, see the Peeblesshire News District News pages the Friday before.

**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](mailto: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 and varnish the shelter during the summer. Please email with the heading Bus Shelter.

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

## ***LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB***

Community cafe open every Wed from 10am till 2pm.  
Coffee, teas, cakes, bacon rolls and choice of home made soups available.  
We do carry outs as well.

Yoga with Linda starting September.

Games night starting October.

Cilla Davidson

## ***Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal 2021***



Please see below ideas of what you might put in a shoebox.

It may be that this year you have difficulty in finding empty shoeboxes? If this is the case, please use a drawstring bag instead (like a gym bag). The maximum size should be approx. 400mm x 300mm (12" x 15"), holding as much as an average-sized shoebox. We also request that the drawstring bag is **not** plastic as it is a useful item to give to people.

Blythswood Care ask that each shoebox/drawstring bag, if possible, has a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat, and some item of underwear.

***Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal leaflets available in church or from Fay Tel. 01968 660 374. Please bring shoeboxes to church or Fay no later than October 24.***

The collection day for Peebles is 25th October – Edinburgh Road Car Park,  
11.30 - 12.00.

***Thank you for supporting the Shoe Box Appeal.***

### ***Shoebox Filler Ideas***

Girl / Boy 3-7		Girl / Boy 8-12	
Plasticine	Pyjamas	Sewing kit	Lego
Simple sewing	Toy car/truck	Craft kit	Draughts
Dressing-up	Toy animals	Paint by numbers	Modelling clay
Chalk	Paints	Jewellery/beads	Tennis ball
Sticker books	Picture snap cards	Socks	Vests
My Little Pony	Wooden toy	T-shirt	Watch
Colouring book	Small ball	Pyjamas	Playing cards
Crayons	Socks	Colouring book	Sticker book
T-shirt	Shorts	Stationery	Socks
Underwear	Vests	Skipping ropes	Marbles





## Shoebox Appeal 2021 Filler Ideas



Teenage Girl	Teenage Boy	Woman	Man	Elderly woman
Make-up	Shorts	Make-up	Dominoes	Magnifying glass
Craft kit	Tennis ball	First aid kit	Pack of cards	Umbrella
Jewellery	Rubix cube	Sanitary products	Draughts	Hand cream
Hair brush	Draughts board game	Perfume	Tape measure	Folding walking stick
Nail varnish	Aeroplane model	Shampoo	Tin cup	Slippers
Dominoes	Windup torch	Tape measure	Belt	Apron
Perfume	Dominoes	Apron	Braces	Candle
Hair band	Deodorant	Measuring spoons	Wind-up torch	Tin cup
Small watch	Small watch	Kitchen utensils	Pen knife	Small clock
Diary	Thermal vest	Small scissors	Shaving brush	Nail brush
Manicure set	Cap	Underwear	Pen	Tights



*Thank you !*

There is now need for more people to join the church cleaning rota.

Please contact Fay for more information.

Tel. 01968660374



CHURCH CLEANING  
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

The virtual agricultural show in August was very successful. Thank you to everyone who participated in the industrial section.

Congratulations to Janet Noble who won prizes in the floral art classes.

National SWI has organised a week of events Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. - Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. September, to be held on Zoom. Full details can be found in the SWI Magazine, Women Together or on the SWI website : [www.theswi.org.uk](http://www.theswi.org.uk)

As part of this week of events Kirkurd has organised an outing to Dolphinton SWI Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer, at Meadowhead, Dolphinton.  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. September 2:00pm**

Peeblesshire Federation SWI is planning ahead with the AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. October, hopefully in person.

The Bulb Show will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. March 2022

Community Effort ' Remake, Reuse, Recycle '  
2 x Handcrafts items 2 x home skills items and 1 x floral exhibit.  
Bulb classes as per 2019  
Floral Art Section:  
Large Exhibit: 24" x 24" Saving the Planet  
Small Exhibit: 12" x 12 In a tin can ( e.g. soup tin )  
Spring Flowers in a Jug

### *Carrot & Courgette Fritters*

In a large bowl mix together equal quantities of grated carrot and grated courgette.

Add finely chopped onion, garlic & chopped parsley or coriander.

Season to taste with salt, pepper, paprika or cumin.

Add 2 tablespoons wholemeal flour and 1 beaten egg. Mix well. Heat some oil in large frying pan.

Spoon burger sized batches of mixture into hot oil and fry for a few minutes on each side, until brown cooked through.

Serve hot with chilli sauce and crispy salad.

## Garden Ramblings

I always think end of August means end of summer but there are a good few late performers that take us into Autumn.

Clematis Viticelli "Madame Julia Correvon" is one such plant that is a real beauty with deep red flowers, and another favourite of mine is Clematis Tangutica with bell shaped yellow flowers and fluffy seed heads extending the season. If you can get a seed head they are easy plants to grow from seed, just press seed into a pot of compost and wait. (speaking from experience)



Phlox plants are lovely just now and are a good beginners plant. I have a beautiful white one that catches the eye at the end of the path. Helenium of various types are flowering now and let's not forget the daisy group as even little asters are playing their part in adding a bit of colour.



The Rowan tree is absolutely covered in berries this year and the birds have been feasting but there are enough berries for all so not to worry.

In the community polytunnel I have had to wait until August for my tomatoes to ripen but well worth the wait. I tried a new (to me) variety called ORKADO and they are sweet and juicy. I also have two plants of the beef tomato "Marmande" and it too is a lovely tasting tomato.

Looking forward to growing some flower seeds for next year.

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 October magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 21 September 2021.



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