



*Kirkcud & Newlands*

*Parish Magazine*

*May 2022*



## 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

### *West Tweeddale Parishes*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
01 May 2022	Steven Whalley	Isobel Hunter	Steven Whalley
08 May 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley
15 May 2022	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
22 May 2022	Colin Herd	Peter Worthington	Colin Herd
29 May 2022	Mary McElroy	Isobel Hunter	Mary McElroy
05 June 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Janette Raeburn and David Habeshaw

Church Cleaning: Jo Ranson

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
01 May 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley
08 May 2022	Peter Worthington	Kevin Scott	Peter Worthington
15 May 2022	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett
22 May 2022	Isobel Hunter	Peter Worthington	Isobel Hunter
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***‘Everyone is the friend of one who gives gifts.***

**PROVERBS 19:6**

Is there any point in arguing with someone who disagrees with you especially when it comes to matters of faith? Presumably, you would like them to change their mind. But that is easier said than done. Experience shows that trying to get people to change their minds especially if it involves changing beliefs that are linked to their sense of identity, is extremely difficult. As one writer put it, any kind of conflict involving a person’s personal attachment to their belief system be it religious or political invariably encourages “*competitive personal contests rather than collaborative searches for the truth.*”

When we engage in the kind of ‘*mine is better than yours*’ approach to dialogue it often makes things worse. Disagreements can begin to feel like a war in which the opposites sides dig the trenches of their religious and political convictions even deeper. The result is that each side then begins to use any issue as an opportunity to launch their beliefs, positions, and convictions back and forth like verbal hand grenades. All the while failing to realise that people are never likely to change their mind when feel like they are being subject to an attack.

These kinds of conflicts might give everyone involved the temporary satisfaction of —‘*that just proves that I am right, and they are wrong.*’ But the odds are that neither camp is winning the argument; on the contrary, attacks make often make opponents dig deeper trenches.

Jesus brought the Gospel to us as a gift not as a demand. If we want to change hearts and minds, we could start by refusing to use your values, and the convictions that go with them, as weapons and start offering them as *a gift*.

Peace,  
Tony

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15- 22 MAY 2022**



Last year, £5.5million was raised in CA Week, an incredible achievement in difficult circumstances during the ongoing covid pandemic which still hinders traditional local fundraising events.

This year's theme is "Help Jessica turn hunger into hope".

Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families. In rural Zimbabwe, seven out of ten women rely on farming to earn a living and provide for their families. But with no rain, women can't grow enough food.

For Jessica drought means every day is a struggle for survival. She toils on her farm, but little food grows on her ashen dry land.

Jessica is at the mercy of the climate crisis. Drought makes women like her hungrier, poorer and robs them of the chance to earn a living with dignity. She shares her heartbreak: "My children crave a good meal, but I can't provide it. We often go to bed with empty stomachs".

Your CA Week donations will help women like Jessica grow drought-tolerant crops that survive better and help her develop skills to preserve and store food safely for the dry season. Love gives Jessica the strength to stand strong against drought and hunger. Will you stand with her? Read more online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### **WAYS TO DONATE**

For covid safety reasons, there will be no door to door collection in the linkage this year.

1. If at all possible, donate online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk). Your money goes directly to CA with no hidden deductions reducing its value.
2. If you still prefer to use the traditional CA donation envelope, these will be available to pick up at Sunday church services in May – return to your church CA representative.

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3. By post, send personal cheque to CA, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

***LOCAL LINKAGE EVENT***

***SKIRLING CAR BOOT SALE SUNDAY 15 MAY***

Skirling Church is hosting a car boot sale on Sunday afternoon 15 May in support of Christian Aid. After a two year gap due to covid, this popular Skirling tradition is being relaunched. Everyone in the enlarged linkage is warmly invited to come and buy in a good cause. Cars and the contents of their boot are welcome; if you sell for CA, entrance is free; otherwise, £8. There will be stalls selling home baking, plants and other items; all contributions will be welcome, as will helping hands to sell. And there will be teas, ice cream and other goodies in Skirling village hall.

More information from organiser Isobel Hunter, to whom enquiries should be directed. Contact: Isobel Hunter, Firknowe, Skirling, Biggar ML12 6HD; Email [isobel@skirlinghouse.com](mailto:isobel@skirlinghouse.com); tel 01899 860274

***CA QUIZ SHEET***

Paper copies of this year's cryptic quiz on "Food and Drink" will be available from your church CA representative in May.

Robert Higgins, CA Chair, tel 01968 660629

## **Celebration of Communion**

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in Newlands Church. The service will be led by the Rev Tony Foley and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

We will be celebrating the Jubilee with a school and community garden party at Newlands School on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd June with lots of fun activities for the children as well as music and scones and cakes.

For more information contact Jean Howat [howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

## **Kirkurd & Newlands Service**

**Sunday, 5th June 2022, 10.00 am**

We would like to add a little "extra" to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee! If you have any "Royal" memorabilia, mugs, coins, etc. let us know, so that we can make up a small exhibition. We plan to have cakes with coffee and tea afterwards, which could be outside if the weather is ok.

Most of all, it would be lovely if you could keep that morning free and come along and join us! Please let us know if you'd like to help, contribute and come.

Thanks, Fay & Jean

## ***LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB***

We are seeing an increase in bookings now. Mask wearing is optional and there is still plenty hand sanitizer left. Kids parties can be booked at £10 per hour for the big room. The BBQ hut is available at £15 for your outdoor gatherings and we can provide charcoal for £5 or you can bring your own.

The community cafe is open every Wednesday from 10 am till 2pm and if it's nice weather you can sit outside.

Cilla Davidson

Lamancha, Newlands  
and Kirkurd Community  
Council



Annual General Meeting  
**at 7.30pm, Wednesday 18 May 2022**  
at the Newlands Centre  
Romanno Bridge

**Everyone is welcome and this is a good opportunity to  
come along and meet the local people representing  
your interests in the area.**

**We have a new Facebook page which will keep you up  
to date on meetings and local issues**

The Annual Business meeting was held in April. Mo Lamb gave a very full report of the year's activities and thanked everyone for their continued support.

Janet Noble presented the treasurers report which showed a healthy bank balance.

Election of office bearers:

President: Mo Lamb, Secretary: Margaret Adamson, Treasurer: Janet Noble, Minute Secretary: Viv Thomson.

Suggestions for speakers / demonstrations were put forward for next session.

Federation business: Knitting for beginners' class Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. May, St. Joseph's Centre, Peebles.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. May** Peeblesshire Federation SWI will be planting a tree on Skirling Green to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and celebrating with a Basket Afternoon Tea. If the weather is unkind we will be in the hall.

At this event Kirkurd is having a fun competition for 1 m bunting plus ties, a crown, individual Victoria sponge, small container Coronation Chicken, Iced Jubilee biscuit, and Philip's favourite sausage roll.

**Netherurd Memorial Hall**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. May 7:00pm**  
**All welcome**



### ***Garden Ramblings***

My favourite month April is nearing its end, drier than normal, sunny but cold. The snowdrops have left us overnight it seems but oh those glorious daffodils all looking the same but different in their shapes and colours. Ten out of ten for them. Thanks to whoever planted them on our verges and in our gardens.

I also think the blossom on the hawthorn, not to mention the shrubs and trees in our gardens, have done us proud. Fingers crossed, my Victoria plum tree will have fruit this year as I so missed my favourite jam last year due to Jack Frost making a late appearance!

Three years ago I bought a twig of an Amelanchier and this year it is a picture standing 6 foot tall and covered in white blossom with emerging red leaves. One to look out for as it is a good all rounder for this area. Mine is on a bank overlooking the patio so I can see the blue sky though it.

My seedlings are all doing well apart from my tomato plants which the little black sciarid fly had thought was a good place to burrow and lay eggs in the compost. When I had a look, all that was left were stubby bits where roots should have been. I washed the roots that were there very gently and repotted them so fingers crossed. I have also started a new packet of another variety of tomatoes so will see how they go. A bit late but hopefully they will catch up.

The bedding plants are doing very well in the HUB polytunnel thanks to Mary and John so we should have plenty for the planters and tubs and some for sale too. We also have perennial plants of Sidalcea and Delphiniums plus Lupins and to support Ukraine we are growing sunflowers for the kids.

Happy gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

***NEWLANDS SWI***



Our AGM was held at the Lamancha HUB on 21st April and included a chat about the syllabus for next year. There were also no objections to changing the meetings to Thursday evenings as Wednesdays were busy days with lots going on. We may be able to recruit new members this way. Our membership is healthy though, unlike some villages in the Borders.

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](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by Tuesday, 24 May 2022.



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