

*Kirkurd & Newlands
Parish Magazine*



November 2022



All Services back in Church



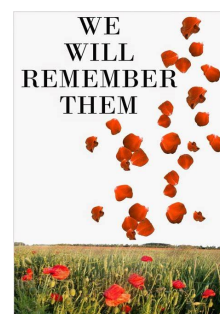
We are now holding weekly services back in church again and everyone is very welcome to attend. Zoom services are still being held at Carlops at 10am and St Andrews West Linton at 11.30am. For more information contact Jean Howat. howat-jean@gmail.com 01968 660677

West Tweeddale Parishes

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
06 November 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley
13 November 2022	Murray Campbell	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
20 November 2022	Sheena Livingston	Fiona Burnett	Steven Whalley
27 November 2022	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
04 December 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Janette Raeburn & David Habeshaw

Church Cleaning: Sheila Chapman



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
06 November 2022	David Howat	Colin Herd	David Howat
13 November 2022	Peter Worthington	Rev Chris Levison	Peter Worthington
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True image or macabre distortion

Let me ask you a question, “*What does your God look like?*”

When I was a kid one of my favourite things to do with my brothers was to go to the carnival and visit the hall of mirrors. We would have so much fun looking at ourselves in those mirrors. Some of the mirrors would make us look small, tiny even others would make us look so tall, thin, or fat. My brothers and I spent a lot of time laughing as our faces and bodies took on all different and weird shapes.

The Hall of Mirrors was fun, but the effects of those mirrors would be horribly macabre if they persisted in everyday life. And yet, in a way that is what often takes place when people talk about God. Sometimes when I listen to people talk about their image of God it is like being in the verbal equivalent of a Hall of Mirrors. The image of God gets stretched all out of proportion. The image is one of a God no one in their right mind would want to believe in.

As human beings we do almost all of our thinking in images. For some people it is like having little slideshow inside their head and each slide is a thought. The thing about images is they don't so much inform and invoke. They invoke emotion, emotions like joy sadness fear love compassion. Those emotions in turn influence our wills and our wills shape our decision making. There are certain images or pictures that are so much a part of our psychic make up that they are like the wallpaper in our living rooms we just take them for granted. This is especially true when we talk about God. What image comes to your mind when you hear the word God? What emotion do you feel? Do you feel joy, peace, fear, irritation, boredom?

I recently visited with a friend of mine. After coffee we read Psalm 23 together. It is probably the best-known piece poetry in the Bible. My friend told me it was their favourite part of the Bible not so much because of the words but because of the images of God it conjured up in his mind.

“*What does your God look like?*” is an important question. Why, because how we picture God, how we image God in our minds has a profound effect on how we relate to ourselves, to others, to life and living. If you have time this week, why not read Psalm 23 and notice what kind of images of God it stirs up in you.

Peace,

Tony

Kirkurd & Newlands Church



Remembrance Service – Sunday 13th November

This service will be held at 10.00 am and will be led by David Henderson-Howat. Immediately following the service wreaths will be laid first at the Newlands war memorial and after that – between 10.45 and 11.00 - at the memorial at Blyth Bridge. Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts are invited to attend in uniform.

Communion Service – Sunday 27 November

We will celebrate Communion at the church service on Sunday 27 November. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hampers

Once again PYT will be assembling Christmas hampers to be delivered to families who are struggling in the Tweeddale Area. We have been asked to donate fruit juice and squash. This can be brought to the church at a Sunday service.



Christmas Gift Service. Sunday 11 December

Gifts for children from newborns to 18 year olds will be distributed in the Borders via the Salvation Army. New gifts should be brought to the service unwrapped (wrapping paper is appreciated).

Jean Howat



The next two sessions of Messy Church are on:

Sunday 13 November – Jesus the Light of the World

Sunday 11 December – Christmas

Sessions are from 4-6pm in the New Church Hall at West Linton.

All children from babies to P7 are most welcome to come and join in the fun!

We will start with a Bible Story and then the children will do a range of craft activities, followed by a song and a prayer and finish off with a meal together. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Please do consider joining us for an afternoon of fun activities and a family meal together.

For more information contact Jean Howat (01968 660677) howatjean@gmail.com



Thank you - Blythwood Shoe Boxes



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal.

I took 28 boxes and quite a lot of “extras” to the lorry in Peebles.

Life is not going to be easy for many in this country this winter/Christmas, but owing to many hundreds of refugees added, it'll be even worse for many of those Eastern European Countries. I'm sure therefore, these boxes will cheer up a few Christmas mornings! Thank you again, Fay.

WEST TWEEDDALE GUILD

At our last meeting, we had a fascinating talk from Robert Higgins about the work of the Bethany Trust Care Van. Thank you to all those from our area who give such great practical support to this in providing much-needed food and clothing on their night-time visits to Edinburgh.

Our next meeting will be in Broughton Village Hall on Wednesday 16th November at 2.30pm, and this should also be a really interesting afternoon. Rev Nick Bowry, rector of St Mungo's Church, will be telling us about his experiences on the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrim age route in Spain.

Our Guild is now there for all the 6 churches in our linkage, and everyone is welcome to attend any Guild meeting – no need to be a Guild member. You will get a warm welcome, as well as refreshments.

Margaret Habeshaw



WINTER WARMERS

LEARN TO BATCH COOK WITHOUT A RECIPE

Carlops Village Hall, Saturday 19th November 2022, 4—9pm

BRING
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS
AND COME
AND ENJOY

CAN'T COOK, WANT TO
COOK

Come to gain confidence and
get ideas of how to cook
quickly, cheaply and easily

CAN'T COOK, WON'T
COOK

Come for some good
company and a good
feed

What will I get from the evening

- Good Company with family (age 8+) and friends
- A 3 Course meal
- Meals to take away for the next day /the freezer
- Lots of ideas and tips on how to create tasty meals on a tight budget through batch cooking without a recipe
- A chance to be creative with food
- LOTS OF FUN AND LAUGHS

CAN COOK, WILL COOK

Come and share your
expertise and have a
good fun evening
being creative with
food

Contact Sheena Livingstone on 01968 661282,
email: info@amts.co.uk before 16th Nov 22
Cost £5.00 per person (under 12's free)



SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

Kirkurd SWI

invites you to a

Community Open Night

Patricia Keppie will talk about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Gardens. The Commission honours and cares for the men and women who died in the First and Second World Wars ensuring they will never be forgotten.

They care for war graves and memorials at 23,000 locations, in more than 150 countries and territories.



Refreshments and Raffle

Tickets £5 (FREE for members)

7.30pm on Tuesday 1 November,
Newlands Centre, Romano
Bridge, Peeblesshire EH46 7BZ



COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES



***Lamancha, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council***



**The next meeting will take place at the
Lamancha Hub
on Wednesday 16 November 2022
at 7.30pm**

Community Councils give people a voice on issues concerning where they live. Come along and make sure your voice is heard.

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

LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB

Our cafe is open Wednesdays from 10am till 2pm. All welcome for bacon and egg plus salad rolls, home made soups and cakes.

Yoga classes on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Hall and games room are available to hire.

info@lamanchahub.org.uk

Cilla Davidson

At the October meeting Roddy MacFarlane provided us with a fascinating insight to the activities of Nomad Beat Music School, located at Cavalry Park, Peebles.

Nomad Beat is a registered charity whose objective is to carry out activities which benefit the community through music and musicianship and to create opportunities for all through musical education. He also described some of the various groups from Nomad Beat which are involved in the community to help reduce isolation.

Mo Lamb gave a very well-deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: Item with musical connection

1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Mo Lamb

Individual Fruit Tart

1st. Margaret Adamson

Tuesday 1st. November The Gardens and Gardeners of the Commonwealth War Graves.

This is an open meeting. There is a raffle with proceeds going to CWGC

Tuesday 6th. December Practical evening with Margaret Leiper.

Competitions: Christmas Tea Towel Home made Christmas Tree decoration

Garden Ramblings

We are almost at the end of October and this year the autumn colours have been the best ever. With only one night of frost and not much wind the trees have been allowed to take their time in turning into all those various shades of gold and red. Rowans and elderberries have been plentiful too.

This is the time to plant bare root roses and although they have a history of not being a good choice of shrub for this area there are some I have found that are just fine for here. I would look for roses that have AGM on the label. Some of you will know that's an Award of Garden Merit and not an Annual General Meeting! This means they have gone through vigorous testing. One that comes to mind and is still flowering is "Bonica", a pink floppy rose that is repeat flowering and thrives on no special treatment apart from an annual trim and if you like, a handful of rose fertilizer in March. Broadly speaking, roses like the same conditions as Clematis, damp feet but not wet, and their heads in the sun. Why not plant a few together? Climbing rose "New Dawn" doesn't mind rain and would look good with a purple clematis growing through it. Clematis Tangutica is still flowering and also has the added bonus of having those fluffy seed heads which are easy to germinate so I'll be trying some new plants from the seed.

Happy gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

NEWLANDS SWI



October was our first meeting and a warm welcome was extended to all including our speaker Rona from Quercus plants, our local nursery. Rona's talk was on plants for difficult conditions, a category we in West Linton area fall into! Hydrangeas are tricky but this is put down to late Spring frosts damaging the new buds..

Yvonne gave the vote of thanks.

Our November meeting is on the 10th. Time 7.30pm. Talk is by Callum Greenhow on Trials and Tribulations of a village postmaster. Should be entertaining! Competition is for a foliage house plant. There will also be a raffle. Teas by Mae and Carol and Marion will give the vote of thanks.

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 December/January magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday, 22 November 2022.



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