

Kirkurd & Newlands

Parish Magazine

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love!



3. We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

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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 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>
02 October 2022	Patsy Campbell	Mary McElroy	Patsy Campbell
09 October 2022	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
16 October 2022	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
23 October 2022	Fiona Burnett	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett
30 October 2022	Kevin Scott	Isobel Hunter	Kevin Scott
06 November 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Ilka Roehle and Jim Brown

Church Cleaning: Margaret Adamson

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
02 October 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Mary McElroy	Rev Tony Foley
09 October 2022	Kevin Scott	David Howat	Kevin Scott
16 October 2022	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley
23 October 2022	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
30 October 2022	Rev Chris Levison	Isobel Hunter	Rev Chris Levison
06 November 2022	David Howat	Colin Herd	David Howat

Miserere mei!

One of the saddest tendencies in our present culture is an increasing indignant intolerance for the basic humanity of being human. We live in a culture where people of the past are too often and too easily harshly judged by the standards of the present. Mercy and compassion are in short supply and nowhere is this more evident than in the world of social media. It seems that under the cover of anonymity, cyber-space offers the temptation to indulge in the sugary sweet pleasure of self-righteous comments that is simply irresistible to an increasing number of people.

How can we recapture an ethos of mercy and compassion towards others, especially when those others disagree with and even attack our beliefs? We are all deeply attached to and even defined by our beliefs, for they define our reality and are elemental to our sense of self, so any challenge to our core beliefs tends to feel like a personal attack. But this is equally true of those who hold opposing beliefs – such is our shared human condition.

I came across a song recently entitled Compassion, by singer /song-writer Lucinda Williams. With a powerful poetic eloquence, the song calls on us to be merciful and compassionate in our dealings with each other.

Have compassion for everyone you meet

Even if they don't want it

What seems like conceit

Is always a sign

Always a sign ...

Have compassion

Even if they don't want it

What seems like bad manners

Is always a sign

Always a sign ...

*Always a sign of things no ears have heard
Always a sign of things no eyes have seen
You do not know
What wars are going on
Down there, where the spirit meets the bone
Down there, where the spirit meets the bone*

Compassion can only thrive where there is a common recognition that those “wars” that Williams’ 3 song speaks of are the shared wars of our common humanity. That my suffering is always a part of what Martin Luther King so poetically called, “our inescapable network of mutuality”. If we are to win those “wars” we need to put away our commonplace indignant intolerance for the basic humanity of being human. That is what Jesus is encouraging us all to recognise when he calls on us to ...

[Always] Be merciful as your Father is merciful [Luke 6:36].

Peace,
Tony

The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – Thanksgiving Services

The Church of Scotland at West Tweeddale is deeply saddened by the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and share the sorrow the country is feeling at this time.

Community thanksgiving services were held in memory of The Queen on **25th September, 2022**, at **Broughton Village Hall** and at **St. Andrews Church, West Linton**. Both services were led by the Rev. Dr. Tony Foley.

A recording of the thanksgiving service for Queen Elizabeth II held at Broughton can be found on the West Tweeddale Parishes website www.westtweeddale.org.uk.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will hold our **Harvest Supper in church on Saturday 8th October at 6.30pm.** Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic for the first course as well as plates and cutlery and there will be a pot luck dessert of cakes and traybake. Please contact Jean Howat or your elder if you would like to come so that we have an idea of numbers. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The **Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 9th October at 10am.** We would welcome donations of produce and food, which will be delivered to the Food-bank in Penicuik. There will also be a retiring collection in aid of Bethany Christian Trust. Again all are welcome. Jean Howat

Decorating the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving

Friday 7th. October, 9:30am onwards.

If anyone would like to help please come along and join in.

Donations of garden flowers & foliage would be very much appreciated and can be handed into the church at 9.30.

THE GUILD

We have good news! Newlands and Kirkurd Guild, and Upper Tweeddale Guild have now decided to close down, but instead in their place, we now have the new West Tweeddale Guild which will be there for all the 6 churches in our linkage.

Working together, we hope to better support the work of all our churches in our communities, and also the wider and much-admired work of the Church of Scotland Guild.

We will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon of each month from September to March, and will move round our area for each meeting.

The next meeting will be held in **Newlands Church on Wed 19th October at 2.30pm** when Robert Higgins will speak about the work of **The Care Van**, and everyone is welcome to come. If anyone is in need of a lift, please feel free to contact either Fiona Burnett, Margaret Habeshaw or any other Guild member.

M Habeshaw



Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal



BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets – things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas. Shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia.

Please check online for ideas of what you might put in a shoebox. Blythswood Care ask that each shoebox, if possible has a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat, and some item of underwear.

Blythswood Care: <https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Filler-ideas-for-Shoe-Box-Appeal.pdf>

Please contact Fay Young for Shoe Box Appeal leaflets and further information. Boxes can be left in Newlands church every Sunday in October. We would be very grateful to receive the filled shoeboxes no later than 23 October. They will be taken to Peebles for collection on Monday, 24 October 2022.

Thank you for your
kindness and generosity.
Your gift will truly
make a difference.





Messy Church will be starting again this winter on the following Sundays:

Sunday 13 November – Jesus the Light of the World

Sunday 11 December – Christmas

Sunday 15 January – The Good Samaritan

Sunday 19 February – Jesus the Healer

Sunday 12 March – The Feeding of the 5000 **Messy Church goes Wild outside!!**

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)

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Remembrance Sunday 13th November

There will be a service of Remembrance on 13th November and Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts are especially invited to attend in uniform.

CHRISTIAN AID'S *RISE UP, PAY UP*

Campaign against climate-related loss and damage

Christian Aid has released an activity pack to help churches take action on climate-related loss and damage. *Rise up Pay up* is available free; enter caid.org.uk/riseuppayuppolitical into your browser to be taken to the resource, which offers advice, statements and arguments that may be useful in lobbying MPs and other decision makers. A selective taster ...

The climate crisis is making extreme weather events such as droughts, floods and hurricanes more common. The impact can cause communities to lose everything and the damage done can be irreversible. This is a key issue for communities on the frontline who have done the least to cause it. In the global North, the loss and damage caused is often ignored by politicians and the public, and even by our churches.

The people most affected are already facing damage to harvests and homes, they are losing their lives, land and culture. Often the impacts are too great for communities to adapt because they happen too quickly or are on too large a scale. Meanwhile polluters continue to burn fossil fuels, to profit from the poison they produce and turn their backs on the damage already done. It's time for the biggest polluters to pay up to repair what's been damaged.

CA believes it's time for governments across the world to set up a central fund to pay for the loss and damage. The companies and countries most responsible must contribute the most. The money needs to be new, not taken from existing budgets, and be in the form of grants, not loans with high interest rates. Time and again, rich countries have shown that huge sums can be found quickly when the political will is there. The fund could be financed by taxes on fossil fuel extraction, air passenger levies or redirecting fossil fuel subsidies.

What can we do in the UK?

The UK is a historical polluter. Like other similar countries, it has continually blocked calls from climate vulnerable countries to establish a loss and damage fund. The UK is still seen as a world leader on climate (COP26 in Glasgow) and should use its influence to persuade other countries to do their share. CA wants to raise awareness of the issue among the wider public so that our government realises that the UK population want action.

For more information, including how to maximise impact with your political representatives, read the resource on the Christian Aid website at [L&D Church Activity Pack Online J288467.pdf](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/L&D-Church-Activity-Pack-Online-J288467.pdf) (christianaid.org.uk)

Robert Higgins *Chair, linkage Christian Aid committee*



www.bikesforrefugees.scot

Can YOU help?

I have recently heard about an organisation Bikes for Refugees Scotland who are looking for donations of bikes, locks, lights, cycle racks, panniers, new helmets, tools and funds. Volunteer bike mechanics do up the donated bikes and they are then passed on to refugees and asylum seekers to support their resettlement as new Scots. It sounds like a good scheme – there must be so many bikes and cycling equipment gathering dust in garages and sheds everywhere? It would be nice to know that your old bike will be put to good use again helping someone else integrate and mobilise after going through difficult times. Donated bikes should be in reasonable condition – no junk please!

Check it out on the internet via the following links:

www.bikesforrefugees.scot

<https://www.bikesforrefugees.scot/bike-donors/#donate=a-bike-form>

If there is a lot of interest locally, we could possibly organise bulk collection of suitable donations?

Robert Higgins

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



**The next meeting will take place at the Newlands Centre,
Romanno Bridge at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 October 2022**

**Eddleston Community Council will be joining us on the evening as we will
have a special guest speaker from Scottish Borders Council who will out-
line the benefits of the new Placemaking initiative.**

Come along to hear how the initiative will benefit our area, meet some of our
local councillors and hear what's going on elsewhere in the area.

Community Councils give people a voice on issues concerning where they
live. 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

WEDNESDAY CAFE

Open from 10am till 2pm.

Choice of soups including veggie option.

Bacon and egg rolls plus home made cakes and scones available.

French class on a Wednesday morning and
Yoga classes on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Large hall available along with kitchen facilities for birthday parties.

Email info @lamanchahub.org.uk for further information.

KIRKURD SWI

All meetings are held in Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge, on the first Tuesday of the month.

Contact Margaret Adamson Tel. 01721 752242

email: kirkurdswi@yahoo.com

OR Mo Lamb Tel. 01721 752275

Tuesday 4th. October 2022 7:30pm

The first meeting of the new session with Roddy MacFarlane who will talk about 'No Mad Beat', Peebles.

Competitions: Individual Fruit Tart

Item with a musical connection.

Vote of thanks: Mo Lamb Hostess: Sandra Howieson

Thursday 27th. October : Meeting with Diane Cooper, CEO of SWI
St. Andrew's Leckie Church Hall, Peebles. 7:30pm.

This meeting is open to all SWI members, to give everyone the opportunity to hear first hand the changes which are being made within SWI.

Tuesday 1st. November 7:30pm OPEN NIGHT All Welcome

Gardens of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, with Patricia Keppie, Public Engagement Coordinator.

Tuesday 6th. December 7:30 Practical Night with Margaret Leiper

Garden Ramblings

Judging by the skeins of geese flying down from the north, Autumn is almost upon us although we haven't had a frost yet. Once the temperature falls below 6 degrees it's time to bring in the pelargoniums, begonias and tender fuchsias if you wish them to survive into next year.

Bulbs are so tempting arranged on the garden centre plant stands so who could resist them? I have succumbed and bought some tulips and mini daffs. They will go into pots to cheer us up early next year.

Acers are lovely but sadly are not always hardy in our area but there are substitutes available for that much loved red colouring of the leaves. Look out for Amelanchier and Euonymus shrubs. Both are doing well here at Lamancha and are easily pruned in Spring.

Last month I wrote about a new clematis purchased this summer called " Polish Spirit ". A beautiful dark blue colour. Well, it's still flowering its socks off. Must look for another one for the front garden.

Perennials that are still giving off some colour are yellow rudbeckias and heleniums, old fashioned tall blue michaelmas daisies, clematis tangutica, antirrhinums and violas.

Last year I bought 4 hydrangeas and first prize goes to Vanille Fraise as it is covered in blooms which start off white and fade to pink. One other has two white blooms and nothing on the others.

Hasn't everyone's Victoria plums done well this year? I have made a few pots of jam and have also eaten quite a few plus giving some away.

Happy Autumn planting everyone and don't worry about tidying up too much. The wee beasties will thank you for it!

Cilla Davidson

NEWLANDS SWI

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday the 13th of October at 7.30 in the Lamancha Hub cafe. Members please note that the annual subs are due. Cost £25 and £2.50 for visitors who are always welcome. This month Rona Dodds from Quercus is giving us a talk on plants for difficult places which should be interesting. Competition is for the prettiest scarf .

All welcome. Teas and coffees provided.

Cilla Davidson





Tool maintenance workshop

Saturday 15th Oct
2-3pm

Newlands Centre,
Romanno Bridge

Tickets £3

Learn how to hand-sharpen garden tools such as scythes, secateurs and knives. Paul Macdonald, custom sword and knife-maker at Macdonald Armouries will teach us the principles of blade maintenance so we can get our tools ready for winter pruning.

Tea and cake will be available as part of the event.

Limited tickets available. Scan the below Eventbrite barcode to book a space or contact Lizzie on lizzie@newlandscentre.org.uk or 07817537269 for more details



Newland's community garden **ACTION DAY**

Newland's Grow Your Own are creating a child friendly community garden space. The garden will be for everyone to enjoy including Newland's school children, Newland's Kids, parents/carers and our local community.

We'd love it if you could come and lend a helping hand to get the garden set up, from filling raised beds to sowing wildflowers we'd be grateful for any help.

Please call Lizzie on 07817537269 or email lizzie@newlandscentre.org.uk if you have any queries.



Save the date: Sat 22nd October
1-4pm

There will be tea and cake
and a bouncy castle!



newlands
grow your own



Lyne Organics
Scottish Borders



01753 811111

Make your own organic toiletries workshop

Saturday 29th Oct

10.30am-4.30pm

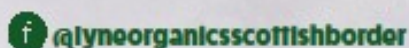
Newlands Centre,
Romanno Bridge

Tickets £20

Join us at Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge for a workshop with Lyne Organics to create toiletries from ingredients found in the kitchen cupboard and botanicals found in the garden. Ideal Christmas gifts or to keep for yourself.

Light lunch and drinks will be available as part of the event.

Limited tickets available. Scan the below Eventbrite barcode to book a space or contact Lizzie on lizzie@newlandscentre.org.uk or 07817537269 for more details



Products contain essential oils, an allergy form will be completed on booking

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Material for the November magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

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