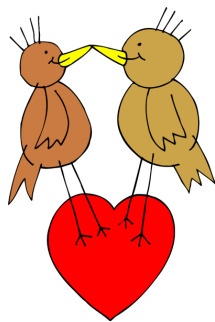




*Kirkurd & Newlands
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All Services back in Church

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>
05 February 2023	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
12 February 2023	Colin Herd	Steven Whalley	Colin Herd
19 February 2023	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
26 February 2023	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison
05 March 2023	Murray Campbell	Mary McElroy	Murray Campbell

Welcome: Joan White and Stuart Rose

Church Cleaning: Yvonne Ashforth



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
05 February 2023	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell
12 February 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley
19 February 2023	Isobel Hunter	David Howat	Isobel Hunter
26 February 2023	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington
05 March 2023	Fiona Burnett	Mary McElroy	Fiona Burnett

'Be still'

(What happens to time - happens to us.)

Sometime around in 1995, human society began to change because human interaction changed. The change started out subtle and unnoticed. The fact that it was unnoticed does not make it any less disturbing. When I think about the time before the Internet and mobile phones, it seems like remembering another age, and age when letters came once a day, at set times, by the hands and feet of the postman. The 'News' came in three forms — radio, television, print — and usually at 6-hour intervals or in the case of the newspaper once a day.

Those mail and newspaper deliveries punctuated the day like church bells. You could read about news events in your newspaper or savour a letter from a friend over breakfast with your tea and toast. If there were developments during the day you would hear about them on the evening news or the next day's newspaper. You listened to or watched the news when it was broadcast, since there was no other way to see or hear it. Everybody you knew relied on the same sources of news, so when they talked about current events they did so in terms of a shared reality. Time passed in what now seem like large units, of days and hours and not in milliseconds that are constantly filled with endless updates. Before the Internet and mobile phones a few hours were not such a long time to go between moments of contact with your work or your friends. But after 1995 letters morphed into emails, and for a time emails had all the depth and complexity of letters. They were a beautiful new form that spliced together the intimacy of what you might write from the heart with the speed of the telephone. Then emails deteriorated into something more like text messages and text messages were reduced to emojis.

Ironically despite the rapid advances in contemporary technology even phone calls on our shiny new mobile phones are prone to poor sound quality, "*you're breaking up*" has become the anthem of our age." *You're breaking up*", aptly describes what has happened to human connectedness. Our written communication has dwindled to phrases and fragments, while spelling, grammar, and punctuation are fly tipped in favour of speed.

Slowly and surely a restlessness has seized hold of us, a sense that we should be doing something else. There is this inescapable sense we should be doing at least two things at once, like talking to a friend on the phone and at the same time texting another friend on the same phone while putting the person in the room with us *'on hold'*. We are now captive to a collective free-floating anxiety about keeping up, of knowing for the sake of knowing, of not being left out or getting behind. Our lives now have ratings measured by how many likes, hearts, or retweets we get on Facebook and Twitter. In an age when our time is being constantly swallowed and our relationships desiccated by a multitude of 'communication' technologies that are deliberately designed to distract our attention and vaporise our life's time the greatest gift you and I can give another this year is the gift of total, uninterrupted, undistracted presence. Did you know that in the Bible it is God who always encourages human beings to stop – to *'Be still'*, *'Consider the lilies'*, *'Come aside and rest'*.

His presence is the gift that God most wants to give to you today. That is what the Christmas we recently celebrated was really all about – *"Emmanuel, which means God with us"*. So do yourself a favour this week, put your phone down, turn off your computer and accept the invitation.

Peace,

Tony

West Tweeddale Guild

The February meeting will be held on 15th Feb at 2.30pm in Carlops Church.

The Carlops Eco Group will be organising this meeting, with an invited speaker passing on home energy saving advice. All are welcome.

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Who are we? We are a group set up by West Tweeddale Parishes in response to the current economic and fuel problems to offer help and support to the whole community.

What are we doing? We're signposting 'warm events' across the 6 parishes where a warm welcome, refreshments and a chance to meet friends is offered. We're also organising a few fun and informative events to help everyone save a bit of cash over the winter. Look out for further posters advertising these events with the Winter Warmer logo. A monthly timetable is posted around the villages and can also be viewed on the West Tweeddale website (westtweeddale.org.uk).

Need some emergency help? These organisations are nearby



Food
Facts
Friends

Penicuik Foods, Facts & Friends
42 John St Penicuik EH26 8AB
www.foodfactsfriends.org.uk



Peeblesshire Foodbank
1 Silverbirch Studios, Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU
07413 484174 peeblesshire.foodbank.org.uk

Crisis Assistance from the Minister's Barnabas Fund

07943 509906 emergencyfoodbank@standrewswestlinton.org.uk

For further information about West Tweeddale Winter Warmers please contact the church office on 01968 733112



MESSY CHURCH

January 2023



**The next Messy Church session is on
Sunday 19 February 2023 – Jesus the Healer**

**The session runs 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 howatjean@gmail.com

Lamancha, Newlands and
Kirkurd Community Council



**The next meeting will take place at the
Lamancha Hub (café area)
on Wednesday 15 February 2023
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



***** Save the Date *****



Pudding Night

Friday 3rd February, 6.30 pm, in Newlands Church.

Volunteers make soup and everyone brings a pudding to share. There will be a raffle. Proceeds to Crisis Assistance from Minister's Benevolent Fund and Practical Action. Tickets (£5) on sale in January, children free.

LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB

Open every Wednesday from 10 till 2. Come and enjoy a choice of soup and filled rolls plus scones, cake and hot drinks.

Rooms including cafe are available to book for private meetings, parties and talks etc. at £10 per hour.

The BBQ hut is available at £15 a session.

Cilla Davidson

At the January meeting members and friends enjoyed an excellent demonstration by Stephen and Jayne Edge of Campbell's Fudge, Tweedsmuir.

As he produced a batch of tablet, Stephen gave many useful tips and hints for making tablet and fudge at home. We enjoyed sampling the freshly made tablet.

He described how for small beginnings they now produce 17 tonnes of tablet and fudge each year, which is sold throughout Britain and also exported all over the world.

They also brought with them a wide variety of fudge and tablet for sale.

Doreen Graham gave a very well-deserved vote of thanks.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 7th. February:** Soap Matters
Christine Blundell, West Linton

Competitions: wrapped tablet of soap 2 cherry scones

Christine will have items for sale.

Tuesday 7th. March OPEN NIGHT 'Our Sporting Life' with Paralympians
Aileen Neilsen & Michael McCreadie,
both wheelchair curlers.

This meeting is open to all. Visitors £5

Saturday 11th. March Peeblesshire Federation SWI
Annual Bulb & Craft Show at Newlands Centre.
Competitors' entries to be in place 8:30 - 9:30am
Doors open to the public 1:00pm
Entry £5 includes tea / coffee, biscuits.

Garden Ramblings

January is almost over and it hasn't been too bad really. The mornings have been the worst but now it is so much lighter. Snowdrops are a bit late but appearing now. I have even seen our local bluetits house hunting amongst the bushes. (Must set up another couple of nesting boxes). I must confess to being an untidy gardener as I wait till later to do my pruning. This year though I'll be attacking the roses soon as all the hips are gone. Will also try rooting some hardwood cuttings which I've never done before.

I walked into a garden centre last week and first thing I saw was a female holly, Ilex Golden King, which I have been looking out for ages. My male hedgehog holly should be happy now and I hope to get berries sometime in the future.



I have my raised veg bed empty for planting leeks and spinach so will be sowing seeds of the perpetual spinach as it is very easy to grow and can be frozen. I removed my old strawberry plants as something was eating them before they ripened. Chief suspect was the resident Blackie, but then again it might have been Goldie, senior hen who used to lay eggs for a big supermarket. Happy gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson



NEWLANDS SWI

Our January meeting was well attended and proved popular as we were glad of the helpful information given by local man Alex Stevens on cyber security. Vote of thanks was given by Nancy Dow. Thanks also due to Ilka and Sarah for the delicious teas.

Our February meeting will be a talk on recycling by our local councillor Begg.

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 March magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday, 21 February 2023.



Newlands and Kirkurd Parish Church



<http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>