



Newlands and Kirkurd



parish magazine

December 2017
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John's gospel has no Christmas story as such, no angels, no stable, no wise men. But it does say that when Christ came, light flooded into the world and the darkness has never managed to put that light out.

It seems entirely appropriate that when news of the first Christmas was announced to the world as in Luke's version of the story, the dark night sky was flooded with light and with the sound of angels singing. Darkness was dispelled in a very dramatic way.

If ever we are lying awake at night worrying about something, the darkness is always more intense, and the problems even greater than they seem when daylight comes. It is now 12 months since I was asked to come and serve in your three parishes. And if there have been some nights when I have lain awake and worried, how much more difficult it must have been for all of you as the months of uncertainty have dragged on. For all of us it has been a potent reminder that even in the best of societies, different forces can be at work and that people can be hurt and good work impeded and set back, often when we least expect it. But when we look at the Christmas story once more, we see that this precious child was not born in a comfortable home, lying on silken cushions with an adoring world at his feet. This vital birth took place in a borrowed stable far from home because of a Roman decree to a conquered people. His birth occasioned the slaughter of many innocent babies, and he and his family immediately became refugees fleeing for their lives from a jealous king. Never was light more wanted or needed.

I cannot know exactly what lies ahead for you all, but I trust that it is within God's plan that there is a positive and vibrant future for the parishes as you seek to worship and carry out your ministries. It has been a privilege to work with you and I have enjoyed being 'back in harness'. I know that with Nancy's continuing work, and under the guidance of Dr Finlay Macdonald, the way ahead will be clearer. Kirk joins me in wishing you every blessing, this Christmas and always. Rachel

OUR WARMEST THANKS TO RACHEL DOBIE

We have been very fortunate to have The Rev Rachel Dobie as our Interim Moderator over the past year. She has worked tirelessly taking services, chairing meetings, ensuring the smooth running of the church and parish and guiding us through some difficult times. We enormously appreciate all her efforts, particularly during this 700 Anniversary year of worship at Newlands. We look forward to working with The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald, who will be taking over as Interim Moderator in January.



CHRISTMAS DATES

**Christmas Gift Service, Sunday 10
December 10am, Newlands Church**

Please bring new gifts for children up to
16. They will be distributed through the

Salvation Army to children in the Borders. They should be
unwrapped but wrapping paper is much appreciated.

**Blue Service, Sunday 10 December 7pm, St Andrews, West
Linton**

A Christmas service for those for whom Christmas may not be an
altogether happy time, or who may be feeling the loss of loved ones.

**Joint Carol Service, Sunday 17 December 7.00pm, St Andrews
West Linton**

Nativity Service, Sunday 24 December 10am, Newlands Church

This will be a family service and we would warmly welcome
children of all ages and their parents.

**Watchnight Service, Sunday 24 December 11.30pm, Newlands
Church**

**Christmas Day Service, Monday 25 December 11.15am, St
Andrews, West Linton**

Blythswood Christmas Shoeboxes

Communion Sunday 14 January 2018, 10am

We will be celebrating Communion and all are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection, which
I'm sure will be well on their way for distribution to make someone's
Christmas happy. Fay

Remembrance Service

Thanks to Rev. Jim Wallace for a lovely service on Sunday and it
was nice to see so many Guides, Brownies & Rainbows, as well as
Congregation taking part in this special service. Thanks too to
Robbie Crick, West Linton Pipe Band who was our piper this year,
and to all those who continued on to Kirkurd Memorial.

NEWLANDS SWI



The November meeting was a talk by Lesley Glidden about First Aid in the home. Lesley gave the members many hints and information about how to stay safe in our houses and also how to react if accidents do happen. Fay gave a well deserved vote of thanks.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th December in Lamancha Hub at 7.30 pm. when Libby Cairns will demonstrate crafts for Christmas. The competitions are a short poem on Winter and 3 chocolate crispies.

The first meeting in 2018 is a joint meeting with Kirkurd WI in Netherurd Hall on Wednesday 10th January at 7.30 p.m. and is a Talk on a Turkish Refugee Camp.

KIRKURD S.W.I.

At the November meeting Garry Rennie assisted by brother Mike gave a fascinating insight into starting up their business venture – Peebles Auction House. From small beginnings 4 years ago, they now run auctions every fortnight and over the years have had some very interesting items to sell. Some members brought along some small items which Garry & Mike were pleased to discuss. Jane Prady proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: An old ring: 1st. Morag Lamb 2nd. Elma Noble.
Small dish fish pate: 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Janet Noble.

Wednesday 6th. December: Practical Night – Christmas Wreaths with Margaret Adamson.

For worksheet contact Margaret.

Competitions: an old Christmas Card Best wrapped box of tissues.

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Wednesday 10th. January My visit to Kurdish Refugee Camps with Viv Thomson
Competitions: Scarf – any craft Photograph Frame

Wednesday 7th. February: Velvet Hall Alpacas, Innerleithen.
Competitions: Fisherman's hat – pattern available Animal picture.

With best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council



Small grants for local groups

The Community Council is able to award small grants of up to £50 to local groups. If your group is planning an event or working on a project why not apply. Email and let us know about your group, what they are planning and who will benefit.

If you would like to apply for a grant or would like more information about the work of the Community Council, please email lnkccchair@gmail.com.



The next sessions of Messy Church are on:

Sunday 10 December – Christmas session

Sunday 4 February

Sunday 4 March

They 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! After a game to start the children will do a range of craft activities, then have a song and a story and finish off with a meal together. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Jean Howat (01968 660677)

howatjean@gmail.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at Newlands and Kirkurd Church and Netherurd.

Please register your daughter's interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk



If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering then please call Alison Turpie 07967 591406. Your local units need you!

News from the 2000m² Project

Food Waste Collections

Our regular weekly collections will continue from Newlands and West Linton Primary Schools over the

Christmas Period at the usual times, with the exception of Boxing Day and 2nd January when there will

be no collections. If it would suit you better during the holidays it is now possible to bring your caddies to

Whitmuir Farm, Monday - Friday, 9.00 - 4.30pm, where you can weigh in your waste and collect an empty caddy.

Upcoming Events

Join us for mince pies and a glass of spiced apple juice at our final **Plant & Rant** volunteering session on

Saturday 9 December. We have moved the session time to 1-3pm due to the fading afternoon light. We

hope you can join us [for this sociable session](#). If you are thinking of volunteering in the new year, please

feel free to come along for a chat.

We will be running another **Cookery Course in February**, looking at ways to cook great, healthy food

using local, sustainable ingredients. Dates to be announced soon, keep an eye on our website and

facebook pages or email activities@whitmuircommunityfarm.org to register your interest.



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2000m² Project: Food for a better climate is funded by the

Scottish Government's Climate Challenge



Mothers and Toddlers

Netherurd Memorial Hall 10-11.30am

The last meeting of this session will be on

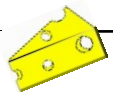
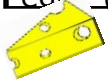
Thursday 14th December

We will start again on

Thursday 11th January

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.
Look forward to seeing you all then.

Peary (01968 682231) and Pat (01721 752205)



Fun for the children - find the mouse!

Each month a little church mouse will be hidden in this magazine. Ask your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbour's children, or maybe have a go yourself to find the little rascal.

Circle him and bring your magazine to the last Sunday service of the month. Happy hunting



A tour of the Holy Land is going ahead next April (the week after Easter - Thursday 5th to Thursday 12th April 2018).

The itinerary will include Tiberias; boat trip across the Sea of Galilee; Capernaum; the Mount of Beatitudes; Nazareth; the ancient city of Jericho; floating on the Dead Sea; Qumran; the Desert Fortress at Masada; Jerusalem (Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Garden Tomb, Mount of Olives plus...); Bethlehem; and lots more. We will have the opportunity at various points to worship and pray, as we travel around the country. Each day will conclude with a chance to gather together after dinner, for fellowship, stories and devotions.

Cost is approx £1,460 per person, including half-board accomodation and flights from Manchester.

Anyone interested should contact Rev Ian K Gray for a brochure.

Rev. Ian K. Gray

LAMANCHA COMMUNITY

hub

Lamancha Hub is a family friendly community centre which has two multi purpose halls (recently re-decorated), a community garden, a children's play area and a Scandinavian Barbecue Hut. Recent events at the Hub include a Christening Party and birthday parties where the BBQ hut was included in the package. We also have first aid courses organised by a fully qualified paramedic.



The Barbecue Hut seats 15 and only costs £15 to hire!

The BBQ hut is all ready with charcoal for anyone fancying something a wee bit different. Only £15 for a day or an evening.

What's on at the hub

Tuesday: Mindful Yoga
7.30pm

Thursday: Hatha Yoga 9.30am

Thursdays Pilates! Beginners and intermediates. First class starts 6.15pm - Second class 7.15pm

Drumming lessons: call Ian
07847 486074

Café Open Wed to Fri 10am to 3pm in Winter months

Tel: 01968 660008

Email: info@lamanchahub.org.uk

Run by the Lamancha & District Community Association, a charity reg in Scotland, no SC035299 & a company limited by guarantee reg in Scotland no SC263766. Reg office is: Old School House, Old Moffat Road, Lamancha, Peeblesshire EH46 7BD

DECEMBER 2017

MON	13:00	ART CLASS (TOM HENRY)
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR FOOTBALL
	15:00	GUITAR TUITION
	18:30	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	19:45	CLUBBERCISE
TUE	13:30	IYNEGAR YOGA
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL
	18:15	PILATES
	19:00	BRIDGE CLUB
WED	09:00	SPEAK OUT FRENCH
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS
	19:00	CHOIR-THE WEDNESDAYS
THU	10:00	SENIOR TABLE TENNIS
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR BASKETBALL
	18:30	NEWLANDS YOUTH GROUP
	20:00	BEESLACK KEEP-FIT CLUB
FRI	09:00	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	10:00	NEWLANDS SURF CLUB
	19:00	NEWLANDS SOUND CAFE
SAT	09.00	YOGA—FOR MEN (MOSTLY!)
SUN	19:30	NEWLANDS SENIOR BB

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Featured Activities

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SENIOR BASKETBALL

Friendly unisex club
For both novice & experienced players
New members always welcome

SUNDAY's
7:30 - 9pm

HOGMANAY
at Newlands

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Song, Music & Ceilidh
Buffet Supper & Bar
Free Minibus
20:30 - 01:00

Adults - £24.00
Children (U16) - £10.00

Tickets from www.newlandscentre.org.uk

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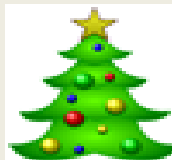
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**Noel Night out at
The Netherurd
Sat 9th December
8pm to Midnight**



**Kick start the festive season
with your neighbours!
BYOB £4 on the door adults
only (to cover hall hire and
tableware)**



Wearing of festive bling and Christmas jumpers encouraged!

**We had a great turn out last time so please call or text one of
us to secure your place as numbers are limited.**

**To keep up to date find us on Facebook "Night out at The
Netherurd" and request to join our group! Spread the word!**

**Alison Turpie 07967 591406 "Knock Knowes" Blyth Bridge
Sarah Wilson 07821 039336 "Kirkdean" Kirkurd
Caz Mosley 07733 448225 "Kirkdean Farm" Kirkurd**

6/12	Kirkurd SWI Netherurd Hall
10/12	Messy Church Christmas session West Linton
10/12	Blue Service West Linton 7pm
13/12	Newlands SWI Lamancha Hub 7.30pm
17/12	Joint Carol service West Linton 7pm
24/12	10am Newlands Church Nativity
24/12	11.30pm Watchnight service
25/12	11.15 Christmas Day Service West Linton
10/1	Newlands and Kirkurd SWI at Netherurd Hall 7.30pm
14/1	Communion Sunday 10am



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Kirkurd and Newlands Parish



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