



# Newlands and Kirkurd



**parish magazine**

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Church Services  
 Newlands Church 10am  
 Adventurers 10am



	Carlops	<b>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</b>	West Linton	Extra
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rachel Dobie (10am)	Barry Hughes	Barry Hughes	6pm Communion Chris Levison Carlops
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Murray Campbell	Rachel Dobie	Rachel Dobie	
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mary McElroy	Murray Campbell	Rachel Dobie	
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rachel Dobie	Mary McElroy	Rachel Dobie	

**Elders Rota:** February: Anne Goodall and Janette Raeburn  
 March Ilka Roehle and Fay Young

**Church Cleaning:** February Yvonne Ashforth  
 March Fay & a helper?



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## Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends

Like many of us, I suspect, I am less fond of the greyness and coldness of some of our winter days. They sometimes seem to drag on and I long for more sunlight and warmth. One of the things which always gives me encouragement has just appeared in the grass beside our front door. It's a little clump of snowdrops brought to us by a friend some years ago. As they push their way through the sometimes frozen surface with dogged determination, they seem to say "We're here! We're here! Cheer up!" And it is cheering. They just seem like one of nature's miracles. They succeed you might think, against all likelihood. Their secret is that like some other winter bulbs, they have something similar to antifreeze in their structure and it makes them hardy enough to survive and bloom through the worst of times.

Even without something like SAD (Seasonally Affected Disorder) it is easy to be cast down at a time like this. It is easy to be discouraged and feel that the way forward might just be difficult. We don't have anti-freeze in our veins, but we do as Christians, have Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit present always in our lives. One of the roles of the Spirit is to strengthen and encourage and inspire.

In one sense, New Year is a splendid time to start afresh with a clean page, though being realistic I wonder how many of our resolutions have already bitten the dust! Moving on as congregations will not necessarily be as simple as we would wish. Pages might get spoiled and we may well feel at times as if we are pushing through frozen earth. But winter does not last for ever. The sun rises higher. The earth warms up. There is hope and growth and development are possible again. Paul mentions many human qualities in *Colossians 3* and in *3:14*, adds "... clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together".

Peace be with you.

Rachel

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## **700 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NEWLANDS CHURCH**

The first record of a church at Newlands dates back to 1317, so we will be marking this in a number of ways this year.

As part of our 700th anniversary celebrations the Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison (former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland) will be leading worship in Kirkurd and Newlands Church at 10am on Sunday 26 March 2017. Everyone is most welcome to attend this special service.

## **INTERIM MODERATOR**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rev Rachel Dobie for all that she has done as Interim Moderator over the past two months and also for her continued support. We are enormously grateful to her for the many services she has taken over Christmas and in January and for the way she has supported the Congregations and Communities across the three Churches in our Linkage.

We are all very much aware that it is a difficult time for everyone during this period. We do hope to have news from Presbytery very soon about the temporary suspension of our minister, Linda Dunbar,



### **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.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - register your daughter's interest and join the adventure. Volunteering opportunities available too.



Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or contact Alison [aturpie@live.co.uk](mailto:aturpie@live.co.uk)

## **THE GUILD**

### **Zomba Update**

Newlands Guild have invited Rev Bob Milne to come to their February meeting, to share the experiences of the Presbytery-organised Youth Visit to Zomba in Malawi which took place in July 2016. If possible, he'll have with him one of the young folk he accompanied on this 2 week visit , which was arranged to link up with young folk in our linked Presbytery in Zomba,. . They were involved in various projects involving children and young people in need of support, including a feeding programme. . This is a chance to hear some feed-back about this visit, and to renew the commitment of our parishes in linking up with communities in Zomba. The meeting will be held in Newlands Church on Wednesday 22 nd Feb at 7.30pm, and we hope that lots of folk will come along to support it. Another meeting for those interested in strengthening or establishing links with churches in other countries , will be held on Sunday 19th Feb in Innerleithen Church between 2.30 and 4.30pm. There will be the chance to talk with others from our Presbytery, about their experience of setting up successful linkages abroad, and there will be representation from the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland. Refreshments will be provided. This is being organised by our Presbytery.

### **NETHERURD MEMORIAL HALL**

Flourishing Borders – Happiness Habits Cafes held a very successful pop up cafe with a stovie lunch on Friday 20th January, where everyone had time to sit and chat, to share their views, thoughts and hopes for the future. We also all had a go at New Age Curling to round off the day. As a follow on from this another session of New Age Curling has been arranged:-

### **Flourishing Borders – Happiness Habits Cafes**

#### **New Age Curling**

**Thursday 16th. March**

**6:30 - 8:30p.m.**

**Netherurd Hall**

**All age groups**

## KIRKURD S.W.I.

At the December meeting Richard Nesbit from The Castle Warehouse Cook shop kept us entertained as he demonstrated many of the new kitchen gadgets which are becoming very popular. Margaret Adamson prop[osed the vote of thanks.

### Competitions:

Christmas Mug 1st. Janet Noble 2nd. Margaret Adamson  
Home made card 1st. Elma Noble 2nd. Margaret Adamson.

Alastair Wilson from Romanno Bridge gave a very interesting talk about Macmillan Cancer Care, at our January meeting. He highlighted much of the unseen work carried out by the charity and explained how much of the funding is allocated.

Nancy Blake proposed the vote of thanks.

### Competitions.

Starter using haggis 1st. Nancy Blake 2nd. Elma Noble  
Burns memorabilia 1st. Nancy Blake 2nd. Margaret Adamson

**Wednesday February 1st:** Sew Much Pleasure with Susan Crosby, Robertson

Competitions: Knitted baby's vest Old piece of needlework

**Wednesday March 1st.** Tray Bakes Kym Fletcher, Lanark

Competitions: 2 cupcakes Old Cookery Book

### Mothers and Toddlers

A very happy peaceful New Year to everyone and we hope you had a lovely Christmas.

The Toddlers had a lovely party with a welcome visit from Santa, complete with sack of toys.



We are up and running again:



THURSDAY MORNINGS 10-11.30, NETHERURD HALL

A warm welcome awaits any new members  
Any queries to Peggy 01968 682231 or Pat 01721 752205

Our December meeting was very informal with a few games, much chat and supper, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

2017 opened with a small group of us enjoying an interesting talk by Roger Hipkin of the Penicuik Development Trust.

This group holds various functions at the old Penicuik Town Hall, is developing the 'lost' Garden at Penicuik House - now selling some of its produce at Penicuik Market. Its latest venture has been to take on the Penny-co-press when the previous owners retired - this includes the well-stocked stationery shop, hopefully developing a small museum and of course, in a position to print cards, syllabus, posters etc.

v.o.t. Yvonne - 'writing' competition - 1st Margaret H, 2nd Nancy P. 3rd

Lin H. Only flower entry - Jean B. Teas - Annie and Jean

8th February: Crafts (knotting) Camille McHaffie. v.o.t. Nancy P. Tea Rota: Lyn L. Anne G.

Competitions: Indoor Flower 3 Pancakes

Thurs. 9th March: Bulb Show Tea Rota: Committee

Fri/Sat. 10th/11th March Peebles Federation Bulb Show

If you have recd. this [mag.in](http://mag.in) time, Members please note there will be a meeting regarding the Community Effort on Tuesday, 1st February at Nancy Porteous's house at 7.30 p.m. - please try to come along - thank you.

Sadly we had to record the death of our Honorary Member, Jean Retson, who had been a member of the Rural since she was aged fourteen. She was a hard-working, enthusiastic worker for our Rural for many years, and her wonderful displays of Spring Bulbs will long be remembered.



**The next sessions of Messy Church are on:**

**Sunday 5 February - Exploring the theme of love and the story of Martha and Mary**

**Sunday 5 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)

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## People Power

Have you ever considered joining your Community Council? The Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council (LNKcc) meets 9 times a year on the third Wednesday of the month except for July, August and December. Have you ever considered getting involved? It's not a huge time commitment, but the difference you could make is significant.

Our main role is to consult with local people and pass their views on to public sector organisation such as Scottish Borders Council (SBC), NHS Borders, the Scottish Executive and major utility services such as Scottish Water. SBC has a responsibility to consult with the Community Council about how local services are delivered and inform us of any changes or any issues that may affect our local area.

The meetings provide local people with the opportunity to discuss any issues at the Open Forum and in the last year we've looked at a variety of topics such as planning, street lighting, roads and where the school bus stops.

The LNKcc area includes a considerable number of villages and stretches from Leadburn to beyond Bryland. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15 February at 7.30pm at Netherurd Hall. If you can't make it but are still interested in finding out more email [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com). Hope to see you there. Iain Lamb, Chair.



## World Thinking Day

The Thinking Day service is a special service where all of our local uniform groups get together and think of each other across the world and of their commitment to international friendship and understanding. This is World Thinking Day.

Thinking Day Service is in St Andrews on Sunday 19th of February 11.15am - time to be confirmed.

All are welcome to come to this very family friendly and fun service in celebration of Girlguiding and Scouts all over the world.

Please come and support your local units.



# LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

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Saved from dereliction by local people, the Lamancha Community Hub is now a bright eco-friendly facility with two halls, a kitchen and café area, community garden, a children's play area and Finnish Barbecue House.

**Classes, Meetings, Team Building Days and more**

**Personal training sessions-one to one or small groups of friends**

**Drumming lessons with an experienced, professional drummer**

**Mindful Yoga - Tuesdays at 7.30pm**

**Hatha Yoga - Thursdays at 9.30am**

**Coming back soon in time for your holiday - Rusty French!**



## **BBQ like the Scandinavians**

**The Finnish Barbecue House seats 15 with the barbecue in the centre and only costs £15 per evening.**

**We supply the venue and charcoal. You supply the fabulous food and magical memories. Sorry, the snow isn't guaranteed!**

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

# Joseph

and his brethren

The story of Joseph is surely one of the most beautiful Old Testament stories.



*Performed by  
Class 3, Edinburgh Steiner School  
At Newlands and Kirkurd Church, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017,  
10.00 am  
All welcome*

## FEBRUARY 2017

MON	13:00	ART CLASS (TOM HENRY)
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR FOOTBALL
	15:00	GUITAR TUITION
	<b>16:45</b>	<b>OUTREACH JUDO</b>
	18:30	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	19:45	CLUBBERCISE
TUE	13:30	IYNEGAR YOGA
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL
	19:00	BRIDGE CLUB
WED	09:00	SPEAK OUT FRENCH
	11:00	SPEAK OUT GERMAN
	19:00	CHOIR-THE WEDNESDAYS
THU	10:00	SENIOR TABLE TENNIS
	15:00	SCHOOL JUNIOR BASKETBALL
	18:30	NEWLANDS YOUTH GROUP
	20:00	BEE SLACK KEEP-FIT CLUB
FRI	09:00	YOGA (LINDA SHAND)
	19:00	NEWLANDS SOUND CAFE
SAT	08:45	YOGA—FOR MEN (MOSTLY!)
SUN	19:30	NEWLANDS SENIOR BB CLUB



**Featured Activity**



JudoScotland

**Junior Judo  
Mondays**



**MARCH 11**  
Watch the 2017

**CALCUTTA CUP**

**At the Newlands Centre**

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Feb	Sew Much Pleasure - Kirkurd SWI
1 <sup>st</sup>	Feb	Community Effort - Newland SWI Nancy Porteous House 7.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Messy Church West Linton New Church Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Crafts (Knotting) Newlands SWI
15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	LNKcc Netherurd Memorial Hall 7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	World Thinking Day Service - West Linton Church, 11.15am (tbc)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb	Zomba update - Newlands Church 7.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	March	Tray Bakes - Kirkurd SWI
5 <sup>th</sup>	March	Messy Church West Linton New Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	March	Joseph - Newalnds Church
9 <sup>th</sup>	March	Bulb Show - Newlands SWI
10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup>	March	Peebles Federation Bulb Show
16 <sup>th</sup>	March	New Age Curling - Netherurd Memorial Hall 6.30 to 8.30
26 <sup>th</sup>	March	700 Years - 10am Newlands Church

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