

Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine



Christmas Services

Tuesday 24 December

6.30 pm Candlelight Service with carols - Tweedsmuir

7.00 pm Carols at Carlops

11.30 pm Watchnight Services at Newlands and West Linton

Wednesday 25 December

11.30 am Christmas Day service at West Linton



December 2024 - January 2025

Sunday Services

All our services are held in church but there is a Zoom link to services in Carlops at 10am and St. Andrews West Linton at 11.30am.



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West Tweeddale Parishes - December

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
01 December 2024	Kevin Scott	Murray Campbell	Kevin Scott
08 December 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley
15 December 2024	Sheena Livingstone	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington
22 December 2024	Rev Chris Levison	Peter Worthington	Rev Chris Levison
29 December 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Rosie Sim & Stuart Rose

Church Cleaning: Jean Howat

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
01 December 2024	Rev Tony Foley	-	-
08 December 2024	David Howat	Isobel Hunter	David Howat
15 December 2024	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett
22 December 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
29 December 2024	Fiona Burnett	Isobel Hunter	Fiona Burnett

Christmas Gift Service

Sunday 15 December, 10 am



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).

The Risk of Birth

It will soon be Advent – a time of hopeful waiting. It will of course be followed by a time of birth, a particular birth, a birth that speaks of new beginnings, of new possibilities and new potentials. All this happens because someone did not give up, someone was willing to take a risk, to make themselves vulnerable at a time when making oneself vulnerable was a dangerous thing to do. It happened at a time when demonstrating hope seemed such a forlorn thing to do. But do it He did.

‘For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...’ ISAIAH 9:6

I offer you this poem to think about this coming Advent season.

The Risk of Birth by Madeleine L’Engle

*This was no time for a child to be born,
On an earth beset by war & hate
When a nova lights the sky with warning
As time runs out & the sun burns late.
This was no time for a child to be born,
In a world suffocating under the rule of Rome
Were truth & honour are trampled with scorn—
Yet here the Saviour came to make his home.*

*When is the time for love to be born?
The Inn is full on the planet earth,
By greed & pride the world lies torn—
Yet Love still takes the risk of birth.
For this is the time for a Child to be born.*

Peace,

Tony



Sunday 15 December – Messy Christmas!

**The session starts at 4pm promptly
in the New Church Hall at West Linton.**

(The next session is on Sunday 19 January)

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.

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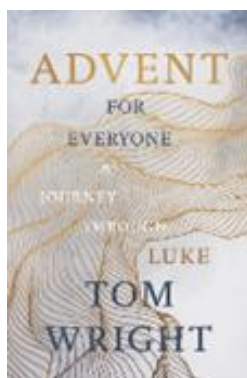
Advent Studies

Advent Study in the Manse,

West Linton,

Led by Yvonne Foley

Everyone welcome



Studying

Advent for Everyone

A journey through Luke

By Tom Wright

For 4 weeks starting November 26,

At 7.30 pm



Skirling Village and the
Parish of Upper Tweeddale

invite you to

**An Evening of Christmas
Carols and Mince Pies**

... and a quiz or two

Skirling Village Hall
Thursday 19th December
7pm until 9pm
Everyone welcome



LAMANCHA HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our cafe will be closing for a Christmas and New Year break. Dates for your diary are...last day opening is the 11th December and first day opening in 2025 is the 15th January. Wishing all our customers and volunteers a very merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

For further info about classes etc please email info@lamanchahub.org.uk

Cilla Davidson

Wanderings – gathering to connect life and faith;



wondering and wandering together.

Gather – connecting people from across the area, coming from different places.

Connect life and faith – facilitating a connection between our everyday physical lives and that which is bigger than ourselves through nature and spirituality.

Wonder – we will take time to wonder at the seen and unseen world around us, including space for silence and reflection.

Wander – we will be led on a planned walk through the woods. This will be neither fast nor in a straight line, though might be rough and muddy underfoot.

Together – we will ask questions, discuss and journey together with no-one left behind. There will often be time for a cup of tea and extra chat at the end.

Wanderings is a new project being run in partnership with the Church of Scotland parish of Upper Tweeddale. We have an initial plan to meet twice a month, once on a Saturday afternoon and once on Thursday or Wednesday mornings followed by an option to join in a community cuppa. If you would like to join a Wander just turn up at Broughtonknowe woods main carpark with warm, waterproof clothing and stout boots with good grip, some of the routes are a little steep, rough and muddy. We will be back to the car park within an hour and a half. There are composting toilets on site, if you have any additional needs, questions or need a lift (car sharing encouraged) get in touch. Anyone under 18y needs a responsible adult with them.

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Dates for next meetings

Wed 4th December 9.30am followed by Bite and Blether in Broughton Village Hall

Sat 28th December 10.30pm

Thurs 9th January 10.30am followed by lunch at Skirling Village Hall

Sat 25th January 2.30pm

Wed 5th February 9.30am followed by Bite and Blether in Broughton Village Hall

Sat 22nd February 2.30pm

Thurs 6th March 10.30am followed by lunch at Skirling Village Hall

Sat 29th March 2.30pm

There's a chance a walk might get cancelled or changed last minute if the weather would not make the walk safe. This will be e-mailed out and posted on our Facebook page, find this by searching "Wanderings – Scotland". If you would like to sign up to our emailing list, contact Nicola Campbell nshawcampbell@hotmail.com

Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd
Community Council...

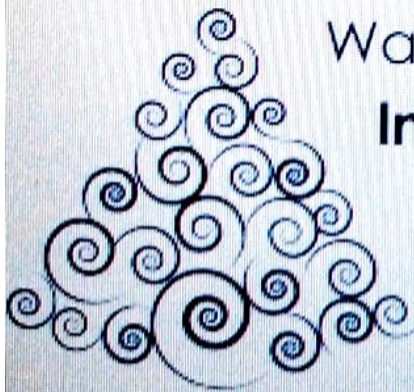


*...would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a very Happy
New Year*

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 15 January 2025
at the **Newlands Centre, Romanno
Bridge**

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

Local people, making a difference



Want to know more? Email
lnkccchair@gmail.com

Check out our Facebook page and
keep up-to-date on meetings,
local issues and guest speakers

On the evening of the 25th. November 1924, after an address by Miss Brown, SWRI Organiser, the ladies of Kirkurd decided to form a Women's Rural Institute.

The meetings to be held in Kirkurd School on Fridays (moonlight) at 7 o'clock.

First meeting, Wed. 10th. December 1924

It is now November 2024 and Kirkurd SWI is still going strong.

To celebrate this great achievement, we held a celebration on 5th. November, 'An Evening of Magic and Memories'. Sheila Voas, president, welcomed members, past and present, friends from the other Peeblesshire Institutes and Mary Burney, National President of SWI.

Mary Burney proposed a toast to Kirkurd and wished us well for many years to come.

This was followed by a very traditional supper, supplied by Broughton Bistro.

Prior to our meeting Neil Clunie had scanned our photograph albums and these photos were shown on the big screen throughout the evening.

To round off the evening entertainment was provided by Magic Ian from Edinburgh, who kept us guessing with his many tricks.

Sheila Voas proposed a vote of thanks.

Sadly, Peggy Wills passed away on the 23rd. October. Peggy was one of the longest serving members of Kirkurd SWI. Over the years she had been secretary and president several times. Always took a great interest in all the 'rural' activities and enjoyed the challenges of the competitions. She enjoyed cooking, baking and hand-crafts, especially knitting, often knitting for the community effort. If only her oven could talk. She enjoyed her garden and her flowers. Peggy was involved with many organisations in the area, the guild, mothers & toddlers, cubs, Netherurd Hall management committee, Christian Aid Committee and for many years organized the Poppy Collection in the district for Poppy Scotland.

Peggy was well known within the community and will be sadly missed.

Tuesday 3rd. December: Practical Night with Libby Cairns, West Linton

Competitions: Christmas wrapped box of teabags – to be donated Piece of Christmas Jewelry

Tuesday 7th. January 2025: Agriforestry, Andrew Adamson, Netherurd

Competitions: Item in wood 2 chocolate cookies

Tuesday 4th. February: Practical Night T.B.A.

Competitions: Winter Photograph Outdoor flower of the month.



The Guild

We welcome all those interested in joining West Tweeddale Guild on Wednesday January 15th at 2pm in Broughton Village Hall.

Nicola Campbell will be talking about 'Wanderings' which she has been developing as an alternative way of worship as folk enjoy walking in Broughtonknowe Wood. Come and find out more.

As usual, we will begin with a short act of traditional worship, and end with tea and cake.

Margaret Habeshaw

Garden Ramblings

Our favourite gardener Monty Don was on f/b this week with a photo of the best shrub in his garden... a "Mahonia Sunrise" and I have one too. I had never given it much attention before but now I can't help looking at it as the whole plant has so much to offer with its sprays of yellow flowers, holly like beautiful green leaves, now turning to fiery red.

I still have some bulbs of a white daffodil to plant as they only arrived yesterday, and thank goodness for polyanthus as I have bought a few more to add much needed colour at the door. Last year snowdrops appeared in December so I wonder what will happen this year. We have only had two nights of frost so far but our luck will not last much longer I fear. Never mind, we are getting nearer to the shortest day now.

All best wishes for 2025 to all you gardeners.

Cilla Davidson

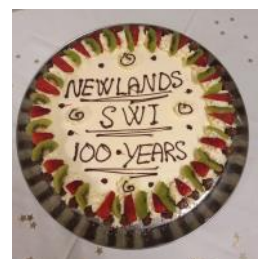
NEWLANDS SWI



This was a very special year for us as we celebrated 100 years! This past week has rolled by in a whirl. We held a lovely evening together with some WI friends in the old classroom at Lamancha Hub. The room was transformed with banners, lights, flowers and may I say, beautifully ironed tablecloths, which have seen many an event over the years. Catering was expertly done by the Italian bistro "Giovanni" from Penicuik. The entertainment was amazing from local guitarist Torquil Kennedy. He sang lots of old tunes including "A Bunch of Thyme" and a special favourite "Caledonia". Many thanks are due to him. We would also like to thank LNKCC and Lamancha Hub for their donations to help with costs.

Remains for me to say many more happy years together everyone.

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 February magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday, 21 January 2025



Newlands and Kirkurd Parish Church



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