

Newlands and Kirkurd



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# Church Services

Newlands Church 10am

Adventurers 10am



	Carlops	<b>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</b>	West Linton	Extra
4/2	Mary McElroy	Rev Nancy Norman	Very Rev Finlay Macdonald	6pm Communion Carlops
11/2	Rev Nancy Norman	Mary McElroy	Rev Nancy Norman	
18/2	Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman	Rev Nancy Norman	
25/2	Rev Nancy Norman	Chris Levison	Rev Nancy Norman	

Elders Rota: Feb. Rosie Sim and Stuart Rose  
Mar. Sarah Magee and Fay Young

Church Cleaning: Feb Yvonne Ashforth  
Mar. Rosie Sim



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One of loveliest Christian festivals is Candlemas, observed forty days after Christmas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Its origins lie in Luke, chapter 2, verses 22-38. There we read of Mary and Joseph, with the infant Jesus, visiting the temple to observe the prescribed rituals following childbirth. There they are greeted by the elderly priest, Simeon and prophetess Anna. Seeing the child, Simeon utters his famous song, the *Nunc Dimittis*, in which he proclaims Jesus to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel. In the secular sphere Candlemas is one of the legal quarter days along with Whitsunday, Lammas and Martinmas. Perhaps you know the old weather rhyme:

If Candlemas Day be dry and fair, half the winter's to come and mair;  
If Candlemas day be wet and foul, half the winter's gone at Yule.

On this basis, and after the recent snow, we'll be hoping for a wet and windy Candlemas!

But Candlemas is not just about darkness and light; it is also about the past meeting the future. Simeon and Anna represent the prophets of old; Jesus represents a new day in which the glory of Israel becomes a light to lighten the Gentiles.

I am aware that past months have not been easy and gratefully acknowledge the work done by Rachel and Nancy over that period. I have known and admired them both for many years and am already enjoying working with Nancy who continues as locum.

As I take on the interim moderatorship my prayer is that that we may all move on together in the Candlemas spirit, confident that God will provide light for the journey.

Grace and peace be with us all,

Finlay

## **USED STAMPS**

If your looking for a home for used stamps, we'll be pleased to take them, so if you can bring them to church, hand them into me or give them to anyone who knows me, that'll be great, and thank you. Fay

## **BLYTHSWOOD CARE**

Thank you very much to all who contributed to the Blythswood Christmas Shoeboxes, for which we have received an official notice of thanks.

We had an interesting presentation by Blythswood in November, giving us an insight into the projects and work that goes on all the year round, not just at Christmas. Some simple requests, and always welcome and indeed necessary are warm, wooly hats, scarves, gloves, socks etc., so if you're fingers are looking for activity during these cold, wintry days and evenings, or maybe a present received which is not the right size! Anything along these lines would be most welcome!

I'd be delighted to co-ordinate the collection and delivery of any donations, and thank you in anticipation. Fay (01968660374)

## **700 Anniversary of Worship at Newlands Church**

A leaflet has been produced about all the events celebrating our 700 year anniversary, with lots of photos of the Flower Festival in particular. It is available for £2 from the church or from your elder.

## **Christmas Eve Generosity**

The collection at the Watchnight Service raised £125 which has been donated to Bethany Christian Trust. Thank-you to everyone who contributed so generously.

### **Kirkurd and Newlands Kirk Session Meeting**

This will be held on Wednesday 7 February at 7.30pm in the Church Annexe.



## A tribute to Jimmy Harris

Jimmy's death at the end of December has left a gaping hole in the life of his family, friends, the church and the wider community. His whole life was characterised by a sense of service. As elder for around 50 years and session clerk for 45 years he made a huge contribution to Kirkurd and Newlands Church, including the refurbishment of the building around the Millennium. He built up close links with Castlecraig and was always there at the gate to welcome the group from Castlecraig. As current session clerk I valued enormously his wise counsel and advice.

He was a champion of children and youth: with Mary fostering children; working for many years on the Children's Panel; and also serving on the Peebles High School Board. He was a keen supporter of community events and founded the local community council.

In his professional life he made a significant contribution to agriculture as manager of Blyth Bank Farm for nearly 30 years. So many of us owe a great deal to Jimmy and he will be sorely missed.

Jean Howat

The December meeting was a very enjoyable one when every member made a Snowflake for Christmas with a wire template and assorted beads, under the expert guidance of Libby Cairns.

Newlands members were invited by Kirkurd members to join them in Netherurd hall for the January meeting when Viv Thomson told everyone about her visit to a Kurdish Refugee Camp. This was a most interesting and informative meeting.

The next meeting is on 14th February in Lamancha Hub at 7.30 p.m. when John Savory will speak about the restoration of native woodland at Carrifran. The competition is a photograph of birds.

### **KIRKURD S.W.I.**

At the December meeting the hall was filled with a wonderful selection of seasonal foliage, berries and cones as members constructed Christmas wreaths. Everyone made their own unique wreath embellishing them with ribbons, bells and baubles.

Janet Noble proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Old Christmas Card: 1<sup>st</sup>. Morag Lamb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jean Swan

Best wrapped box of tissues: 1<sup>st</sup>. Margaret Adamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Peggy Wills

On 10<sup>th</sup>. January members of Newlands rural joined us, when Viv Thomson gave an excellent presentation about her visit to a Kurdish refugee camp in Turkey. Viv and some work colleagues visited a refugee camp in 2016. She explained that the EU had provided the money to build this facility and this was temporary accommodation for mainly women, children and the elderly. We were all very impressed how clean and tidy everything was.

Mo Lamb proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Photograph Frame: 1<sup>st</sup>. Janet Noble 2<sup>nd</sup>. M. Lamb

Home made scarf any craft: 1<sup>st</sup>. M. Adamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. P. Wills

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. February:** Velvet Hall Alpacas from Innerleithen.

Competitions: Knitted Fisherman's Hat      Animal Picture

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. March:** Spring Crafts with Margaret Leiper, Kaimend

Competitions: Decorated Egg      Bowl of Bulbs

# *The Netherurd Memorial Hall*

A lovely vintage village hall set in the beautiful Scottish Borders countryside.

## **Regular clubs:**

Mothers and Toddlers

Rainbows Girl Guiding

Kirkurd Scottish Women's Institute ("The Rural")

Night Out at The Netherurd - regular social evenings

Ad-hoc local interest and seasonal events

## **Upcoming events:**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March - 8pm to Midnight - Night Out at The Netherurd - Saint Patrick's Day celebrations.

More details soon.

## **Hall hire**

Hire of the hall with or without use of the kitchen.

Hall capacity maximum 80 theatre style, 64 at tables

The hall has been in use over many decades and has been a wonderful venue for many memorable events. It boasts a lovely open fire and exudes a rustic charm in keeping with it's rural setting.

For further information about using the hall, please contact Margaret Adamson on: 01721 752242

## *Thank you*

The committee would like to thank everyone for their continued generous support at Pudding Night in November, which left a very handsome profit of £546 for hall funds.

# Romanno Bridge Flood Protection

Scottish Borders Council's Flood Team commissioned a flood study of Romanno Bridge to assess flood risk and recommend flood protection measures to manage flooding in the area from the Lyne Water.

SBC will present the findings and the preferred flood scheme option at the next meeting of the Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council.

**The meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at the Newlands Centre in Romanno Bridge, Peebleshire.**

All welcome.

Iain Lamb, LNKcc Chair  
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**The next sessions of Messy Church are on:**

**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)

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## The Guild

The next meeting of Newlands Guild takes place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm in the Old Church Hall, West Linton. Our speaker will be Molly Hardie who will be telling us about the progress of one of our Guild Projects – ‘Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia’ - which involves Christian Aid introducing the use of solar ovens to communities in Bolivia . This is already proving to be a great new resource, and is beginning to be attract the attention of other needy countries.

Please come along to join us, if you have any interest in Christian Aid and the valuable work it does. We’ll put out some extra chairs and tea-cups!  
Margaret Habeshaw

A tour of the Holy Land is going ahead 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*



## **Mothers and Toddlers**

Netherurd Memorial Hall 10am -11.30am

We welcomed everyone back on 11 January. If the weather is kind, meetings will continue at 10am until 11.30am on Thursday mornings.

There will be no meeting on 15 February. There is a charge of £2 for adults and 50p for children.

Peggy (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.

## **Girl Guiding - Exciting News!**

We are currently considering running a monthly Rainbow Unit and possibly combining it with a Brownie Unit to run at the same time . The monthly meeting would likely last 3 or so hours on a weekend day (possibly Sunday) in school term time. We appreciate that getting to weekly meetings for a short period of time isn't always possible and how difficult it can be juggling different classes especially with siblings. Therefore we would like to know if monthly combined Rainbow and Brownie meetings would be a good idea.

Rather than members working weekly towards challenges and badges these could be gained in one or two meetings. Having a longer allocation of time at one meeting would also enable us to run even more exciting activities for the girls. We would also continue to offer events that are offered to weekly units, such as sleepovers, fun days and trips.

In the event that someone misses a monthly meeting through illness or other commitments then we would offer catch up sessions.

If successful we may also consider running a holiday club.

Holding a monthly meeting would allow for more volunteers to get involved who previously may not have been able to help out due to other commitments.

We will continue to have weekly units in our district, so there will be plenty of options for joining Girl Guiding.

All of our units are run by volunteers and we are very lucky to have Rainbows, Brownies and Guides on our doorstep. Please take this opportunity to get in touch and let us know if you would be interested in your daughter attending a monthly unit, or if you would like to volunteer at our meetings. We are a friendly bunch and we really do have lots of fun!

Please contact Alison Turpie at [aturpie@live.co.uk](mailto:aturpie@live.co.uk) or call on 07967 591406 for more information.

New joiners please register at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

# LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

Lamanca 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!**

## **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 will reopen after winter in March.

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

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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



## News from the 2000m<sup>2</sup> Project

### Project Update

We have submitted our application to the Climate Challenge Fund for further funding for the 2000m<sup>2</sup> Project and hope to hear if we have been successful in the next few weeks. In the meantime we are continuing with our growing, cooking and composting activities and would be delighted to show people around. If you are interested in coming for a tour, either by yourself or bringing a group, please get in touch.

### Cookery World Tour 2018 - starts Sunday 18 February @ Old Church Hall, West Linton

Bored of eating the same food each week? Fed up with all the packaging you get with ready meals? Why not join us on our World Tour of Home Made Ready Meals? Learn to make your favourite takeaways for a fraction of the price at our FREE, friendly cookery courses. Aimed at all ages and levels of experience the course will work with individuals/families over 4 weeks to upgrade their culinary skills and set them on a healthy, climate friendly food journey for 2018. Starts Sunday 18 February at 1pm and runs for 4 consecutive weeks. For more information and to book a place please contact us: [admin@whitmuircommunityfarm.org](mailto:admin@whitmuircommunityfarm.org) via our website or by calling 01968 661029.

### Food and Seed Swap Day - Sunday 25 February

We are holding a food and seed swap day with the Tweeddale Food Community on Sunday 25 February starting at 4pm. There will be a chance to find out more about the 2000m<sup>2</sup> Project and the Tweeddale Food Community and take part in the seed and food swapping activities as well as a preserving workshop. For more information see our website or get in touch, details below.



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2000m<sup>2</sup> Project: Food for a better climate is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and is a part of the Whitmuir Community Benefit Society.

## Key dates for your diary

7/2	Kirkurd SWI
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14/2	Kirkurd SWI
14/2	Newlands SWI
21/2	Romanno Bridge Food Protection, Newlands Centre 7.30pm
21/2	The Guild 2pm Old Church Hall West Linton
25/2	Food and seed swap 4pm Whitmuir
7/3	Kirkurd SWI
18/3	Night Out at The Netherurd, St Patrick's Day celebration, 8pm to Midnight.
	



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