

Kirkcud & Newlands Parish Magazine
December 2023 & January 2024



Merry
Christmas
&
A Happy
New Year

Christmas Services

24 December 2023

6.30pm

Candlelight Service with Carols, Tweedsmuir

7pm

Carols at Carlops

11.30pm

Watchnight Service, West Linton

25 December 2023

Christmas Day services at West Linton and Skirling

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. howatjean@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>
03 December 2023	Fiona Burnett	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett
10 December 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley
17 December 2023	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell
24 December 2023	Rev Chris Levison	David Howat	Rev Chris Levison
31 December 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Fay Young & Jim Brown

Church Cleaning: December Fay Young



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
03 December 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
10 December 2023	Steven Whalley	Kevin Scott	Steven Whalley
17 December 2023	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
24 December 2023	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
31 December 2023	Fiona Burnett	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett

Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:
westtweeddale.org.uk

Christmas Gift Service - Sunday 10 December

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).



West Tweeddale Parishes



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07 January 2024	Sheena Livingstone	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
14 January 2024	Steven Whalley	Murray Campbell	Steven Whalley
21 January 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
28 January 2024	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
04 February 2024	Patsy Campbell	Mary McElroy	Patsy Campbell

Welcome: Rosie Sim & Stuart Rose

Church Cleaning: December: Annette & Alistair Hammond-Chambers

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04 February 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Mary McElroy	Rev Tony Foley

The Ethics of Christmas

I recently came across a sermon by St. Isaac the Syrian, who lived in the 7th century and was bishop of Nineveh. In his sermon he offers the following reflection on the ethics of Christmas. I offer them to you for your reflection this Christmas.

Christmas night offers Peace to the whole world.

Let no one threaten.

Christmas night is the night of the Most Gentle One.

Let no one be cruel.

Christmas night is the night of the Humble One.

Let no one be proud.

Christmas day is the day of Joy –

Let no one despair.

Christmas day is the day of Good Will –

Let us not be mean spirited.

Christmas day is a day of Peace.

Let us not be conquered by the anger of violence.

On Christmas day the Bountiful impoverished Himself for our sake.

Let the rich share their plenty with the poor.

On Christmas day we received a Gift for which we did not ask.

Let us give to those who in their need implore us.

I do sincerely hope and pray that you and yours have a very peaceful, very happy, and in St Issac's sense, ethical Christmas.

Peace,

Tony

Advent Study 2023

Illuminating Christmas



pause for thought
in a busy December

Ponderings by
Robin Hill

Pictures by
Katie Hill

Friday 1 December

Friday 8 December

Friday 15 December

Friday 22 December

Skirling Village Hall, 10.30 am

Sessions will be about an hour.

Tea / Coffee will be provided.

Online via Zoom, 7 pm

Wednesday 29 November

Wednesday 6 December

Wednesday 13 December

Wednesday 20 December

More information is available on the linkage website:
westweeddale.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE

Pudding Night

2 February 2024

Kirkurd & Newlands Church



MESSY CHURCH

The Christmas Messy Church Session is on Sunday 10 December.

The session starts at 4pm prompt in the New Church Hall at West Linton and finishes at 6pm.

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.

The next session after Christmas is on **Sunday 14 January** and the theme is Daniel and the Lions' Den:

For more information contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com

ETHICAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS - BUY A BED - BETHANY CHRISTIAN TRUST

Looking for an ethical Christmas present this year? Still searching and confused?

Why not support Bethany's BUY A BED campaign?

By buying a gift card, you will be helping provide access to Bethany's Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre at the Haymarket Hub Hotel in Edinburgh for those who would otherwise be sleeping rough on the streets this winter.

Your gift provides

- *a warm, safe, private room with en-suite facilities
- *24 hour care and support from professional, supportive and loving staff
- *three meals a day including a freshly prepared, hot two course dinner
- *a wide range of on-site support services
- *assistance to move rapidly out of the crisis of homelessness

HOW TO DONATE

Go to their website at www.bethanychristiantrust.com

RECYCLING:

Milk Bottle Tops - any colour - as far as I know, still going to a Borders Project.

Used Stamps - try and leave a small margin round the outside if possible! Church of Scotland Mission Dept. still doing a project for another year.

Blister Packs - any medication - paracetamol etc. at the moment, these will be going to Carlops Church which is forwarding them to the Recycling Company!!

I'm pleased to coordinate passing all these to our connections, so please, if you don't already have a recycling use for these, don't put them in the black bin, save them up and either bring them or give them to someone from church, pop them in my porch at home, or the Hub at Lamancha (haven't actually asked them yet, but sure it'll be ok!) or give a ring!
Thank you very much. Fay Young, Station Rd, W.L. 01968660374

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 17 January 2024
at the **Lamancha Hub**

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**

At the November meeting members and friends enjoyed an excellent presentation on the work of the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance, with Alan Broadfoot.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the raffle which raised £85 for the SCAA.

Doreen Graham proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Tuesday 5th. December This will be a members night sharing Christmas Crafts and Christmas recipes.

Competitions: Christmas Mug / Jug Christmas Tree Topper.

Friday 8th. December Christmas Lunch, West Linton Golf Club 12:30pm

Tuesday 9th. January Wilding on a Whim with Colin Hunwick

Competitions: Flower of the month Piece of home made shortbread.

Netherurd Memorial Hall

E.G.M.: Thursday 8th. February 2024, 7:00pm

To update the meeting with activities since the public meeting of 24th November 2021, at which it was unanimously agreed (by vote) to discontinue with the use of the hall for the purpose for which it was originally intended, in accordance with the governing Deed of Trust.

For the Committee to approve and sign a Supplementary Deed of Trust which amends our charity's "constitution", as described by the original 1969 Deed of Trust governing the Hall, to give the Committee powers to wind up the current charity and dispose of the assets.

To put before the meeting an indicative proposal to put the Hall on the market, and to disburse the free proceeds to other charitable organisations having similar objects to those of the Trust.

At the November meeting we had a very enjoyable talk and demonstration from Christine Blundell of "SOAP MATTERS ". Christine is an aromatherapist and she explained all about the various oils that she uses and also let us sample them. We were able to purchase some soaps which some lucky people will be receiving in their Christmas stockings!

Our December meeting is a talk entitled" MY LIFE IN STITCHES "by Susan Finlayson and promises to be interesting too. This meeting is on the second Thursday of December (14th) in the Lamancha cafe at 7.30 when we hope to ask the members for their ideas for the community effort for the Spring bulb show.

The committee wishes all of you a very happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024.
Cilla Davidson



Blyth Bridge Flower Tubs

Keep Blyth Bridge Blooming

We are looking for either one person or a group of people to plant out and care for the flower tubs in Blyth Bridge.

The Community Council provides the plants for all the tubs in our community council area with local people taking care of them.

Please contact lnkccchair@gmail.com to find out more and help the village blossom. Thank you.

Garden Ramblings

At the time of writing we are well into November and today is a lovely sunny day with frosty ground leading to plenty hungry wee bluetits (I only filled their feeders yesterday!) The garden rosehips are being eaten at an alarming rate too so I'm reminding myself to purchase a few more wild rose bushes for the boundary fences. Some of us still have bulbs to plant so I will be busy later today if the frost melts. I still have tulips to plant and also a beautiful holly bush sitting in a pot waiting to be planted near my hedgehog holly as you need male and female plants to ensure you get berries so I'm told. I also have a few seed heads on my Honesty plants and will just let them seed themselves as they look so pretty with the sun shining through them. The original seeds came from Cornwall where I have many happy memories of previous holidays. Aren't gardens full of memories? I know mine is as it is full of cuttings, seedlings and perennials from friends over the years. That's what it's all about.

Have a happy Christmas and remember a real garden is never finished!

Cilla Davidson



LAMANCHA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Hub cafe will be closing over Christmas and New Year. Last day for opening in December is Wednesday the 13th, 10am till 2pm. We reopen on 17th January same time.

We would like to send Seasons Greetings to all our supporters.

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 December/January magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday 23 January, 2024



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