

Kirkcud & Newlands Parish Magazine

January 2023

Happy New Year



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 & New-lands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
01 January 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Colin Herd	Rev Tony Foley
08 January 2023	Peter Worthington	Fiona Burnett	Peter Worthington
15 January 2023	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
22 January 2023	Fiona Burnett	Murray Campbell	Fiona Burnett
29 January 2023	Sheena Livingstone	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
05 February 2023	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott

Welcome: Mary Alexander & Alistair Hammond-Chambers

Church Cleaning: Spring Clean Group

<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
01 January 2023	-	Isobel Hunter	-
08 January 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Fiona Burnett	Rev Tony Foley
15 January 2023	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley
22 January 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley
29 January 2023	Patsy Campbell	Peter Worthington	Patsy Campbell
05 February 2023	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell

‘Love is an art to be learned.’

What new skill are you going to try to learn in 2023? Have you considered learning how to love?

Popular culture often presents love as something that happens to us — something that we either fall into or something that strikes us arrow-like. It is seen as something we are either lucky or unlucky in. In other words, love is something we have no control over. But is this true?

In his classic work *The Art Of Loving* the world-renowned psychologist and philosopher *Erich Fromm* eloquently argues that love is a skill we must hone. That it is something we must commit ourselves to learning how to do well for “to love without knowing how to love wounds the person we love.” In the same way that artists and musicians apprentice themselves to learning through continual practice all the demanding skills needed to help to make them masters of their craft human beings must learn how to love well. Fromm puts it thus:

The first step to take is to become aware that love is an art, just as living is an art; if we want to learn how to love we must proceed in the same way we have to proceed if we want to learn any other art, say music, painting, carpentry, or the art of medicine or engineering. What are the necessary steps in learning any art? The process of learning an art can be divided conveniently into two parts: one, the mastery of the theory; the other, the mastery of the practice. If I want to learn the art of medicine, I must first know the facts about the human body, and about various diseases. When I have all this theoretical knowledge, I am by no means competent in the art of medicine. I shall become a master in this art only after a great deal of practice, until eventually the results of my theoretical knowledge and the results of my practice are blended into one — my intuition, the essence of the mastery of any art. But, aside from learning the theory and practice, there is a third factor necessary to becoming a master in any art — the mastery of the art must be a matter of ultimate concern; there must be nothing else in the world more important than the art.

This holds true for music, for medicine, for carpentry — and for love. And, maybe, here lies the answer to the question of why people in our culture try so rarely to learn this art, in spite of their obvious failures: in spite of the deep-seated craving for love, almost everything else is considered to be more important than love: success, prestige, money, power — almost all our energy is used for the learning of how to achieve these aims, and almost none to learn the art of loving. [The Art of Loving by Erich Fromm]

Many centuries before Fromm, Jesus taught his followers that to love another was a choice they must decide to make – a verb they must choose to do. I leave you with one last question. What do you think your life would look like at the end of 2023 if you started the year by deciding to commit yourself to learning how to love well?

Peace,

Tony

West Tweeddale Guild

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 2.30pm in Broughton Village Hall. Please note the change of venue. Isobel Hunter will be telling us about her recent Expedition to Namibia and Botswana – surely not familiar places for most of us to visit! All are welcome.

For your diary – the February meeting will be held on 15th Feb at 2.30pm in Carlops Church. The Carlops Eco Group will be organising this meeting, with an invited speaker passing on home energy saving advice.

M Habeshaw



Who are we? We are a group set up by West Tweeddale Parishes in response to the current economic and fuel problems to offer help and support to the whole community.

What are we doing? We're signposting 'warm events' across the 6 parishes where a warm welcome, refreshments and a chance to meet friends is offered. We're also organising a few fun and informative events to help everyone save a bit of cash over the winter. Look out for further posters advertising these events with the Winter Warmer logo. A monthly timetable is posted around the villages and can also be viewed on the West Tweeddale website (westtweeddale.org.uk).

Need some emergency help? These organisations are nearby



Food
Facts
Friends

Penicuik Foods, Facts & Friends
42 John St Penicuik EH26 8AB
www.foodfactsfriends.org.uk



Peeblesshire Foodbank
1 Silverbirch Studios, Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU
07413 484174 peeblesshire.foodbank.org.uk
Crisis Assistance from the Minister's Barnabas Fund
07943 509906 emergencyfoodbank@standrewswestlinton.org.uk

For further information about West Tweeddale Winter Warmers please contact the church office on 01968 733112



MESSY CHURCH DECEMBER 2022



The next Messy Church session is on Sunday 15 January – The Good Samaritan



The session runs 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!

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.

For more information contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com

LAMANCHA COMMUNITY HUB

Cafe

We wish you all a very happy New Year and look forward to our January opening on Wednesday 11th at the usual time of 10am. This is a warm and friendly place so if you feel like getting out of the house this is a good place to be.

BBQ hut is here should you want something different to try. The hut seats 15 around the fire and cost £15 to hire for as long as it takes.

Large room is available to hire for £10 per hour for parties or talks etc. Kitchen can be included for an extra £10.

Classes at the moment are Yoga with Linda Shand and sewing classes with Alex Wilson.

Email info@lamanchahub.org.uk for further info.



***** *Save the Date* *****



Pudding Night

Friday 3rd February, 6.30 pm, in Newlands Church.

Volunteers make soup and everyone brings a pudding to share. There will be a raffle. Proceeds to Crisis Assistance from Minister's Benevolent Fund and Practical Action. Tickets (£5) on sale in January, children free.

The Open Gate

Please remember that The Open Gate Phone is still available for anyone to contact at any time. This is a free confidential resource which will help with any behavioural/emotional problem by using a Brief Therapy approach. Problems can be big or small.

Phone **07535 898 244** to leave a message and you will then be contacted to arrange a time for a telephone session.

Public meetings - all welcome

Newlands Community Development Trust (NCDT) is looking into the possibility of acquiring a local farm to provide amenities and opportunities for the local community. We've put together a web page with an overview of some of the possibilities that this acquisition would open up: <https://newlandscdt.org.uk/west-mains-farm/>

To help inform the community, and to open up the discussion, we have organised a series of public meetings:

30th January, 7pm - Newlands Activity Centre, Romanno Bridge

31st January, 7pm - Dolphinton Hall, Dolphinton

1st February, 7pm - Graham Institute, West Linton

2nd February, 7pm - Lamanca Hub, Lamanca

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, but would like to know more, please email seb@newlandscdt.org.uk

THANK YOU

Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hamper Appeal

110 hampers were delivered to families in Tweeddale this Christmas. The donations from Newlands Church were very much appreciated so thank-you so much to everyone who contributed.

Jean Howat

At the December meeting Margaret Leiper kept us all busy making brooches and Christmas Tree decorations using used coffee pods, a hot glue gun, some imagination and lots of laughs.

Margaret Adamson proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: Home-made Christmas Tree Decoration:

1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Jean Fraser.

Christmas Tea Towel:

1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Sandra Howieson

2023

Tuesday 10th. January Campbells Fudge,
Tweedsmuir. Goodies for sale.

Tuesday 7th. February Soap Matters, Christine Blundell.
Christine will have items for sale.

Competitions: Wrapped tablet of soap
2 cherry scones

Tuesday 7th. March **OPEN NIGHT**
Our Sporting Life,
with Paralympians Aileen Neilson &
Michael McCreadie
Visitors £5

Church Spring Cleaning

Friday 6th. January

9:30 onwards.



We would very much appreciate if you can come along and lend a hand.

Lunch provided.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Margaret Adamson

Garden Ramblings

The shortest day has now come and gone but it will be a few more days before I can stop going out at dusk (4pm) to shut up my wee flock of bantams and Goldie, the old rescue hen, who has survived here for 4 years after a previous life laying eggs for a well known supermarket! Goldie stopped laying eggs in August but loves a wee cuddle.

House plants are getting better attention than they get in the summer months and I have been cutting them back and will split up my Peace lily shortly as it has no less than 5 flowers on it at the time of writing. I still have pelargoniums flowering as well. My Christmas cactus was hopeless this year but the spider plants are taking over. I had to be firm with them and have binned a few babies!

A new shrub I bought this year was Mahonia Charity and it looked lovely with glossy leaves and lemon sprays of flowers for weeks on end. Thoroughly recommend this one.

I'm still looking for a female Holly but will enjoy the searching especially as I have a garden gift voucher to spend.....

Happy New Year to all you gardeners.

Cilla Davidson

NEWLANDS SWI



Member Margaret Habeshaw hosted a very enjoyable musical quiz at our December meeting and jogged a few memories! A well earned vote of thanks was given by Fay, while Janette and Joan handed round some scrumptious mincemeat pies and tea.

Our next meeting is on 12th January and is a talk by local resident Alex Stevens who is an expert on cyber security so have your questions ready. I personally attended one of his talks and learned a lot. Highly recommended.

Competition is a winter photo.

Cilla Davidson

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Mrs Jean Howat and Mrs Ilka Roehe

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, 24 January 2023.



Newlands and Kirkurd Parish Church



<http://www.newlands-kirkurd.org.uk/>