



**The Divine Weaver**

My life is but a weaving  
Between the Lord and me;  
I may not choose the colours -  
He knows what they should be.  
For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side  
While I can see it only -  
On this, the under side.

Sometimes He weaves in sorrow,  
Which seems so strange to me;  
But I will trust His judgement  
And work on faithfully.  
'Tis He who fills the shuttle,  
And He knows what is best;  
So I shall weave in earnest,  
And leave Him the rest.

Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skilful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

## 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.



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### *West Tweeddale Parishes*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops</i> <i>10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd &amp; Newlands</i> <i>10 am</i>	<i>West Linton</i> <i>11.30 am</i>
05 November 2023	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison
12 November 2023 <b>Remembrance</b>	Sheena Livingstone	Kevin Scott	Rev Nick Bowry <b>10.50 am</b>
19 November 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Mary McElroy	Rev Tony Foley
26 November 2023	Patsy Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Patsy Campbell
03 December 2023	Fiona Burnett	Rev Chris Levison	Fiona Burnett

**Welcome:** Janette Raeburn & David Habeshaw

**Church Cleaning:** Sheila Chapman



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton</i> <i>11 am</i>	<i>Skirling</i> <i>11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir</i> <i>9.30 am</i>
05 November 2023	Murray Campbell	Rev Tony Foley	Murray Campbell
12 November 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Peter Worthington	Rev Tony Foley
19 November 2023	Steven Whalley	Mary McElroy	Steven Whalley
26 November 2023	Isobel Hunter	Rev Tony Foley	Isobel Hunter
03 December 2023	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley

Current worship leader rota is also available on the linkage website:  
[westtweeddale.org.u](http://westtweeddale.org.u)

## **General Kirk Session Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the General Kirk Session of all churches in the linkage of West Tweeddale at Carlops Church on Thursday 9 November at 7pm.

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## **Remembrance Service - Sunday 12 November**

This service will be held at 10.00 am and will be led by Kevin Scott. Immediately following the service wreaths will be laid first at the Newlands war memorial and after that – between 10.45 and 11.00 - at the memorial at Blyth Bridge. Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts are invited to attend in uniform.

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## **Communion Service - Sunday 26 November**

We will celebrate Communion at the church service on Sunday 26 November. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

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## **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).

## ***“Jesus, the Invitation”***

*The life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth have captivated the hearts and minds of millions of people for over two millennia. His person, his teaching about reconciliation with and compassion towards others, and his miraculous deeds have left an indelible mark on human history. They address universal themes of love, justice, mercy and forgiveness. Themes that in a world so evidently marked by division, conflict, and inequality, remain deeply relevant.*

*Despite the centuries that have passed since Jesus' earthly life he remains for many an enigmatic figure, often defying easy categorization. Amidst all the stories there remains a fundamental and profound question: Who is Jesus, and what does his life mean for us today? Was he merely a charismatic Rabbi, a political revolutionary, or was he something more? The diverse perspectives on Jesus' identity have given rise to a myriad of theological and philosophical debates throughout history.*

*One undeniable aspect of Jesus' life is how his teachings continue to resonate with people of all backgrounds. His lessons on forgiveness, compassion, and the love of God have had a profound and lasting impact on both individuals and on whole communities. Through the Sermon on the Mount and his parables, Jesus offered a vision of a transformed and just world, a vision that challenges all of us to examine our values and our actions.*

*Then of course there is the legacy of miracles attributed to Jesus, from turning water into wine to healing the sick, these miracles have undoubtedly sparked intrigue. For some, these acts are seen as proofs of his identity as the Son of God. For others, they raise questions about the nature of the miraculous and the possibility of the supernatural.*

*Then of course there is the accounts of his birth, crucifixion and resurrection events that are pivotal to the Christian faith. For Christians these events have profound theological significance and have great bearing not only on how we experience God but also on how we understand ourselves as a human race. To Christians they speak not only about the essence of human nature, of forgiveness and the possibility of redemption but also of the possibility of life after life. While at the same time raising questions about the vulnerability of God, the role of personal sacrifice and seemingly ubiquitous presence of human suffering.*

*This invitation from Jesus is not merely to an intellectual exercise but to a personal encounter. Many have experienced personal transformation and purpose through their encounter with Jesus. And even today he continues to invite all of us to explore with him our own beliefs about ourselves, about the purpose of life, and our assumptions about God. Why not accept Jesus' invitation and discover for yourself what he has to say. In fairness I should warn you that the invitation is not entirely risk free.*

*Peace,  
Tony*

## **CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE**

I have recently received an update from Christian Aid Scotland concerning our donation of £1118.25p collected during CA Week in May. The money has helped women like Jen Bishop in Malawi to plant better seeds and secure fair prices for her crops, away from the hands of dishonest middlemen. You only need to look to Ester Saizi , another farmer in Malawi, to see the lasting impact gifts like ours can have. Like Jen, Esther struggled to obtain fair prices and couldn't store her crops safely from storms and floods. But when she joined a pigeon pea programme run by a CA partner and started to sell as part of a cooperative, she was able to earn much more – it provided her with financial stability.

Esther is doing amazing things for her family with her pigeon peas. She bought tools for her daughter Ziwone to use in her carpentry business and pays for her daughter Rashida's school costs. She is now able to store her pigeon peas safely in a warehouse. What a transformation!

Robert Higgins

## **The Guild**

Our next meeting will be held in Newlands Church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

Tom Burnham from Earlston will be telling us about the Church of Scotland's work in Israel.

As usual anyone interested will be made most welcome. Meetings are informal, and always followed by tea and cake.

Margaret Habeshaw

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **Pudding Night**

**2 February 2024**

**Kirkurd & Newlands Church**



## **MESSY CHURCH**

**Our first Messy Church Session is on Sunday 12 November and the theme is Noah's Ark.**

**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 will be on:

**Sunday 10 December – Christmas**

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## A BIG THANK YOU !!!

An amazing 57 shoe boxes were delivered to Blythwood on October 23, 2023. We would like to express a huge THANK YOU to all who filled a shoe box! A very special THANK YOU to Newlands School who filled 27 shoe boxes. Fay Young



### *Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal*

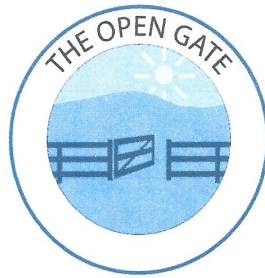
### **Harvest Thanksgiving Donations**

A total of £375 was raised at the Harvest Supper. It has gone to SOS Sahel in Sudan to help internally displaced people following the civil war. It has been very gratefully received and will fund food packages for 7 families for a month. We also had a wonderful evening of great food, chat and music!

The collection of food donations was taken to Peebles Food Bank where it was also gratefully received.

Thank-you to all who contributed so generously.





## Got a problem?

Stressed? Anxious? Depressed?  
Parenting difficulties? Relationship issues? Work  
problems? Weight problem?  
Trouble at school/college? Etc.

Ask for an appointment at

# THE OPEN GATE

In **Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge**  
on  
**Fridays 2pm to 5pm.**

Anyone who wants help for their problem is  
welcome, and will be seen by arrangement. There  
is no 'Drop-in'.

**PHONE OR TEXT 07535 898 244**

**The Open Gate** uses a counselling approach which is brief,  
effective and future-orientated, building on your own solutions.  
All sessions are free and confidential, with no long waiting-list.



Lamancha, Newlands  
and Kirkurd Community  
Council



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

**We will be joined by Vivienne  
Carsley, Police Constable from  
J Division, Community Policing,  
Police Scotland**

Please email [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com) if you have  
any comments for the Community Council

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

We have a Facebook page which will keep you  
up to date on meeting dates and local issues

At the first meeting of the new session, we had the most fascinating talk by Dr Daniella Gentile about poisons.

Daniella is a specialist in poisons information with the National Poisons Information Service, based at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Sheila Voas proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: Interesting Glass Bottle	1 <sup>st</sup> . Doreen Graham
	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Margaret Adamson
Homemade Halloween Creation	1 <sup>st</sup> . Lesley Johnstone
	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Margaret Adamson

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. November      OPEN NIGHT   All Welcome**

**7:15pm Newlands Centre**

Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance

Visitors £5 includes Tea / Coffee & home baking

Raffle in aid of the SCAA      Speaker will have Christmas Cards for sale

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. December      Practical Evening**

Book Folding with Michaela Curwood.

Competitions:    Christmas Jug / Mug      Christmas Tree Topper

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. December    Christmas Lunch, West Linton Golf Club    12:30pm**

At our last meeting on 12th Oct local lady Pam Whittle gave us an interesting demo on bulb planting and preparing bulbs for show. Many thanks Pam!

Our next meeting is on 9th Nov and will be a demo on home made soaps and smelly things so we will be able to get some Christmas pressie ideas. Something to look forward to.

We meet in the cosy cafe at Lamancha Hub on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30. All welcome.

Cilla Davidson

### **Peeblesshire Youth Trust Christmas Hampers**



Once again PYT will be assembling Christmas hampers to be delivered to families who are struggling in the Tweeddale Area. We have been asked to donate stock cubes. They can be brought to the church at a Sunday service till mid November.

Many thanks.

## *Garden Ramblings*

The rowan tree in my garden has lost all its leaves in about two days what with all the wind and rain recently. The berries disappeared two weeks ago. Thank goodness for the few evergreens I have as the Mahonia is looking very healthy with its bunches of flowers.

Also worthy of note is the shrub *Euonymus Alatus*. If you are passing take a walk in the Lamancha community garden as there is a beauty there in all its glorious fiery red leaves.



I'm short on flowers at the moment but the blue michelmas daisies are still flowering and likewise those giant lemon heleniums as nothing daunted they keep on going.

There are also a few roses left on the AGM rose Bonica. Bulbs are now in the garage waiting patiently to be planted. If only it would stop raining.....

Happy planting.

Cilla Davidson

### ***LAMANCHA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION***

Our community cafe will be open throughout November at the usual time of 10am start till 2pm every Wednesday. Come and enjoy heartwarming soups, filled rolls, cheese and fruit scones and cakes, not to mention home made tablet! Our rooms are up for hire at £10 per hour for classes, birthday parties etc, We have regular yoga classes and sewing classes too so if you are interested please contact us at [info@lamanchahub.org.uk](mailto:info@lamanchahub.org.uk)

Cilla Davidson

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Material for the December/January magazine to [ilka.roehe@btinternet.com](mailto:ilka.roehe@btinternet.com) by

**Friday 17th November, 2023**



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