



Happy Easter

Kirkurd & Newlands Parish Magazine

March 2024

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Carlops 10 am</i>	<i>Kirkurd & Newlands 10 am</i>	<i>West Linton 11.30 am</i>
03 March 2024	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley
10 March 2024	David Howat	Rev Tony Foley	David Howat
17 March 2024	Mary McElroy	Steven Whalley	Mary McElroy
24 March 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Rev Chris Levison	Rev Tony Foley
31 March 2024	Murray Campbell	David Howat	Murray Campbell
07 April 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley

Welcome: Sarah Magee and Ilka Roehe

Church Cleaning: Ilka Roehe & Joan White



<i>Date</i>	<i>Broughton 11 am</i>	<i>Skirling 11.30 am</i>	<i>Tweedsmuir 9.30 am</i>
03 March 2024	Fiona Burnett	David Howat	Fiona Burnett
10 March 2024	Kevin Scott	Rev Tony Foley	Kevin Scott
17 March 2024	Rev Tony Foley	Steven Whalley	Rev Tony Foley
24 March 2024	Isobel Hunter	Rev Chris Levison	Isobel Hunter
31 March 2024	Joint Easter Service	Wee Crook Inn, 10am	Rev Tony Foley
07 April 2024	Julian Birchall	Kevin Scott	Julian Birchall

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



The Holy Week Programme



Palm Sunday (24th March)

Theme: He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey

Holy Week Pilgrimage Services

Monday 25th March - 7pm - Tweedsmuir Church

Theme: He overturned the money changers' tables
led by Fiona Burnett and David Henderson-Howat

Tuesday 26th March - 7pm - Broughton Church

Theme: He ate with tax collectors and sinners
led by Peter Worthington and Kevin Scott

Wednesday 27th March - 7pm - Skirling Church

Theme: He washed his disciples' feet
led by Isobel Hunter and Steven Whalley

Thursday 28th March - 7pm - Newlands Church

Theme: He broke bread and shared wine
Communion service led by Rev. Tony Foley

Friday 29th March - 8pm - Carlops Church

Theme: He prayed that there might be another way
Tennebrae service led by Murray Campbell and the Worship Team

Easter Sunday (31st March)

'Against Christianity.' (March 24)

There is no doubt that Christianity has indelibly marked Western civilisation. And yet the New Testament never mentions Christianity. It does not contain the concept of Christianity. It does not preach Christianity. It does not encourage Christians to preach Christianity. Neither Jesus nor his apostles preached Christianity. During those early centuries when the Church was in her vibrant infancy, she did not preach Christianity. Why not? Perhaps because to preach Christianity is to preach ourselves and Jesus did not encourage us to preach ourselves.

The emphasis of the New Testament Gospel message does not lie in its advocacy of a set of doctrines, much less a specific moral and ethical code called Christianity. The New Testament is not an ideological tract it does not teach an ideology. Yes, it does present a certain view of the world and of reality. A view that has propositional content. But it is a fatal error to think that it was ever intended to be systemised with the end result being a “worldview” called Christianity. Rather the New Testament is chiefly concerned with the uniqueness of a specific person, Jesus of Nazareth.

Also contrary to popular belief the New Testament does not urge us to embrace *'religion.'* In fact, some of the best-known books in the New Testament are concerned with battling the toxic nature of 'getting religion' and its subsequent religiosity. That is why the New Testament does not represent new Christians as people who *'got religion.'* In fact, all of the early converts to the Gospel were already deeply religious people before they ever became followers of Jesus. All of Jesus' apostles were very devout Jews, in the stories in the *Book of Acts*, the Roman centurion, Cornelius, and the Ethiopian Eunuch were deeply religious people before ever becoming followers of Jesus. The new Gentile converts who filled the New Testament churches were in their previous life very devout idol worshippers. None of these people *'got religion'* when they became followers of Jesus, they already had religion but the religion they had wasn't working.

As human being we are always desiring one thing over another, aiming for one thing instead of another, thinking one way over another. It is not that *the stuff* inside of us is unformed but rather it is badly aimed and wrongly formed and therefore, needs to be transformed. To put it in computer terminology becoming a Christian is not a case of having our 'religious programming' updated to the latest 'Christianity version'. Actually, it is more like having a whole new operating system.

In a late-night conversation in John's Gospel Jesus describes becoming a Christian as akin to rebirthing. Not unlike our first birth it is something we are involved in but for the most part it is something that happens to us. According to Jesus a person who becomes one of his followers is not someone who has adopted a certain moral and ethical code. Rather, they are a human being who has become 'human again' but in a rather unique way.

Why not take time this week to read chapter 3 of John's Gospel, and think about the story, the characters, and the conversation.

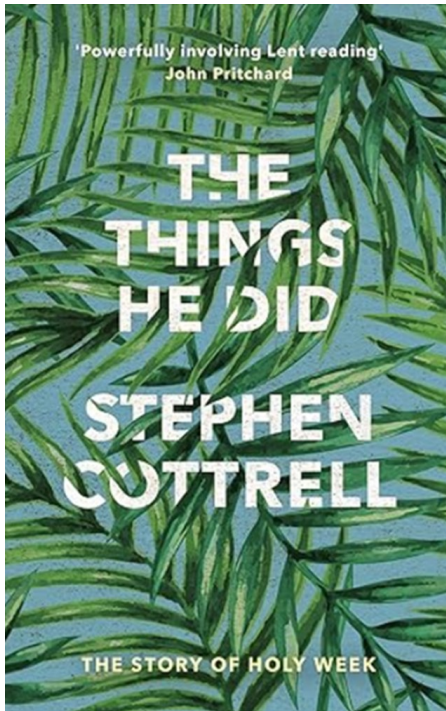
Peace,
Tony

Pastoral Group

We are a small group of people who are there to offer a listening ear in confidence. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a visit please do contact our minister The Rev Tony Foley TFoley@churchofscotland.org.uk or

Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com

We are not professional counsellors but rather sympathetic listeners.



Lent Study

For Lent we will be discussing **Stephen Cottrell's** book ["The Things He Did"](#) which covers the things Jesus did during the final week of his life starting with riding a colt into Jerusalem.

There will be two identical programmes lasting six weeks. One will be online using **Zoom** and the other in person in **Skirling Village Hall**.

Week 1: He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey

Week 2: He overturned the money changers' tables

Week 3: He ate with tax collectors and sinners

Week 4: He washed his disciples' feet

Week 5: He broke bread and shared wine

Week 6: He prayed that there might be another way

The **Zoom** sessions will be every **Monday** at **7pm** starting on **19th February**. They will be led by **Steven Whalley** and **Kevin Scott**.

The **Skirling Village Hall** sessions will be every **Friday** at **10.30am** starting on **16th February**. The first will be led by David Henderson-Howat. Subsequent sessions will be led by other members of the worship team. Refreshments will be provided.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Further information and the Zoom link can be obtained from **Fiona Burnett** (07944 196234 or fiona@glenholm.co.uk)

Drop in Quiet Space - 9th March

We are organising a Quiet Space at St Mungo's church, West Linton on Saturday 9th March 10.30- 3pm.

Pop in to find peace and quiet, walk the labyrinth, light a candle, enjoy refreshments and gentle fellowship.

Everyone of any age is welcome.

Do pop in for how ever long you want.

Markie



Carlops Eco Group Event

EARTH HOUR

23rd March, 8.30pm – 9.30pm

Saturday 23rd March is the day we observe Earth Hour – an annual occasion when people across the world turn off their lights.

You are warmly invited to join us in the church from 8.30pm to pass a candle-lit hour sharing music, verse and song.

Bring a poem/ song/ music to share
as we gather together to support our planet.

Baby Brunch – Ten years old in May

As many of you may know, Baby Brunch meets in the Old Church Hall on Friday mornings during school term time.

On 31st May this year it will be 10 years since our first ever Baby Brunch session. The aim from the start was to provide a warm and welcoming place for parents and carers with babies and young toddlers to come and socialise with others. We were supported by a grant from the Church of Scotland “Go For It Fund” to get started.

I don't know how many families we have known in that time, but I can report that in the course of 2023, 39 families came to Baby Brunch for at least part of the year. This included familiar faces from the previous year, return of families with a new little one, and well as many new faces.

We started out as a band of 4/5 volunteers, some of whom attended every week. We now have 12 volunteers and 2 more about to join us, we have a rota with 3 for the full morning and a 4th coming in to help over the busy time. Those of us who have been involved from the start, (and are now 10 years older), are delighted to have so much help! Most of our volunteers have joined us through word of mouth and just seem to appear when we have been in need! We are hugely grateful to them all for their time and commitment.

The role of volunteers is to do the “housekeeping” for the group but it is also about chatting to parents/ carers, introducing newcomers to others, holding a baby to allow the adult to get a coffee/ attend to a sibling, (or just to have baby cuddles!!)

From the start Baby Brunch was known for home baking and good coffee, and in recent years we have had a group of volunteer scone makers, who bake for Baby Brunch on a rota basis. Their contribution is very much appreciated. The scones are intended for adults with a choice of “snacks” for the children. I think sometimes adults end up sharing their scone with their child!

While the majority of those who come are from within our Linkage area, over the years we have had families from Lasswade/Peebles/Penicuik. Usually on a recommendation of a local user with whom they are friends.

Yes, Friday mornings can be hectic and we go home to sit quietly and put our feet up, but the reward of receiving such warm and positive feedback from those who have attended the Group makes it all worthwhile!

Seeing children around the village “all grown up“ and still chatting who families to speak of their warm memories of Baby Brunch, and the support it provided, is an added bonus as well.

Mary Turnbull

Newlands Kids is a charity which is a small, rural **Early Years education and childcare** provider for 2 - 5 year-olds.



Newlands Activity Centre
Romanno Bridge
Near West Linton
Peeblesshire
EH46 7BZ

What do we offer?

Our rural setting allows us to focus on the Natural world which surrounds our setting.

Going outdoors and bringing the outdoors indoors allows our care team to fully integrate our natural setting with the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence.

We learn and grow fruit and vegetables in our outdoor classroom, poly tunnels and raised planting beds. Our in-house cook creates healthy balanced menus for them to enjoy in our outdoor sitooterie.

For more info, or to come for a visit please contact
Gill Ross, gill@newlandskids.org.uk



Term time setting

(38 wks a year)

Holiday Club is available for
4 weeks during Summer

Days and times

Mon - Thurs,
8:30am - 6:00pm

**HAPPY
EASTER**

Carlops Easter Breakfast – Easter Sunday 31st March, 9am

Join us for a simple breakfast in the Carlops Village Hall,
just beside the church, on Easter Sunday morning.

All most welcome.

Our usual 10am service will be held afterwards in the church.





MESSY CHURCH



Please come and join us for our next Messy Church session on Sunday 17th March at 4pm at the New Church Hall, West Linton. The theme is Joseph. All children from babies to P7 are welcome to come and join in the fun. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact Jean Howat howatjean@gmail.com

The cost is £5 per person and money raised will go to **Home for Good** which finds homes for vulnerable children in Scotland and **Starchild**, a project to help the most marginalized children with disabilities in Uganda.

West Tweeddale Guild QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22nd March 2024
Broughton Village Hall
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Contact Fiona Burnett on fiona@glenholm.co.uk or 01899 830408 to book a table.

If you would like to join in but don't have a team then let Fiona know and we'll make a team up for you on the night.



Love to sing?
Can or can't read sheet music?
Want to make new friends?

Then join

Crescendo!

A fresh neoclassical choir

No auditions!
All welcome!
Every Thursday (starting March 7th),
7 PM at St. Mungo's Church,
West Linton, EH46 7EP
£5 per night

Contact tomce_87@yahoo.com & rdgjhome@gmail.com

Lamancha, Newlands
and Kirkurd Community
Council



**The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 20 March at the
Lamancha Hub at 7.30pm**

Please email 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 and find
out what is happening in your area.**

All welcome

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

Spring Bulbs

CRAFT SHOW

SAT 16 MAR 2024
1-4 pm

Admission £5.00 (INC REFRESHMENTS)

HOME-BAKING - TEAS - COFFEE
FLORAL ART - RAFFLE - SALES TABLE

Newlands Centre
Romanno Bridge EH46 7BZ

At the February meeting Belgin Karakaya from West Linton gave us a fascinating insight into her coffee roasting business Braw Beans. To finish off we enjoyed sampling her freshly made coffee,

Jean Fraser proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competitions: Coffee Cake 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Elma Noble

Valentine Card 1st. Margaret Adamson 2nd. Elma Noble

Next meeting **Tuesday 5th. March** Trekking in the Sahara
with Ann Yourston, Dolphinton

Competitions: Cactus / succulent plant Decorated boiled egg

Saturday 16th. March Peeblesshire Federation SWI Spring Show Newlands Centre, Romanno Bridge.

Members can place exhibits from 8:30 - 9:30am for judging at 9:45

Door open 1:00 - 4:00 Sales Table Raffle

Entrance £5 includes tea, coffee and home baking

Tuesday 2nd April A.G.M.



Due to a last minute cancellation by Tweed Valley Ospreys we were lucky to get Laura Robertson to come at the last minute. Laura gave a very interesting talk on LITTLE SPARTA. This garden is different from other gardens as you would describe it as Landscape Art having so many unique sculptors. Many thanks to Laura. This garden will be open during the summer months or may open by request.

Teas were provided by Yvonne and Marion. Thanks Ladies.

Our next meeting is on 14th March in the Lamancha Hub Cafe and will be all about our preparations for community effort for the Spring Show to be held at Newlands Centre on 16th March.

Cilla Davidson



Garden Ramblings

Writing this at the end of February, have you noticed that no two days are the same weatherwise? Whilst yesterday had a hint of warmth in the sun, today is back dreich and raining. My Silkie bantams are trying to keep dry under a blackcurrant bush which of course is leafless! The snowdrops are reigning supreme still and I've noticed the daffodils are producing buds so in a week or two our gardens will be in full bloom. Thanks are also due to the local farmers and businesses for planting bulbs along our roadsides. Don't they gladden the heart!

I probably have too many pots to fill but will enjoy shopping round the local garden centres for bedding. One thing I must do is buy some more hellebores before they disappear from the shelves. I have never been lucky enough to get seedlings from them as some folks do. Also, why did I buy a silver birch tree last year? I've no idea where it is going to go. I've also found a wee bag of tulip bulbs in a cupboard so guess I will put them in one of the many said pots. Well, you never know, they may surprise me!

Happy Gardening everyone.

Cilla Davidson

LAMANCHA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our cafe is open from 10am till 2pm every Wednesday. We have had good feedback from the regulars who say it cheers them up to see other people to have a natter with.

We have filled rolls, choice of soups including vegetarian, home made scones fresh baked on the day and cakes not to mention the Tablet.

The hall hire cost is £10 per hour and is suitable for a variety of uses including birthday parties . The BBQ hut is available all year round and at £15 a booking is good value. Just contact info@lamanchahub.org.uk

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 April magazine to ilka.roehe@btinternet.com by

Tuesday 19 March 2024



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