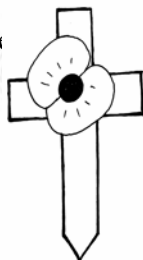


# Newlands and Kirkurd

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Church Services  
 Newlands Church 10am  
 Adventurers 10am



	Carlops	Kirkurd & Newlands	West Linton	Extra
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Nancy Norman Communion	Chris Levison	Chris Levison	Carlops 6pm Rev Nancy Norman 11/11 10.45am Broomlee Remembrance
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.45 Remembrance Rev Nancy Norman	Remembrance Jim Wallace	10.45 Remembrance Rev Nancy Norman	
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Jim Wallace	Communion Nancy Norman	Jim Wallace	
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rev Nancy Norman	David Howat	Rev Nancy Norman	

**Elders Rota:**            **November:**    **Janette Raeburn & Ann Goodall**  
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Thoughts from the Locum .....

Had it not been a wet autumn day my recollection would have been very different. On a bus from Rome to Florence; next stop the mediaeval hill town of Orvieto, its magnificent fourteenth century cathedral the real object of our visit; our tour guide Stefano extolling the fine qualities of Umbrian olive oil especially when compared with oil from neighbouring Tuscany; rain-drenched Italian countryside and autumn colours blurred through steamy bus windows.

Arrival at an Umbrian hill town is not always a straightforward matter. In the case of Orvieto a funicular railway shunted us from the level of the plain up through the cloud to the precipitous edge of the rocky bluff on which the town was built centuries ago. On foot from there, we negotiated a tree-lined steeply winding cobbled street, slippery with rain and fallen leaves, and rounded the curve into the town's main square. The sudden impact of the mediaeval was stunning -- narrow lanes disappearing off the square in all directions, wonderfully irregular buildings, weathered pan-tile roofs at odd levels and angles to each other, the complexity of chequerboard mouldings side by side with the simplicity of semi-circular arches and graceful balconies. Even the trees seemed original, and the rain too, gathering in ancient puddles and gushing from stone spouts.

Everything was ancient -- with one exception. The cathedral we had come to see, renowned for its façade of superbly crafted and colourful mosaics, was covered completely -- not by cloud and rain but by scaffolding and tarpaulin.

Strange, though, that my recollection of Orvieto is not of disappointment at not seeing the mosaics. My recollection is of the square, itself the most natural mosaic of glistening wet autumn leaves, gold, scarlet, deep green, soft brown, chestnut, brilliant yellows, auburn, purple, as if those leaves in the square reflected back the mosaics that we couldn't see, hidden as they were behind their canvas mask -- but more than that, that it was in fact more beautiful than ever the cathedral's mosaics could have been. It was as if we had wandered suddenly into the artist's workshop, our feet shuffling the brilliance of colour and pattern. Had it not been a wet autumn day my recollection would have been very different.

I suppose I'm saying that however beautiful a thing might be that human beings are able to create, and however inspired the skill and the talent and the eye and hand that coordinate to shape or paint or mould that thing, the real beauty is found in the mixed jumble of assorted colours, shapes, patterns and textures of nature itself, not contrived according to our liking but just there in all their glory.

I suppose I'm also saying that in our own assorted jumble of humanity, too, we reflect the original beauty of the divine image that is within us all.

We are stewards of both -- of nature's and of humanity's beauty. An awesome responsibility and privilege.

*Nancy Norman*

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### **Communion**

Communion will be celebrated on November 19 at 10am in Newlands Church. All are welcome to attend.

### **Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be a service of Remembrance on 12<sup>th</sup> November and Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts are especially invited to attend in uniform.

### **New Elder**

We are delighted to welcome Stuart Rose as a new elder following his ordination service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Flower Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving**

This was a huge success with many visitors from the linkage and beyond. The church with all the flower arrangements celebrating various aspects of its history over the past 700 years looked spectacular!

Over £1000 was raised through very generous donations and this will be distributed:

£593 to Practical Action  
£414 to Newlands School  
£200 to Church funds.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped to make the occasion such a success.

Jean Howat



## NEWLANDS SWI



The October meeting was entitled “crochet in house” and the members experienced in doing crochet showed the inexperienced ones how it is done. Some of us struggled for a while then with a little help managed to show promise. It was lovely to see some finished articles brought along and hopefully this will encourage members to persevere at home.

The competition results were - flower of the month 1st Fay 2nd Lyn and 3rd Margaret

favourite necklace 1st Margaret 2nd Nancy D. 3rd Lyn

The November meeting is on Wednesday the 8th in Lamancha Hub at 7.30 p.m. and will be a talk by Lesley Glidden on First Aid in the Home. Anyone interested in this subject would be made very welcome to join us for this talk.

## KIRKURD S.W.I.

At the first meeting of the new session, Kym Fletcher from the Wallace Tearooms, Lanark gave a very interesting talk & demonstration of tray bakes, with lots of useful hints and tips.

Margaret Adamson proposed the vote of thanks.

Competitions: 2 cheese scones 1<sup>st</sup>. Margaret Adamson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elma Noble

Outdoor Flower of the month 1<sup>st</sup>. Morag Lamb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy Rainey

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. November:** Open night , with Garry Rennie, Peebles Auction House. Please bring along a small item to discuss.

Competitions: old ring Small container fish pate

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. December:** Practical Night, Christmas Wreaths with Margaret Adamson.

Competitions: Old Christmas Card Best wrapped box of tissues

## The Guild

Our new season has now started, and we are following on in our 3 year strategy of 'Be Bold, Be Strong' with this year's theme of 'Go in Love'.

We've already had a gathering with the other guilds in our Presbytery where we enjoyed some useful conversations around the theme of loving, and went on to loving a very nice afternoon tea. We are now hoping that we will have lots of visitors to join us at our own meeting in Newlands Church on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**. Other guilds have been invited from the surrounding area, but we would be happy to welcome anyone else interested in hearing the speaker – Margaret Tooth – who will be telling us about the work of **Blythswood Care**. This is the charity which has been sending off our filled shoe-boxes abroad each Christmas, but this is only one of many other activities organised by them. At the end of the afternoon, there will be a chance to make a retiral donation to Blythswood. This November meeting is always very popular – with an opportunity to buy from our Christmas gift and home-baking stalls, as well as enjoying tea and cakes, so do join us if you would like to know more about Blythswood and what it does with our shoe-boxes..

Guilds all across Scotland will be using **Guild Week** which falls between 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November, to show-case some of the reasons why we are so proud to belong to the Church of Scotland Guild. One of these is the large sums of money raised each year for the selected Projects. Our Newlands Guild sent money in the last session to Care for The Family, adding to the present total of £84,942, and this year will be raising money to add to the total of £66,588 for Christian Aid in its project of providing solar ovens in Bolivia. ( totals at 31<sup>st</sup> August '17). An amazing £509,836 has been raised by The Guild over the past 2 years for the 6 chosen projects. It's not surprising that so many applications are submitted to The Guild every 3 years, for consideration to be chosen for the next 6 projects.

Margaret Habeshaw

Ever wondered what happens to the Christmas Shoe Boxes?

Have your questions answered on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Newlands Church

and hear about the wider work of Blythswood

Speaker: Margaret Tooth of Blythswood Care

Gift and Baking Stalls  
Tea and cakes.

All welcome to join our Guild meeting.

## **Lamancha, Newlands and Kirkurd Community Council**

The next meeting of your Community Council will be held at the Lamancha Community Hub on Wednesday 15 November at 7.30pm.

Our local SBC Councillors attend the meetings on a rota basis, so why not come along to meet them and hear what is going on the area.

### **Small grants for local groups**

The Community Council is able to award small grants of up to £50 to local groups. If your group is planning an event or working on a project why not apply. Email and let us know about your group, what they are planning and who will benefit.

If you would like to apply for a grant or would like more information about the work of the Community Council, please email [lnkccchair@gmail.com](mailto:lnkccchair@gmail.com).

### **Newlands and Kirkurd Out of School Club**

We are hoping to start a Friday afternoon OOSC session. Please contact the OOSC to register your interest. If we have enough interest we can run these sessions. Thank you.

[www.newlandsandkirkurdplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.newlandsandkirkurdplaygroup.co.uk)

01968 660367

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at Newlands and Kirkurd Church and Netherurd.

Please register your daughter's interest on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering then please call Alison Turpie 07967 591406. Your local units need you!

# LAMANCHA COMMUNITY **hub**

Lamancha 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!

## Upcoming events

Christmas Craft Fayre – 11<sup>th</sup> November  
11am to 2pm. Tables £7. Contact Ciela on 01968 660201. Cafe will be open for lunches.

Café Open Wed to Fri 10am to 3pm in Winter months.

## What's on at the hub

**NEW!!!** Midlothian School of Dance  
Wednesday mornings for preschool boys and girls – £15 for 3 taster sessions. Please get in touch with the HUB. If enough interest classes will go ahead.

**Monday:** Personal training (currently full but call Alexis 07474 239652 for further information)

**Tuesday:** Mindful Yoga 7.30pm (full)

**Wednesday** Rusty French 9.30 to 10.45am (full)

**Thursday:** Hatha Yoga 9.30am (full)

**Thursdays Pilates!** Beginners and intermediates. First class starts 6.15pm - Second class 7.15pm (full)

**Drumming lessons:** call Ian 07847 486074

**7<sup>th</sup> Hat Coaching**– Personal coaching

Email [aturpie@live.co.uk](mailto:aturpie@live.co.uk)

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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





## Mothers and Toddlers

Netherurd Hall 10-11.30am

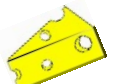
We've been delighted to welcome new babies. Room for plenty more. A very warm welcome awaits anyone who comes to join us.

Any queries please contact:

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.

**Life & Work Magazine** - Payment due Mid November £27. Please notify if wither staring or cancelling this.

**Christmas shoeboxes** - due in by Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Church cleaning.** Making up the Rota for 2018 - please let me know if you wish to drop out, change your month or join our happy little group! Another couple of names would be welcome - its not too onerous, and we all want to keep up standards! Thank you.

Fay Young

## Night out at The Netherurd 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

Thank you to everyone  
who came to this  
wonderful night at

### Netherurd Memorial Hall

The fire was roaring, the ambience was lovely, and the company great!

So many of you local to Netherurd came along and made it a fantastic evening. It was lovely to meet our neighbours. Everyone agreed it was a great idea and would like to see more local social events in the future.

So with this in mind.....



## Would you like a Christmas get together?



If you would like us to organise another social for Netherurd locals near to Christmas and get the festive season off to a good start then please do send a text to one of us so we can gauge interest.

Please spread the word again.

Alison Turpie 07967 591406 "Knock Knowes, Blyth Bridge"

Sarah Wilson 07821 039336 "Kirkdean" Kirkurd

Caz Mosley 07733 448225 "Kirkdean Farm" Kirkurd



**The next sessions of Messy Church is on:**

**Sunday 10 December – Nativity and Christmas**

**They are from 4-6pm in the New Church Hall at West Linton.**

All children from toddlers 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)

[howatjean@gmail.com](mailto:howatjean@gmail.com)

## **Key dates for your diary**

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Kirkurd SWI Peebles auction House
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Newlands SWI Lamancha Hub 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Craft Fayre Lamancha Hub 11-2
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Newlands Church 10.45
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	LNKCommunity Council 7.30pm Lamancha Hub
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Communion 10am Newlands Church
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Guild 2pm. What happens to Christmas Shoe boxes.
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kirkurd SWI Christmas Wreaths

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