THE PARISH CHURCHES of MAXTON and MERTOUN with NEWTOWN with ST BOSWELLS

United in serving God, by welcoming you, sharing His love, and reaching out in service to our community

DECEMBER 2018 – FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER
WHO’S WHO IN THE CHARGE

Minister
Rev Sheila W Moir, The Manse, Strae Brigs, St Boswells TD6 0DH
Tel: 822255  E-mail: SMoir@churchofscotland.org.uk
Website: www.4kirksonthetweed.org
Contact: Web4churches@gmail.com

Maxton & Mertoun  (Scottish Charity No: SC013481)
Session Clerk  Mr Douglas Scott, Stonewall Cottage, Main Street, Maxton TD6 0RL
Tel: 823392  E-mail: dandpscott@btinternet.com
Treasurer  Mr Christopher Blunt
Tel: 824438  E-mail: blunty1000@btinternet.com
Gift Aid Treasurer  Mrs Ann Smith, The Old Schoolhouse, St Boswells
Tel: 822239

Newtown  (Scottish Charity No: SC000575)
Session Clerk  Mrs Winnie Milligan, 26 Glenburn Avenue, Newtown St Boswells TD6 0QW
Tel: 823457  E-mail: winnieandsandym@gmail.com
Treasurer  Mr Alan Smith, 22 Roxburghe Place, Newtown St Boswells TD6 0QH
Tel: 822288  E-mail: alansmithplanb@gmail.com
Gift Aid Treasurer  Mrs Anne Smith, 22 Roxburghe Place, Newtown St Boswells TD6 0QH
Tel: 822288

St Boswells  (Scottish Charity No: SC010210)
Session Clerk  Mrs Lucy Smith, Sunnybank, Main Street, St Boswells TD6 0AT
Tel: 822425
Deputy Session Clerk  Mrs Mary Sargent, 9 Jean Lawrie Court, St Boswells TD6 0BF
Tel: 824261
Treasurer  Mr Brian Evans, Alderwood, Main Street, St Boswells TD6 0AP
Tel: 823031
Gift Aid Treasurer  Mrs Lucy Smith, Sunnybank, Main Street, St Boswells TD6 0AT
Tel: 822425

St Boswells Church Hall & Vestry bookings: Mrs Sandra Thomas, Tel: 823518
Voluntary Hospital Transport Scheme: Mrs Ann Melrose, Tel: 822357

The Parish Churches of Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown & St Boswells take no responsibility for the advertisers in this newsletter, nor the services or goods offered by them.
As our autumn days begin to give way to winter, we leave behind thoughts of harvest, the beautiful colours of autumn, the reds, yellows, browns and of course some green too. Winter can be quite a bleak time, as the familiar and some people’s favourite Christmas Carol suggests: ‘In the bleak midwinter, long, long, ago’. There is a sense that winter does go on for a long time. Our daylight hours are short, and it is a time that has little colour.

But bursting into the bleakness is Christmas, and then there is colour - Christmas baubles, tinsel, sparkling lights and stars, and even a few angels around, all brightening up our lives. Excited children, and a number of adults too, lists made, shopping done (which seems to go on for a long, long, time).

A long time ago in Bethlehem, as the bible says and as the song goes, ‘Mary’s boy child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day’ - a baby that was to be a King. Not the kind of king that the people had expected or were looking for, and of whom, in our modern, secular world, in a sense, we have lost sight - this boy child of Mary, of whom the Angels heralded the good news to shepherds on a cold dark hillside, with shining lights. A heavenly choir announced that a king was born, our eternal king - the saviour and friend of all people, come to heal and ultimately give his life for all.

His place of birth was not full of colour, it was a bare stable. His bed was a manger. It was a very humble birth. The colour is added as we have life, because of his sacrifice. Christmas is a time of colour, of joy and of gladness.

It is also a time when people can feel more lonely, vulnerable and unloved. So please, in the midst of your families’ excitement and festivities, spare a thought or even a prayer for those who struggle with Christmas.

May the peace of the boy child, born to be king, be with you, and may colour and warmth surround you in this winter season.

Rev Sheila
WHAT’S ON

SUNDAY SERVICES OPPOSITE

WHAT’S ON WEEKLY

Mondays: Art Group, St Boswells Church Hall, 2-4pm (none 24 & 31 December)
Wednesdays: Craft Group, St Boswells Church Hall, 1.30-3.30pm (none 26 December & 2 January)
Wednesdays: Come & Sing Choir, Newtown Community Wing, adults 6.30pm
Fridays: Kidsong, Newtown School, 12.30-1pm
Thursdays: Thursday ‘Time Out Together’, St Boswells Vestry, 6.30pm (taking a break until Spring)
Fridays: Lunch Club, St Boswells Church Hall, noon-1.30pm (last 14 December; restart 4 January)

WHAT’S ON DECEMBER

Saturday 1 December: St Boswells Church Christmas Fair, Village Hall, 10am
Worship on Wednesday 5 December, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Sunday 9 December: United Service of Lessons and Carols, Newtown Church, 6pm
Thursday 13 December: St Boswells Guild Christmas Party, Church Hall, 2.30pm
Worship on Wednesday 19 December, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Thursday 20 December: Newtown Hour of Praise, Community Wing, 2pm
Friday 21 December: Carol Singing in the Charge – see page 7
Monday 24 December: Christmas Eve: - see page 6
Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Day: United Worship, Mertoun, 10.30am

WHAT’S ON JANUARY

Worship on Wednesday 9 January, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Thursday 10 January: St Boswells Guild: Seeking the Way, Church Hall, 12.30pm
Thursday 17 January: Newtown Hour of Praise, Community Wing, 2pm
Worship on Wednesday 23 January, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Thursday 24 January: St Boswells Guild Open Meeting: Church Hall 2.30pm
Tuesday 29 January: Meeting of Newtown Kirk Session, Vestry, 7pm
Wednesday 30 January: Meeting of Maxton & Mertoun Kirk Session, Mertoun Kirk, 7pm

WHAT’S ON FEBRUARY

Friday 1 February: Ceilidh Dance, St Boswells Village Hall, 8pm to Midnight
Friday 1 February: Editorial Deadline for March/April/May 2019 Newsletter
Worship on Wednesday 6 February, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Wednesday 6 February: Meeting of St Boswells Kirk Session, Vestry, 7pm
Saturday 9 February: St Boswells Church Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10am
Thursday 14 February: St Boswells Guild: Church Hall 2.30pm
Worship on Wednesday 20 February, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am
Thursday 21 February: Newtown Hour of Praise, Community Wing, 2pm
Thursday 28 February: St Boswells Guild, Church Hall 2.30pm
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Newtown</th>
<th>Maxton / Mertoun</th>
<th>St Boswells</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2 December 1st Advent</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Mertoun 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am Coffee after worship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 December 2nd Advent</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Lessons &amp; Carols</strong> &lt;br&gt;Newtown <em>6.00pm</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 December 3rd Advent</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Mertoun 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 December</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 24 December Christmas Eve</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Christingle Service</strong>&lt;br&gt;St Boswells <em>4.00pm</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Watchnight Service</strong>&lt;br&gt;Newtown <em>11.15pm</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 25 December</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Christmas Day Worship</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mertoun <em>10.30am</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 30 December</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Worship</strong>&lt;br&gt;St Boswells <em>10.30am</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 January</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>United Worship</strong>&lt;br&gt;Newtown <em>10.30am</em></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 January</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 January</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Mertoun 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 January</td>
<td>5.00pm</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am Coffee after worship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Coffee after worship</td>
<td>Coffee after worship</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 February</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Mertoun 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am Coffee after worship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 February</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 February</td>
<td>9.30am</td>
<td>Mertoun 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am Communion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 February</td>
<td>5.00pm</td>
<td>Maxton 9.30am</td>
<td>10.45am Coffee after worship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Communion</td>
<td>Coffee after worship</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE

9 DECEMBER - 2ND ADVENT SUNDAY
LESSONS & CAROLS
Newtown Parish Church 6pm
Featuring Newtown Primary School Choir

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER
PRIMARY SCHOOLS & NURSERIES
END OF TERM SERVICES
Newtown 9.30am in School
St Boswells 11.50am in Church
Parents & family friends are welcome

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER
CAROL SINGING
5.30pm Dryburgh Arms Hotel, Newtown
6.15pm Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells
7pm Hunters Stables Restaurant, St Boswells

CHRISTMAS EVE
CHRISTINGLE FAMILY SERVICE
St Boswells Church Hall 3.30
(making Christingles)
Worship St Boswells Church 4pm
Take part in an impromptu Nativity play:
Children and adults, are invited to come dressed as a favourite nativity character: wise man, shepherd, angel, donkey, sheep....

CAROL SINGING
Round the Christmas Tree - Newtown 6.30pm

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
Newtown Church 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
Mertoun Kirk 10.30am
You are invited to bring a toy or gift
which you have received, to ‘show to others’.

Retiring Offerings in aid of Fresh Start Borders SC041071
Carol Singing
Friday 21st December
Collection in aid of Fresh Start Borders SC041071

Come and Sing
Come and Listen!
Words & music provided
Meet at Dryburgh Arms Hotel, Newtown
5.30pm

Approximate Timing
5.30pm: Dryburgh Arms Hotel, Newtown
6.15pm: Buccleuch Arms Hotel, St Boswells
7pm: Hunters Stables, St Boswells

Further info: Rev Sheila Moir, 01835 822255, Smoir@churchofscotland.org.uk

Christmas starts with Christingle

Christmas Eve: St Boswells Church Hall 3.30pm
Bring children to make Christingles (all materials provided)
Service in Church 4pm Everyone welcome

Take part in an impromptu Nativity play.
Children and adults are invited to come dressed as a favourite nativity character:
Wise man, shepherd, angel, Mary, Joseph, donkey, cow, sheep, .......

Retiring Offering in aid of: Fresh Start Borders SC041071
CROSSREACH CHRISTMAS ANGEL APPEAL

Choose to be a Guardian Angel this Christmas.

Announcing a major appeal to raise £200,000 in support of CrossReach’s work providing Christian love and care to families across Scotland. Will you be a Guardian Angel for someone this Christmas time?

Cut out the angel bauble or find one in colour on the CrossReach website: https://www.crossreach.org.uk/news/crossreach-christmas-angel-appeal-2018

Write a message of hope or a prayer on the reverse to all who have need of CrossReach’s support this Christmas. Return your bauble, along with your donation, to be added to the Christmas displays at CrossReach.

Please send your cheque (made payable to ‘CrossReach’) to: Christmas Angel Appeal, CrossReach, Charis House, 47 Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2SR.
POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

After months of knitting and crafting, displays were set up in St Boswells and Newtown in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended the first World War.

We are very grateful to St Boswells Branch of the Royal British Legion for their very generous donation of ‘There but not there’ Tommies for the displays. These will be greatly treasured and used to mark Remembrance Sunday in years to come.

We also want to thank the many people in the community who provided poppies of all descriptions and to the people who gave up their time to set up displays both inside and outside the churches. The displays formed a fitting tribute to the people from within our Charge who paid the ultimate sacrifice and showed that they are not forgotten.

On Remembrance Sunday, the United Service in St Boswells Church was followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am. Along with many other churches, church bells were rung at 12.30pm.

Later, at 1.30pm, there was an Act of Remembrance at Newtown War Memorial. After wreaths were laid, pupils from Newtown Primary School laid poppies which they had made in school. This was followed by hospitality in Newtown Community Wing when Newtown ‘Come and Sing!’ Community Choir entertained with war time songs.

On Monday 12th November at 11am, senior pupils from St Boswells Primary School conducted a moving Remembrance Service at St Boswells War Memorial.

Please visit our website www.4kirksonthetweed.org for more pictures.
FAREWELL TO RACHEL WILSON, ASSISTANT MINISTER

As the saying goes, ‘time flies when you’re having fun’, but it also flies by when you’re learning new things, making new friends, and facing new challenges.

Back in early January 2016, I met with Rev Sheila for an introductory tour of the Charge prior to starting my training placement. I remember wondering how long it would take me to learn my way around, and more importantly, how I would remember the correct church at the correct time on a Sunday morning. I am very proud of the fact that during my two and a half years working in the Charge, there were only two occasions when I arrived at a church to discover mine was the only car in sight!

In some ways, that day seems like a distant memory, but in other ways, it has most definitely flown by and it is hard to believe that my time with you has come to an end, and that I will shortly be ordained and inducted into my own Charge, in the parishes of Hobkirk and Southdean, linked with Ruberslaw congregations. My experience of church and worship rotas will stand me in good stead, as I will have five potential venues for Sunday worship – my kids are currently having bets as to how long it will be before I get the wrong time or place.

It has been a huge privilege to have worked with Rev Sheila and the three congregations since January 2016 and I have learned so much about what it is to be a Parish Minister. I am extremely grateful to both Rev Sheila and everyone in the churches, who have been so generous with their support and encouragement, and their willingness to let me share in their journeys of faith in the joys and trials of everyday life. I have also appreciated the encouragement I received from those in the wider community that are maybe not regular church goers, but whose paths have crossed mine through baptisms, weddings and funerals and other special services.

I was overwhelmed by the beautiful painting of the four churches by John Martin that was presented to me on my final Sunday, and when it is hung up in Denholm manse it will be a constant reminder of the time I spent in the Charge. I have used the money that was also presented to me to purchase the material for my cassock, which will remind me of our joint Christian fellowship whenever I lead worship.

Whilst it is a wrench to say goodbye to so many people who have grown to be good friends, I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me and my new parishioners in the coming weeks and months. I do hope some of you will pop into Denholm manse for a coffee or join us for worship occasionally – just make sure you check the church and time!

Blessings, Rachel
VINE TRUST FUNDRAISING

Our three year fundraising project for the Vine Trust ‘Build a house in Tanzania’ project has now come to an end.

When we began, our aim was to raise the funds to build one house (approximately £3700). At our United Café Church service in St Boswells Church Hall on Sunday 30th September, Martin Holt, Chief Operating Officer of the Vine Trust, was delighted to receive a cheque for £4707.

When Newtown Church began to collect 5p pieces to boost the fundraising, we asked ‘How far does 5p go?’ We collected a grand total of £401.55, or 8031 coins, so the answer is that our 5p pieces covered approximately 144.5 metres.

Martin gave a slide presentation during the service and we were able to see just how much a new house means to the families who are living in terrible conditions.

We are very grateful for the generosity of all who contributed in any way to the success of the project.

During Café Church on 30th September, we also welcomed representatives from the Borders Street Pastors, who gave a most interesting talk and presentation of their work – and we enjoyed the lollipops!
FUND RAISING THANKS

As always, the community has been very supportive of fundraising events within the Charge. We are very grateful for your continued support which meant that the following totals were realised:

Newtown Coffee Morning, Saturday 25th August - £595.85
St Boswells Coffee Morning, Saturday 8th September - £300
Maxton & Mertoun Coffee Morning, Saturday 29th September - £556.25
Berwick Male Voice Choir Concert, St Boswells, Saturday 27th October - £192

St Boswells Church is very grateful to the Art Club for a generous donation from their recent exhibition.

We are very grateful to the pupils and parents at St Boswells and Newtown Primary Schools for the very generous donations received at their Harvest Assemblies and these, along with donations at Harvest Thanksgiving Services, were passed on to local foodbanks.

Cash donations, together with the proceeds from the Harvest Lunch at Newtown, allowed us to make donations to The Lavender Touch totalling £167.50.

The retiring collection for Poppy Scotland on Remembrance Sunday totalled £274.30.

We look forward to your continued support at the events advertised in this newsletter.

BLYTHSWOOD CARE

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Many thanks to all those who took the time to fill a shoebox for this year’s appeal and to those who collected them and delivered them to the Blythswood Care van. Thank you also to Mary from St Boswells who once again undertook to cover shoeboxes in exchange for a donation to Blythswood Care. A total of 42 filled shoeboxes together with 3 boxes of handed knitted scarves, hats etc. were passed on to Blythswood Care.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES THANKS

My thanks to the Children of Primaries 1 - 3 of Newtown and St Boswells schools for the lovely pictures that have been made into Christmas Cards and distributed with this newsletter.

They were all well done, making the task of choosing very difficult – each year, the judges find it difficult and this one was no exception. Again, well done and thank you for your pictures.

The overall winning design, shown on the front of the Newsletter, was drawn by Ryan Wilkie. The other winning designs were drawn by Anna Emond, Isla Kay, Summer Mains, Casey Reid and Amelia Ross.

Rev Sheila

THANK YOU to all the folk in all the churches who have been so kind during my move into Newtown and for the lovely cards and kind thoughts.

Fran Selkirk
PRAYER

‘The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not understood it........... The true Light that gives light to every person was coming into the world.

Winter approaches, the nights draw in and we reach for the light and draw the curtains, keeping out the darkness and keeping in the light and the warmth. One of the first things GOD did in HIS creation was to create light and separate it from the darkness. HE also gave us lights for the darkness of night. On a cold frosty night, we can look up and see HIS handiwork, countless stars glittering in a black velvet sky and be overawed by the sight and the beauty, yet comforted, for HE has done this for us.

We hang lights everywhere at Christmas, lights in all the colours of the rainbow, in our streets and in our homes. It brings us a lot of pleasure.

GOD made us in HIS own image. ‘HE is light and in HIM is no darkness’

(1 John 1: 5) Our love of light and our great need for light and also our delight in its many forms, stem from this fact.

CHRIST, The Light of the world, was sent by The FATHER into a tainted, yet still beautiful creation to bring HIS light into our inner darkness. The light from heavenly beings, angels and a star, guided shepherds and wise men from the east to Bethlehem to worship on that first Christmas night. Light streamed from the stable in Bethlehem for us and for all who hunger for the light of home.

May you see and follow the Light of CHRIST in all the days ahead wherever you are and so be richly blessed because of HIS Presence in your heart and home.

‘LORD, the light of YOUR love is shining.............’

Rev Winnie Munson

Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells Churches

Thursday Time Out Together

- Meetings begin with a short time of prayer
- Discussion using appropriate material
- Sometimes we still go way off in a different direction as we try to figure out how the Bible is speaking to us in our lives
- But whatever topic we cover, we have wonderful fun and fellowship, and a welcome break from the everyday routine

Why not join us in St Boswells Vestry at 6.30pm?
Extract from the website of Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland:

The Spiritual Nurture of Children’ is the subject of the 2019 conference of the Scottish Church Theology Society.

The conference will take place at Peebles Hydro from January 14 to 17 and will feature contributions from Professor John Sullivan of Liverpool Hope University, Stephen Fischbacher from Fischy Music, Ailsa Hill, a bereavement support worker with Richmond’s Hope and the Rev Roddy Hamilton, minister at Bearsden New Kilpatrick Church.

ST BOSWELLS GUILD NEWS

Our Session started on 11th October with a Chrysanthemum Tea, when we discussed the speakers for the coming Session and the charities we hope to support.

On 25th October, Ian Skinner gave us an interesting talk about his time as an evacuee in America during the Second World War. We enjoyed a display of artefacts from both world wars, provided by George and Elma Oliver. Especially poignant were letters and newspaper articles concerning money raised and knitting done by local ladies for servicemen and those serving on the fronts and convoy duties.

Our Christmas Party is on 13th December in the Church Hall at 2.30pm and all former Guild members in all parts of the Charge are cordially invited to join current members.

St Boswells Church Flower List

The Flower List for 2019 is now in the vestibule. Please sign up! Anyone is welcome to provide flowers for the Church on a Sunday. If you wish, you may donate and someone else will do the arrangement. Flowers for December 2018 are kindly being provided by Sheila Scott and Linda Ovens.

Sarah Cummock tel: 823166

Newtown Church Flower List

The flower list for 2019 will be available at the beginning of the new year in Newtown Church. If you wish to provide flowers – or donate to the cost of flowers – on a particular Sunday, please put your name on the list or contact Carol Hunter, our Flower Convenor.
Newtown Parish Church
Charity No SC000575

Come & Sing
All-Age, All-Ability Choir
Bringing Joy to Our Community

Choir Leader: Derek Reid
Admission Free

All-Age Choir
Newtown
Community Wing
Wednesdays
6.30 - 7.45pm

Project funded by The Church of Scotland
Go For it Fund.

Kidsong
Newtown School
Fridays
12.30-1pm

For further information contact:
Derek Reid: derekreid@aol.com

Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells Churches
Scottish Charity Numbers SC03481, SC000575, SC010210

Ceilidh Dance
Friday 1st February 2019
St Boswells Village Hall
8pm - midnight
(doors open 7.30pm)

Dance to:
Neil Hardie's
Scottish Dance Band

Tickets £11
(Hot Supper Included)

BYOB
(don't forget your glass!)

Advance Booking Essential
tel 01835 823286

NO BAR

RAFFLE
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ALL THAT STUFF
GLOBAL WARMING OR GLOBAL OVERHEATING!

Conversation after a church meeting on a Wednesday night with mission partners from Yemen, where the rains have still not come and famine is getting to extreme levels. The mission partners make the link between climate change and growing levels of food insecurity:

Person A: See that Yemen stuff, shame it’s happening but I’m not convinced it’s this “climate change”. I was reading in the paper that it’s just the way the world’s temperature changes – increasing temperature is just normal. I think it’s a bit of a conspiracy to get money.

Person B: It’s good to talk about these things and it’s certainly awful what’s happening in Yemen. I really respect all you’ve done to support the work of the church, but on this point of climate change we don’t agree.

Person A: Oh right, I suppose it’s because you’re an eco-warrior? I forgot you love all that green stuff.

Person B: Well, it’s more than that. I personally believe that climate change is real and it is a problem. It’s taken me a while to get there, I didn’t always think it was an issue, but for me, you know last summer when we had that really weird weather. There’s definitely something going on. If you look back at your own life do you not think that the weather has got dramatically different? And certainly, for me when every scientist in the world says there’s a problem, well for me, that’s good enough. I also think about my grandkids, you know what it’s like too with your lot, you really want to have a good world for them, it’s such a gift from God, and I want to do what I can to protect it for them.

Person A: Yeah, I suppose I hadn’t really thought of it like that. We can’t really make much of a difference though can we, you can’t just give up your car and your house and never go on holiday?

Person B: I felt similarly but actually the things I’ve tried to do to reduce my impact on the environment haven’t been all that bad. We did decide not to fly to France last year for our holidays and actually it was great fun all packed up in the car with the grandkids- we played loads of games, sang songs and got to fill the car up at Calais!

Person A: That does sound fun! I think I’ll get in touch with the mission partners and see how else I can pray for them. Thanks for the chat.

ST BOSWELLS CHURCH
Coffee Morning
Saturday 9th February
Church Hall • 10.00am
Usual Stalls: Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Books etc.
All contributions greatly appreciated.

Please remember to save your stamps for the Stamp Appeal for disabled children and children with learning difficulties in the Ukraine. Proceeds from the annual appeal will go to support centres run by the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, an area of western Ukraine.

Ann Smith
LIFE EVENTS IN OUR CHARGE

Weddings: “And the greatest of these is Love”

At Ednam House Hotel, Kelso, on Sunday 12th August 2018:
Mr Gregg Davies, Melrose to Miss Yvonne Blackwood, St Boswells, conducted by Mrs Pamela Douglas.

In St Boswells Parish Church on Saturday 1st September 2018:
Miss Sarah Hunter to Mr Kevin Dunn, St Boswells.

Renewal of Wedding vows
In Lauder Kirk on Saturday 29th September 2018:
Mr Colin and Mrs Katherine (Polly) Steele, Lauder.

In Maxton Kirk on Monday 22th October 2018:
Miss Jessica Dennison to Mr Philip Munro, Galashiels.

Funerals: “In Life, in Death, O Lord, Abide with me”
In Remembrance..............

6th August 2018: Mrs Shona Melrose, St Boswells.
Service held in St Boswells Parish Church on Wednesday 15th August, with interment at Benrig Cemetery.

30th August 2018: Mr Charles Bruce, St Boswells, farmer at Bemersyde.
Private Interment held at Mertoun Cemetery, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving held in Mertoun Kirk on Friday 7th September 2018.

2nd September 2018: Mrs Mary Lillies Turnbull, Newtown St Boswells
Graveside Service held on Monday 10th September at Hawick.

2nd September 2018: Mrs Jean Stramka: Newtown St Boswells.
Service held on Tuesday 18th September in Newtown Church, with interment at Wairds Cemetery.

11th September: Mrs Pamela Lackie, Melrose.
Service held on Monday 7th November at Browns Service Rooms with interment at Wairds Cemetery.

30th September: Mr George Rush (Dod), St Boswells.
Service held at Borders Crematorium on Tuesday 9th October, conducted by a member of the Humanist Society Scotland.

SCOTLAND’S CHARITY AIR AMBULANCE
Charity No. SC041845
Come and enjoy old-fashioned hymn singing
Sunday 13th January 2019 • 2.00pm
St Boswells Church
Border Vintage Agricultural Association

Meetings held in
St Boswells Church Hall at 7.30pm

Club Nights:
20th December & 17th January

New members always welcome
For further information
telephone 07836 624245

Shimmer
Hair Studio
01835 823888

Your one stop shop for all your Hair & Beauty Essentials

88 Main Street
St. Boswells TD6 0AP

KJR JOINERY
KEVIN HOLLAND
JOINER & GLAZIER
ST BOSWELLS
No job too small
Free estimates
Tel: 01835 824287
Mob: 07598 327963

Linda Sinclair
BSc. Pod. Med., HPC Registered

PODIATRIST / CHIROPODIST

Tel: 01835 822632
Mob: 07708 336 977

WWW.BORDERSFOOTCARE.COM

footeprint
Design • Print • Deliver

One stop service for all your design & printing requirements

01835 862667
info@footeprint.co.uk  www.footeprint.co.uk
Riverside Works, Edinburgh Road, Jedburgh TD8 6EE
If you have any items to sell, or you're looking for that elusive bargain, do come along and try your luck!

Mob: 07598 327963
Grundy on 01835 823432
JOINER & GLAZIER
Tel: 01835 824287
No job too small
from 8am to 1pm.
Free estimates

ST BOSWELLS
DE MENTIA FRIENDS AWARENESS SESSION
Saturday 9th June from 10.00am

AUTO ELECTRICS, DIAGNOSTICS,
TOWBARS FITTED, BLUETOOTH
U
n
n

www.scotiachiropractic.co.uk
Offers:
Chiropractic • Remedial Massage • Podiatry
Chiropody • Cranio Sacral
Tel: 01835 823645
Contact: Ian Hunter
Clinics at St Boswells, Peebles, Wooler

www.scotiachiropractic.co.uk

MATT-LOCKS
24 HOUR LOCK-OPENING & REPLACEMENT SERVICE
LOCKS SUPPLIED & FITTED
DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
FROM LOCKOUTS TO LOST KEYS
WE CAN HELP. KEYS ALSO CUT
Tel: 01835 869834
Fax: 01835 864388
Unit 1 New Bongate Mill, Bongate
Jedburgh TD8 6DU
Email (sales@matt-locks.co.uk)
Proprietor Chris Matthews

Extend
Exercise Class
for the over 60’s
Tuesdays 9.15–10.15 am
St Boswells Church Hall
in school term time
For more information call
Amanda 07712 587 516.

Book now: 01835 822710
www.huntersstables.co.uk
HUNTERS STABLES
Wine Bar & Bistro
• Stone fired pizza
• Italian favourites
• Traditional Scottish dishes
• Families welcome
• Function space available
Find us down the lane between the church & the village hall in the old Legton clubrooms.

Painter & Decorator
paperhanging specialist
FREE ESTIMATES
Tel: St Boswells 01835 822110
GORDON DAVIDSON
Old Post Office

Newsagents
Greetings Cards
Confectionery
Lottery
Pay point
Photocopying

01835 824930
Post.boswells@virgin.net

Grant Lees

Established for 30 years
Antique Clock Restoration
Barometers and Watches
Modern work also undertaken
Estimates and Valuations

HOUSE CALLS BY REQUEST
148 St Andrew Street, Galashiels
Tel: 01896 753721
Evenings: 01896 757441

Crystal Clear Cleaning Company

Home, Domestic, Commercial & Carpet Cleaning

We offer: Residential, Office, Commercial Seasonal, One-off Clean, Deep Clean, Regular Clean
Carpet cleaning is also available

For a free quote call: 07564 996738
E-mail: crystalclearcleaning85@yahoo.co.uk

St Boswells Mowers

• Sales
• Service
• Repairs
• Hire

Charlesfield Ind. Estate, St Boswells TD6 0HH
Tel: 01835 824555 Mob: 0771 1587 894
Contact: Ian Hunter

Tweedside Gallery

Tweedside Road
Newtown St Boswells
01835 823473

Quality Crafts & Gifts
Local Images by Ian Oliver
Bespoke Picture Framing
Greetings Cards &
lots more……..

Open: Tue, Thu & Fri 10:00am - 5:00pm
Wed & Sat 10:00am - 1:00pm
www.tweedsidegallery.co.uk