

Intimations 02/12/18

An Advent Communion

There will be a short communion this evening 2nd December at 6pm in Carlops Church.

Communal Prayer.

A small group will meet for prayer on Wednesday 5th, December at 9.15 am in the Old Hall. All welcome to participate.

Blue Christmas

A Blue Christmas Service will be held in St Andrew's West Linton at 7pm on Sunday 9th December. This is a reflective time for those who find this season a little hard, and also for us to remember those we will especially miss at Christmas. There will be a few carols, readings and the lighting of candles. Many have found this a helpful event at this time of year. Why not invite someone you feel might appreciate it?

Christmas Floodlighting

It is our intention to illuminate the outside of the Church in the early mornings and evenings from 1st December until 5th January. As in past years we are seeking sponsorship to help us meet the cost of electricity and a sheet is available at the West Door for Members to indicate their details and a subscription amount. The floodlighting, signage and nativity scene are appreciated by the Community and serve to convey the Christmas Message.

Peebles Youth Trust Christmas Hampers

Last year the Peebles Youth Trust delivered 101 hampers to families in Peeblesshire with children under the age of 16.

The Trust are now making preparations for this year and hope, with the help of local churches, to make a huge difference to families who have been nominated by Social Services, Health Visitors, Schools and the Foodbank. This year the Trust will be grateful if we could donate packets of biscuits to be included in the hampers. Any donations will be collected the week beginning 4 December.

Gift Service for children in the Borders

This year's Gift Service will be held on Sunday 9 December. There are children across the Borders region that will not receive any presents for Christmas, therefore donations of new toys and books would be greatly appreciated. These donations will be given to the Salvation Army who will distribute them to children in the Borders. Your gifts will make a huge difference to children who otherwise would have nothing to open on Christmas Day.

Please note that all gifts should be NEW and UNWRAPPED. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne Jack, 01968 660862

Elders and Congregational Meetings

Meetings have been arranged at which people from our linkage will meet with members of the Transition Support Group (TSG). The TSG supports the Interim Ministry and forms a link with Presbytery and the Interim Ministries Task Group of the Ministries Council. It will number around five or six and represent each of these areas of church life and led by people of experience.

The elders of the three Kirk Sessions will meet the TSG on **Wednesday 5th December 2018, 7.30pm, New Church Hall, West Linton**. A second meeting for all members of the three congregations with the TSG will be held on **Saturday 12th January 2019, 10am until 12 noon** in a location to accommodate everyone (probably the Newlands Centre).

These meetings are an important opportunity for everyone to reflect on where we are on our journey as individual congregations and together as a linkage, and to help set aims and objectives for the future. Please make every effort to attend and participate in these discussions to support your church, your elders, and your Interim Minister on our journey together.

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