

Linkage News

Services Sunday 16 October 2022

Kirkurd & Newland Worship - 10am - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley in church

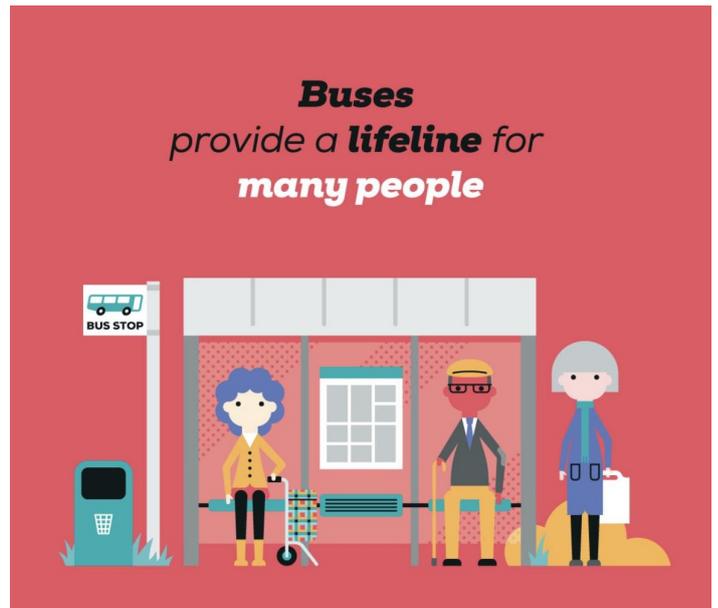
St Andrew's Worship - 11.30am - Isobel Hunter in church & on Zoom (see email for link)

Carlops Church Worship - 10am - Isobel Hunter in church & on Zoom (see email for link)



St Andrew's Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets are available in church .
Last Sunday for collection will be **Sunday 23 October**. Marion Moore has ordered drawstring bags which will be made available at a modest cost. More info can be found at [Shoe Box Appeal 2022 | Blythswood Care](#)



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Material for the November issue of the St Andrew's Newsletter should be in the hands of the Editor by 6pm Monday 24 Oct.



A Commemorative booklet has been produced about the Presbytery of Melrose & Peebles to mark the move to the larger Presbytery of Lothian & Borders from next year. It features details of each congregation in the Presbytery highlighting their contribution to the religious life of their own community. Lots of photos!

Copies available for just £5 and can be ordered from Michael Knott

FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to intimations@standrews-westlinton.org by *Thursday lunchtime* would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

Minister for West Tweeddale - Rev. Dr. Tony Foley

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The Great 101/2 Bus Survey is now live!!

The clock is ticking. With the ongoing deliberations about the future of the 101/2 Dumfries to Edinburgh bus service and, as yet, little formal consultation with people, businesses and communities along the route, 'Stand up for our buses' is launching our own 'whole route' survey to help get a comprehensive understanding of how all of the people and communities along the route feel about the 101/2 bus service and it's future.

The online questionnaire, is now 'live' - please see links below.

As well as being endorsed and supported by Community Councils all along the route, you won't be surprised to hear that local councillors, in many wards, from different local authorities, from different political parties (and none) are also lending their moral and practical support. We're also heartened to have the support of local authorities themselves and transport agencies who fund and manage the route.

<https://bit.ly/101-102-buses>

The survey is very deliberately an objective attempt to garner information about the service - from as many people as possible, **users and non-users**. It is obviously vital that this is done objectively to ensure the results are accepted as representative of the population as a whole and not just the 'views of a pressure group'. Please encourage people in your community take the time to complete the survey - whether they are a bus-user or not. Only takes 10 minutes. And please ask them to pass the link on to other friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues, members of your household etc to complete it as well (answers should be based on individual's usage of the bus). Again, the more people who complete the survey, the better.

We are also promoting the survey via posters which will appear on most bus stops on the route - there's a QR code which you can point your camera phone at which takes you straight to the survey. And for anyone you know who would rather complete a paper version of the survey, please just let us know and we can arrange that.

This 'whole route' survey is unique - any other consultations will likely be conducted by individual local authorities and/or transport agencies and, as such, will understandably focus on their own section of the route.

We hope all feel that our 'whole route' survey gives everyone the opportunity to express their own opinions about the future of the service.

Again, time is of the essence so please, please, please complete the survey at the earliest opportunity. The will be **open for submissions until Friday 21st Oct** with a full report on it's findings available to all, including all community councils, by 31st October.

Any further ideas, suggestions, offers of help etc gratefully received. Just drop us an email or call 07903616032

Thanking you all in advance

Stand up for our buses

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