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to our community



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MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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HELLO FROM THE MANSE

Isn't it amazing the way winter slowly gives way and spring begins to show the promise of new life that is to come? As Rosie and I go on our daily walk around St Boswells, sometimes down by the riverside, we get glimpses of that new life – not that Rosie is interested in looking at signs of spring! But I get to see that snowdrops are flourishing along the way. You can see too in gardens the green shoots of other spring flowers – crocus, daffodils, tulips – although we can never be too complacent as the weather can change quickly and what we think is spring may feel more like the middle of winter.

Just like the seasons, though, life changes too. In the schools in our Charge I have the privilege of seeing the children growing and blossoming into responsible and respectful young adults. A highlight recently was the Burns afternoon events in Newtown and in St Boswells, hosted by the primary 7's. In Newtown I listened to the children recite, with confidence and passion, the Scottish poems that they had learnt; and in St Boswells I was treated as a special guest to a Burns lunch which included poetry and dance. Parents you have every right to be proud of your children.

Spring also is the time where we turn our attention to the Easter Story, although it is never really far from our thoughts in the Church as we worship weekly, in that the cross is the place where Jesus took away the sins of the world and died that we may have life. New life, just like the promise of life that we see around us in the green shoots awakening from the cold dark soil. The promise of everlasting life; that when we die, we live in eternity. The promise, that we have nothing to fear; when we have faith in him.

May the Easter story fill you with new hope and new life, may you know the joy of knowing that He died for you and that He lives and reigns.

Rev Sheila

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2017

	Newtown	Maxton/Mertoun	St Boswells
5 March <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**
12 March <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	9.30am	Maxton 9.30am	10.45am
19 March <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am <i>Stated Annual Meeting</i>
26 March <i>4^h Sunday in Lent</i>	5pm <i>Stated Annual Meeting</i> <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am <i>Communion</i> <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	10.45am
2 April <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**
9 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am	Maxton 9.30am	10.45am
	Holy Week Services - see opposite		
16 April <i>Easter Day</i>	9.30am	Mertoun 11.45am	10.45am
23 April	5pm <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	10.45am
30 April	United Service St Boswells 10.30am		
7 May	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am <i>Stated Annual Meeting</i>	10.45am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**
14 May	9.30am <i>Communion</i>	Maxton 9.30am	10.45am <i>Communion</i>
21 May	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am
28 May	5pm <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	10.45am
	** You are invited to make a small monetary donation for coffee in support of The Vine Trust project: 'Build a House in Tanzania'		

Services for Easter

Thursday 13 April – Maundy Thursday

Informal 'Supper in the Upper Room'

Service of Communion

St Boswells Church Hall 7pm

Friday 14 April – Good Friday

Service of contemplation and reflection

Newtown Church 7pm

Sunday 16 April – Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!

Greet this wonderful new day, sharing in worship, praise & prayer

Ecumenical Service – Dryburgh Abbey – 7am

(No access through Dryburgh Abbey Hotel car park)

Offering in aid of Alzheimer Scotland (Scottish Charity SC022315)

Easter Morning Breakfast – St Boswells Church Hall

following the Dryburgh service.

Please make a generous donation to cover the cost of
breakfast rolls and coffee.

Profits in aid of Alzheimer Scotland (Scottish Charity SC022315)

Family Services

Come along with your decorated egg and/or Easter Bonnet.

Prizes for age groups 0-5, 6-12, 12 and over:

Newtown Church 9.30am

St Boswells Church 10.45am

Mertoun Kirk 11.45am

Monday 17 April – Easter Monday

Messy Easter – St Boswells Church Hall 4 - 6pm

(more details in advert)



Schools' End of Term Services

Thursday 30 March - St Boswells School in St Boswells Church 9.45am

Friday 31 March - Newtown School in school 9.15am

Families and friends are welcome at both services

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH:

Worship on Wednesday: 1 March, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am.

St Boswells Guild: Thursday 9 March, Church Hall, 2.30pm.

Worship on Wednesday: 15 March, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am.

Newtown Hour of Praise: Thursday 16 March, Community Wing, 2pm.

Newtown Church Coffee Morning, Saturday 18 March, Community Wing, 10am

St Boswells Congregation Stated Annual Meeting: Sunday 19 March, St Boswells Church, 10.45am

St Boswells Guild: Annual General Meeting, Thursday 23 March, Church Hall, 2.30pm.

Newtown Congregation Stated Annual Meeting: Sunday 26 March, Newtown Church, 5pm

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL:

Worship on Wednesday: 5 April, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am

St Boswells Church Coffee Morning: Saturday 8 April, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am

Messy Easter: Monday 17 April (Easter Monday); St Boswells Church Hall, 4 - 6pm - see advert

Worship on Wednesday: 19 April, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am

Newtown Hour of Praise: Thursday 20 April, Community Wing, 2pm

WHAT'S ON IN MAY:

Worship on Wednesday: 3 May, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am

Meeting of Maxton & Mertoun Kirk Session: Wednesday 3 May, Mertoun Kirk, 7pm

Maxton & Mertoun Congregation Stated Annual Meeting: Sunday 7th May, Mertoun Kirk, 9.30am

Editorial Deadline for June/July/August Newsletter: Monday 8 May

Meeting of St Boswells Kirk Session: Tuesday 9 May, St Boswells Church, 7pm

Meeting of Newtown Kirk Session: Wednesday 10 May, Newtown Vestry, 7pm

St Boswells Guild Tea, Coffee and Chat: Thursday 11 May, Church Hall, 7.30 – 8.30pm

Steeplechase Walk: Saturday 13 May – see advert

Christian Aid Week: 14 - 21 May

Worship on Wednesday: 17 May, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am.

Newtown Hour of Praise: Thursday 18 May, Community Wing, 2pm.

Maxton & Mertoun Church Plant Sale, Saturday 20 May, St Boswells Village Hall, 10am.

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland: week commencing 20 May, Edinburgh

Heart & Soul: Sunday 21 May, Edinburgh Princes Street Gardens - see advert

WEEKLY:

Mondays: Art Group, St Boswells Church Hall 2 – 4pm.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, St Boswells Church Hall, 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Thursdays iMPACT After School, for primary school children, St Boswells School, 3.15 - 4.15pm *(30th March is last until September)*

Fridays: Lunch Club, St Boswells Church Hall, noon – 1.30pm.

iMPACT AFTER-SCHOOL

ST BOSWELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

During term time for all primary pupils who wish to come along

Spring term 2017

Last on 30 March

The group meets in the multi-purpose room from 3.15 to 4.15pm on Thursdays.

Bible stories, activity sheets and songs



Maxton & Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells Churches

CONGREGATIONAL STATED ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Stated Annual Meetings of each congregation will take place after worship as follows:

St Boswells Church
Sunday 19 March, 10.45am

Newtown Church
Sunday 26 March, 5pm

Maxton & Mertoun
Mertoun Kirk
Sunday 7 May, 9.30am

ST BOSWELLS CHURCH COFFEE MORNING



Our spring coffee morning will be held on Saturday 8th April from 10.00am in the church hall. There will be the usual cakes, books and bric-a-brac stalls.

Contributions will be much appreciated.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY BORDERS BRANCH

Charity No. SCO 41990

Coffee Morning
in **St. Boswells Village Hall** on
Saturday April 22nd from 10.00am

With coffee and home made biscuits. Stalls will include Cake and Candy, Knitted Goods and Books. There will also be a Raffle.

Admission: £2.00

VineTrust 'BUILD A HOUSE IN TANZANIA'

The congregations of Maxton and Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells Churches have made a commitment to a three-year fund raising programme in aid of the Vine Trust's 'Building a House in Tanzania' project.

Our pledge is to raise the £3700 required to fund the building of one family home

Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

The total raised as at 31 December 2016 is--

£2911

Please donate in any of the following ways:

- small monetary donations in our 'Vine Trust House' collecting boxes which are available in all churches
- voluntary donations towards coffee provided in our churches after worship

- look out for other events in the Charge
- large or small – please let us have your ideas – would you like to hold an event to raise money for this project?
- adding 5p pieces to Newtown Church's 'Mile of 5p coins'
- if you wish to make a contribution over £20, completing a Vine Trust Gift Aid form will allow them to benefit from an extra 25p for every £1 you donate (forms available in churches and from Brian Evans)
- donations by cheque, should be made payable to 'The Vine Trust Tanzania Appeal'
- donations may be made in all churches and to Brian Evans, St Boswells Church Treasurer (see page 2)
- to offer suggestions and for further information, please contact Rev Sheila Moir.



ST BOSWELLS GUILD NEWS

In November our first speaker was Rev Jim Wallace, accompanied by Rev Bob Milne (Minister of Upper Tweeddale) Ishbel Adamson & Peter Noble from Old Parish & St Pauls, Galashiels. They told us about their visit to Malawi and the work that is carried out there.

The next meeting's speaker was Mrs Rachel Wilson who gave an illustrated talk about her call to ministry.

In December at our Christmas party Mrs Jean Sandilands played some Scottish tunes on her accordion and Hugh Temple-

ton told us the story of Jesus birth from the Glasgow Bible. Mrs Ann Smith recited a beautiful poem entitled 'Baby Jesus sleeps'. The party ended with tea and the singing of carols accompanied by Jean Sandilands.

We started 2017 with a joyful sing-along as, unfortunately, our speaker was unable to come due to bad weather. At the second January meeting Mr Ian Skinner told us about Mailros (the site of Old Melrose) and stories about Boisil, Cuthbert, Aidan and the monks who came to live in this area. Mr Skinner will be leading his walks commencing on Easter Monday and starting at the Old Melrose tearoom at 1.30pm.

Elizabeth Kitchin

LOOKING BACK

At the start of March, as we turn our thoughts towards spring and begin our preparations for Lent and Easter, it's hard to remember what we did during Advent and over the Christmas period! Please bear with us as we cast our minds back to the celebrations of Christ's birth and what took place in our Church and community.

Newtown and St Boswells Churches traditional annual Christmas Fairs at the end of November were successful as always; the support of our friends is never taken for granted and the funds raised were valued: £1400 and £1126 respectively. The start of Advent saw a celebration of St Andrew's Day combined with an evening communion service in St Boswells Church.

Mary and Joseph began their Advent journey to Bethlehem (through St Boswells Church grounds!) and reminded us of the journey made by those homeless refugees over two thousand years ago. An early Christmas lunch was enjoyed on the second Sunday in Advent in St Boswells Church Hall and raised £587 for Church funds. The United service of lessons and carols in Newtown Church that evening was enhanced by the contribution of children from Newtown Primary School who sang and read the lessons beautifully. The offering was taken on behalf of our Christmas Charity Médecins Sans Frontières.

The Guild held their Christmas party as mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter. Soon it was end of term time, celebrated by the children of St Boswells and Newtown Primary Schools with services in St Boswells Church and Newtown School.

The long wait for the children came to an end with the Christmas Eve Christingle service in St Boswells Church. Christingles, carefully prepared earlier, were proudly



'ad hoc' Nativity Play

carried round the Church. Approximately 60 children, with their families and friends, listened to the Christmas story and sang carols with gusto as they welcomed the birth of the baby Jesus. Yes, he was lying in the manger in the stable outside Church when the congregation left! Early perhaps for the Borders, but somewhere in the world it was Christmas Day!

Later, adults joined together for a United Watchnight Service in Mertoun Kirk, welcoming the start of Christ's Birthday. On Christmas Day family worship in St Boswells was full of fun and celebration with the children (and Rev Sheila) showing some of the gifts they had time to open. Generous donations were again made at all these services, making a total of £663 being donated to Médecins Sans Frontières.

The Ceilidh Dance in January revived our spirits in the New Year as we danced to Neil Hardie's Ceilidh Band and enjoyed a tasty supper of stovies and shortbread. The profit of £630 was shared between the three congregations in the Charge.

You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter that the current total in our 'Build a House in Tanzania' project has risen by £199 to £2911 as at 31 December.

Sincere thanks, as always to our communities for their generous support.

NEWTOWN CHURCH

*Coffee
Morning*



Saturday 18th March

In Newtown Community Wing
from 10 a.m. Usual stalls



Abbey Consort, joined by professional soloists
and an orchestra, presents
The Entire Messiah

Although many choirs perform this work in
December it was actually conceived as an Easter
piece, portraying the life, death and resurrection
of Christ. This year is particularly significant as it
marks the 275th anniversary of the first
performance of the work.

Easter Sunday, 16 April
Holy Trinity Church, Melrose
7pm
and
Saturday, 22 April
Teviot Church, Hawick
7pm

Tickets £10
(accompanied children free)
Holmes of Melrose, High Street or
Deans and Simpson (Stationers), Hawick
or at the door.

Let us endeavour so to live that when we
come to die, even the undertaker will be
sorry.
Mark Twain

Phoenix Singers

Following a very successful launch in the autumn,
the Phoenix Singers present their second concert:

Friday 31 March
The Corn Exchange
Melrose
7.30pm

The programme exploits the Gilbert and
Sullivan pedigree of many of the members,
with extracts from *The Mikado* and *HMS
Pinafore*.

There will also be a
medley of Rogers and
Hammerstein numbers
ranging from *The
Sound of Music* to *The King and I*.



Tickets £7
including interval refreshments
Holmes of Melrose, High Street
or at the door.



As in previous years there will be a
door to door collection in our three
Parishes.

Any one willing to help with the
collection please contact:

Newtown: George Luke 01835
823631

Maxton/Merton: Lynn Bruce 01896
822327

St. Boswells: Alec Harper 01835
823623

Future Focus: THE WAY AHEAD

The Kirk Sessions in our Charge have decided to embark on the initiative that was highlighted in our last newsletter –

‘Future Focus: The Way Ahead’

Which is designed to help congregations, therefore us, to look afresh at our community, to examine our congregational life and to discern what it is that God wants us to be and to do in the next phase of our life and witness.

This is not just for the Kirk Session members, but all members of our linked congregations to come together to explore the life and future of our churches. We will be led by Rob Rawson from the Mission and Discipleship Future Focus team who will be our facilitator for the three meetings.

Results from other Churches and Charges where Future Focus has happened has shown that ‘Future Focus: The Way Ahead’ can have a positive and even transformational impact on a congregation. However, for this to be the case, certain conditions are necessary.

Firstly, and most importantly, the whole process needs to be embedded within a season of concerted prayer.

Secondly, wide participation from the whole congregation is vital.

Thirdly, there requires to be openness within the leadership of the church to embrace and implement change. This will never be change for its own sake, of course, but change that is agreed to be important and necessary.

At the end of Future Focus our linked Charge will have undertaken only a snapshot of our communities and congregations, but hopefully we will have a better understanding to help us discern God’s vision for the future in our Churches in our communities. It is hoped too that we will find it an encouraging and stimulating process which is why we need you to be involved, so please put the dates in your diary and come along to St Boswells Church Hall – without you the future focus will not happen.

Meeting 1: Wednesday 31st May at 7.00pm ending at 9.00pm

Meeting 2: Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm ending at 9.00pm

Meeting 3: Saturday 24th June at 10.00am ending at 3.00pm

"Steeplechase"

Steeplechase originated in Ireland in the 18th century. Horses and riders raced from one town's steeple to the next. The steeples were used as markers due to their visibility over long distances.

VineTrust

Saturday 13th May 2017

Please join us for a 'steeplechase' on foot
between our four churches

In aid of our Vine Trust Project

'Build a House in Tanzania' Charity No: SC017386

STEEPLECHASE WALK

13th MAY

approx 6.5 Miles

The route between Newtown and Maxton follows St Cuthbert's Way. Maxton to Mertoun is on footpaths through Mertoun Estate.

Toilet facilities are available at all churches.

Short talk in each church about its history.

Mileages below are approximate.

Gathering 9.30am: Newtown Church

Registration, bacon rolls, coffees

10.15am: start walk to **St Boswells** (1.8mils);
pay-as-you-go soup & sandwich lunch
in Church Hall

1pm: walk to **Benrig Cemetery** & site of old
church; on to **Maxton Kirk** (3mils); donations
for tea/soft drinks etc

3pm: walk to **Mertoun Kirk** (1.7mils);
arrive **4pm - end of walk.**
donations for tea/soft drinks etc

Return transport available if required to St
Boswells or Newtown.

REGISTRATION

To join the guided walk on 13 May please
register by 6 May at the latest

- ★ Registration fee £5, includes bacon roll
& tea/coffee at Newtown and Information
Leaflet & Map.
- ★ Cheques payable to St Boswells Parish Church
- ★ Send name, address, landline and mobile
numbers and email address to:

Lucy Smith, Sunnybank, Main Street,
St Boswells, TD5 0AT
email: churchessteeplechase@gmail.com

Include see if postal confirmation required
rather than email or text.

GUIDED WALK NOT FOR YOU?

Why not visit our churches by car, bicycle, or
...??
or walk part of the route on your own.



On 13 May only

Churches will be open:

Newtown: 9.30am - 11am

St Boswells: 10am - 4pm

Maxton: 2 - 4pm

Mertoun: 3 - 5pm



Information panels & leaflets available.

The route may, of course be walked at any
other time.

**St Boswells Church is open daily from
10am to 4pm.**

Access to the other churches by arrangement

FURTHER INFORMATION

Enquiries on the day only:
0774 368 8074

Appropriate footwear & all weather clothing
advisable

Well behaved dogs, on leads and under strict
control, are welcome

Please respect our buildings and leave dogs
and muddy footwear outside.

Prayer

GOD spoke and Creation came into being.... Genesis ch.1

JESUS replied, 'It is written....' Luke ch. 4 v 4.

GOD'S Word stands, and will stand for eternity. It enlightens and strengthens anyone who takes time to read it. In the Gospels, we get only a tiny glimpse of what went on during the forty days which JESUS spent in the wilderness. It was, to say the least, a vital, major battle – the definitive battle of all time.

...fought alone by JESUS, in that wilderness. Each time Satan suggested a diversion from GOD'S plan for HIS SON, JESUS confronted him with GOD'S Word, saying 'It is written...'. HE stood on the unshakeable ground of Truth. Satan stood on the slimy ground of twisted truth. JESUS is The Way, The Truth and The Life; proved to be by HIS Life, HIS death, and HIS Resurrection.

Truth is not popular. It gets watered down until it conveniently disappears. Standing on the ground of Truth cost JESUS HIS life – and anyone who sets out to follow HIM – in response to HIS invitation; 'Follow ME', will need resources as never before.

Paul speaks of them in Ephesians ch. 6; the Christian's armour; which includes the sword of Truth.

We are strengthened to follow JESUS through reading HIS Word, which is Truth - and spending time in HIS Presence. BOTH are necessary.

Edward Mote wrote this hymn, which says it all:-

My hope is built on nothing less
than JESUS' blood and Righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly lean on JESUS Name.
On CHRIST The solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
(Revised Hymnary)

Rev Winnie Munson



WHAT IS HEART AND SOUL?

Heart & Soul is a celebration of the life and work of the church, alongside the annual gathering of the Church of Scotland General Assembly.

This year's theme is 'Word of Life'
<http://www.heartandsoul.org.uk/> for more information.

Princes Street Gardens,
Edinburgh

Sunday 21 May

1 – 6pm, entry free

St Boswells Parish Church

invites you and your family to



Songs



Crafts



Food



St Boswells Church Hall
Monday 17th April
4.00-6.00

Stories



(includes free tea)



A different way of experiencing church
for all ages through creativity, celebration
and sharing a meal. (Children must be
accompanied by an adult)

Further Info: Rev Sheila Moir 822255 smoir@churchofscotland.org

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Life and Work is the magazine of the Church of Scotland

A LIFE-CHANGING MISSION

It began with simple acts of hospitality and has since

become a life-changing mission. The arrival of thousands upon thousands of Middle Eastern refugees more than a year ago shocked members of the Greek Evangelical Church (GEC) into action. Already assisting fellow Greeks who were struggling through tough economic times, the GEC members couldn't ignore the horrific conditions facing the refugees in the makeshift camps and idomeni.

'They were in the middle of nowhere in a open space. It was a terrible situation,' says Alexandra Nikolara, an elder of the GEC in Katerini and co-ordinator of the refugee programme.

GEC members from churches in Katerini and Neos Mylotopos, a village with a

population far smaller than the number of refugees in the camps, began providing basic supplies. This soon expanded to information resources, including internet connections. The network of volunteers grew, as did the support, with the GEC receiving donations from its daughter churches around the world.

During their regular visits, the volunteers realised that the refugees needed more than what could be provided for in the camps, so, with permission from the UNHCR, they invited refugees to their homes for a meal, a bath and a chance to wash their clothes. 'And then we decided not to take them back,' says Nikolara. 'We kept bringing more - this is how it started.'

The programme now run in Katerini is able to 'create a safe and peaceful environment for approximately 100 refugees with an objective to give them a professional helping hand' as they work their way through the European Union's re-settlement system, says Nikolara. (WCRC)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WORLD MISSION

This year Protestant churches from around the world are celebrating 500 years since the birth of the reformation. Church of Scotland's world mission secretary Ian Alexander is in Debrecen, Hungary where the 500th anniversary of the reformation is being celebrated. People from churches from all round the world are attending the event.

Debrecen, often referred as the Calvinist

Rome, will host two international ecumenical programmes and also various activities which help people to learn about the history of the city and the role it played in the reformation.

From 29 April to 9 May the Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan will be leading a group to the Holy Land. If you are interested in this trip further details can be obtained from Kenny Roger at World Mission Council office, 121, George Street, Edinburgh.

Ann Smith



Newtown St Boswells Bowling Club

Welcome to the new season!

**Opening of the Green ~
Saturday 15th April at 2 p.m.**

We look forward to welcoming
members old and new to the first day
of the new season.

Never played before? Not sure if it's
for you? Why not come along to our

**Come and Try Day
on
Saturday 29th April
from 1-3 p.m.**

Car Boot Sale

The Rotary Club of Melrose is
holding a Car Boot Sale on

Sunday 7th May,

from 9am – 1pm,
on St. Boswells Village Green.

Cars £7, Vans/Trailers £10. All are
welcome, whether you come as a
seller or a buyer!

For further Information, please call
Sylvia Grundy on 01835 823432.

MAXTON MEETS

The last two Talks in the 2016-17
Programme are:

Monday 13 March: Malcolm Lindsay:
'Moths and Butterflies of the Borders'

Monday 10 April: Gwen Hardie:
'From Learmonth to Lermontov: the 600
year story behind the recent celebration of
a Russian poet in Earlston'

PLANT SALE ALERT!

Maxton and Mertoun Church will be
holding another **GRAND PLANT SALE**
(including Mertoun Garden plants) with
coffee and other stalls, in St Boswells Village
Hall on Saturday, 20th May from 10 am.

Donations of plants (labelled please!) will
be very gratefully received. Mark the date
on your calendar and look out for posters
nearer the time.

EARTH HOUR FOR CHURCHES

Join churches from around Scotland
marking Earth Hour

Earth Hour is the world's largest
demonstration of support for action on
climate change. Last year, millions around the
world across 178 countries came together to
show support for action to protect our
amazing planet. Now, more than ever, it's
crucial we show support for action on climate
change. You can be part of it.

Join us at 8.30pm on Saturday 25 March
and we'll use your support to show political
and business leaders we all want action on
climate change. all over the world

- Switch off your lights in a symbolic
show of global support to protect our
amazing planet.

www.wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour

LIFE EVENTS IN OUR CHARGE AND SERVICES ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Funerals: 'In Life, in Death, O Lord, Abide with me'

In Remembrance.....

25th November 2016: Mr Ronald John Holloway, Mertoun. Service held at Borders Crematorium on Monday 5th December 2016

26th November 2016: Mrs Janet Moira Douglas, Jedburgh, formerly Templeknowe and Cross Flat. Service held at Browns Service Room followed by interment at Benrig, St Boswells on Wednesday 7th December 2016.

30th November 2016: Mr William Dodds, Knowesouth Nursing Home, Hawick formerly Newtown St Boswells. Service held at Borders Crematorium on Friday 9th December 2016.



*St Boswells
Church
Flowers*

Mar 5	Diane Kennedy
Mar 12	Mairi Campbell
Mar 19	Ken Evans
Mar 26	Elizabeth McClelland
Apr 2	
Apr 9	Margot Harper
Apr 16	Easter
Apr 23	
Apr 30	Rose Cameron
May 7	Lucy Smith
May 14	
May 21	Joan Stewart
May 28	

2nd December 2016: Mrs Elizabeth Smyth, St Andrews. Service held in St Boswells Parish Church on Monday 12th December 2016 with interment at Benrig

21st December 2016: Mrs Isabella Jessie Anne Reid Newtown St Boswells. Service held at the Borders Crematorium on Friday 30th December 2016.

3rd January 2017: Dr Flora Sophia Barry, Eildon. Service held at the Borders Crematorium on Thursday 12th January.

7th January 2017: Mr Colin Reed, Newtown St Boswells. Private Cremation Service at the Borders Crematorium on Friday 13th January 2017

9th January 2017: Miss Teigan Anderson Sherratt, Galashiels. Service and interment held at Wairds Cemetery on Friday 20th January 2017

12th January 2017: Mr Ian McIntosh, St Boswells. Service and interment held at Benrig Cemetery on Friday 20th January 2017

7th February 2017: Mrs Jessie (Cassells) Drummond Richie Hutchison, St Boswells. Service held at the Borders Crematorium on Monday 13th February 2017

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