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## **Prayer Corner**



### **Christmas Hope, Peace, and Joy**

Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas. That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

### **Prayer for Inward Peace and Goodwill**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your incarnation you united  
things earthly and heavenly.  
Fill us with the sweetness  
of inward peace and goodwill,  
that we may join the heavenly host

in singing praises to your glory;  
for you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gregorian Rite, 6th Century

## **From The Manse**

Dear Friends,

It was the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, and my doorbell rang. It was DHL with a large parcel, inside of which was a rather splendid Christmas cake. It was from Germany and had been sent by someone who had stayed at the manse as part of a group from the village of Lemmie near Hannover, who are exploring a twinning with Morebattle. It was my first Christmas present this year!

It is amazing how time passes and once again Advent is on our doorsteps. We will soon be putting up Advent calendars, opening the doors to reveal (hopefully Fair-trade) chocolate, as we count down the days till Christmas. It is a special time of evergreens and candles, of mince pies and mulled wine, of pantos and parties, of giving and receiving – and the most important gift of all, the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. At the church we will celebrate the Nativity with our Christmas services. On Christmas Eve there will be services at Hownam (6pm) and Linton (11.30), always so meaningful. Christmas day is a Sunday this year, and we will be holding a united service at Yetholm Kirk at 10am, so do come along and bring your presents! However, we are always conscious that Christmas is not a happy time for everyone and can bring back sad memories. For some it will be their first Christmas without loved ones. We therefore have our Quiet Christmas service on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Morebattle.

Part of Christmas is always the nativity plays. Which characters do you associate with? Some remember being angels with cardboard wings and tinsel haloes or shepherds with tea-towels on their heads. I am always drawn to the Magi. I like them because they were outsiders, people who came from another culture and faith tradition, but who were searching for something or someone special. They were fallible and made mistakes but were able to kneel before the Christ child and present him with exotic, rather impractical gifts (The three wise women would have brought nappies and a teddy!). They recognised that this baby would somehow

transform the world and turn the values of the world upside down. We need to remember that in our troubled world today.

This year started with Covid restrictions, but over the year we have been able to hold certain events for the first time in 3 years – such as our annual retreat to Holy Island. 14 of us travelled there on a clear autumn day and appreciated the sense of quiet in that special place. Lindisfarne is the end of the St Cuthbert's Way, and a few of our members appeared, and indeed were interviewed, on the BBC Alba programme on the Way, with stunning shots of the Border countryside, as well as Teapot Street and Kirk Yetholm.

I hope you have a wonderful time this Christmas and that, like me, you will be surprised by gifts and goodwill, but let us remember those who will struggle this Christmas – the homeless, the asylum seeker, the bereaved – and let us remember the baby born in the manger, who grew up to offer hope and draw all into the loving embrace of God.

Wishing you Peace and Joy at Christmas  
Colin

### **Christmas Services**

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

10am - Christmas Family Service Yetholm Kirk

11.15 - Christmas Family Service Morebattle Kirk

7.30pm – Yetholm Choir Concert

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

10am – Morebattle PS Service Morebattle Kirk

4pm – Quiet Service – Morebattle Kirk

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.30am – Advent Study group The Manse

2pm - Yetholm PS Service – Yetholm Kirk

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm – Christmas Eve Service Hownam Kirk

11.30pm Watchnight Service – Linton Kirk

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10am – Christmas Day Service Yetholm Kirk (United Service)

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

11am - New Year's Day Service Linton Kirk (United Service)

### **Advent Study Group**

The group will meet each Thursday morning of Advent. The first meeting will be at the Manse on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am. We will be using the

verses of the hymn ‘O come, O come Emmanuel’ as a springboard to our discussions.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Kelso Churches Together are holding a service at Kelso Old Parish Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are very welcome to attend.

### **BIRDBATH’S BEARS**

After the battle of Waterloo in 1815 and the collapse of Napoleon’s Empire, one of the first British tourists to visit Paris was our very own Sir Walter Scott, hot foot from Abbotsford. He found a battered and shabby city, after the years of revolution and war. He made his way to the Menagerie (Zoo: one wonders why?) but most of the cages and enclosures were empty, and the animals had been eaten by hungry Parisians. The exception were the bears, who seemed well-fed and happy, and pleased to see him. He then discovered why. The young Russian conscripts in the Tsar’s Army of Occupation regarded the bears as symbols of their homeland, and almost related to them by family ties. Every afternoon they were taking their precious ration of bread and sharing it with the bears. It would be nice to think that some of Putin’s conscripts, many of whom seem to bitterly resent being sent to Ukraine to fight in a war not of their choosing, could find it in their hearts to be equally kindly and generous towards the inhabitants of that brave country this Christmas?

### **A rubbish idea?**

Or maybe not. As I write the gates of Yetholm Kirk are decorated with poppies. At Easter you may remember that Melanie, with a little help from me, spent some time outside the shop in Morebattle and decorated a cross which then appeared in the churches for Easter worship.

As we move into Advent I wondered if something could be done for Christmas. **Stars** and **Angels** are very much part of the Christmas story, so I thought “Why don’t we decorate the church gates with stars and angels but recycled ones or rather ones made from ‘rubbish’?” Bearing in mind December weather make stars and angels from whatever is to hand, and we can meet up at the church gates just before Christmas Day and make a joyful display for any one passing. Perhaps get together in groups to share ideas and materials. Keep them smallish though I have a redundant traffic cone crying out to grow wings! Speak to Trish to discuss more.

Earlier in the Autumn, I found myself in Suffolk and visited several of the lovely churches there. Dedham had a flower festival which was a bonus and children had dressed one of the windows with sea life (the theme was creation) and made much of waste material. My favourite was a neon pink octopus made from plastic bags. In the prayer corner was an angel done as an Angel of peace for Ukraine and the wing feathers were long scraps of paper and on each was a written message or prayer. Perhaps you would like to include a dedication in your star or angel as this can be a time when we can miss family and friends the most.

**Recycling tip** for those who visit Tesco in Galashiels as they collect ink jet cartridges for recycling (as does Pitman Computers in Kelso) and in the make-up aisle is a teracycle box for some items but check the list as some things are not acceptable.

## **Trish Gentry**

### **All things bright and beautiful**

I learned to sing that, in the days when we were still singing God Save the King, in my primary school. Cecil Frances Alexander (see photo) was an Irish hymn writer, and her lovely words encapsulate so many of the things I learned to love and look at in wonder - and indeed rank highly among the things I still love life for now. For what it's worth, of the two tunes in the church hymnary, I favour the English traditional melody, Royal Oak, but since sitting down to write this I have discovered John Rutter has composed a version which you can find on YouTube.



This good lady also wrote the words for “There is a green hill far away” and “Once in Royal David’s city”.

I could write an essay on more or less any phrase in “All things bright and beautiful” but I’ll pick out just one or two.

It’s October as I write and we have just had one or two days with some glorious sunshine, and as I cycle around our lovely Border Countryside, there is so much that is bright and beautiful. The hedgerows are full of brightly coloured rose hips and hawthorns, the elders are turning wonderful pinks and burgundies, and some of the ash trees are beginning to go that lovely buttery yellow. I am keeping an eye on the red oak on the road edge of Yetholm cemetery to see whether it will oblige with some of its large and jagged leaves living up to its name. (This tree is well worth looking out for in the spring, when the newly emerging leaves are both bright and beautiful, although not red.)

“The Lord God made them all” is a very short summary of the most amazing and awe-inspiring sequence of events I could ever want to meditate on as I amble along our country lanes on my bike. I exercised my ageing brain recently by reading Adam Rutherford’s “Creation” - “The Origin of Life” half of it. Mind-boggling stuff... in which one of the many interesting things I learned about is the evidence for a unique origin to life - that it happened just once....

But I think about this amazing, blue, spinning, insignificant little planet, teeming with all the wonderful things Cecil Frances Alexander puts into her hymn, and the vastness of the universe we know about, never mind about all the other universes which I imagine exploding into existence. Such thoughts put my own short life into perspective, but also inspire me to value it and make the most of it.

Then so importantly for me, “He gave us eyes to see them”. Isn’t that just miraculous? The evolution of the eye is absolutely fascinating, and I do marvel every day at the wonders of binocular vision. At the back of each eye there is a very small, two-dimensional, inverted image, from which little electrical signals to the brain do their best to re-create what we see. But only yesterday, listening to a radio podcast, I learned that it’s more

complicated than that. People using hands-free mobiles while driving sometimes don't "see" what is in front of them because the brain is creating other images conjured up by a conversation with another person in another place.... I experience the same sort of thing on my bike rides, although fortunately that isn't a hazard to other road users. I try to make my bike rides a cycling mindfulness meditation, focusing on all the beautiful things my eyes and brain are enabling me to see, but if my mind drifts away to other things, I know I don't see what is around me in the same way.

All I can say is that all of it is just awe-inspiring. I am thankful every day for the miracle of life, for the bright and beautiful things, for everything that is wise and wonderful, and for having learned that beautiful little hymn all those years ago in my hymn-singing youth.

**Ann Thorns**

### **MOREBATTLE INSTITUTE – NEW ROOF**

Morebattle Institute is an old Victorian School in the centre of the Village. It was bought by the Community in 1933 when the "new" primary school was built.

It hosts a Lunch Club, Coffee Mornings, Community Council meetings, SWI, Church of Scotland Guild, Camera Club, Community Shop Events, Polling Station and all other Village Organisation meetings.

After many years of ongoing repairs, the slate roof of the Institute was nail sick and needed to be replaced.

We sourced quotes from 3 local Roofers and then with the help of Heather Batsch at The Bridge in Jedburgh we applied for Grant Funding at the end of last year.

We were successful in receiving grants from Scottish Landfill – Viridor Credits (now Valencia Communities Fund) and The National Lottery, Hugh Fraser Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Roxburgh Federation of Village & Community Halls, SBC Community Fund.

John Butler (Yetholm) Ltd was appointed Roofer.

Because of overhead electrical lines from the building and scaffolding being erected – SP Networks were involved, and the best scenario was to disconnect the electricity supply to the Institute for the duration of the job. Although we are very lucky in Morebattle where we have another Hall and most of the events were held there.

The Power was switched off on 1<sup>st</sup> August, with scaffolders on site thereafter and Butlers Roofers commenced the next week.

Butlers decided to start with the roofs nearest to Entrance Door, then scaffolding was taken down here and Electricity reconnected at the end of September.

Because the roof is so old some other repairs needed doing, replacement battens – LCS Joinery were employed, chimney stack needed pointing – Alex Douglas was employed. Butlers Roofers were there throughout and engaged all other tradesman and were in constant notification with myself. What a great job has been achieved in bringing this roof up-to-date, wind and watertight, for many years to come.

Completed works including scaffolding taken down and skip removed all by the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Catherine Mabon**  
**Secretary**

**A Christmas Hymn**  
**For the beasts of the field**  
**by Will H. Ogilvie**

Rejoice, rejoice all oxen who feed in your stalls today,  
For those were your forefathers who fed where the Christ Child lay;  
Theirs was the light of the lantern and theirs the warmth of the byre;  
Theirs was the hay in the manger that mantled the World's Desire"  
Rejoice, rejoice, all sheep flocks, for the sires that fashioned your line  
Were the sheep that the shepherds tended when the star came forth to shine

And yours is the part of the story whose telling shall never be done  
As long as the hills are pasture and as long as the rivers run!

Rejoice, rejoice all horses – for the sake of the ass who bore  
His load on the royal journey and stood by the stable door  
For his was a share of the glory when he saw the dawn in the sky  
And raised his head in the stillness to hear the Babe's first cry!



## Remembrance Day Thoughts

My husband is a retired army officer, and Remembrance Day is something we always mark. We usually attend the wreath laying both in Morebattle and then Linton. With so many poppy decorations in other places, I felt last year that our Linton Memorial was a little left out... So, with the help of a couple of friends we knitted and crocheted just a few poppies to tie on the railings, I didn't want to do too much, just one for each name. I had been thinking a lot about the names on the memorial and wondering who they were and what their stories were, so I was delighted to discover the most incredible website

[www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk/category/projects/war-memorials](http://www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk/category/projects/war-memorials)

This fantastic resource details every war memorial in the Borders, and you can find out about all the people commemorated at each. I found it so much more moving to know a little about the people on our memorial. I would highly recommend a look, and some time to appreciate their ultimate sacrifices.

In the summer of this year our family (my husband's parents, brothers, and our children) made a much talked about pilgrimage to follow in the footsteps of my husband's granddad during WWII. We started our journey in Normandy and making use of family stories as well as regimental history books we followed Trooper Stevens' route from landing on Gold Beach on D-Day, through France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany – all the way to Bremen. It was an amazing journey and it really brought home to us just how far he had driven in his tank, and how difficult the supply lines all the way back to the beaches of Normandy were. We are all grateful that he returned home safe from the war, but we took the opportunity to visit many of the memorials and honour those who were not so lucky. Before we left home, I had looked back at the names of those from the Linton memorial, and I realised we would be close enough to be able to pay a couple of them a visit too.

Private Alexander Lothian was only 19 and died on D Day itself during the successful attempt to link up with the glider borne troops who had captured Pegasus Bridge. He was in the parachute regiment and is buried in Ranville cemetery.

Lieutenant Charles Edward Elliot was in the King's Own Scottish Borderers and died age 25 on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1944. He fell in fierce fighting near the village of Traorn. The Germans had good defensive positions and were well supplied with machine guns and mortars. The attack cost the Battalion 12 officers and 140 other ranks and is remembered as their worst day of the campaign. Sobering stuff. His grave is at Banneville la Campagne war cemetery.

We went to Gold beach for 7.20 the exact time on D-day that the troops landed, and apart from our family the beach was empty but for one bagpiper, who turned out to be French. We gathered around him and listened in silence as he played to the sounds of the waves. Incredibly he was there in memory of a friend, who turned out to have been in the same regiment as Grandad.

Our daughter read the day's extracts from the regimental diary, and we raised a glass of port to the fallen with the Frenchman on the beach. On D Day we also visited the incredible new British National Memorial which finally commemorates all the British fallen in one place. The memorial was beautiful, with columns all around with every name carved, and the main panel at the front featuring the names of all those who had died on D-day itself – we found all of those we had come to see. For the first time there was also a military concert in the early evening, featuring the Band of the Yorkshire Regiment and to our amazement our local Jedburgh Pipe Band – what an incredible coincidence.

They did us proud!

I had taken some of the poppies I had displayed at the Linton war memorial to France with us, and we left one at each grave, as a little token from home. My friends and I have made a few more this year, and after cleaning the memorial with brushes and water, we are pleased to say there is one for each of the fallen on the memorial again for the first couple of weeks of November again.

#### Postscript

The WW2 names are not on the Linton memorial at all, just on a plaque in the church, although they are detailed on the Coldstream project website. But I noticed that the plaque in the church for WW1 has 4 additional names that are also not listed on the memorial, (John Neillans Black Watch Loos, Thomas Robertson Leishman AIF Messines, Wm Robert Galbraith KOSB Gaza 1917 and Kenneth David Morris HLI in hospital) and these 4 are not detailed on the Coldstream project webpages, which is a shame. If anyone has any details about them, I would be very interested to hear about them and perhaps we could get them added to the webpage.

#### Nicky Stevens





## **Penny Pincher**

Hello. Let me introduce Penny Pincher, the girl who's on the money! Her column contains the money saving, energy cutting, and waste reducing tips that you have given her. Surveys in Morebattle and Yetholm brought out a whole host of ideas. Thank you to all who took part.

In these winter days here are ways to save energy, reduce energy use and keep warm.

\* Don't iron, it's often a waste of electrical heat as not everything needs ironing. Some people feel so liberated by this thought, they don't iron at all.

\* Clean out the fluff from your tumble dryer, if you have one. It will work more efficiently, can reduce your towel dry cycle from 3 hours to 40 minutes. When did you last de-fluff yours?

\* Enjoy a Warm Welcome at groups aiming to keep people warm over the winter period. Most will provide company, a hot drink and some social activity.

Make your budget stretch a bit further by thinking about the following.

\* Don't carry excess weight in the car, as it uses up more fuel. Even a full tank of fuel can be unnecessary weight! Just fill up to what you need, and top up frequently instead.

\* If you make big meals get the most from the oven by doing more, and freezing batches for later.

\* If the supermarket has an offer, buy a few suitable bargains and freeze them. There are often offers on bacon or cut meats that will always come in handy.

It looks like buying stickers for your freezer is a sound expenditure. Now some ideas on reducing waste and overall consumption.

\* Don't renew your phone every year, it may save you money and the planet some resources.

\* Keep shopping bags in your car in a Bag for Life. Paying 10p for each new bag just adds to your bill.

\* Use your washing machine less, by wearing clothes longer between washes.

No doubt you will have more ideas, these are just a few from those I collected. Share yours with neighbours and friends.

## **Penny Pincher.**

### **Christmas accessories.**

While many folks enjoy the fun of wearing special Christmas items, it is perhaps time to think seriously about repeated purchases. In 2019, fifteen million Christmas Jumpers were purchased in Britain. Scots are expected to pay £24million for Christmas accessories this year. Supermarkets and even charities recommend many seasonable fashion goods (jumpers, hats, gloves, scarves and ties, to name but a few), without customers perhaps realising that many are made of 100% acrylic materials, which are amongst the greatest polluters. Will anyone really remember what others were wearing a year ago?

## **Bah Humbug. Christmas Past.**

Throughout this edition there have been some items on Christmas waste. While not wishing to be killjoys, we hope that everyone will give some thought to preparations this year. Many of us, of a certain age, remember challenging times of shortages and restrictions. Yet we always managed to enjoy Christmas. There were no frantic shopping trips. No 'Black Friday Bargains' in November. No 'Early Boxing Day Sales' in December. Many cards and presents were made at home with loving care. We hung up stockings which fitted our feet. (There were neither pillow slips nor huge Santa sacks.) Morning would reveal an apple, a tangerine, a few nuts, a sugar mouse, and a sixpence. If we were incredibly lucky, there might even be a small bar of chocolate. Letters to Santa, requesting one present, went up the lum. How excited we were when the request was granted. Everyone enjoyed happy gatherings with special food, mostly home grown, and lots of singing and games. We wish everyone Peace and Joy this Christmas. "Just like the ones we used to know."

As Tiny Tim said: *"God bless us everyone!"*

## **Yetholm to Peru and everywhere in between!**

If the names Chatham Rise and Bounty Trough mean anything to you, you will know exactly where I am as I write. If they don't, we are at an altitude of 11,277m, south of Invercargill, New Zealand heading for the International Date Line, the Southern Ocean, icebergs (hopefully!) and ultimately, Santiago in Chile, South America. Since leaving Yetholm in early September, we have literally travelled around the world.

We began in Sao Paulo, Brazil for a gathering of Rotarians from Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay and more – it is the time of year when next year's leaders of Rotary International are being trained, and so we are a big part of that as the incoming President (and spouse!). 30 million people live in Sao Paulo – 5.5 million in the favellas (or slums) alone – we're not in Yetholm anymore! We saw how Rotarians here are helping educate children – the average weekly schooling of a child here is about 2 or 3 hours if they are lucky – PER WEEK. Rotary Clubs are working hard to provide more, better facilities for those who cannot afford the fees charged by schools.

From Brazil we flew to our base at Rotary headquarters in Evanston, a city suburb of Chicago on Lake Michigan, and from there, we "puddle jumped" to Minneapolis, then Toronto and Chattanooga (and yes, we DID see the famous Choo Choo!) – all for leadership training. It is great to meet so many committed people all doing good in the world. As Gordon visits,

everyone is very keen to share not just their Rotary experiences, but their stories of their Scottish – and sometimes Irish – heritage. Tartan is out in abundance, including many kilts – some owned, some hired, and some even bought for the occasion! That's enthusiasm for you. By the way, if you ever get the chance to visit Tennessee, don't miss Chattanooga – it's a lovely, small walkable city with lots to see and do.

From Chattanooga, we headed back to base, the Rotary condominium in Evanston. Meetings, laundry, exploring the local surroundings, church – we have been warmly welcomed by the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston and the wonderful Pastor Ray, and much needed 'down time'. Mid October saw us back on the road (or plane) once more, this time heading to Karachi in Pakistan. We had been invited last February to be part of an immunisation programme to celebrate World Polio Day. For well over 30 years, Rotary International has been at the forefront of the campaign to rid the world of the scourge of Poliomyelitis – Polio – a disease which used to kill 1000 children every day. Last year, working together with organisations such as the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, there were less than 12 cases worldwide. We are very close to ridding the world for only the second time in history of a disease which kills and maims – the other, of course, being smallpox.

Since our initial invitation, the terrible flooding took place in Pakistan – they are a country who contribute very little towards global warming but are suffering hugely the effects. With over half of the country still underwater – hundreds of square kilometers – the displaced people who have lost absolutely *everything* including frequently their family members, are living in tented "villages" on any high ground available, often the roadway on a dyke higher than the fields. Most of the land is farmland – small subsistence level plots, which even when they finally drain and dry out, will be ruined for planting for the next 5 years due to minerals and salts brought down by the flood waters. It broke my heart to see semi-naked children with dead eyes, pointing to where their home used to be, under 3 feet of muddy, brown water. Seeing people fishing – but not for fish – trying to find anything of their homes, their lives, in the water. Using scraps of net, they try to trace anything of their houses – finding a rusty cooking pot being something to celebrate. Rotary Clubs from all over Pakistan and other countries are on the ground providing food, shelter, medical help, clean drinking water, schooling and so much more. Donations are pouring in from all over the world, enabling them to set up fresh water supplies, malaria nets (a real need, with so much stagnant water), boats, hope. During all this chaos, they still are immunising against Polio, knowing that one child missed could cause an outbreak which could easily get out of

control. They are still building schools, community health hubs, they are empowering girls to get educated, learn skills to support their families and so much more. It was a humbling, sad but very uplifting experience being in this wonderful country.

Culture Shock!! We left Karachi and flew via Abu Dhabi to Canberra, Australia. What a beautiful city. We were very well received – partly because (we were told) we could be understood, unlike Billy Connolly! One lady was overheard to praise the fact that we didn't swear like him either! Of course, everyone claims Scottish heritage....

Very privileged to have dinner in the Old Parliament Building – and to be entertained by a fantastic tenor from Australian Opera. A quick detour to Sydney before leaving allowed us a glimpse of the said Opera House, the Bridge and Manly, lunch with MPs in the New South Wales Parliament, and once again we are on the move. Heading for Lima, Peru now, once again to help with the leaders training in South America. No sign of Paddington Bear though – the folk are fascinated by the idea that every child knows about 'darkest Peru'!

We are having a couple of days off to head to Manchu Picchu, so I'll be sure to update you after that! Got a few places to visit before we head home, but I'll save those for next time.

Just been asked by the airline steward if I'm writing a novel, so it's clearly time to stop. Until the next episode – take care, see you soon!

**Heather McNally**

### **Holy Island**

After our Bible readings, which act as an inspiring introduction to the day, I walk to St Mary's Church. It is next to the old ruins of the Priory, which was abandoned during the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. Today is my brother's anniversary. He died fifty-one years ago, so coming to Holy Island is my pilgrimage for him. I light a candle for Geoffrey, for my daughter Hannah, who took her own life nearly seven years ago and for a dear friend, Gilly, who died earlier this year. The three candles lit; I sit quietly praying within the powerfully prayerful confines of this ancient church. 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted' (Matthew 5:4).

Pausing at the wooden sculpture of the monks carrying St Cuthbert's coffin, called 'The Journey', I reflect on the extensive travelling that his body made before finding a resting place, which is now where Durham cathedral stands. The monks were careful to protect his body and the Lindisfarne gospels from the marauding Vikings. The monks had great

courage and resilience and showed their faith, by putting their trust in God, ‘Trust in the Lord always’ (Psalm 27). I notice a letter from the Norwegian government apologising to the people of Lindisfarne for the Vikings’ acts of aggression in the ninth century. Clearly, it’s never too late to say sorry! Outside, I meander around the churchyard and gaze in wonder as I watch the resourceful sparrows flying in and out of the crevices in the building’s stonework. Walking towards the Heugh, an ancient ridge, I climb the steps of the Lookout Tower. I pick out all the landmarks and then spend awhile relaxing, watching seals bob in and out of the water. After observing the inquisitive seals, I walk further to find brightly coloured lobster pots stacked high and upturned boats used as homes and for storage.

I turn to walk on, but hearing an urgent fluttering, I notice a trapped blackbird in one of the pots. Unable to leave it, potentially to die, using scissors from my bag, I slowly cut through the thick twine to make a hole for the bird to escape. The delight at seeing it soar into the sky is immense. It is a very symbolic moment for me; the freedom of the spirit soaring to heaven. ‘Those who hope in the Lord.... put out wings like eagles, they do not grow weary’ (Isaiah 40:31).

Returning to share lunch and fellowship with the rest of the party, I enjoy delicious warming soup, followed by other tasty delights. Well-nourished and satisfied, I return to my explorations and follow the road to the Scriptorium, where I become absorbed in the beautiful illustrations carried out in the likeness of those produced by the monks of old.

The sun is shining on the glittering, shimmering sea, as I follow the road to the ancient castle and in the field alongside, a farmer is herding his sheep with the help of his trusty sheep dog, ‘The Lord is my shepherd’ (Psalm 23). Originally a 16th century castle, I ponder on the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, who redesigned the building in 1901 in the Arts and Crafts style for Edward Hudson. The site affords the most spectacular views, hence a very strategic place during the many conflicts between Scotland and England.

I walk up to the gardens designed by Gertrude Jekyll in 1911 and meditate on the beauty of God’s world, before walking back to meet the group for a beautiful Communion service led by Colin. Driving across the Causeway on our return trip, I am moved by the shining, sparkling light on the receding water, exposing the ridges and furrows of the sand. It is a

brehtaking sight. A beautiful trip, an inspirational day. A very big thank you to everyone.

**Rossy Allum**

**Oct 22nd '22**

### **Words from times long gone.**

I was taken by surprise at the Harvest Lunch when thraive was so little known. Any admirer of Rabbie Burns might recall a poem taught, and learnt, in school.

'A daimen-icker in a thrave 'S a sma' request,  
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave, An' never miss't!'

To a mouse, a poem by a very compassionate farmer several folks made contact later to say that their lexicon had been augmented that day. There are many variations in the spelling of our words it would be difficult to choose any one as correct. "When oo wur scholars in the skil, they niver let oo say the word niver mind speir hoo tae spell it. If ye're fair scunnered o tryin tae make this oot, ah'd mibby better try tae gae back tae the English Tongue."

One of the main problems is that many words we used are similar to common English words. It is our pronunciation that poses some difficulty. It is not what we say, but the way that we say it. With a little imagination, plus a bit of effort. it is possible to understand. "Thire's nought a body cannae dae if a body wud but try." On the other hand, there are many words that are unique. There are no single equivalent words which provide the connotation for the listener. Many of them capture the essence of in a way that no English word can.

I once had access to a book explaining minute differences in pronunciation of words. I was completely lost. Apart from the terminology which was way beyond my limited understanding of the subject, I was rather surprised to find that people from Morebattle and Yetholm were ever able to understand each other. There were so many differences that I had not noticed. Apparently, lots of the distinctions between terms used, which I could neither pronounce nor understand, would have made conversation almost impossible. Well now, had that been Hawick – maybe yes! We always managed to get along very well.

Congratulations if you have reached this stage. Well done! This has generated quite a bit of interest among our readers. While some enjoyed the challenge, others suggested more words to anyone interested. These are included in the new list. If you have any that you would like to add, please give them to any elder who will direct them to the right place.

Answers: ahint - behind; oxter- armpit; drumlie- opaque, cloudy, full of mud or wine dregs or sediment; coup- many meanings as in a coupit yow,

a sheep on its back and can't get up; fall or tip out or knock over, spill, pour out as in couped it doon the sink. Sometimes a rubbish tip or midden. Dookers- bathing costumes, doubt if a bikini would qualify. Ken- know, understand- did ye no ken that? be familiar with, acquainted with, Do ye ken, as in- Dae ye ken John Peel? Or even more confusing- Do ye no ken Ken? abin ma ken- beyond my understanding; trauchled- exhausted, overworked, weary, anxious, knocked about, worn out, harassed or a combination of many of these; goonie- nightdress; puggled- completely exhausted, worn out, frustrated, at the end of your tether; mingin- stinking or very drunk. Several have other shades of meaning to local people. These are the definitions as I understood the words as a bairn. I was informed recently that it is no longer acceptable to call anyone a child. Apparently, they must be known as young people! I give up.

Can you cope with another challenge? Clippin cloots. Serk. Kale. Peely Wally. Lug. Wheesht. Ootbye. Sitooterie. Cuddy. Coorie doon. Greetin. Rammy. Bits. Ah think that makes a baker's dizin, or should it be a baker's ten? Went to the Post office for a book of a dozen stamps. I was only given a book of ten. I sometimes wonder how young persons would cope with £sd. Calculators may not prove to be a great deal of help.

Our thanks go to Betty Bell (nee Pringle), Barbara Bell (and June who was an authority in this field), Jean Douglas and Gil Telfer.

## **Christmas**

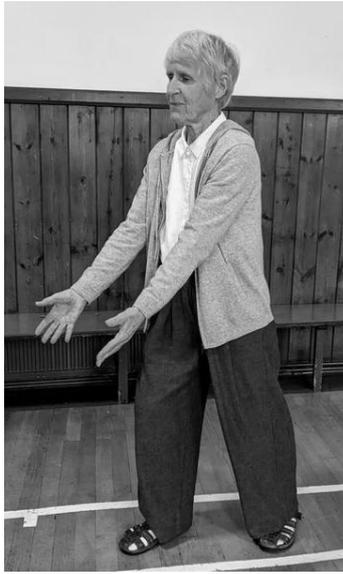
*~ Anon*

Every time a hand reaches out  
To help another...that is Christmas  
Every time someone puts anger aside  
And strives for understanding  
That is Christmas

Every time people forget their differences  
And realize their love for each other  
That is Christmas

May this Christmas bring us  
Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
Closer to the blessing of peace!

## A tai chi qigong journey



So, first of all, what is tai chi qigong? Kenneth Cohen subtitles his book “The way of Qigong” as the art and science of Chinese healing energy, and I won’t try to improve on that. What I have learned, the Qigong Shibashi set 1, is a series of beautiful and flowing movements that are deeply relaxing - and there is statistically significant evidence that they can help bring an improvement in general health and well-being.

I want to take you back to an afternoon several years ago now. I am sitting in a large and pleasant room with my husband, who has Alzheimer’s Disease, another couple like us, and a handful of others. There is some relaxing tai chi music playing, and we are all making our own attempts at these lovely, flowing movements. I am exchanging smiles with the woman whose husband is completely immersed in the enjoyment of the movements and oblivious of anything else.

Well, I was enjoying them too, and I bought a few books, a couple of DVDs, some appropriate music and taught myself the full version, which is done standing. As Philip’s disease progressed, and I became a full-time carer, I found these movements, and the breathing technique that can accompany them - which makes them like a moving meditation - helped me more than anything else to find an inner calm when I needed it most. This was even more true after Philip died, and during that first winter of lockdown. At this stage in my life, I don’t know of a better way in which to start the day.

When things first began to open up a bit, I started looking for voluntary work - something that I hoped would give my life some kind of purpose - and I stumbled across the Liveborders website which was asking for *Gentle Movement volunteers to lead our weekly classes for people affected by long term health conditions. The class uses moves similar to Tai Chi and Qigong and is a relaxing sociable class.* However, in this day and age, being willing and able to do that is not sufficient. You must be in possession of the right piece of paper which certifies that to be the case. Easier said, than done; the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly.

*“The difficult is what takes a little time. The impossible is what takes a little longer.” - Fridtjof Nansen* - was quoted at me many times by my parents and I don't feel that I have too much time left. So, this summer saw me taking the steps needed to get that piece of paper (quite an adventure and another story...) and some lovely volunteers here in Yetholm and Morebattle helped me over the last hurdle by coming to my first sessions. I have just met up with the new Health and Physical Activity Development Officer at Liveborders and am looking forward to leading a gentle movement class for them in the near future.

But you can try it here in Yetholm in the Wauchope Hall from 10.00 - 11.00 am on a Thursday morning. There is no charge, but £1 towards the running costs of the hall would be appreciated. If you want any more info, give me a ring on 07963 843698.

Oh, and I am hoping that someone will be inspired at some future point in time to take over from me when my time runs out...

**Ann Thorns**

## **Dates for diary**

### **December**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Clic Sargeant Coffee Morning in Morebattle Institute at 10.30am.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Yetholm Primary school Craft Fair Wauchope Hall 10 – 2pm

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Film Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. “West Side Story” (12). Entry £6 at door.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle Switch-on of Tree Lights with Carols at 6.30pm.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle SWI Christmas Meal in Templehall Hotel at 7pm.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Choir Concert in Yetholm Church. Time TBC

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Morebattle Institute.

### **January**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Film Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. “The Road Dance (15). Entry £6 at door

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle SWI in Morebattle Institute at 7.15pm. Lucy Wilson Cookery Demonstration. Competitions 3 Pieces of Tablet and a Wine Glass.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Kalewater Community Council at 7pm Morebattle Institute

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – National Theatre Screening of “The Crucible” at 7pm in Wauchope Hall. Entry £12 at door.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Yetholm Community Council at 7pm in Youth Hall

### **February**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Film Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. “The Duke” (PG). Entry £6 at door.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle SWI in Morebattle Institute at 7.15pm.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle Games Coffee Morning in Morebattle Village Hall at 10.30am

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Morebattle Institute.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Village Panto at 7.30pm in Wauchope Hall. “The Three Little Pigs”

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Village Panto at 7.30pm in Wauchope Hall.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – National Theatre Screening of “Othello” at 7pm. Entry £12 at door.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Community Council at 7pm in Youth Hall.

### **March**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Film Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. “Mrs Harris goes to Paris” (12). Entry £6 at door.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle SWI in Morebattle Institute at 7.15pm.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle In Bloom Coffee Morning at 10.30am in Morebattle Institute

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Morebattle Institute.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** – National Theatre Screening at 7pm In Wauchope Hall.  
Production TBC.

Morebattle Badminton Club Monday at 7pm in Morebattle Village Hall  
Tea Club every Tuesday from 2pm in Morebattle Institute. All welcome.  
Light Exercise Class every Wednesday 10.30 –11.30am in Morebattle  
Village Hall.

Morebattle Camera Club – Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm  
in Morebattle Institute.

Morebattle Bowling Club every Friday at 6pm in Morebattle Village  
Hall.

## **Church Diary**

### **December**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Morebattle Guild Lunch in Templehall Hotel at 12.00 for  
12.30pm.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Guild at 2pm in Yetholm Church.

### **January**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle Guild in Morebattle Institute at 2.00pm

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Yetholm Guild at 2pm in Yetholm Church.

### **February**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Morebattle Guild in Morebattle Institute at 2.00pm.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Guild at 2pm in Yetholm Church.

### **March**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Morebattle Guild in Morebattle Institute at 2.00pm

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Morebattle & Hownam Guild Coffee Morning in  
Morebattle Institute at 10.30am.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Yetholm Guild at 2pm in Yetholm Church.

## **Morebattle Guild**

Another rather unusual report from our Guild. The Season of mists and  
mellow fruitfulness has now well and truly gone.

We are now in the month of no sun, no moon, no morn, no noon –  
November.

Our Theme this year is “Wee seeds, big trees.” Perhaps it is time now to  
think of planting seeds. Throughout the long winter months that stretch  
ahead, there is little opportunity for working out of doors. One thought  
which may help to brighten these winter days, might to nurture unusual

seeds indoors. This may help to interest our young folks, or indeed, those who are Young at Heart. As there are many fruits available nowadays, it is worth trying to propagate unusual plants. Have you ever tried to grow a banana plant? If you cut a banana in half and scoop out the strip of seeds, they will sometimes sprout. Planted in soil, they do survive. Seeds from tomatoes and peppers spread over a damp paper towel. Sealed in a plastic bag, before sticking it to a bright window, will often sprout to be transferred later to compost. There are no guarantees given. Patience is an essential ingredient. For more immediate results, a 'real' carrot top produces lovely foliage. Mustard and cress seeds, on cotton wool, or on the extremely adaptable kitchen towel, give speedy results which can also be eaten. Many parents found it difficult to believe that their children were happy to eat little green plants seeds included, sprinkled over bread and butter that they had made in the classroom. Now there is another challenge to occupy young people during their holiday. (I was told recently that it was no longer acceptable to use the word children.) As a bairn, I was not known as a young person in those days, one passage in Scripture always seemed to be rather confusing. It was the parable of the mustard seed which grew into a huge tree, providing shelter for God's creatures. The mustard seeds that we planted did not develop into trees. Perhaps that was because we ate them. I did try once, but they did not grow into trees. Maybe I didn't provide the proper care required to encourage them, or perhaps they were the wrong type of seeds, similar to the wrong type of leaves and snow that would appear to cause havoc with railway lines in recent years. Next time we shall have a more normal report as we have had two fantastic meetings so far. Colin introduced the theme while Kevin gave an update on progress in Malawi Fruits.

Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas on behalf of all of us in the Guild in the Morebattle area.

**Anne Brown.**

## **Register**

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**Baptism:**

**Wedding: Leo Wasley & Rachel Stone**

**Ian Wallace & Sara Ayton**

**Warren Taylor & Naomi Hassall**

**Deaths: Jennifer Jeffries, Albert Kellington, June Bell**

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The last few months have seen a number of new products offered by Morebattle Community Shop.

Local photographer Liz Hanson's range of greetings cards featuring local views and wildlife has been expanded along with Autumn views of the shop itself which have proved very popular with visitors and locals alike. We have also recently started stocking local artist Mel McEwan's artwork available as greetings cards taking inspiration from the beautiful Scottish Borders landscape.

We have added glass bottled apple and orange juice to our range of staples to further reduce the plastic packaging used and we continue to accept 'crinkly' packaging such as crisp packets to increase the recycling efforts of the village and surrounding area.

In the run up to Christmas we will be stocking lots of goodies including lovely cards, wrapping paper and gift bags. Our range of locally produced crafts has also increased and we now stock a range of educational and thought provoking children's toys. Pop in and have a browse.

Our essential household range now includes hot water-bottles, playing cards and a whole lot more to meet the various demands of those long Winter nights (remember our lovely, chocolaty hot chocolate from the Rijo coffee machine).

The village is launching a Social Club which will meet in the Institute on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons in addition to the Tuesday group. Morebattle Community Shop is delighted to be providing the tea, coffee and other soft drinks for the Club.

For the last 12 months we have had the benefit of Emma Green working away as the coordinator of our merry band of volunteers, this role was for a fixed term. We are delighted that she will still be one of our volunteers going forward. We would like to thank Emma for all her hard work and good humour over this time. If anyone has some spare time and would like to volunteer in the shop just ask, next time you are in.

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

## From Old Brewery to Thistle Rose House

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to bring a beautiful building in the heart of Town Yetholm back to life. The Old Brewery has a long and interesting history, and we hope that we can add to the story. Gem and I have been running our businesses (both individual and collaborative projects) for several years. We are both therapists and Gem also runs a successful baking business for humans and doggies and has done so for nearly 10 years. For those of you who have been to the pop-up cafe in the Wauchope Hall, this is what we hope to bring to the village on a more permanent (and more frequently available) basis. We have many other plans for the buildings and yard. • Poppy's Pantry bakery and cafe which will be dog friendly - with well-behaved humans welcome to accompany too. • Psychotherapy/Holistic therapies (offered by us as well as other local therapists) alongside a shop selling therapy products addressing health and alternative therapy. • Community projects, more information will be available once there is foundation in place for these. • Events, classes, and evening drop-in services. We have lots in store and plans to work with other businesses in and around Yetholm and the Borders, with community integration, involvement, and support very high on our priorities. We are also very interested in environmental issues and will endeavor to work in tandem with the community to promote a happy, sustainable relationship with our environment. Thanks to the internet, in our therapies we work with a wide range of clients from different countries. We would truly love to grow and develop into a useful and positive contribution to life in Town Yetholm. If anyone would like more information or feel that they might like to support our project - with either time or expertise, we would be delighted to hear from you! This is a long-term project which both Gem and I are very excited about embarking upon. Our hope is that we can be a useful service to the community in the not-so-distant future.

## Edward & Gem ThistleRose Holistics & Poppy's Pantry



**The editorial team would like to thank all of you who have contributed articles, photographs, and information for this edition of The Cheviot.**

**The Halls in our areas are slowly and carefully reopening for limited activities – contact your local Hall for further information.**

### **Deadline**

**Please submit articles (including photographs) for the next edition of The Cheviot to a member of the editorial team by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November two of us went to Kelso High school for Remembrance Day to represent our school. At first, we went outside to the memorial and some people in S6 explained things about Remembrance Day however it was quite difficult to hear them over the powerful wind. Next, we had our two minute silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Afterwards there was some more speeches and then we went inside the school. There were also some people from Edenside, Broomlands, Ednam, Yetholm and Sprouston representing their schools. We then followed some S6's and the headteacher into the staff room. We had a couple of biscuits, talked with people from the other schools and then it was time to leave.

Evie Leonard (P7)

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of November Jennifer and I went to Kelso to represent the school in the Remembrance Parade.

First we walked to the memorial and sang a song. Some people said some speeches and we also had a two minute silence at 11 o'clock. After that we walked back into the square and up Roxburgh Street to the Legion.

I think it is important to remember those who have died in the war and on conflict because

Thomas Richardson (P7)



### **Remembrance Day 2022**

In class this year we created beautiful pictures of poppies out of pastels. In assembly Mr Wilson also told us about poppies as well as thinking about jobs during World War 1 that had to change when the men went to serve their country. We spoke about women and children and how they had to step up and serve too in different ways.

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we went to the High School to celebrate Remembrance. It is for the people who died in the wars. We heard S6 pupils recite lines about World War 2- one read out the poem "In Flanders Fields". One of the pupils played the trumpet and we all had a 2-minute silence. Once the silence was done each of the S6 pupils came up and read out the name of a former pupil from Kelso High School who had died in the First or Second World War, I think.

I think it is very important to celebrate Remembrance. If we do not do this the children of the future might not know about what happened and it is important for us to remember those who died in the war to help and protect us.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of November, we took part in the Remembrance Parade along with the army cadets, cubs, scouts, guides and other Kelso officials like the Kelso Laddies. We walked with the other schools, we were beside Thomas and Jennifer from Morebattle Primary School. We met outside Greggs but started the parade outside the Cross Keys- then walked through the Square to the War Memorial. Then we got to stand inside the grounds whilst the Kelso Church officials led the service. We had a programme that told us what was happening- like the song words and In Flanders Fields. Once it was finished, we marched up the road, through the Square again and to the Legion.

I felt important being there- representing our school and remembering the people who served our country. We all had poppies on which are a symbol of remembrance as they were one of the first flowers to grow in the war-torn land.

By Liam and Ruaridh (Senior Pupils, P7)



**Santa is Coming to Yetholm and Morebattle Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – thanks to Borders Water Rescue Team.**

**Kirk Yetholm – 5 – 5.45pm**

**Town Yetholm – 6 – 6.45pm**

**Morebattle – 7–7.45pm**

**SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN.**

**When & Where**

- Sunday 27th Nov - Jedburgh -Xmas Market.
- Sunday 4th Dec- Denholm & Hawick.
- Tuesday 6th Dec - Coldstream & Birgham.
- Thursday 8th Dec- Newtown & St Boswells.
- Friday 9th Dec - Duns & Chirnside.
- Sunday 11th Dec - Kelso Square - Xmas Market.
- Monday 12th Dec- Kelso.
- Wednesday 14th Dec-Earlston & Gordon.
- Friday 16 th Dec - Ancrum & Jedburgh.
- Sunday 18th Dec- Kelso Square - Xmas Market.
- Sunday 18th Dec- Kirk Yetholm , Yetholm & Morebattle.

## Kiltwalk 2022

Congratulations to Colin for completing the Edinburgh Kilt Walk on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Thanks to everyone who supported him so generously. The final total raised is £2,677. 50p and once again the sponsor money has been matched by the Hunter Foundation!

If you promised a payment, do please get your money to Colin.

When Colin made his original plans for this fundraising walk, he made plans to walk sections of St Cuthbert's way and record this as part of a 'virtual kiltwalk event'. That event was subsequently cancelled by the Kiltwalk organisation. However, Colin kept his original walking plans for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October when he planned to walk between Morebattle and Yetholm, following the St Cuthbert's Way route. An open invitation for other walkers to join him saw a small but excited group of walkers meeting at Morebattle shop on the Saturday morning.

The section of St Cuthbert's Way between the two villages involves a steep climb via Grubbit Law and along the ridge to Wideopen Hill and then downhill to Yetholm via Bowmont Valley. At 400m this is the highest point on St Cuthbert's Way.

The hard climb is well worth it for the views of both Cheviot and Eildon Hills. Colin and his walking companions were blessed with a beautiful day which offered wonderful panoramic views across the Border hills.



## **Cheviot Churches Elders and Districts**

<b>Leslie Thomson</b>	West of Morebattle, Eckford and Crailing.
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<b>George Lees</b>	Mainsfield Avenue, Morebattle Mains and Whitton.
<b>Anne Brown</b>	Kale Valley and Hownam.
<b>Brian Kelly</b>	Linton
<b>Trish Gentry</b>	Bowmont Valley.
<b>Graeme Watson</b>	Woodbank Road, Braeside Road, Cheviot Road.
<b>Pippa Emerson</b>	Grafton Road to Mission, Grafton Bank, Main St from Old Manse to Cheviot Place, The Crescent, Duncanhaugh and Hayhope
<b>Vacant</b>	Grafton Corner, Yewtree Lane, Road and Bank to Romany House
<b>Susan Stewart</b>	Deanfield Place, Court, Road, and Bank. Back Lane and Dairy Wood.
<b>Stuart Kelly /Tom Tokely</b>	School to butcher and Dow Brae, Morebattle Road from top to Cheviot Place.
<b>Carol Butler</b>	Kirk Yetholm Village and Halterburn.
<b>Arthur Bates</b>	The Yett, Shotton, Yetholm Mains and Harelaw.
<b>Ann Harvey</b>	Hoselaw, Cherrytrees, Lochside, Lochside farms and cottages, Old Graden, Graden, Hoselaw.
<b>Simon Oldham</b>	Mainhouse, Bankhead and Linton Hill.
<b>David Lang</b>	Teapot Street and Bank. Thimble Lane.
<b>Jimmy Fleming</b>	Kelso (part)
<b>Alan Calvert</b>	Kelso (part)
<b>Debbie Brown</b>	Postal

## **Church Services – Yetholm, Linton and Morebattle.**

**Please see notices for opening times for private prayer and reflection.**

**Yetholm** every Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

**Morebattle** every Sunday at 11.15 a.m. except  
1st Sunday when we meet at **Linton**.

**Hownam** is now irregular. Please check notices.

**Hoselaw** is always open for private devotion and hosts occasional services.

Prayer Service will be held in Linton Church at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

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