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CHEVIOT



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Prayer

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
(Charles Wesley)



Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for however terrible the suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).

The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday and the last three days before Easter are Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (sometimes referred to as Silent Saturday). Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday respectively commemorate Jesus' entry in Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.



Prayer Corner

Your prayers make a difference

Easter Prayer

We thank you God
that Easter is not about
a people,
but all people,
that your love
and your Salvation
are for all who confess
with voices, hearts and lives
that the tomb is empty
because Jesus is risen,
that we might know
forgiveness,
that lives might be
reborn
and your name
glorified
now and for eternity.
Amen

BIRDBATH SEES THE LIGHT

Birdbath always rather dreads the ‘dark’ months of January and February, when the Christmas glitter is long-since over, Lent looms bleakly, and the glorious light of Easter still seems a long way off. The theme of Light is central to the words of Jesus himself, who claims to be the embodiment of ‘the Light of the world’; and in the whole Christian message. Nature itself seems to echo this, as we move towards Easter: longer days, birds twittering at 5am, sunshine stealing round the corner of curtains suggesting it is time to get up earlier and earlier. The Bible reminds us that the light of Easter broke forth very early in the morning indeed! Birdbath has a favourite hymn (hidden away as 491 in CH4: go on, look it up!) which is also a perfect little prayer. Its author was Synesius (b.375), a pagan philosopher married to a Christian lady, who was the much-respected Roman governor of Ptolemais (in eastern Libya today). The Christian community decided they wanted him as their bishop, and he agreed provided he did not have to give up his beloved hunting-dogs (and his wife) and some of his not-very-orthodox views. He was hastily baptised and ordained, and became a dearly loved Christian leader. His hymn reflects a confused soul, like most of us (‘through darkness and perplexity’), longing to see the true Light of Easter:

*Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when the flood is past,
I may the eternal BRIGHTNESS see,
And share thy joy at last!*

Happy Easter!

From the Interim Moderator

The Cheviot—March 2019

A few weeks ago when I first thought about what to say in the magazine, I was sitting in the garden having lunch and enjoying the warmth of the sun and the familiar beauty of the field and countryside, the activity of the farm workers and the wildlife round about. Now, as I start to write this, the wind is howling and sleety rain is battering against the window and warmth outside—and in!—is a distant memory. Throughout it all, the cold, the frost, the wind, the heavy downpours, the daffodils which line the track up to the cottages have come from shoots to buds to a

marvellous display in spite of everything against them and they bring their own warmth to our spirits.

At university, the Professor of Geography in one of his lectures told us that one of the reasons our nation was so industrious and inventive was because of the stimulation of continually changing weather. This was in contrast to places where the weather was always the same or very predictable. Whether there is any truth in that or not, I often think about it and I think there are analogies that can be made for us in Cheviot Churches. We too have been subject to changing circumstances in the vacancy, and we have coped with differing problems and different approaches during this time. But, yes, like the daffodils we have stayed strong and even grown. Individually and together we may have been battered and blown about, yet here we all are—standing up and, together, showing a display we can be proud of, thanks to so many willing members and friends who have offered so much to help at this time in many different ways.

And now again, we enter another phase with the sale of the manse and the ability to have preliminary meetings with people who might feel called to this charge. It's up to all of us to continue to pray for the future of Cheviot Churches while giving thanks for all that's been accomplished. I'm not suggesting we'll all be fluttering and dancing in the breeze but, with God's help, we can show the same resilience as the host of golden daffodils.

Winnie Robson

Easter Letter From our Locum – Elizabeth Findlay

It's that time again – where have the months gone?

Here is a story for you to ponder. I received it from a friend.

“An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung at the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot only arrived half full.

For two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it

spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way to your house.' The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. So to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day, and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!"

Whether you plan to travel or stay at home, I trust that you have a very good Summer.

God bless,

Elizabeth.

Words from St Andrews in Kelso

I am absolutely delighted to have been asked to write something for the Cheviot. I really hope and pray that life is treating you well.

We live in very interesting and turbulent times. The weather is all over the place (although I have to say that in Kelso, we seem to miss some of the most extreme weather), politically we are in interesting times as nationally we are approaching 29th March and even I am not going to speculate what that will bring, and internationally there seems to be conflict and disaster around every corner. I imagine that many of us are slightly bewildered as to what should happen and what we can do about it. Almost a feeling of powerlessness and hopelessness – raising the question - What on earth can I do?

On the 6th of March we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. I know that many people, both believers and non-believers, use Lent as a time to do something special: give up smoking, lose weight, cut down the booze or whatever. These things are great ideas and I commend them to you.

Recently I came across a really nice saying. It said this -

Helping one person may not change the World

But it could change the World for one person

I think that on top of all the other things you may do for Lent (oh, another great idea is to clear out one item that you don't use any more every day and donate it to one of our marvellous charity shops. This is a great mantra for us all).

To try to help one person and one another. It may not change the world but it is small actions and voices that can help the world to change.

With my love and prayers

Prebendary Bob King St Andrews Church Kelso

Morebattle Primary School

Positive Press – March 2019



- Achievements of children/classes/the whole school.

Talent Show in Primary 5/6/7 – roughly 10-12 children took part in a talent show in class. Talents on show were dance, judo, comedy and music (guitar and chanter). It was very entertaining show and P1/2 came along as an audience. The winners were 1st place Beth & James, Runners up were Ben S. and Angus, Harry and Martin and Ben L.

In P3/4 we have some people who have achieved their goals. Rowan has done really well with her maths and in growing in confidence – she now believes in herself and has found out how to figure it out. Holly thinks good teaching has made a difference.

- Examples of the great learning that has been going on.

P5-7 – history and geography of Scotland, through the eyes of a travel agent – has helped the children learn more about the places and the past here in Scotland. Maths has also been developing really well – we are doing more white-board work and using playing cards to help work out and solve problems. This is helping with strategies. Number Talks and Numicon has really helped lots of children in the class.

P1-2 – have been learning about castles and have been building their own very, very cool castle in the classroom. They have been bringing their learning to life.

P3-4 – have just started learning about life under the sea, and have been working on individual projects about things like dolphins, stingrays, and things like that. They have been researching from books and the internet, putting things into their own words and copying things from the computer. The best bit of the topic, I would have to say, are the Science experiments with ice which we did in the cold weather, looking at what would happen when salt was added to the ice, or hot water was compared to cold water for freezing. We saw the water vapour and it was cool.

- School news or changes.

In a couple of weeks we are getting our new outdoor classroom which we can use as a shelter, a buddy area and a classroom. It will be exciting to see it arrive and get put up.

Play-offs for the curling are coming up soon – James, Ben S, Angus, Douglas Harry, Orlaith, Beth and Zoe – we are looking forward to competing against other schools.

By James (P5), Emily (P5) & Holly (P3)

Yetholm Primary School



Our nursery work continues apace – the school is busy with builders, joiners and electricians transforming our old P1/2 classroom into a shiny new nursery, fit for the 21st Century. We have a number of youngsters already lined up for the new school year, but would welcome others coming to join us here at Yetholm.

Donna Townsend has joined us in an Additional Needs Assistant capacity and has begun work to support reading and maths. We welcome her onto the staff here at Yetholm. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs McNee following her maternity leave. It will be lovely to have her back with us. Unfortunately this means we say good bye to Mr Reid who has been a really positive part of our school over the last few months. He will be greatly missed. We wish him well in his new post, down the road with our friends and colleagues at Edenside Primary.

Children have been busy learning, as always. It has been good to be in classes seeing great examples of practical Science lessons, complete with white coats, experiments and budding young scientists. Also, we have been looking closely at how we teach writing, and the early signs are that our new Yetholm approach is going down well with the children, who are using their imaginations brilliantly. In maths and numeracy we are seeing the benefits of using the Number Talks approach. Children are more confident, more determined and better equipped to find strategies to help them work through really tough number challenges.

As always, Yetholm is a great place to be, set in the beautiful Cheviot hills. We are enjoying the snowdrops and daffodils starting to poke their heads above the ground, and the Junior Janitors keep feeding the birds. Roll on Spring!

What does World Mission mean now a days?

The World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland once sent out missionaries to colonized countries, taking with them Western forms of faith and worship. As a result Christianity is often still linked to ‘the West’ and this can cause problems.

Today World Mission in the Church of Scotland means something very different. A recent publication, ‘Living Together in a World of Religions’, acknowledges: ‘we in Scotland have at least as much to learn and receive from the world church as we might have to teach or give.’ The World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland condemns all forms of religious discrimination and encourages Christian communities in Scotland and abroad to build bridges and become friends with neighbours from other faith traditions.

World Mission sends out regular newsletters on their work and these are available in Morebattle and Yetholm Churches. The following is one example, from Israel and Palestine, of the kind of work they support:

‘Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR), an Israeli organization working in both Israel and Palestine, gives expression to the traditional Jewish responsibility for the safety and welfare of the stranger, the weak, the widow and the orphan. Combining practical grassroots support with political pressure and advocacy, RHR believes it has a duty, in light of the Jewish tradition, to address injustices.

From the outset, RHR has campaigned for the rights of Palestinians and has provided legal support to Palestinian communities threatened by land theft and harassment. They have championed the causes of Israeli minorities, sought to educate emerging leaders on human rights and mobilized thousands of volunteers to put the vision of a just society in practice.’

From time to time we shall report more stories, drawn from World Mission’s newsletters, of bridge building and fellowship between Christianity and other communities and faiths across the world.

Elizabeth Watson

Yetholm Heritage Centre Project

Yetholm History Society was recently awarded £100 from the Apple Windfall Fund. We are very grateful for this money and thought we would explain how we will use it.

Our aim is to transform our Mission Hall into a comfortable and safe place for our meetings and annual exhibition and to provide secure

storage for our archives. We also hope to furnish our Hall as a Heritage Centre, with interpretative panels, that would be open to the public during the summer months, attracting tourists to the village. To make our mission Hall safer and more easily accessible, we plan to install a disabled door and ramp.

Our project is in three parts.

1. To equip the interior of the Hall to make it a safe and comfortable place for meetings and to provide secure housing for our archives.

- By providing secure cupboards for our archives
- By installing projecting equipment and a screen – to be permanently fixed to the wall and roof of the Hall
- By improving our lighting
- By purchasing comfortable chairs
- By laying better and safer carpeting

2. To provide a Heritage Centre that will attract tourists to the village by commissioning 11 illustrated interpretative panels telling the history of Yetholm and the surrounding area from earliest times to the 1900s. Eight of the panels would be fixed permanently to the walls of the Mission Hall and three, telling the story of the church in Yetholm from the 1100s on, would be sited in the Upper Room of the Kirk. There would also be a display of some of the twelfth century stones surviving from the first stone kirk. The Mission Hall and the Kirk would be open to visitors to view these panels during daylight hours during the summer months. (See artist's impressions 1 and 2 below).

The interpretative panels would include among other topics:

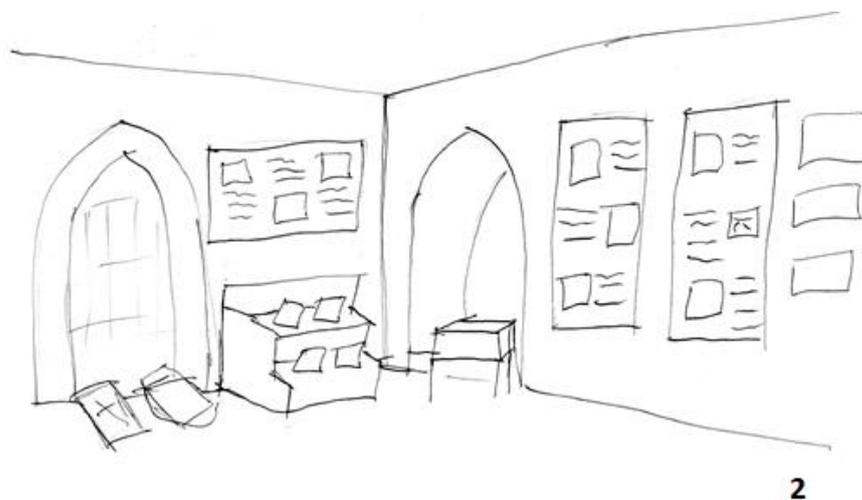
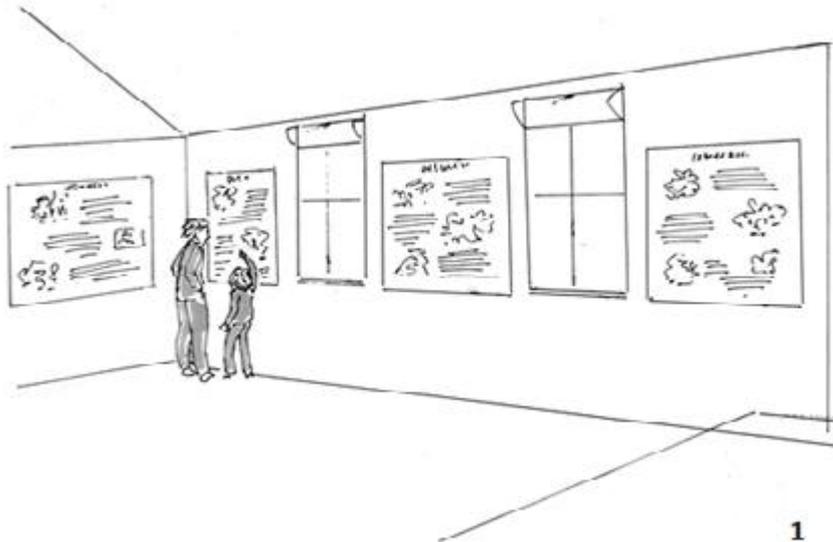
- Yetholm's bronze age shields and the iron age forts on the hills
- Border warfare and reiving
- Kirk Yetholm's gypsy heritage
- Yetholm's festival and Shepherds' Show

3. To improve access to and egress from the Hall for people in wheelchairs or with walking difficulties by inserting a disabled access to replace the middle window on the West side of the Hall. This would lead to a ramp. The entrance path will be changed to lead more directly to the road. Low level lighting will be installed to light the path. The disabled access could be used as an emergency exit if necessary. (See artist's impression 3).

We have already made a start of our improvements to the Mission Hall by installing much improved and safer heating. We were able to do this with

a previous grant of £100 from the Apple Windfall Fund plus approx. £2000 from SBC Community Grant Scheme.

For the next stages, we have applied to various sources of funds, as well as the Apple Windfall Fund. The Apple Windfall Fund has again been generous and we are waiting to hear from other funders. In addition, we have raised £2000 through sales of our Village guide (*Yetholm Past & Present*), so please continue to recommend it to all your friends and neighbours.





The Morebattle and Yetholm Windfall Fund

After a bumper harvest last Autumn the task of selling the resultant apple juice and cider is going well. The Morebattle and Yetholm Windfall Fund recently reached a major milestone as it passed the £2,500 mark of funds raised since it started in August 2017. The Committee met in January and allocated £1,415 of funds to 14 organisations across the two villages. Details of the successful bids are available on the Windfall Fund Facebook Page (@MYwindfallfund) or can be obtained by emailing simplyroddy@hotmail.co.uk Together with the £850 distributed last year we have thus raised and paid out a total of £2,265 since launch.

The Windfall Fund would like to thank all those who donated their apples, helped pick, pack or transport apples to Thistlycross in Dunbar or simply bought and enjoyed apple juice and cider to support the fund raising efforts. A huge thank you also to owners and staff at our two shops and three hotels for their support with sales.

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Report from Trish Gentry

Help is needed please for **Christian Aid Week**, which is 12-18th May. There are various options this year, including a new style envelope which is delivery-only, giving a drop off point for return. The old style is still available with the choice of a one-stop collection, (allowing for where the cold calling rules apply). I hope that these options will encourage more people to deliver in their street/area and help to support the partner organisations which do such wonderful work. This year the focus is on Sierra Leone - the most dangerous place to become a mum and where 10 women die every day giving birth. I was privileged to meet and hear the Christian Aid country manager in Sierra Leone who spoke about the project and the other work of our partners there. Please contact me to find out how the new arrangements work and volunteer a short time to do a little posting of envelopes.

Trish Gentry 01573 420580

Transport.

Can't get to church because of a lack of transport even if only temporarily? Or you don't mind the walk but not when it is blowing a gale and the rain is coming down (or horizontally if we are talking about the Haugh!) There are folk who are willing to help you to attend worship on a Sunday morning including for joint services. Contact Trish Gentry for Yetholm and Anne Brown for Morebattle and we will see either ourselves or another volunteer driver will pick you up - and take you home.

A day on Holy Island.

I have booked the St Cuthbert Centre for Saturday 29th June when the Island is closed by the tide mid-day. If you have not been on one of our retreat days before, why not give it a try? We share transport and food leaving Yetholm at 9 a.m. and the centre is booked until 5 p.m. for our sole use and is right in the centre of the village. We usually follow a simple format - a mix of shared and free time with a simple soup and sandwich type lunch and a short act of worship to start and close the day but any ideas for the day are welcome. This day is open to all and I will circulate registration forms through the churches a few weeks before so we can be organised. Meanwhile if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

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

Morebattle Community Shop Update March 2019

At the last update (November 2018) we were in the process of collecting all share monies pledged in order to purchase the shop. I can now report that there are 207 Shareholders who have invested a tremendous £63,075 in the project to keep the shop open. This is an amazing achievement!

On Monday 14 January 2019 we officially purchased the shop and took over its running. The day didn't start too well as the Post Office's own line went down and we were unable to do any transactions! Since then, Louisa our interim consultant, the staff and volunteers have worked hard to transform the place. The shop and the stock look tidy and well organised. There has been a lot of positive feedback.

We've tried to make this transition period as smooth as possible by keeping on the regular suppliers. In the future we will be looking to increase stock levels and introduce new lines. The fresh food produce has proved a real hit along with a newly purchased hot drinks machine. We have installed new lighting in the back part of the shop and we now have a new "Morebattle Community Shop" sign.

The Post Office Outreach Service operates on a Monday and Thursday. It is vital that we fully support this service to ensure it continues.

We held a lovely farewell party for Anne Brown, the previous shop owner, which was very well attended and certainly showed Anne how much we have appreciated her service to the village over the last nine plus years. She was presented with flowers and an engraved silver salver. Morebattle Community Shop will be holding their first AGM on 1st May 2019 in Morebattle Village Hall at 7pm. All shareholders are very welcome to attend. One of the things we will be doing is to elect a new Board of Management who will decide on the future running of the shop. It's still not too late to become a Shareholder and get involved. Brochures and Pledge Forms can be picked up in the shop or downloaded from our website www.morebattlecommunityshop.co.uk or email us at info@morebattlecommunityshop.co.uk for further information.

This is a fantastic opportunity we have been given to run our own shop. Let's make it work for the Community's benefit and with your support, whether your purchases are large or small, they really will make a difference to our takings. There is no doubt Morebattle Community Shop can be a successful, thriving and sustainable business.

Deadline

Please submit articles (including photographs) for the next edition of **The Cheviot** to a member of the editorial team by 16th June 2019

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St Cuthbert's Coffee Stop

The new extended St Cuthbert's Coffee Stop in Morebattle opened today for the 2019 season. Opening hours are 10 till 5 from Monday to Saturday and from 1 till 5 on Sundays.

As well as a lovely new area inside and the usual friendly welcome for visitors and locals alike, there is now an extended range of local crafts available for purchase, and a well stocked book exchange.



What's On

In every issue, we will feature news and upcoming events from around the parishes. Email your items to a member of the editorial team (page 17)

Coffee at the Kirk is held every Wednesday (May to September) from 10.30am to 12 noon in Yetholm Church.

Traidcraft orders can be placed and there is a play area for children. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers and visitors to the area.

Badminton every Monday at 7pm Village Hall Morebattle.

Morebattle Lunch Club meets in the Institute each Tuesday from 12 noon for lunch and a chat. All Welcome.

Light Exercise Class every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.30am in Morebattle Village Hall. All Welcome.

Morebattle Camera Club meets first Wednesday of each month in the Institute at 7pm.

Use Your Talents Craft Group will meet every week from October 1st on a Monday afternoon in Yetholm Church from 2 – 4pm. All are welcome. £2 per session.

Toast Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8 – 9 am in Yetholm School. We have a separate fund to purchase bread, butter and juice and donations to support this worthwhile service are always welcome.

Yetholm Village Choir meets every Wednesday in Youth Hall Town Yetholm from 10.30 – 11.30am. New members always welcome.

Bowling every Friday at 7pm in Morebattle Village Hall.

Bowling every Friday and Monday in Wauchope Hall, Town Yetholm. Afternoon and evening sessions.

Badminton every Tuesday in Wauchope Hall Town Yetholm at 1.30pm.

Unfortunately due to declining membership Yetholm S.W.I will no longer meet in 2019. However this group may resume in the future if an interest is shown.

April

Tuesday 2nd Yetholm History Society at 7.30pm in Mission Hall. Talk by Chris Bowles – The Lost Dark Age Kingdom of Rheged.

Wednesday 3rd Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Charity to be chosen by Hobbits Choice.

Friday 5th Bingo Night in Wauchope Hall at 7pm. Proceeds to Great North Air Ambulance.

Saturday 6th Morebattle Village Hall Music Evening with "The Boyds" – Acoustic Beatles and Eagles 60's and 70's Music. Tickets from John Mabon 01573440239. £8.

Wednesday 10th Morebattle S.W.I meet in Institute at 7.15pm. Cookery Demonstration with Ross Horrocks from The Caddy Man. Competitions – Dessert using chocolate and a fancy egg cup.

Thursday 11th National Theatre Live – “All About Eve” Wauchope Hall
7pm. Tickets £12 on door.
Saturday 13th Morebattle Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am in
Village Hall.
Sunday 14th Yetholm Village Choir Concert Tait Hall Kelso at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 16th Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Institute.
Wednesday 17th Quiz Night in Plough Hotel at 8pm. Charity to be chosen
by Motely Crew.
Tuesday 30th Yetholm Community Council and A.G.M at 7pm in Youth
Hall.

May

Friday 3rd Installation of 2019 Principals at 7pm in Wauchope Hall.
Monday 6th Hearing Aid Clinic Institute 10 – 11am.
Tuesday 7th Yetholm History Society at 7.30pm in Mission Hall. Talk by
Lindsay Allason-Jones – Women in Roman Britain.
Wednesday 8th Morebattle S.W.I meet in Institute at 7.15pm. Talk by
Mairi Campbell – Teaching in small schools. Competitions – Favourite
candle and hand written envelope addressed to secretary. Lucky Syllabus
number will be drawn.
Friday 10th The Sorries Live in Concert at Wauchope Hall 7.30pm.
Tickets £10. Contact Susan Stewart to book/reserve.
Tuesday 14th National Theatre Live – “All My Sons” 7pm Wauchope
Hall. Tickets £12 at door.
Tuesday 21st Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Institute.
Saturday 25th Morebattle Fishing Club Coffee Morning at 10.30am in
Institute.
Tuesday 28th Yetholm Community Council 7pm in Youth Hall.

June

Monday 3rd Hearing Aid Clinic Wauchope Hall 10 – 11am.
Saturday 8th Morebattle Institute Coffee Morning in Institute at 10.30am.
Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th Yetholm Festival Week. Programme on sale at
Installation in May.
Wednesday 12th Morebattle S.W.I – Annual Summer Outing.
Tuesday 18th Kalewater Community Council at 7pm in Institute.
Tuesday 25th Yetholm Community Council 7pm in Youth Hall.
Thursday 27th National Theatre Live – “Small Island” at 7pm in
Wauchope Hall. Tickets £12 on door.

Words from Carolyn Kelly

This year Brian and I hopefully celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. When we were choosing the music and hymns for the wedding I came across new “words for a summer wedding” in a copy of *Life And Work*. They can be sung to any long meter tune and we chose “Ombersley” (“Lord Of All Being Throned Afar”). It was well sung and enjoyed by all our guests and we thought you may like to share the words, which can, of course, be tweaked to suit any season of the year.

Dear Lord, as sunlight’s golden power
Transfigures hill and tree and flower,
May Thy grace shining from above
Adorn the hallowing of this love.

We that Thee for desires that now
Have blossomed into marriage vow,
For cherished hopes and dreams come true
In joyful trust between these two.

Lord of all life, for them we ask
Strength to fulfil the daily task,
Courage that overcomes all fears,
Faith that grows stronger with the years.

Inspire their minds that they may trace
Thy guiding hand in every place;
Within their hearts and lives increase
They love, with lasting joy and peace.

Now 50 years later, with two successful careers, three sons and five grandchildren we can honestly say we have seen God’s “guiding hand in every place”. Through the good times and the trying times (many more good ones!) our “faith has grown stronger with the years”, and for all of it we give our heartfelt thanks.

There is a North of England saying:

Tid, Miseray, Carlin, Palm, Pace-Egg Day

The saying is derived from the Psalms, Hymns, and Sundays of the

Christian Religious period of Lent.

TID 2nd Sunday in Lent when the Te Deum Laudamus Hymn was sung.

MID 3rd Sunday when the MI Deus Hymn was sung

MISERAY 4th Sunday when the MISERERE ME, Psalm was chanted

CARLIN 5th Sunday, PASSION Sunday-----adopted in the North East as Carlin Sunday (more later)

PALM Palm Sunday, the 6th Sunday

PACE-EGG DAY - a corruption of "PASCH" from the Latin & Greek root for "EASTER", Easter Sunday being the 1st Sunday after Lent.

CARLIN SUNDAY is a Northern Tradition:

Carlin peas are eaten during Lent on Passion Sunday but with no Religious significance. This custom is linked to the Civil War of 1644 when Royalist Newcastle was besieged by Scots. A French ship managed to dock with a cargo of Maple or Carlin peas and saved the inhabitants of Newcastle from starving!

Grant Mooney

KIRK SESSION REPORT

Since the last Cheviot the Kirk Session has met in January, February and March and the following business covered.

Many of the discussions centred on the purchase of a new Manse, and at this point in time the Trustees of the Church of Scotland have made and have had an offer accepted on the Old Police House in Morebattle, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and the results of a survey.

Six new members, Mr and Mrs Rustad, Mr and Mrs Fraser and Mr and Mrs Stoddart have been admitted to full membership of Cheviot Churches.

A small group made up of Susan Stewart, Gordon McInally and Graeme Watson have been appointed to look at ways of making more use of the church building and any suggestions from the congregation would be very welcome.

The Session agreed that the possibility of setting up travel rotas for the churches should be looked into and Trish Gentry has agreed to do this for the Yetholm area and Anne Brown for Morebattle.

Mark Calder was carrying out a sponsored run along the St Cuthbert's way, passing through our parish. Mark was raising funds for the charity "Embrace the Middle East" and it was agreed to hold retiral offerings in both churches on 10th March. Subsequently Mark's supporting team was given a cheque for £100.

It was agreed that Cheviot Churches should re-join the group Kelso Churches Together and that Stuart Kelly, Leslie Thomson and Anne Brown would attend such meetings on the behalf of our churches.

The church has been instructed by Presbytery to obtain certificates to show that the buildings are free of asbestos. It was agreed that this should be done.

The churches are also due a quinquennial inspection of the fabric of all our buildings and this should be carried out in June of this year.

The commemorative plaque for the names of the ministers who have served in Morebattle Church has now been agreed by the Church of Scotland, so can now be put in place.

During Holy Week the following services will take place. April 18th, Maundy Thursday, a joint service in Linton Church in Linton Church conducted by Mrs Liz Finlay and this will be in the form of an Agape service; on April 19th, Good Friday, a vigil in Hoselaw Chapel from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. will be conducted by Rev. Dr Ian Clark and on April 21st, Easter Sunday, a joint communion service will be held in Yetholm Church conducted by Rev. Dr Ian Clark.

Forward Planning For Our Churches

Yetholm Kirk hosted a productive and enlightening evening with our neighbours from Kelso North and Ednam, Kelso Old and Sprouston and the Kelso Country Churches to discuss how best we can co-operate in the future. The results from a very open discussion will be collated and taken to Presbytery. In the face of declining rolls and the very real possibility of "mothballing" or even closing some churches, groups from all four areas talked about the strengths, the challenges and the differences between us.

A number of common themes emerged. The need for new, and younger, members was addressed with suggestions about a dedicated Youth Ministry and a more proactive role for Elders and congregation members. We were encouraged to look at the successes of other churches in order to see what they were doing well, and whether it could be replicated in our own parishes. Although action is clearly required, we were reminded that

prayerfulness is a key aspect, and brings its own results. The importance of trained and willing Worship Groups was raised, as well as the importance of the pastoral aspect of the ministry, and the hope was expressed that people could have a sense of continuity in their dealings with the churches.

We should not be despondent; and the churches have shown a remarkable resilience. As was once said, the Church is an anvil that has worn out many hammers. With God behind us, we should not fear whatever lies ahead of us.

YETHOLM SINFONIA

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A CONCERT OF CHEERFUL MUSIC

The Tait Hall, Kelso : Sunday, April 14th at 7.30 pm

The Yetholm Sinfonia and the Yetholm Village Choir combined, making a total of over one hundred performers, will present a *Concert of Cheerful Music* in Kelso's Tait Hall on Sunday, April 14th.

The programme will include one of Handel's coronation anthems plus an extract from his *Messiah*, and Haydn's 'Military' symphony, which will feature three well-known local choir conductors, the Revd. Marion Dodd (Roxburgh Singers), Catherine (Kate) Fish (Berwick Arts Choir), John Stone (andante Chamber Choir) and James Letham (The Abbey Consort) in completely unfamiliar roles as drum soloists.

Admission is FREE

PROGRAMME

Symphony no. 5 in D William Boyce
1 Allegro ma non troppo 2 Adagio 3 Allegro assai
4 Tempo do Gavotta 5 Tempo di Minuetto
And The Glory (Messiah) George Frideric Handel
Overture Così fan tutte, K588 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
The King Shall Rejoice George Frideric Handel
1 The King shall rejoice 2 Exceeding glad shall he be
3 Glory and great worshp 4 Thou hast prevented him 5 Alleluja

INTERVAL

Kyrie & Gloria (K317) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Symphony no. 100 (Military) Franz Joseph Haydn
1 Adagio : Allegro 2 Allegretto
3 Menuetto : Moderato 4 Presto

Further information : Geoffrey Emerson 01 573 420 279





Continuing the three-year, themed cycle of work, which has seen its members reach record levels of giving, the focus of the Guild's work is to journey together with our communities, nation and world, both in sharing our faith and resources, and in doing everything in our power to bring about positive change.

2018 - 2022 projects

The Boys Brigade – Faith in Young People Boy's Brigade Scotland

The Boys' Brigade is a volunteer-led youth organisation, which provides youth work to the Christian church.

We are committed to ensuring lives are enriched by helping children and young people reach their full potential by providing opportunities to meet together and engage in a range of fun and developmental activities and experiences.

Today, the Boys' Brigade and the church face the same challenge of being more visible in our outreach and engagement with the wider community. The BB has a unique role to play as a mission partner for the church in Scotland. For many churches the BB provides a bridge into communities that they otherwise might find difficult to access, providing opportunities to engage young people and also their families.

Our new partnership with the Guild focuses on growing The Boys' Brigade across Scotland. We think this is particularly fitting to launch this during 2018, Scotland's Year of Young People. Specifically this partnership will focus on three areas:

- Growth in Faith
- Growth in community partnerships
- Growth in Young People

Malawi Fruits – Growing the Future

Malawi Fruits is a Scottish Christian Charity committed to working in Malawi to support young farmers in the North of the country.

Our aim is to lift hundreds of small-scale farmers out of poverty, and we see opportunities to bring great help through irrigation and crop processing.

We have a strong affinity with the Guild because of our shared commitment to practical Christian care. Our project Growing the Future is a new approach to supporting young farmers and bringing Good News.

We look forward to working in partnership with the Guild and together we will:

- Work with Church Youth Groups to train and support the young people to grow cash crops using modern methods.
- Provide solar-powered Futurepumps to enable the young people to grow crops using irrigation.
- Provide access to a tractor and plough as part of the “Green Revolution” for these young farmers.
- Connect young people with processing facilities and good markets to ensure that they are not exploited in any way.

Throughout all this, we will work with the Youth Groups to help young people recognise this help as a blessing from God and as a connection with the Global Church through the Guild and Malawi Fruits.

Seema’s Project – Free to Live Trust

Seema's project began initially in 2014 with the aim of building a home for abandoned street children from the red-light district of the city of Pune, India, and to build a rehabilitation centre for rescued victims of the sex industry.

Sailor’s Society – A Chaplin for our Ports

Sailors’ Society is an international Christian charity working in ports across the world.

Journeying Together – World Mission Council

Journeying Together helps teenage mums in Kanyama to build a life of promise for themselves and their children.

Join Up the Dots – Crossreach

CrossReach’s Join up the Dots project is a collaborative partnership between CrossReach and the Guild to tackle the problems of loneliness and social isolation in Scotland.



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Register

Deaths: Patricia Murray, Jill Ramsay, Eddie Robertson, Betty Ramage, Peter Mather, Jean Ryder, Derek Anderson.

Church Diary 2019

March

Saturday 30th Morebattle Guild Coffee Morning in Institute at 10.30am.
Sunday 31st Mothering Sunday Morning Worship Yetholm Church 10am
Mothering Sunday Morning Worship Morebattle Church at 11.15am.

April

Wednesday 3rd Coffee in Yetholm Church 10.30 – 12noon.
Thursday 4th Morebattle Guild A.G.M in Institute at 2pm.
Sunday 7th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Linton 11.15am.
Tuesday 9th Worship Committee 2pm in Yetholm Church.
Sunday 14th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.
Thursday 18th Maundy Thursday Joint Service Linton 7.30pm.
Friday 19th Good Friday Vigil Hoselaw Chapel 2 – 5pm.
Sunday 21st Easter Day Joint Communion Service Yetholm 10am.
Wednesday 24th Jedburgh Guild Council spring Gathering 7pm in
Kenmore Hall Jedburgh.
Sunday 28th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.

May

Sunday 5th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Linton 11.15am.
Sunday 12th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.
Sunday 19th Baptism Yetholm Church 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.
Sunday 26th Harvest of the Lambs Joint Service Hownam 11.15am.
Tuesday 28th Mission and Outreach Meeting Yetholm Church 2pm.

June

Sunday 2nd Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Linton 11.15am.
Sunday 9th Kirkin' Service Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.
Sunday 16th Communion Joint Service Morebattle 11.15am.
Sunday 23rd Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship Morebattle 11.15am.
Sunday 30th Morning Worship Yetholm 10am.
Morning Worship 11.15am.

Coffee in Yetholm Church returns to every Wednesday from 10.30 – 12noon from May 8th. All Welcome.

Out of the mouths....

I visited my daughter
And there, upon the wall
Was a picture of the family
Six of us in all.

Now Mum and Dad looked well enough
And sis and brother too,
The artist, Jennifer herself
Was recovering from the flu.

But who was the last portrait of
I asked with simple guile?
“Why you, Gran dear”, said Jennifer
With such a sweet wee smile.

“But what are all these little marks,
“You’ve made upon my face?”
“That’s wrinkles Gran” she answered.
“I think they’re all in place”

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Help us say pants to poverty

Smalls for All is a registered charity and was founded in 2010 by Maria Macnamara who lives in Livingston, Scotland. Maria set up Smalls for All after taking part in several volunteer trips where she worked in orphanages. It was after she returned from a trip to Ethiopia that she knew she wanted to do even more to help if she could.



She had learnt about some of the problems that not having underwear could cause and recognised that there was often a shortage of underwear in poorer parts of Africa. Many of the women



and children had just one pair of pants, or no pants at all. And that's why Maria decided to set up Smalls for All, a simple response to a real need.

Smalls for All collects and distributes underwear to women and children in Africa. We help those living in orphanages, slums, IDP camps and schools, as well as providing underwear to hospitals to help those suffering from medical conditions like obstetric fistula.

Underwear is a luxury that some people can't afford. Giving pants and bras may seem like a small thing, but it can make a huge difference. For example, not having underwear can mean young girls miss days off school each month.



We often work with the schools and orphanages we support with our underwear to pay for the education of children too, to give them the opportunity of a better future.

Smalls needs donations of **brand new pants for women and children** and **new or gently worn bras**. We also need **donations of funds** so we can continue to help people through the work we do – and we want to help even more people in the future. Any contributions towards our work are **greatly appreciated**.

If you would like to find out more about Smalls for All and how you can help to support us, then please visit our website smallsforall.org or find us on [facebook.com/smallsforall](https://www.facebook.com/smallsforall)

You can make a donation to support our work through our website or you can find us on MyDonate. If you would like to send us a donation of underwear, our address is: 108 Buchanan Crescent, Eliburn, Livingston, EH54 7EF

Smalls for All is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered number SC 041689.
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Cheviot Churches Elders and Districts Autumn 2018

Leslie Thomson	West of Morebattle, Eckford and Crailing and various outlying.
Jenny Flannigan	Main Street, Heughhead and Renwick Gardens Morebattle.
George Lees	Mainsfield Avenue, Morebattle Mains and Whitton.
Anne Brown	Kale Valley and Hownam.
Dot Halliday	Linton.
Trish Gentry	Bowmont Valley.
Graeme Watson	Woodbank Road, Braeside Road, Cheviot Road.
Pippa Emerson	Grafton Road to Mission, Grafton Bank, Main St From Old Manse to Vennel before shop.
John Thompson	Morebattle Road/Main Street to White Swan inc Cheviot Place and The Crescent to Vennel after Shop.
Susan Stewart	Deanfield Place, Court, Road and Bank. Back Lane and Dairy Wood.
Diane Gittus	Romany House to Yewtree Road, Lane and Bank, Grafton Corner to Mission Hall, Duncanhaugh and Hayhope.
Tom Tokely	Main Street, Yetholm from butcher – School, Dow Brae, Venchen, Mindrum, Howtel, Downham and Wideopen.
Carol Butler	Kirk Yetholm Village and Halterburn.
Arthur Bates	The Yett, Shotton, Yetholm Mains and Harelaw.
Ann Harvey	Hoselaw, Cherrytrees, Lochside, Lochside farms and cottages, Old Graden, Graden, Hoselaw.
Simon Oldham	Mainhouse, Bankhead and Linton Hill.
David Lang	Teapot Street and Bank. Thimble Lane.
Jimmy Fleming	Kelso (part)
Alan Calvert	Kelso (part)
Margaret McTavish	Postal.

Church Services (Normal)

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 open for private devotion at all times and hosts occasional services.
Prayer Service from April will be held in Linton Church at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

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