

Lindores Litanies 24th November 2021



*The Newsletter of
Lindores Parish Churches of
Newburgh and Abdie & Dunbog*



I recently bought this beautiful card, entitled *The Gardener and the Robin* in our new, eco-friendly shop **Juniper**.

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It reminds me of the balance of trust that exists between humans and other creatures; also between our creator and each of us.

Perhaps that's something on our hearts just now at the recent conclusion of the Glasgow Climate Conference? It appears that humankind has the power to either nurture or destroy creation's resources and that some humans are more equal than others to the challenge of this.

Nature is sometimes described as the second book of God; possibly the first book for St Francis and St Augustine. For many people through history our relationship with the natural world reflects our own relationship with our creator.

The importance of our relationship with creation is evident in the Church of Scotland's fifth mark of mission: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

My thanks to the nature artist Hannah Longmuir for kindly allowing us to use her picture. You can see more of her work online: www.hannahlongmuir.co.uk

Harvest Thanksgiving by Kirsty McLellan



As I travelled to St Andrews the other day, by a somewhat circuitous route, I had the opportunity to see the countryside all around. It was a glorious sunny day, the leaves that were still on the trees were deep gold and russets, clinging on until the next gale. The fields were all stubble or ploughed ready for the next crop. One or two fields were green with winter barley or wheat. It made me look back at the harvest we have just celebrated: What a wonderful time we have had!

As with all celebrations, it started with the planning. All the activities have a team of busy people somewhere in the background. A lot of fun is had

doing the work and to see people enjoying the fruits of our labours is very rewarding. Seeing others doing their part certainly gives me a sense of appreciation of their skills and patience. Standing holding three different kinds of grain that I had asked for to use for display purposes made me think wow! This represents a year's work for a farmer – that is patience!

The first part of the celebration was the Harvest Supper in Newburgh church. Thirty people said they would like to come along and a lovely evening was had by all. A beautiful three meal course was prepared by Margaret Stewart and her team, who decorated tables and provided an excellent



waitress service. (I'll be honest enough to say I'm quite pleased that I never got roped into that one!)

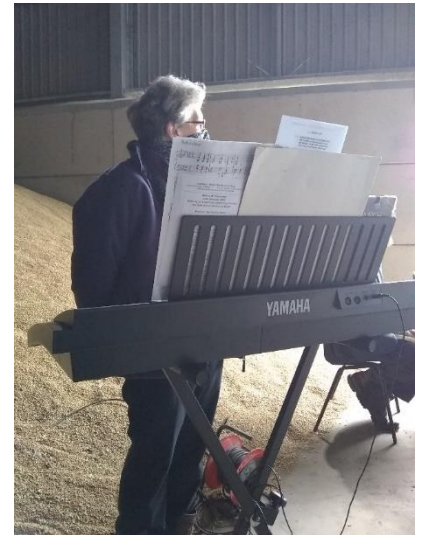
Then we had the Harvest Thanksgiving service on the Sunday in Newburgh. It was lovely to have some of the garden produce to display along with apple products and apples from various orchards for which Newburgh is renowned.





The following Sunday was the Harvest Thanksgiving at Grange of Lindores, followed by lunch in the village hall. Our 'church' that day was in a Maitland barns where over 70 folk gathered to raise the song of harvest home and managed to sing about a Big Red Combine Harvester despite the absence of the local primary school.

As the photographs show, a fine time was had by one and all.



Margaret Ferguson supervised the harvest lunch in Abdie



Hall where people could choose from four different types of home-made soup, fresh bread and cheese.

We had a collection of tinned and dried food at both services which Newburgh Friendly Food Fund, on Gardens Road, was grateful to receive

Harvest is certainly a time to appreciate what a bounteous world we have been given and give Thanks, yes, it definitely deserves a capital T because how little we are asked to give in return.

A suggestion from our Treasurer James Leslie-Melville.

Why not make donations to our church at no personal cost when you shop online?

There are over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible ready to give a free donation every time you shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) This works in a similar way to Amazon Smile. Plus, if you sign up and raise £15 in donations, easyfundraising will give us a bonus £15 donation.

All you have to do is: Go

to: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lindoresparishchurch/?invite=6G7CHG&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=raf15-e

2. Click 'support this cause' and create an account. It's simple to use and very effective.

Thank you for your support, you'll be helping to make a real difference to Lindores Parish Church, especially in the lead-up to Christmas.

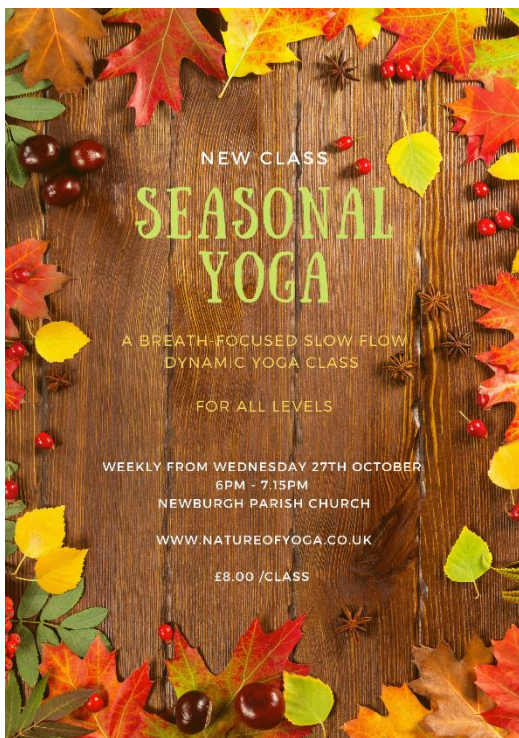
Activities in Newburgh Church

Scottish Country Dancing



Classes will re-commence in Newburgh church on Monday, 10th January from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The term will run to Monday, 29th March; subscription £12.00 per term.

However, if any newcomer would like to come along and see what it's all about, the charge will be £2 for the first class, and they can make up their mind if they want to carry on. Enquiries to Netta Berry 01337 840313



Advent Taize:

6pm Sunday 28th December



Celtic Communion:

10.30am Thursday 2nd December.
Please let Valerie know in advance if you wish to attend

lindoreschurch@gmail.com



Christmas Crazy Church

Saturday 4th December, 3pm until 4.30pm.

Festive crafts, cards and games plus an opportunity to take part in the children's nativity services at Newburgh (Sunday 5th) and/or Abdie & Dunbog (December 12th) Costumes provided.

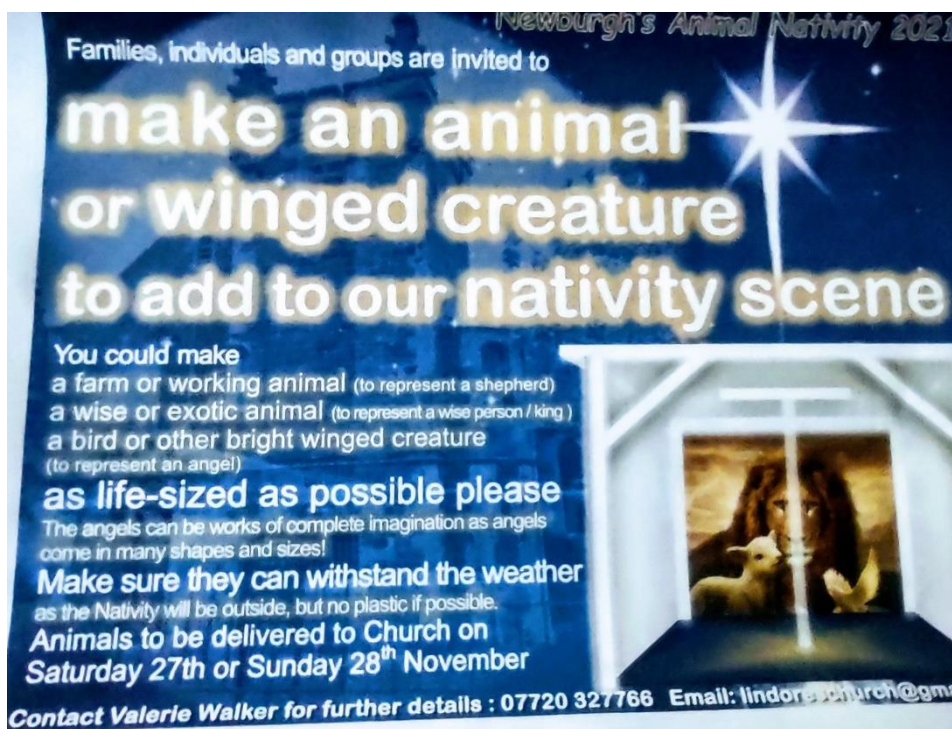
Please let Valerie know in advance if you wish to bring any children

Scarecrow and Animal Nativity 2021

Following the success of last year's scarecrow nativity many local people have requested another outdoor Nativity scene at Newburgh church. Our dedicated church volunteers are hard at work preparing for this and hopefully the "stable" will be ready for the first of December.

This year we're having a slightly different theme, with models of various life-sized animals to represent the shepherds and kings. Members of the local community are making different animals and each class in our primary schools is decorating a flying bird shape, to represent the angels.

The children have been told to look out for the bear and the lion lying down in the stable next to a lamb and a baby goat, just as it says in the Bible (Isaiah chapter 11, verses 6-7).



These animals lying peacefully together represent the peace that Christ came to give us when he was born.

Christmas reminds us of Isaiah's wonderful vision that one day all people and animals will be able to live together without

hurting each other or damaging the planet.

Hopefully a different bird or animal will appear in the church grounds every day from December 1st until Christmas day.

There's lots of room in the stable so you're very welcome to make any other animals you'd like to see there!



LINDORES PARISH CHURCH



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUN 5TH December:	Sunday service with Crazy Church, NEWBURGH	10.30am
	Sunday service, ABDIE & DUNBOG	10.30am
SUN 12TH DEC	CHILDREN'S NATIVITY SERVICE, ABDIE & DUNBOG	10.30am
	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, NEWBURGH *	3.00pm
	(A quiet service of reflection to remember those we have lost)	
SAT 18TH DEC	CHRISTMAS WINDOWS, NEWBURGH	2pm-4pm
SUN 19TH DEC	CAROLS and ALTERNATIVITY DRAMA, NEWBURGH	10.30am
FRID 24TH DEC	PYJAMA CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, NEWBURGH	6.00pm
	CANDLELIT MIDNIGHT SERVICE, NEWBURGH	11.30pm
SAT 25TH DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, ABDIE & DUNBOG	10.30am
SUN 26TH DEC	BOXING DAY CAROL SERVICE WITH URC NEWBURGH	10.30am

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SUN 2ND JAN	NEW YEAR SERVICE, ABDIE & DUNBOG	10.30am
SUN 9TH JAN	SUNDAY SERVICE, NEWBURGH CHURCH	10.30am



*Please let Valerie know if you would like to attend and/or invite anyone else to our seasonal service of remembrance on December 12th; phone 01337 842799, lindoreschurch@gmail.com

Photos or comments for our website www.lindoresparish.com are always welcome; please email them to Valerie, as above.