

**Dryburgh District Churches
(Church of Scotland) SC010210**

*'United in serving God, by welcoming you, sharing His love,
and reaching out in service to our community'*

Website: www.dryburghdistrictchurches.org

Sunday 19 March 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

Mertoun Kirk 10.30am

Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and hope that you will enjoy worshipping and a time of fellowship.

Please remain seated for the hymns if that is more comfortable for you.

Intimations

Please keep this sheet for future reference

**Please support our response to the
Disasters Emergency Committee
Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal**



Retiring Offerings: the Kirk Session has decided that a retiring offering will be invited after all worship during Lent and until Easter Sunday. We are sure you will join us in giving as generously as you are able.

Coffee Morning: Saturday 25 March, Church Hall, St Boswells, 10am.
Donations welcome for usual stalls. Please contact Lucy Smith, 01835 822425.

Spring Hamper: pay for a 'square' in Tony's Newsagent, St Boswells, to win a hamper. Lucky number will be drawn on Easter Sunday, 9 April.

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New Spring Fund Raising Quiz for sale: Please purchase a Quiz for £1 – and perhaps buy an extra one to give to a friend! They will be available in all churches and in Tony's Newsagents, St Boswells, until the deadline on 22 April.

Weekly:

Wednesdays: **Craft Group**, Church Hall, 1 - 3.30pm.

Wednesdays: **Community Choir**, 6.30 - 7.30pm; Community Wing, Newtown.

Thursdays: **'Zoom' Bible Study**, at 7.30pm. New members welcome. *(Meeting ID: 843 4289 1909; password 479943)*

This Week:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Coffee Morning on 11 March in Newtown. The proceeds are £340.40.

Thursday 23 March: **Guild AGM**; Church Hall, 2.30pm.

Friday 24 March: **Messy Church Play**, Church Hall, St Boswells, 12.45 - 2pm. Some extra helpers would be appreciated for Messy Church - even if just for a wee while at the end to help with clearing up. Please speak to Sarah Cook (07825 160074) if you would like any further information. ***On holiday until 28 April.***

Saturday 25 March: **Coffee Morning in aid of DEC Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal** – see front page.

Sunday 26 March: **Worship in Newtown Church**, 10.30am. *(remember to put your clocks forward!)*

Further Ahead:

Friday 7 April, Good Friday: **Lunch Club**, Church Hall, 12noon - 1.30pm. **Foodbank donations welcomed.** *Next 21 April.*

Transport to Worship in our Churches: The Kirk Session encourages members of the congregation to offer transport to those without their own. As we continue our Sunday morning services in rotation around our Charge, we wish to enable our congregation to worship in other churches as well as their local one.

Trust Fund: In these difficult times, the Kirk Session is offering the gift of a small cash donation from a restricted fund which they manage, to anyone who is struggling with their finances. Please take an envelope on your way out of church to deliver to someone you know of who is in need – or indeed keep it for yourself if you are struggling.

St Boswells Foodbank (operating as part of Jedburgh Foodbank): drop-off points for donations of non-perishable food items - Tony's Newsagents and the Church Hall (Lunch Club and Craft Group days). If you would like to arrange a cash donation to support the work or get more information, please email stboswellsfoodbank@gmail.com

Newtown Community Food Help: Confidential and free; Fridays 5pm to 7pm; Tel: 07811 976 943; come along and collect what will see you through.

Wednesday Warmups: St Boswells Village Hall, 8.30am - 12.30pm. Bingo Sessions every Wednesday. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Alastair Minis, Secretary, St Boswells Village: Hallssecretary@stboswellsvillagehall.org

A Warm Hub for Newtown and Eildon Community

Come along for a warm drink, a blether, or an activity; Fridays, 3pm-5pm; Newtown Community Wing. Please feel free to bring along any project you are doing; pass on a skill or just have some company while crafting.