

## INFORMATION

**Newtown Community Food Help:** Confidential and free; Mondays and Fridays, 4 - 6pm, (not Wednesdays); Tel: 07395145428. Come along and collect what will see you through. Open for all. Saves food from landfill. **Donations appreciated.**

**St Boswells Foodbank Donations:** (operating as part of Jedburgh Foodbank): drop-off pints for donations of non-perishable food items: Tony's Newsagent and Church Hall. To make a monetary donation please email: stboswellsfoodbank@gmail.com

**Small Boxes: Small change can make a big change (for Church funds!).** Please help yourself to a box on the way out. The contents may be returned at any time, in any church. Existing box holders may have a new label or a new box!

**Transport to Worship in our Churches:** The Kirk Session encourages Members of the congregation to offer transport to those without their own, to enable our congregation to worship in other churches as well as their local one.

**Church Flowers:** do you enjoy the lovely displays of flowers which enhance our weekly worship in Newtown and St Boswells Churches? They are gifted to someone in the community after the service.

Monetary contributions towards the cost of these flowers are always welcome. You may arrange them yourself or someone else will do this for you.

**St Boswells Church Flowers:** please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you wish to donate and/or arrange flowers or contact Mary Sargent (824261).

**Newtown** Flower donations, please contact Carol Hunter.

**The Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal 2023-24**  
Please continue to collect your used stamps to support the ongoing 2023-24 project to help the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) improve nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis. The CCAP project, Firmly Planted aims to establish self-sustaining tree nurseries to nurture and protect the environment and protect livelihoods for households and communities.

Stamps may be left in any of our churches, Church Hall, St Boswells, the Old Post Office, St Boswells or 9 St Cuthbert's Drive, St Boswells.  
(Cliff Ellershaw tel: 823445).



**Kirk Session Trust Fund:** the gift of a small cash donation (from a restricted fund), is available to anyone who is struggling with their finances. Please take an envelope on your way out of church for someone you know of who is in need – or indeed keep it for yourself if you are struggling.

## 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](http://www.dryburghdistrictchurches.org)

**Sunday 8 September 2024**  
**Maxton Kirk 10.30am**  
**Holy Communion**

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

### Today's Bible Readings

James 2: 1 - 17

Mark 7: 24 – 37

### Prayer response:

Minister: Give us the courage and discernment

**ALL: not to take sides in our prayers.**

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

### Intimations

*Please keep this sheet for future reference*

### News:

**No More Milk Bottle Top Collections:** Due to the dramatic drop in the price paid for recycled plastic, it is no longer viable to continue donating them for charity. They can be recycled in normal recycling bins, but please **not in our Churches or Hall!** Thank you to everyone who has supported this in the past.

### Weekly:

Mondays: **Tea and Chat Afternoon**, Church Hall, 2 - 4pm.

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

Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays: **St Boswells Church open to visitors**, from 10am - 4pm.

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

Thursdays: **'Zoom' Bible Study**, 7.30 - 9pm

**Please note Bible Study will restart on 19 September**  
**NEW Meeting ID: 814 5626 9054 Passcode: 868391**

**Continued overleaf**

### **This Week:**

Tuesday 10 September: **Meeting of Kirk Session**, Church Hall, 7pm.

Friday 13 September: **Messy Church Play**, Church Hall, 12.45 - 2pm,  
*next 27 September.*

Saturday 14 September: **Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds**; see  
*opposite.*

Sunday 15 September: **Worship in Newtown Church**, 10.30am.

### **Further Ahead**

Friday 20 September: **Lunch Club**, Church Hall, 12noon - 1.30pm;  
*next 4 October.*

Saturday 28 September: Deadline for return of **Summer Quiz**  
**(still for sale £1).**

#### **Message from Lothian & Border Presbytery**

Saturday 5 October: **Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow! -:**

An inspirational time of worship, prayer and vision; St John's & King's Park Church, 31 Eskbank Road, Dalkeith, EH22 1HJ; 10.30-12.30 and 13.30-15.30.

"Neil Glover, Convener of the Seeds for Growth Committee, would like the opportunity to share his heart with you and in turn hear your plans to grow and flourish in your local context. Together we hope we can resource you in the next season. He will cover all aspects of applying for funding including our new criteria.

Tommy MacNeil, Convener of the Faith Action Programme Leadership Team, would like to come and spend some time with you, listening to your journeys so far and learning how we can partner with you to realise your vision of the future."

Please contact Lucy or Winnie for fuller details and to book a place.

Sunday 20 October: It's not too soon to start thinking about filing a shoe box for the **Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal.**

Leaflets are available in all churches.

Please hand boxes in by **Sunday 20 October** at the latest.



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# **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 14 September**  
**10am**

**Church Hall, St Boswells**



**Donations welcomed for stalls:**

**Cake and Candy**

**Bric-a-Brac**

**Books & Jigsaws**

**Entry £2**