

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.

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

Website: www.dryburghdistrictchurches.org

**Sunday 22 September 2024
St Boswells Church 10.30am**

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

Psalm 1

James 3: 1 - 4: 8

Mark 9: 30 - 37

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

Intimations

Please keep this sheet for future reference

News:

The Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on 14 September raised £280 for Church funds. Huge thanks to everyone for their support.

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.

Empty Shoe Boxes: If you have any spare, empty, boxes to donate for someone else to fill, please bring to any church, or leave in the back room in the Hall, or leave a message on Lucy's answering machine (822425).

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 restart date TO BE ADVISED

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This Week:

Friday 27 September: **Messy Church Play**, Church Hall, 12.45 - 2pm,
next 11 October.

Sunday 29 September: **Harvest Thanksgiving** (see opposite): **Mertoun Kirk**, 10.30am. Donations of fresh flowers for distribution around the parishes are needed each week, please.

Further Ahead:

Friday 4 October: **Lunch Club**, Church Hall, 12noon - 1.30pm;
next 18 October.

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."

Sunday 6 October: **Harvest Thanksgiving** (see opposite): Newtown Church at 1030am; coffee etc after worship. Donations of fresh flowers for distribution around the parishes are needed each week, please.

Tuesday 15 October: **Joint Meeting of Fund Raising and Stewardship Committees**, St Boswells Vestry, 3pm

It's not too soon to start thinking about filling a shoe box for the **Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal**.

Leaflets are available in all churches.

Please hand boxes in by **Sunday 27 October** at the latest. **PLEASE NOTE LATER DATE**



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HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2024

Mertoun 29 September
Newtown 6 October St Boswells 13 October

HARVEST GIFTS ARE INVITED:

CASH (OR CHEQUE payable to Dryburgh District Churches) in an envelope marked 'Harvest Gift', will be donated to **RSABI: Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution** 'Supporting people in Scottish agriculture' Charity No **SC009828**



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

will be taken to local foodbanks



FLOWERS will be distributed around the parish

