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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

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HELLO FROM THE MANSE

Seasons changing, Spring gives way to Summer – there is a lovely old hymn (written before 1897) that I love to sing, but often it begins to rain when I choose it – ‘Summer suns are glowing, over land and sea.’ The first verse of the hymn particularly has a warmth to it – ‘happy light is flowing, bountiful and free, Everything rejoices in the mellow rays, all earth’s thousand voices swell the psalm of praise’

These words remind me of warm summer days, where life was filled with fun and being outdoors and is encapsulated I think in our picture for this edition, drawn as always by John Martin. During the summer holidays, if we were not at the local park playing in and around the river, we were berry picking, which had the added bonus of eating as many berries as we picked.

Ozone layers or lack of them and climate change were not something that we thought about. Summer was at last the time when we were able to get out to play. But how things have changed. We are more aware of the harmful rays of the summer suns, and the weather does not at times reflect the season of the year, cold summer weather, warm winter weather. Climate change and looking after our world has become a real issue. Eco-Congregations as well as climate change organisations endeavour to highlight the damage that is happening in the world today.

It is not just our weather that is affected. In many parts of our world, including places like Malawi, drought and flooding at the wrong times mean that crops do not survive and people who are already extremely poor are unable to provide for their families. On a recent trip to Geneva, I was reminded of this when on the Saturday of my trip there was a Climate Change demonstration through the streets of Geneva in which people from different countries had obviously come along to raise awareness and concerns for our world.

May you have a blessed summer and enjoy whatever and wherever you travel to, whether it be near or far, days out to the beach or the park or just messing about at the river.

Rev Sheila

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2017

	Newtown	Maxton/Mertoun	St Boswells
4 June	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am <i>Village Week</i> <i>Outdoor Service on the Green</i> <i>Coffee after service in Church Hall - see below</i>
11 June	9.30am	Maxton 9.30am	10.45am
18 June	9.30am	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am
25 June	5pm <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	10.45am
2 July	9.30am	No service	10.45am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**
9 July	No service	Maxton 9.30am	10.45am
16 July	9.30am	No service	10.45am
23 July	5pm <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am	No service
30 July	United Service Newtown 9.30am Please note earlier time		
6 August	No service	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**
13 August	9.30am	No service	10.45am
20 August	No service	Mertoun 9.30am	10.45am
27 August	5pm <i>Coffee after service</i> see below**	Maxton 9.30am	No service
	** You are invited to make a small monetary donation for coffee in support of The Vine Trust Project: 'Build a House in Tanzania'		

WHAT'S ON JUNE:

Saturday 3 June: **St Boswells Church Coffee Morning**, Church Hall, 10am.

Sunday 4 June: **Outdoor Service St Boswells Village Week**; coffee after worship in Church Hall.

Worship on Wednesday 7 June, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am.

Thursday 8 June: **St Boswells Guild Tea, Coffee and Chat**, Church Hall, 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Wednesday 14 June: **Future Focus Charge Congregations Meeting (2)**, St Boswells Church Hall, 7 - 9pm

Thursday 15 June: **Newtown Hour of Praise**, Newtown Community Wing, 2pm.

Saturday 17 June: **Newtown Church Coffee Morning**, Community Wing, 10am. Usual stalls.

Worship on Wednesday 21 June, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am.

Saturday 24 June: **Future Focus Charge Congregations Meeting (3)**, St Boswells Church Hall, 10am - 4pm

WHAT'S ON JULY:

Sunday 2 July: **No service Maxton/Mertoun**

Saturday 8 July: **Afternoon Tea**, in front of St Boswells Church (in Hall if wet), 2 - 4pm.

Sunday 9 July: **No service Newtown**

Thursday 13 July: **St Boswells Guild Tea, Coffee and Chat**, Church Hall, 7.30 - 8.30pm.

15 July: **Fair Day Coffee Morning**, St Boswells Church hall, 10am

Sunday 16 July: **No service Maxton/Mertoun**

Sunday 23 July: **No service St Boswells**

Sunday 30 July: **United Service, Newtown Church, 9.30am - please note earlier time**

Sunday 30 July: **First of weekly 'pop-up choir' rehearsals** in Newtown Church at 6.30 p.m. (see Page 10)

WHAT'S ON AUGUST:

Sunday 6 August: **No service Newtown**

Monday 7 August: **Editorial deadline for September/October/November Newsletter**

Thursday 10 August: **St Boswells Guild Tea, Coffee and Chat**, Church Hall, 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Sunday 13 August: **No service Maxton/Mertoun**

Sunday 20 August: **No service Newtown**

Saturday 26 August: **Newtown Church Coffee Morning**, Community Wing, 10am. Usual stalls.

Sunday 27 August: **No service St Boswells**

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club finishes for the summer on Friday 23rd of June. It has been another successful year and thanks go to all the team members and supporters who turn up week after week. As ever, if you would like to help in any way, just get in touch. We restart on Friday 8th September.

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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

As we look forward to summer, we think back to our Easter celebrations within the Charge. Once again, the Northern Cross pilgrims from Lanark stopped off in St Boswells for an overnight stay on their journey to Holy Island. They were very grateful to the kind people who offered them facilities to have a shower and freshen up.

On Maundy Thursday evening we were able to share in a communion service in St Boswells Church Hall to commemorate the Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday saw a service of contemplation and reflection in Newtown Church.

The sombre mood of that service was replaced with celebration on Easter Sunday morning when we gathered at Dryburgh Abbey at 7 a.m. to give thanks for Jesus' resurrection. This year we were fortunate to be able to see the sun rise over the abbey ruins and enjoy the sounds of birdsong as the birds offered St Boswells Concert Band some support ... or competition! The service was followed by a very welcome breakfast in St Boswells Church Hall – it always makes the early rise worthwhile! The special

collection at Dryburgh Abbey and the profit from the Easter breakfast raised a total of £149 for Alzheimer Scotland (SC Charity No SC022315).

Easter celebrations continued with morning services in all parts of the Charge when decorated eggs and some very



Easter bonnets

fetching Easter bonnets were shown off and admired. A very busy morning for Rev Sheila and Assistant Minister, Rachel Wilson.



Easter Sunday morning at Dryburgh

The Easter celebrations ended with Messy Church in St Boswells Church Hall on Easter Monday afternoon. Families joined together in craft work (some messier than others!), a time of worship, then the event finished with a shared meal before some tired children – and adults – went home.

Messy Easter

On Easter Monday, we held our second Messy Church in the Charge – ‘Messy Easter.’ Nine children with their families attended and discovered that church can be fun, sticky, messy and tasty! Four different craft activities were on offer, all reflecting part of the Easter story:

‘Stained glass’ Crosses made from laminated tissue paper reminded us of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross.

‘Snowstorm’ Angels made from small drinks bottles filled with water, glycerine and (lots of) glitter reminded us of the earthquake when Jesus died, and the message of the angels that he had risen.

Jellybean Butterflies and Chocolate Crispy Nests reminded us of the new life that Jesus gives us.

After we had finished our crafts, we went across to the church for a scavenger hunt for props which reminded us of the Easter story, followed by some very lively singing and dancing.

We then returned to the hall, which had been magically tidied up and laid out for our tea – baked potatoes and fillings, followed by fruit Palm Trees.



In the Acts of the Apostles, it tells us that the early church worshipped, prayed and ate together. Messy Church is very much a reflection of this, as we worship God through our crafts, singing and story-telling, then enjoy fellowship as we eat together. Look out for details of our next Messy Church in September, and come and see for yourselves how much fun church can be!

Rachel Wilson, Assistant Minister

St Boswells Church Coffee Morning



Saturday 3rd June

Our summer coffee morning will be held from 10.00am in the church hall with stalls for cakes, books, bric-a-brac and plants,

All contributions greatly appreciated.

Future Focus: THE WAY AHEAD



*Come and have
your say*

The Kirk Sessions in our Charge have decided to embark on the initiative that was highlighted in our last newsletter –

‘Future Focus: The Way Ahead’

Which is designed to help congregations, therefore us, to look afresh at our community, to examine our congregational life and to discern what it is that God wants us to be and to do in the next phase of our life and witness.

This is not just for the Kirk Session members, but all members of our linked congregations to come together to explore the life and future of our churches. We will be led by Rob Rawson from the Mission and Discipleship Future Focus team who will be our facilitator for the three meetings.

Results from other Churches and Charges where Future Focus has happened have shown that ‘Future Focus: The Way Ahead’ can have a positive and even transformational impact on a congregation. However, for this to be the case, certain conditions are necessary.

Firstly, and most importantly, the whole process needs to be embedded within a season of concerted prayer.

Secondly, wide participation from the whole congregation is vital.

Thirdly, there requires to be openness within the leadership of the church to embrace and implement change. This will never be change for its own sake, of course, but change that is agreed to be important and necessary.

At the end of Future Focus our linked Charge will have undertaken only a snapshot of our communities and congregations, but hopefully we will have a better understanding to help us discern God’s vision for the future in our Churches in our communities. It is hoped too that we will find it an encouraging and stimulating process which is why we need you to be involved, so please put the dates in your diary and come along to St Boswells Church Hall – without you the future focus will not happen.

Meeting 1: Wednesday 31st May at 7.00pm ending at 9.00pm

Meeting 2: Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm ending at 9.00pm

Meeting 3: Saturday 24th June at 10.00am ending at 3.00pm

VineTrust 'BUILD A HOUSE IN TANZANIA'

The congregations of Maxton and Mertoun, Newtown and St Boswells Churches have made a commitment to a three-year fund raising programme in aid of the Vine Trust's 'Building a House in Tanzania' project.

Our pledge is to raise the £3700 required to fund the building of one family home.

Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

The total raised as at 7 May 2017 is:

£3029

Please donate in any of the following ways:

- small monetary donations in our 'Vine Trust House' collecting boxes which are available in all churches

- voluntary donations towards coffee provided in our churches after worship
- look out for other events in the Charge
- if you wish to make a contribution over £20, completing a Vine Trust Gift Aid form will allow them to benefit from an extra 25p for every £1 you donate (forms available in churches and from Brian Evans)
- donations by cheque, should be made payable to 'The Vine Trust Tanzania Appeal'
- donations may be made in all churches and to Brian Evans, St Boswells Church Treasurer (see page 2)
- Save your 5p pieces for the mile of 5p pieces in Newtown Church
- to offer suggestions and for further information, please contact Rev Sheila Moir.

STAMPS AND CHRISTIAN AID

The middle of May saw the 60th year that Christian Aid has had a week when volunteers go out and about collecting money for the work of this very worthy charity. One of the fun things suggested by Christian Aid to involve friends and raise money is to host a fun breakfast. This can be done at any time not just in May.

Christian Aid is working in 39 countries with agencies in these countries to tackle poverty. It has been in existence since 1947.

In April, St Boswell's Guild had a visit from the Stamp Man from World Mission of the

Church of Scotland. He told us what happens to the stamps we collect for him. Mr Scott is a retired stamp dealer and what he doesn't know about stamps is not worth knowing! The amount of money raised last year by selling all the stamps collected from all over Scotland was over £4000. So please keep saving them for me to pass on to him. This year the project is for books for the peoples of South Sudan where there is nothing, as everything was destroyed.

A big thank you to you all for your help.

Ann Smith

SHOEBOX APPEAL:

Yes, I know it is too early to be thinking about filling shoeboxes, but finding empty shoeboxes to fill is always a problem. If parents have empty shoeboxes after buying new shoes for the children going back to school, we would

be glad to have them. Empty shoeboxes can be brought to school on assembly days and they will be collected by Rev Sheila – or they can be handed in at any time at any of the churches in the charge. More about the appeal in the next newsletter!

Winnie Milligan

NEWTOWN CHURCH – BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Our Stewardship theme this year will be 'Talents'. We are delighted that Jamie McKenzie, our organist, has agreed to share his talents with us in an Organ



Recital to be held in Newtown Church on Friday 1st September at 7 p.m. (entry by donation). As well as Jamie's wonderful talents as an organist, he will share his talents as a

choirmaster by forming a 'pop up choir' to sing on the evening. Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to be involved? We would like to invite anyone from within the Charge or beyond to join us for rehearsals in Newtown Church on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm, beginning Sunday 30th July.

As well as Jamie's talents, we know that there are lots of people in the congregation who have a variety of talents. Would you like to share them with us? A display will be mounted in the church for the month of September. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Session Clerk, Winnie Milligan on 01835 823457, or Jim Ross on 01835 822941 for further details.



ST BOSWELLS GUILD NEWS

In February our speakers were Mrs Margaret Jeary and the Rev Marion Dodd. Mrs Jeary spoke about the

people and the work they did in this part of the Scottish Borders in the 1850s. Rev Marion Dodd told us about her visit to Balmoral and meeting the Royal Family.

On 9th March at our guest afternoon Keith Scott from World Mission of the Church of Scotland came to tell us about what happens to the stamps we collect for the Church and encouraged us to keep saving them.

We also had a sales table and the money raised went to Christian Aid, our project for this year.

Our AGM this year was a very happy occasion with the minister, Rev Sheila Moir, presenting long service badges to seven of our members. We ended the meeting in a traditional way with the minister cutting the cake and all enjoying a cup of tea.



The minister with the Guild members who received long service badges

Please come to our "Tea and Chat" meetings over the summer, it is an enjoyable way to keep in touch with all our friends.

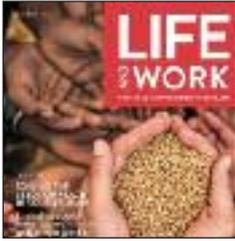
Dates:

8th June; 13th July; 10th August; 14th September

Other dates for your diary:

- Tea after service on the Green, Sunday 4th June
- Presbyterial Council Summer Rally, Broughton Church, Wednesday 7th June
- Fair Day Coffee Morning, Saturday 15th July

Elizabeth Kitchin



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FOODBANK USE AT RECORD LEVELS

Scottish foodbank use has risen again to record levels, according to new figures published by the Trussell Trust today. The Trust's 52 Scottish foodbanks provided 145,865 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis – including 47,955 for children – during the 2016/17 financial year. This is a nine per cent increase on the year before.

The Christian charity, the largest provider of foodbanks in Scotland (many of them run from local churches), also said that for the first time low income has become the biggest single reason for referral to a Scottish foodbank, accounting for a quarter of all referrals. It also released a report raising fears about the new Universal Credit system for administering benefits, saying that foodbanks in areas where the new system has been rolled out are reporting significant problems.

The report, based on UK-wide figures, states that foodbanks in areas where Universal Credit has been fully implemented have seen a 16.85% average increase in referrals of food for couples and families, more than double the national average of 6.64%.

Of Scottish foodbanks that contributed to the research for the report, over half confirmed that the roll out of Universal Credit was a major issue, with a significant number of people referred to foodbanks while they waited for their claims to be processed, which could take anywhere between 3 and 8 weeks. Foodbanks cited increased debt, exacerbation of mental health issues and difficulty budgeting as additional negative impacts on people experiencing problems with Universal Credit.

Ewan Gurr, Scotland Network Manager for

the Trussell Trust, said: “The discovery that foodbanks in Scotland gave out enough emergency food to feed the entire population of Dundee for 3 days is deeply worrying and the reasons underpinning this are just as concerning. “Despite nine Scottish local authorities showing a decrease in foodbank use six months ago, it is clear that a cold Christmas, the rollout of Universal Credit and the ever-increasing pressure on the pockets of low income individuals and families is yielding bitter outcomes.

“Worrying stories emanating from foodbanks highlight the reality that a record 12-month inflation rate of 2.3% and benefit delays attributed to the rollout of Universal Credit are leaving men, women and children up and down the country sitting at the dinner table with no food in front of them.

“With both Council Elections and a General Election on the horizon, it is absolutely critical for confirmed as well as prospective candidates to put tackling hunger and food poverty front and centre of the policy agenda. It is crucial to amplify the voices of people in poverty in the process and ensure the delivery of a clear and coherent strategy on tackling hunger and food poverty that can be implemented both at local and national level.”

NEWTOWN CHURCH



Coffee Mornings

**Saturday 17th June and
Saturday 26th August**

In Newtown Community Wing from
10 a.m. Usual stalls

Prayer

" Call ME....." Ps. 50

How often we hear or say those words in our daily lives. We want to keep in touch, to keep the lines of communication open.

The Source of life HIMSELF, The CREATOR, our REDEEMER is continually giving us this same invitation

There is a modern worship song which puts it very well.

' Calling to you,
Calling to me,
Calling to everyone
To turn and believe.'

When HE was on earth in HIS SON, wherever HE went, people were continually calling to HIM. The blind man called to HIM,

" Lord, that I might receive my sight!" , and he did. *Mark 10:51.* Nicodemus, a ruler, a Pharisee, with his confused loyalties, called on JESUS under cover of darkness. JESUS brought light into his darkness and left him with a choice. *John ch. 3.*

Peter, that impetuous disciple, called out to HIM in fear when he was sinking beneath the waves. JESUS lifted him up, questioning the stalwart's fear.

Throughout the Book of Psalms, the Psalmist frequently says, " I will call upon The LORD..." , and in *Psalm 116* he states " I will call upon the LORD as long as I live."

Whatever the circumstances, our heavenly FATHER is waiting to take your call in space and time, while you are on earth.

HE waits to share the life HE has given. There is nothing too great or too insignificant for HIS loving attention. HE says " Call on ME and I will hear." *Psalm 4:3.*

In communication with Him there is Life itself and we discover the meaning of life day by day. It is vital to say the least.

'Oh JESUS,
When I am without sight,
touch my vision
that I may see GOD'S
wonder close beside me.

When I am filled with joy,
let me hold YOUR hand
that I may share with
YOU.

When I am afraid,
take me in YOUR arms
and hold me fast.
and JESUS,
when I cannot see YOU,
take my ordinary fingers
and let them travel
across YOUR Face,
for YOU are my all in all
and I cannot live
without YOU." *H.F. Jones.*

Call HIM!

Rev Winnie Munson



St. Boswells Parish Church
Scottish Charity No. SCO10210



Afternoon Teas

Saturday. 8 July

2-4 p.m.

In front of The Church

£3.50

All Welcome

In Church hall over the road if wet

STEEPLECHASE WALK

Saturday 13 May

35 galant walkers, fortified by bacon rolls at Newtown Church, brave the first rain for weeks to walk the riverside path to St Boswells



Setting off from Newtown Church

The sun enhanced the remainder of the walk to Benrig, Maxton and Mertoun Kirks



A fuller report will be included in the next newsletter

Climate Change

~ Can I make a difference?

Climate change represents a failure in our care of Creation; its implications for people and for other life on earth are profound.

Care for Creation is at the heart of the Eco-Congregation movement. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world, and all who live in it,” declares the psalmist (Psalm24:1). It is God’s Creation, not ours to do with as we please.

We are called to be partners with the rest of Creation and co-partners in the ongoing creative and renewing activity of God. In caring for what God has created, we care for ourselves and care for each other, and especially for the poor and vulnerable. In God’s providence and wisdom our flourishing is dependent on the flourishing of Creation.

As we have come to understand that through our deeds we are changing the climate, so we have come to realise that our care for Creation has been deeply flawed. The degradation of eco-systems worldwide will add to the growing imbalances, affecting all living species on earth, not just humans.

Climate change is already having an impact both here and overseas. Christians need to be concerned about this and take steps to respond – both as churches and as individuals.

It’s true that there has been naturally-occurring climate change in the past; the difference now is that it is happening too quickly for animal, plant, fish and insect life to adapt.

Hardly a day passes without some climate-related story hitting the headlines – the polar ice is melting, rainforests are disappearing, the world’s coral reefs are dying. Hundreds of millions of people are already affected by droughts, floods, water scarcity, sea-level rise



and desertification while the frequency and size of extreme weather events, including storms, cyclones, hurricanes and flooding continues to worsen.

According to the fifth assessment report of the United Nations

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, warming of the climate system is “unequivocal” and, since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are quite simply unprecedented.



In Scotland recently

The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea level has risen, and the concentration of greenhouse gases has increased.

Each of the last three decades has been successively warmer at the Earth’s surface than any preceding decade since at least 1850. The atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane and nitrous oxide have increased to levels unprecedented in at least the last 800,000 years. CO₂ concentrations have increased by 40% since pre-industrial times. The ocean has absorbed about 30% of the emitted anthropogenic carbon dioxide, causing ocean acidification.

2016 was warmest year on record.

NASA and NOAA data show that global averages were 1.78 degrees F (0.99 degrees C) warmer than the mid-20th century average, making 2016 the third year in a row with record-setting surface temperatures.

Climate change is set to inflict “severe, widespread and irreversible impacts” on people and the natural world, including food shortages and violent conflicts, unless carbon emissions are cut sharply and rapidly.

Rising sea levels – another outcome of global warming – increase the risk of coastal flooding, and could cause population displacement. More than half of the world's population now lives within 60 kilometres of shorelines. Floods can directly cause injury and death, and increase risks of infection from water and vector-borne diseases. Population displacement could increase tensions and potentially the risks of conflict.



“When our land is submerging slowly but visibly, any ideological debate on ecological issues is only a luxury of the privileged communities.”

Rev Tafue Molu Lusama, Pacific Eklasia, Kelisian, Tuvalu

HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The report also states that ways to avoid dangerous global warming are both available and affordable, such as:

- **Fitting your house with energy saving systems, including loft insulation and energy saving light bulbs, can reduce the heating footprint by 29%.**
- **Switching the light off when you leave a room saving £13 a year**
- **Walking or cycling for short journeys could reduce your footprint by about 4%**
- **Eating more fruit and vegetables and less meat could reduce your food footprint by up to 40%**
- **Purchasing all your produce from local producers you could reduce your footprint by about 4%.**
- **Composting and recycling waste can reduce your waste footprint by 40%.**
- **Turning off your vehicle engine when standing for longer than one minute can reduce your carbon footprint.**
- **Using Freecycle, an internet service, which helps you give unwanted items to someone in your local area** (<https://www.freecycle.org/>)
- **Turning off the standby mode of your appliances saving about £30 per year**

Reduce your carbon footprint when you drive your car. You may not know this, but some of your driving habits actually affect how much CO₂ your car emits. Accelerating smoothly and slowly, maintaining a steady, moderate speed while you drive, and anticipating your stops and starts will actually help you to save one ton of CO₂ in a year.



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St Boswells Summer Fair

Wednesday 31st May - 4th June

**Wednesday 31st May - Car
Treasure Hunt - 6.30pm start
at Village Hall**

Thursday 1st June

**Beat The Retreat - 6pm -
The Croft**

**Family Quiz Night - 7pm -
Village Hall**

Friday 2nd June

**Lunch Club - 12pm -
Church Hall**

**Golf Fun Day 1-4pm -
Golf Club**

**Family Football - 6pm -
Rugby Club**

Saturday 3rd June

**Coffee Morning - 10am
- Church Hall**

**Pet Show - 11am - The
Croft**

**Tennis Fun Day - 2-5pm-
Tennis Club**

**St Boswells Live - 7.30pm -
Village Hall**



Sunday 4th June

**Car Boot Sale 9am - 1pm - The
Green**

**Church Service - 10.45am - The
Croft**

**Wobbly Bridge Trail Race - 1pm
Fete on The Croft 1.30pm**

Fancy Dress - 1.30pm

**Childrens Entertainer 2.30-3.30pm
Village Race- 4pm**

**Awards Ceremony - 5pm
Tug of War & BBQ 5.30pm**

Scarecrow competition running through out the week, sign up form available from the post office. For more information regarding prices etc please check out the St Boswell's Summer Fair Facebook page or the daily blackboard.

Our Scottish Borders
www.scottishborders.gov.uk

LIFE EVENTS IN OUR CHARGE AND SERVICES ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Funerals: 'In Life, in Death, O Lord, Abide with me'

In Remembrance.....

14th February 2017: Mr David (Dave) Smith, Newtown. Service of thanksgiving held in Newtown Church and cremation at Borders Crematorium on Monday 27th February 2017.

19th March 2017: Mrs Margaret Collie, St Boswells. Service held at Borders Crematorium on Friday 24th March 2017.

25th March 2017: Mrs Jean Sandilands Hughes, Newtown St Boswells. Service held in Newtown Church with interment at Wairds Cemetery on Monday 3rd April 2017.

28th March 2017: Mrs Alison Wilson, River-

side Home, Selkirk, formerly St Boswells: Graveside Service held at Benrig Cemetery on Wednesday 5th April 2017.

31st March 2017: Mr Peter Roden, Kirkliston, formerly Newtown St Boswells. Service held in Newtown Church with interment at Wairds Cemetery on Wednesday 19 April 2017.

19th April 2017: Mr Gordon Alexander McLaren, St Boswells. Private Graveside Service held at Mertoun Cemetery on Thursday 27th April 2017, conducted by Mrs Rachel Wilson, Assistant Minister.

27th April 2017: Mrs Jennifer Margaret White, St Boswells. Service held in St Boswells Church with interment at Benrig Cemetery on Tuesday 9th May 2017.

Mrs Joan Bell, formerly St Boswells. Burial of Ashes at Benrig on Friday 12th May 2017

6th May 2017: Mrs Beryl Gellatly, Newtown St Boswells. Service held at the Borders Crematorium on Monday 15th May 2017.

Marriages U2R1

In Mertoun Kirk on Saturday 25th March 2017:

Miss Nicola Ruth Wood to Mr Paul Michael Richardson, Smailholm, Kelso



St Boswells Church Flowers

June 4	Margaret Smith
June 11	Shenagh Ellershaw
June 18	Mary Sargent
June 25	Mima Napier
July 2	Sandra Thomas
July 9	
July 16	Dorothy Inglis
July 23	<i>(No service)</i>
July 30	<i>(No service)</i>
Aug 6	Alison Hawkins
Aug 13	
Aug 20	Sheila Scott
Aug 27	<i>(No service)</i>

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