



LOCHEND & NEW ABBEY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

What do you expect from a newsletter? Is it not 'news'? And here it is – the good news:

"Do not be afraid; for look – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord", so the angel spoke to the shepherds.

We live in a world that changes quickly. Nothing is as old as yesterday's news. And what concerns people today is forgotten tomorrow. But that is different with the 'good news' of the Christmas story. For even after 2000 years, we still struggle to understand what it really means that God came into our world as a baby in a manger.

Who would have ever expected that? Looking for a newborn king would we not, like the Magi, expect him to be born in a palace in a warm and secure place? Who would ever look for the king of kings in a manger among animals?

As the shepherds heard the good news from the angel, they could not simply continue with their daily routine as if nothing had happened. They went with haste to see what they had heard. And when they saw it, they made know what they had seen. The good news always transforms the recipient into a messenger. It does not just satisfy curiosity, but it makes the people new. For who has ever heard of shepherds who left their flock to joyfully proclaim a message?

When we celebrate Christmas, then there is the danger that we simply fall into old habits and repeat what we have done before. But Christmas means that nothing can stay the same because everything turned upside as the eternal God became a mortal. After Jesus' birth nothing is as it was. At least not for those who like Mary take God's message seriously.

In her song, the so called *Magnificat*, Mary praises God's revolutionary intervention:

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty."

Jesus came into our world to transform our world – and us. So let us celebrate at Christmas not just the birth of the baby Jesus but also our own new birth. Jesus was born to give us new life – Happy birthday!

Yours,

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KIRK SESSION NEWS

Beadle

Our beadle, John Henry has decided to move on. We are very grateful for his faithful, reliable service over the years, making sure that the church is a warm, welcoming and well-ordered place, not only for Sunday services but also for weddings, funerals, meetings and other events. We wish him well and, as one elder said, we shall miss his cheery smile and greeting on a Sunday morning.

Elders

Ian and Jan Anderson have stepped down from membership of the Kirk Session. We are extremely grateful for the huge contribution they have made to the life of our congregation. They have been involved in many aspects of the church's work as well as being visiting elders. Their presence and their contribution will be greatly missed.

Harvest thanksgiving

First Base agency food bank was very happy to receive donations of non-perishables and a contribution of £212 to their funds following our harvest thanksgiving service. First Base always welcomes donations of dry goods, toiletries and toilet roll, long life milk and tins. There is a box at the back of the church for donations. School holidays are a particular time of need for those on low incomes.

Advent Study group

Rev. Johannes will lead 3 Advent study groups in December at 2pm in the Centenary Hall at Maxwelltown West. They will take place on Wednesdays 3rd and 10th December and Tuesday 16th December.

Maxwelltown West Guild Christmas drop-in

On 17th December, Maxwelltown West Guild are holding a Christmas drop in at the church between 2 and 4pm. If you need some light relief from Christmas shopping, there will be refreshments and Christmas music to enjoy.

Movies at Max West

The film "Quartet", a star-studded comedy drama, will be shown on Friday 12th December at 7pm.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 6.15pm at New Abbey and then 7.30pm at Maxwelltown West. There will be a Christmas Day service at Maxwelltown West at 11am.

Mission partner

Our mission partner, Gary Brough, who serves in Malawi, sends us regular updates and photographs about his work as a capacity development officer for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian General Assembly. He and his wife are involved in many aspects of life in Malawi and are connected with various organisations and projects there. Printed copies of their latest newsletter are available at the back of the church or you can read their blog online at <https://broughsinmalawi.com>

Stamp Collecting

At this time of year when we receive more post than normal, please save your stamps for the World Mission stamp appeal. **The stamp project will be coming to an end in February 2026 after 56 years** so, if you have any used stamps lurking in drawers or down the back of the sofa, please hand them to me before then. The beneficiary will be the Al-Ahli Arab hospital in northern Gaza which is the only cancer hospital in Gaza. During the war, it has also carried out emergency surgery 24 hours a day. It has a field clinic in Khan Younis which, amongst other medical treatments, also provides psychological support for children who have experienced trauma during the war. The hospital building itself has been damaged and funds will be required to bring it back to a proper standard. You can read more about the Al-Ahli Arab hospital on the Church of Scotland website

Catherine Lye
Joint Session Clerk

JOINT SERVICES

As part of the plan to bring our two congregations together and to get to know each other better the Kirk Session decided to hold two joint services over the course of the year – one in each location.

On 22nd June Lochend and New Abbey members joined with those at Maxwelltown West for a service of worship. New Abbey members experienced a slightly different order of service from the one they are used to. Singing is always better and more uplifting in a larger group. We particularly enjoyed the sung blessing at the end of the service. Afterwards David Johnson, who had to forego the service in order to man the barbeque, gave us an excellent spread of burgers and different types of sausages. Sadly, the weather did not co-operate, and we had to have the meal inside rather than in the Manse garden. Everyone enjoyed sitting chatting and eating so the weather did not dampen the friendship and fellowship.

Three months later New Abbey hosted a “return match” on 21st September. As I drove up to the church on that Sunday my heart sank as I saw members of our congregation carrying buckets into the church. Having seen Scottish Water vans and a huge pool of water further up the road I realized we had no water in the church. Thanks to the resourcefulness of members, buckets were driven to a part of the village where there was water, and the urn was filled so that we would have hot water for tea and coffee. Drums of water were brought from Beeswing so that toilets could be flushed.

We enjoyed a service of worship with around 80-90 people present. The singing was excellent, and we learned a new hymn as well as listening to a solo from Anne Walker accompanied by Alison. A feeling of warmth and fellowship was experienced by us all.

After the service, another crisis – the oven, when switched on to heat the sausage rolls for lunch, tripped the fuses. Despite great efforts it could not be persuaded to stay on, so the sausage rolls were a bit lukewarm. Still a light lunch of sandwiches, sausage rolls and traybakes was enjoyed by all and the plates were cleared – no leftovers – always a good sign. Much chat and conversation between members took place as we got to know each other better. Despite the crises, it was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship, and I hope we can look forward to more joint services in the future.

Catherine Lye

CHURCH FLOWERS

The first Sunday in Advent has arrived and we look forward to the church being decorated with a Christmas tree, and all the lovely colours of the festive season welcoming us into the warmth of the church.

As that season passes and New Year comes, the decorations are packed away for another year. We have to adjust to surroundings appearing plainer, and perhaps even looking bare, until we re-adjust to normal life once again.

If you would like to brighten a small corner of the church by placing some flowers in a vase, please add your name to the flower rota which is located in the entrance porch of the church. Your support would be very much appreciated.

As always, if I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Liz Robertson - Flower Convenor - 01387 850274

PROJECTOR TEAM

During Sunday morning worship, a small team presents the intimations and hymn words on a screen at the front of the church. We would welcome more volunteers to join our team. No qualifications are needed – full training will be provided. If you feel you could help out on a few Sundays, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email hazel.hubbert@btinternet.com

NEW ABBEY GUILD

We got off to a great start with Pauline Wilson's fascinating talk at our first meeting in September. Picking up our current guild theme of 'living stones', Pauline outlined her relationship with Sweetheart Abbey, whose sandstone abbey walls, and granite boundary walls, are daily reminders to all of us in New Abbey and beyond of how, over 700 years, the messages of the monks have been carried by us as the Living Stones.

Living as she does directly in the shadow of the Abbey, and in a cottage which carries the name of the Abbey's founder - Devorgilla Cottage - one big moment came when she was asked to design the poster for the 700th anniversary of the Abbey's founding. A special service was organised by Bill Holland in 1989, and Pauline sent a poster to Balliol College, Oxford thinking they might be interested since it was Devorgilla's husband, John Balliol, who had given money for its foundation, as penance for his altercation with the Bishop of Durham. They certainly were interested, as they were planning their own celebration later in Balliol College.

The Vice-Master came and was hosted by Pauline and her husband. He returned the compliment by inviting Pauline to their service in Balliol. To her astonishment she was treated like a VIP and seated at the High Table at dinner surrounded by academics and Nobel Prize winners, who were all interested to hear her story. She was made to feel so welcome.

On another occasion, she heard a helicopter flying round New Abbey, getting closer and closer to the Abbey, when it landed in a nearby field. It turned out to be a suitor wooing his girlfriend and asking her to marry him. All the curious who had gathered to watch were on tenterhooks to see if she assented. There were cheers all round when she said "Yes".

Memories of the floodlighting, the pageants, the millennium labyrinths, and recently the Japanese Drumming and people dressed as Lady Devorgilla and her contemporaries, brought us up to date.

However, the crowning glory has to be the strange string of coincidences which developed from her and husband Lea's search for a silversmith to make a memento for their silver wedding anniversary. Too many to go into detail here. Suffice to say it leads us all the way up from the Cotswolds back to Bruce Hart in New Abbey.

At our October meeting Mark Jardine, together with two other team members Maggie and Douglas, spoke about the work of the People's Project. They talked us through two large posters illustrating their work over the last 18 years since the project began. By using community involvement to make a difference in their communities, the aim is to make Dumfries and Galloway the cleanest place in the UK. A very big ask!

They have focused on being eco-friendly and organising beach clean ups, roadside litter picking, notice and information boards, massed plantings of bulbs and tubs which need watering and maintaining, tree planting, building of outdoor classrooms, a wishing well and branches at the Infirmary to remember those lost to Covid 19 in the region, a merchant navy memorial in Dock Park and recently help with the new garden of remembrance at Brooms Road, Dumfries. So many projects and with the 20 or so volunteers committed to the project it seems clear that each local community needs to take some responsibility for keeping things pristine too. The People's Project fortunately seems to get good coverage in the local papers and has hopefully made us all more aware of how we can help to add value to our environment.

At this recent meeting Hazel Hubbert and her family were very much in our thoughts and prayers and they are even more so now since Hazel's mother Betty Johnston has since died. Betty was one of our longest serving Guild members and one of the first people I came to know on attending my first guild meeting over 40 years ago. Remaining in her own home for all of her 97 years was an outstanding achievement, and it is surely what we would all love to be able to do. Our condolences to all the family and especially to Hazel.

We look forward to Sarah Marshall's talk on November 25th when we will hear about her work with the homeless. As always all are welcome!

Glennys Ardin, (Convenor)

NEW ABBEY SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

New Abbey SWI meet most months between September and June on the second Thursday of each month from 7-9 in the Village Hall.

The new syllabus was drawn up after the recent business meeting where Elaine Roydes was elected as the new President.

Meetings already planned for this year include a Burns Supper, a talk by Alison Burgess, a gardening talk and an evening's entertainment by a musical group called the Shegulls. We also have a hands-on crafts evening organised too.

We would welcome any ladies who would like to come. If you don't want to make a commitment, we welcome visitors.

Do come and join us.

Christine Hutton

NEW ABBEY CURLING CLUB

The curling season is now well under way and, for the club, it started in late October following the completion of improvement work at Dumfries Ice Bowl. This was a later than usual start and the club games are ongoing. This year we have a total of 34 members which includes 3 new members joining us. Be assured it's never too late in the season to join the club so please get in touch or come along to meet us at the Ice Bowl.

Already this season the club competition for the Chaplain Trophy, which was donated some years ago by the late Reverend Bill Holland, has been completed, and the winning rink will be awarded the trophy at the end of season social evening in March 2026.

Two of our members Jack Halliday and Katie Archibald, both skipped teams taking part in the Scottish Curling Junior Championships in Aberdeen. After a successful competition for both, Katie's rink won the women's championship.

Jack and his team made it to the semi-final and only missed out on the final after being beaten by the eventual winners Orrin Carson and his team from Dumfries. Jack did however win the Sportsmanship Award 2025 – an award which is voted for by his fellow competitors. A fantastic achievement by Katie and Jack both of whom are regular players in the club events too.

There was also a recent presentation to a club rink from last year's session. Jack Halliday led his team of Fraser Kingan, Margaret Carruthers and Helen Kingan to a rare 8 ender game. This is when a team gets all 8 of their stones within the scoring area during a competitive game. It is so rare that Scottish Curling present the successful team with commemorative medals and certificates.

The Province Medal competition between curling clubs across the Stewartry Area has just been concluded and the New Abbey rink of Fraser Morton, Caroline Donaldson, Jack Halliday, and Emily Muir won the competition in a tense final against the Crocketford Rink.

It's been a busy start to this year's events and hopefully we will continue to be successful throughout the season.

We would love anyone of any age whether you have experience of curling or not to come and join our club and try curling.

If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Ross at:

newabbeycurlingclub@outlook.com

and we will get in touch with you.

Kate Thomson
Club President - New Abbey Curling Club



Life before death

Many of us may have heard of Christian Aid through the week in May that bears its name - Christian Aid Week – established in the 1950s. For many years, I used to deliver its envelopes during the first week in the month before returning the week after to see if there were any donations. Like posties, I braved barking dogs and grumpy responses from people who thought I was collecting for church funds.



Much more often, however, the responses were positive. Some people had filled the envelope and left it by the front door; many more scrabbled around looking for the one they threw out and took even longer trying to find some change with which to fill it. Experience taught me to carry envelopes with me and practise patience! Quite often, there were opportunities for conversations about the state of the world and the good work that aid and relief agencies carry out.

This year, Christian Aid is 80 years old. It was formed at the end of the Second World War to collect funds to provide relief for the millions of refugees made homeless by six years of conflict. As its name suggests, it was an ecumenical idea of Christian churches, but its help then, now, and in the intervening years, has never been restricted to any particular ethnic or religious group.

Christian Aid was a founder member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), the UK umbrella body that co-ordinates many of the rapid responses and emergency appeals for aid to disasters throughout the world. Last year, its focus was on Gaza and other middle eastern lands caught up in war and destruction. This year, one of its foci has been on the earthquake in Myanmar.

As the decades have passed, Christian Aid has added education and campaigning to its work, starting with the global causes of poverty and latterly centring on the effects of climate change on the most impoverished communities throughout the world.

Although the charity fundraises in the UK, its primary work is with partners within the countries in which it operates. In its latest report, the charity states that it is actively working in 29 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America & the Caribbean. Whilst its humanitarian work, aimed at reducing and then eliminating poverty, is that for which it is most well-known, it is also active in the fields of peace-building, justice for women, and the effects of climate change.

The charity's central mission is to end poverty. That currently seems a very long way off, not least when we see increasing levels of hardship within our own land. Christian Aid does not deny these trends, but the need with which they have been engaged in the post-War era is at the level of absolute poverty - flimsy if any shelter, little if any food, malnutrition in babies and children and a lack of basic medical care; on their own, or combined, they beckon early death.

Yet Christian Aid believes that this CAN be changed. Their work is underpinned by four core values:

- ✓ **Dignity** where 'all people are created in God's image and have inherent value and worth'
- ✓ **Equality** 'in the sight of God', yet in a world where 'poverty and inequality still persist'
- ✓ **Justice** where poverty 'robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive'
- ✓ **Love** embracing 'empathy to create change' for those in poverty whom we've never met

Whether we hold a faith or not, how many of us could object to these sentiments?

At the heart of the Christian gospel or message is the idea that death is not the end of things. Christians believe there is something beyond our earthly existence - 'life after death' - resurrection. Yet one of Christian Aid's most

memorable insights, from 20 years ago in the aftermath of the Boxing Day Indian Ocean tsunami, cleverly turned this phrase on its head with its slogan 'Life before Death'. It was a way in which the charity caught the public imagination by challenging the notion that absolute poverty and deprivation HAS to exist. By challenging systems that reinforce inequality, Christian Aid believes that absolute poverty can become a thing of the past.

80 years on from their founding, it seems that this vision, this dream, is as far away as ever. Maybe it is. Maybe it is hard to comprehend in south-west Scotland where absolute poverty is barely visible, yet relative poverty is very much something that affects many individuals and families. Despite this, there is much local generosity, as the local representative, Eleanor Kinghorn now describes.

Richard Allen

Our New Abbey Plant Stall at the Christian Aid Coffee morning raised £114. With donations, this brings our total New Abbey contribution through the church for this year so far to £1,342.74.

Deuteronomy, chapter 15 verses 7 & 8 says

"If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your heart against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be."

As Richard has written, Christian Aid believes in 'Life before Death'. By now you are aware that Christian Aid exists to fight for justice and equality, and importantly to relieve poverty, mostly caused by outside factors for which they cannot be held responsible - climate change, disasters, violence, war, the greed of others. Besides the emergency appeals for earthquakes, floods and other disasters, we have an appeal at Easter, Christian Aid Week in May, at Harvest and finally at Christmas each year. Each appeal has a particular focus, usually the situation of an individual or group of individuals and their particular circumstances.

The focus of this year's Christmas appeal is a young lady called Chance who lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). She had a simple life full of love, working as a shopkeeper alongside her husband; her children went to school and were well fed and cared for. However, when violence reached her village she realised that, for their very survival, she had to escape with her children, including her baby of two months. Chance and her children fled on foot struggling for days on end to finally reach the relative safety of a refugee camp, where they now live.

Like millions of others, there and elsewhere in the DRC, they have nothing at all, they need food and financial assistance. Chance has to walk long distances to collect water in the blazing sun and worries constantly about how she can feed and care for her children to keep them healthy. Although she is a resourceful mother, she is running out of options, because of this heartbreaking situation which is beyond her control. Even in hardship, Chance clings to hope: she dreams that one day her children can grow up in peace.

Christian Aid always works with trusted local partners to deliver a financial assistance programme, which offers emergency aid to families who have had to leave their homes, supporting mothers to protect their children from hunger, malnutrition and disease.

Together, we must support families to survive violence and poverty against all odds. Our support can help mothers like Chance to buy the food and medicine their children need:

- **£15** could buy a 20kg bag of beans to add vital minerals to a family's diet, helping to prevent malnutrition
- **£36** could provide personal hygiene kits for more than one family, to keep children safe and healthy
- **£70** could fund pots, cups, bowls, plates and spoons for a family which has lost everything

Money can be donated online at <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate> or through the church at New Abbey.

As Christmas approaches, we look forward to choosing and giving gifts to family and friends. Then, at Christmas itself, we indulge in generous helpings of turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and, of course, receiving gifts. But do we spare a thought for those who almost dare not look forward, because from where they stand, the future looks very bleak? They have had to flee from their homes and means of supporting themselves, losing friends and often some of their family, to where every day is a struggle with virtually no food, no basics, in fact “No crib for a bed ...”

Eleanor Kinghorn

NEW ABBEY SCHOOL

Hello from everyone at New Abbey Primary. Sincere apologies that there was no contribution from us in the last newsletter. There was a communication glitch which is now sorted. I'll give you a brief update since the start of the school year.



This year we have 42 children: 23 in P1-4 and 19 in P5-7. We have five P1 children which is lovely. Everyone has settled in beautifully. I have become the temporary Head Teacher of Calside Primary as well as New Abbey Primary. This started in June. Our Principal Teacher, Ms Monk is now acting Depute Head Teacher to support me with this task. Our cook, Mrs Moffat, moved to Lincluden Primary after almost 30 years of feeding the children of New Abbey Primary. We will miss her and wish her well.

Our School Improvement Priorities for 2025/26:

- Further improve our learning and teaching using Bruce Robertson's 'Power Up Your Pedagogy' methodology to support tests of change in class.
- Continue to improve how we teach writing through teacher and learning assistant training on 'Building Better Sentences'.
- Working our colleagues across our cluster to moderate what we do.
- Develop a framework which identifies how we will track the skills learned across the curriculum.

In class, P1-4's projects included *Under the Sea* and *Pets*, and our P5-7's projects were on *The Human Body* and *the Victorians*. Right now, everyone is enjoying a focus on Christmas.

We have all have learned about CPR again, this time from the DH9 Foundation. The children helped to plan another successful Wellbeing Day. On these days, they have time to relax and learn about how to look after their physical and emotional health. P1-4 are having Active Schools dance sessions in preparation for a virtual dance festival. P5-7 are using the photography skills they gained with Keith Walker from Shambellie House last year to take pictures of our beautiful village for our new calendar. The calendars will be on sale soon for £5 each with monies raised going towards our School Fund.

During the October Holidays, I am delighted to say we were able to replace more of our old flooring thanks to the New Abbey Charitable Fund and the New Abbey Guild. The children's toilets and disabled toilet are now both looking wonderful. Our wellie cupboard is being repaired by the Community Payback Team and our basketball posts have been secured and repaired by one of our grandparents. We are wholeheartedly supported by our families and local community and we are very grateful.

We have enjoyed visits from Reverend Johannes to our classes and to assembly. We will be singing Christmas carols at the Village Hall on **Thursday 11th December** at 6pm. We look forward to visiting New Abbey Church for a Christmas service on **Thursday 18th December** at 9.15am. All are welcome to both.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

Helen Anderson
New Abbey Primary Head Teacher

THE VILLAGE HALLS

NEW ABBEY VILLAGE HALL

We have had one of our busiest years yet between hall events, regular club and private bookings. I love to see the hall being used as much.

We ran a lot of warm hubs with different themes throughout the year the most popular one has been the New Abbey tales. Everyone came along to talk about their memories of the village.

Our first ever fun weekend was a huge success. I will definitely be organising this again next year. Anyone wishing to volunteer for it please get in touch.

We had our first New Abbey bake off which was very competitive. We will do this again.

We have a music night on **27th December** with Dave against the machine. I have seen him before and he was really good. So come along.

The children will be coming along to sing their Christmas carols on **Thursday 11th December** at 6pm. We will have tea/coffee and cakes. £3 entry, come along to see their cheery faces.

I would like to say a huge thanks to Jane McWilliam Gray for running the knit and natter and dominoes for us in the winter months. We really appreciate her giving up her time to do this.

Another thanks goes to Karen Love who will be giving up her Christmas Day to do a lunch in the hall for people on their own or people looking for some company. She will be doing this 12-3 with some games and Christmas music. She said she's not doing it for praise, but I think it's a very selfless thing she is offering. Again, please get in touch if you or someone you know would like to come along. Don't be on your own Christmas Day,

We have had a few generous donations this year which we are so grateful for and these help towards the running of the hall.

If you have been in the building, you will have noticed our new tables and blinds in the hall and carpet, seats and curtains in the lounge. This is thanks to funding we received. Most of the work put in to getting the funding was done by Sue. She puts hours in to trying to get all different funds from pots and we are so grateful for her doing this for us.

I've heard a little rumour that the gentle exercise on a Tuesday morning is proving to be popular and they are all taking the trainer, Evan, out for a Christmas lunch. I wonder if they are trying to get him to go easier at the classes. All jokes aside I think this is just lovely and I hope they have a lovely time.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our committee for their dedication to the hall. Everyone plays a vital role in keeping it running; and also a big thanks to Yvonne who not only keeps the hall clean, but always goes above and beyond to ensure maintenance jobs are up to standard.

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas

Let's see what 2026 brings. If you have any queries or ideas call or text me on 07770 910 156, or email newabbeyhall@gmail.com

Lorraine Sweeney

BEESWING MEMORIAL HALL & LINDESAY MEMORIAL FIELD

The AGM for the hall and field committees took place on 20th November 2025. Alastair White, who has served on the committee since 2018, stood down at this meeting and Ashley Robinson is now Chairman of both committees. Jane White continues as Treasurer and Melanie Brown as Secretary, on both committees. A full list of the Hall and Field committees is displayed on the noticeboard next to the bus stop/post box in Beeswing.

The first meeting of the new committee followed the AGM. Hall social events for 2026 were discussed:

- The hall will be open on **New Year's Day** afternoon from 2pm for a get-together; everyone in the village and environs welcome, tea and coffee provided - bring your own drinks and nibbles.
- **Haggis and Bingo night** - is planned for **Saturday 31st January 2026**.
- **Beetle Drive** - **Saturday 28th February 2026**.

The doors will open for the two evening events at 7pm. – always a good atmosphere and a chance to meet with others from Beeswing and district.

There will be further events during the year. The committee is looking at the possibility of holding film nights. Let the committee know if you have any ideas for this or are interested in helping with the organisation of them.

In addition to the noticeboard, information can be found on these Facebook pages:

- **Beeswing and Surrounds Community**
- **Beeswing Memorial Hall & Lindesay Memorial Field**

If you would like to be on the e-mail circulation list, send a request to beeswinghallandfield@gmail.com

The next committee meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th January in the Memorial Hall.

There will be another **Sunday Morning Service** in the hall in the New Year – probably in February.

Lucy continues her **Yoga** classes on Monday evenings 6pm; contact Lucy on 07 950 702 165 for details.

The hall is available for private hire – contact Melanie Brown for bookings: 07 754 144 608
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Richard Lye

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EVENTS

December

Wednesday 03 December	02.00pm	Advent Study Group	Max West Centenary Hall
Sunday 07 December	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Wednesday 10 December	02.00pm	Advent Study Group	Max West Centenary Hall
Thursday 11 December	06.00pm	Carols with New Abbey school children	New Abbey village hall
Friday 12 December	07.00pm	Movies at Max West	Max West Centenary Hall
Sunday 14 December	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Liz Mack	New Abbey church
Tuesday 16 December	02.00pm	Advent Study Group	Max West Centenary Hall
Wednesday 17 December	02.00pm	Max West Guild Christmas drop-in 2-4pm	Max West church
Thursday 18 December	09.15am	New Abbey School service	New Abbey church
Sunday 21 December	11.00am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Wednesday 24 December	06.15pm	Christmas Eve service – Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
	07.30pm	Christmas Eve service – Rev Johannes Wildner	Max West church
Thursday 25 December	11.00am	Christmas Day service – Rev Johannes Wildner	Max West church
Saturday 27 December		Music Night	New Abbey village hall
Sunday 28 December	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church

January 2026

Thursday 01 January	02.00pm	Open Hall	Beeswing village hall
Sunday 04 January	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Sunday 11 January	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Liz Mack	New Abbey church
Sunday 18 January	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Liz Mack	New Abbey church
Sunday 26 January	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Saturday 31 January	TBA	Haggis and Bingo Night	Beeswing village hall

February

Sunday 01 February	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Sunday 08 February	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Sunday 15 February	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Sunday 22 February	09.30am	Morning worship - Rev Johannes Wildner	New Abbey church
Saturday 28 February	TBA	Beetle Drive	Beeswing village hall