

Coldstream and District Parishes Church Magazine October 2026



You are invited to:

**Harvest Festival followed by lunch
on 4th October 2026 at 10.30am**

**Holy Communion on 18th October
2026 at 10.30am**

Your Elder



A Word From The Manse

Hello! As I sit down to write this it has been 3

months since I was inducted on the 4th of June! To put it mildly, it has been a whirlwind and time has certainly flown by! I am settling into the manse and still wading through boxes but

Recharge

Berwickshire Churches
"United in Seeking the Holy Spirit"

Duns Parish Church

1st November, 2026 @ 6pm

Light supper followed by a time of
Prayer, Praise and Inspiration

Speaker: Rev Kaye Gardiner

each week they are retreating thankfully!

It has been an incredibly eventful 3 months – getting to know new folk and starting to get a sense of what goes on. The highlight of my time so far has to have been Civic Week. It was a great opportunity for me and the church to be involved in such a great local event. Seeing the Pipe Band, the Household Calvary and the Coldstreamer processing down the High Street was a truly amazing sight and the various ride out services and Flodden Day itself were very memorable!

Thank You's

Can I just take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped during the vacancy. There are too many to name – but it really does make the new minister's life so much easier as I get my head around everything!

Going Forward

Some of you may have heard but we are planning on moving the Sunday morning service to 11am. This will allow me to do both Leitholm and Coldstream Services. This will start after Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November.

We are due to be starting a Bible study in October and the details of it are later in the newsletter. We are also going to be running an Alpha course in January so please keep both your prayers.

COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH GUILD

The Guild is open to everyone – male and female – and takes place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Church Hall at 7pm from October until April. The yearly subs are £10.00 and meetings are £2.00. There is a £3.00 charge for visitors who will be made most welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after every meeting.

The opening meeting of the 2026/7 Session is on Wednesday 14th October when we welcome back Roger Manning who will show us his beautiful slides of the Tweed Valley which will be of great interest to members. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th November when we will be treated to a display of Country Dancing. This is a “first” for the Guild and is sure to be most enjoyable. Then we come to December! Our Christmas Party is on Wednesday 9th December and, if we have all been really good, we may even get a visit from Santa! This completes the first half of our 2026/7 programme.

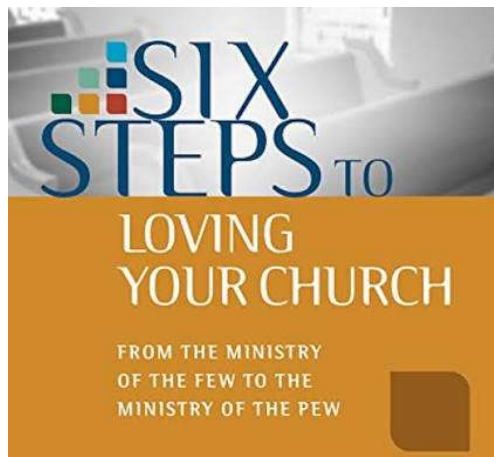
We do hope you will come along and join us – we are a very friendly bunch, and you will be made very welcome – and we make excellent tea and coffee!!

Helen Park



Bible Study – Six Steps to Loving Your Church

We are starting a Bible Study and will meet every Thursday @ 7.30 in the manse starting on the 15th October for 6 weeks.



This six-session program is about how to love your church whether you're feeling enthusiastic about it or not. It's about the mindset we take with us as we go to church each week, and how that mindset is expressed in a multitude of ways, big and small. In particular, it's

about the part that we all play as God's people in loving, serving and building each other up, Sunday by Sunday. We all have a ministry—the ministry of the pew.

Over the six sessions of the course you will cover subjects such as:

- your current attitudes towards church, and how they are expressed.
- what the Bible says about the meaning and purpose of church.
- what it means to love your church and the people who go there.
- how all of us can be active encouraging servants before, during and after church, rather than just consumers or spectators.

Each session contains a mix of discussion, Bible study, video input and prayer, along with simple exercises to help you put the ideas into practice on Sunday.

Sunday Sing

Sunday Sing is for anyone who would like to come and sing for about half an hour or so on a Sunday morning. It is not a choir, but if you like singing, whether you consider yourself a singer or not, you are welcome to come along to learn some new and some old hymns and worship songs.

When? Alternate Sundays
Sundays @ 9.30 in the hall
(10 o'clock after November 15th).

You can check the dates on the weekly notices and on the church website.



Jayne Henderson

Men's Prayer Breakfast



A group of men from our congregation and other local churches meet for breakfast, a short Bible reflection and a time of fellowship and prayer every other Saturday. If you haven't attended, why not give us a try?

You will receive a warm welcome, a bacon or egg roll, tea and coffee before we pray together for our community and our world. You can pray silently or aloud or bring a prepared prayer. We meet in the Church Hall from 8.00 to 9.00 a.m. You can check the dates on the weekly notices and on the church website.

Dave Henderson

THE ANDANTE CHAMBER CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Andante Chamber Choir are giving a Christmas concert
in Coldstream Parish Church this year on
Wednesday 16 December at 7.00 p.m.

Entry by donation for church funds

Come and enjoy a medley of classical and modern acapella singing
alongside some Christmas readings and join in with some
traditional carol singing to round off the evening.

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CHAMBER CHOIR



Alpha

Alpha is a relaxed, welcoming course that creates space to explore life, faith and the Christian message. Each session includes food or refreshments, a short talk and plenty of time for open discussion. It is designed for everyone - whether you are curious about Christianity, have questions, are new to faith or simply want to think more deeply about life. No question is too simple, difficult or controversial, and there is no

pressure to say what you believe. Come along, listen, share your thoughts and meet others in a friendly, informal setting. Alpha is an opportunity to discover more about Jesus and Christianity together.

Bible Word Search:

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

P H I L I P P I A N S C N P Y
P R E V E L A T I O N U Q A G
L H Y B C U Z C V P A F Q A F
R O I H R K O X T D I X L V D
V Y J L W E Q A L S H A X A J
K J X B E G W G L S T S G R C
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PHILEMON	JAMES	HEBREWS
ACTS	JUDE	MATTHEW
REVELATION	GALATIANS	COLOSSIANS
ROMANS	LUKE	MARK
EPHESIANS	PHILIPPIANS	TIMOTHY
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