

**Coldstream & District Parishes  
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**You are invited to the service of induction  
of Rev Kerr Wintersgill  
in Coldstream Parish Church  
on Thursday 4 June at 7.00 p.m.  
and to  
the celebration of the Sacrament  
of Holy Communion  
at the Sunday Service  
in Coldstream Parish Church  
on 21 June 2026 at 10.30 a.m.**

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## OUR NEW MINISTER

We are delighted to be welcoming Rev Kerr Wintersgill BA as the minister for our linked parishes of Coldstream and District and Eccles and Leitholm. Members of both congregations voted unanimously to appoint Kerr as our minister on Sunday 19 April following a joint service conducted by Kerr in Coldstream Parish Church. The Presbytery of Lothian and Borders has now confirmed this appointment and the service of induction will take place in Coldstream Parish Church at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 4 June.

Kerr's wife Moira is also a minister and Duns and District Parishes voted to appoint her as their minister on Sunday 12 April – she will be

inducted in Duns Parish Church on Wednesday 3 June at 7.00 p.m. Both Kerr and Moira believe that it is important for a minister to live in their parish, so Kerr will be based at the manse in Coldstream and Moira at the manse in Duns. Kerr and Moira are moving from Orkney where they worked in a team



ministry in neighbouring groups of congregations. Here in the Borders they will also be working together as we build up a ministry team supporting the development of lay ministry in the congregations within the Berwick and Berwickshire Parish Grouping. Alongside their roles as parish ministers, Kerr will be worship advisor and Moira mission advisor.

## **A big thank you**

Our thanks go to all those who have helped us on our way since David Taverner retired three years ago. We have had three Interim Moderators: Rev Robin McHaffie, Rev Dr Adam Hood and Mrs Susan Patterson who have chaired our meetings and guided us through the process of seeking a new minister. Robin has also led our worship on many occasions. Over these three years many other ministers and lay people have taken services for us and we have lost track of how many times the members of our own worship team have led us! Our horizons have been expanded by a range of styles and perspectives.

We are also grateful to all those who have faithfully done their bit behind the scenes and to those who have taken part in the life of the congregation through attending Sunday worship and weekday activities and have supported the church in their regular offerings and at Gift Days. The final total for the Gift Day this March was £4195 – thank you so much to all who contributed.

In this time we have completed two major projects to improve our church building – the extension of the chancel area two years ago and the renewal of our heating system this past winter. These developments have also involved much work behind the scenes planning and working with contractors.

We offer special thanks to David Tait who is retiring after 25 years service as Clerk to the Congregational Board and to John Edwards who has agreed to step up to this role.

Our church relies on a team effort and we thank everybody who has stepped up to the challenge over these past three years. As we welcome Kerr, let's continue to work together to share the light of God's love in our communities.

*Michael Rowe, Session Clerk*

## STAMP PROJECT

The Church of Scotland Stamp Project, which has raised almost £100,000 for international projects since 1995, came to an end in February. The Kirk Session has agreed to collect stamps instead for Embrace the Middle East, which supports Christian partner organisations in Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Egypt and Iraq. Please keep putting your used stamps in the boxes in church or at the Community Larder.



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**UMMER TEA** The ever-popular summer teas are back! Join us in the Parish Church hall on Thursdays 23 and 30 July and 6 and 13 August from 2.00 to 3.30 p.m. – and on Flodden Day Thursday 6 August for traybakes, rolls and teas in the morning from 10.00 to 12.00.



## KEEP IN TOUCH

For the latest news and updates on Coldstream and District Parishes please visit our Church website [www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk](http://www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ColdstreamKirk](http://www.facebook.com/ColdstreamKirk)

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