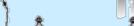


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***‘Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus’***  
Vision Statement

Isaiah 25:6 The Lord Almighty will prepare for all nations a feast of the finest foods.

Luke 13:29 People will come from everywhere to enjoy the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven

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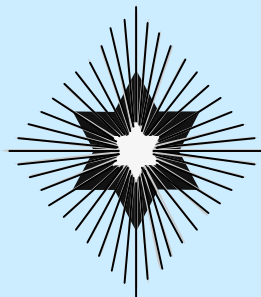
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## A Prayer for the Month

By faith, I listen for your voice  
and know the whisper that I hear  
breathed a world into existence  
yet listens to the prayer within my soul

By faith I strive to do your will  
and know the door that I approach  
may lead me to shadows  
where my role is to become your light

By faith,  
I cling to your word  
and know the strength that I receive  
has its source within the love  
that is at the centre of all things



# Letter from the Minister

## Faith and Doubt

I have a lot of time for the writer Timothy Keller, and recently he has pointed to one of the major paradoxes of our day when he says,

*"We live in an age when both belief and scepticism are on the rise."*

It's true. Our generation is more open to exploring the 'spiritual' side of life than the generation before us, while at the same time we are not slow in asking questions and voicing doubts, particularly when it comes to Christianity.

And rightly so! Even when we set to one side the crude belligerence of the so called 'New Atheists', championed by the likes of Richard Dawkins, there are times when even the most devout believer has had to face up to serious questions about their faith. For example . . .

- ◆ *Is it not arrogance to believe that Jesus is the only way to the Father?*
- ◆ *How can we believe in a good God, when he allows so much suffering?*
- ◆ *How can we claim that our faith sets us free – is it not more likely the opposite?*
- ◆ *How can we say we follow the 'Prince of Peace', when religion seems to cause so many wars?*
- ◆ *How can we say 'God is love' and still believe in Hell?*
- ◆ *How can we still believe in God in the face of the rise of science?*
- ◆ *How can we use the Bible as our guide, when it seems to be full of contradictions?*

One of the signs of a growing faith is that it is not afraid of scepticism. Doubt is not a bad thing. It forces us to focus on why we believe something, and why it is important to us. It forces us to keep an open mind, and not get too set in our ways. It keeps us on our toes and keeps our faith alive.

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul likens the Christians there to infants, still having to make do with milk, when by now they should have progressed to more solid foods. In the coming weeks, we plan to offer a menu of such solid foods at our *SIX*<sup>30</sup> service on Sunday evenings in the Kirkgate Cafe. Over the course of seven weeks we will be giving a series of talks based on some of the major questions that cause us to doubt. A small team of speakers will take it in turn to do this, drawing on material from Timothy Keller's book, *The Reason for God*; and there will be plenty of time for reflection and discussion.

The Kirkgate Café is exactly that – a café, which means tea and coffee will be available throughout. You can aim for 6.30pm, or you can come early. Everyone is welcome. The series begins on

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

Hope to see you soon.



# Youth Report from Andy . . . Summer 2015

## Stage n Slam

What a fantastic week we had at Stage n Slam! Over 150 local teens celebrated a festival of sports, performing arts, laughter and adventure. Over 50 volunteers from 8 local churches and from Young Life International made this week possible. This year we also received massive support from McLean Presbyterian Church in Virginia, USA. A team of 24 young people and adult volunteers came along. Their impact on the week was immeasurable. I hope that their young people have been profoundly moved by this Scottish adventure. They have made a massive impact on our local teens!

As usual, Liberton Kirk played a massive role in hosting 30 people for the week, making their Scottish experience so much more comfortable and authentic. Thank you for looking after them all so kindly! Other churches joined in the welcome by providing daily lunches. The launch service and barbecue were hosted by Liberton Northfield.

On the Thursday evening we had the joyful headache of finding a new venue for our closing banquet, as we knew that more teens would come the next night than we could squeeze into Ferniehill Church. At the last minute, Faith Mission Bible College came to our rescue. Our McLean volunteers transformed the College quadrangle into a beautiful Wedding Reception and 150 people

feasted on pizza and candy floss! That evening, 13 stood to say they have chosen to welcome Christ into their lives. It

was a wonderful end to a powerful week- a wee taste of heaven! Thanks again to all who made this possible. Your work is greatly appreciated and hugely worthwhile.



## Young Life Camp

The Summer continued at a breathless pace, with an excellent inaugural week at the new Scottish Young Life International Camp in Perthshire. I don't know about the teens, but my body was aching after full days of endless activities, such as mountain biking, canoeing, raft building, kayaking, Zorb Football (ask Alex Richards!), assault course and much, much more!

We took a fantastic bunch of teens. They threw themselves enthusiastically into every event. The rodeo was rowdy. The duck race was delightful. The Carnival was crazy. The meals were marvellous and the atmosphere in Cabin 10, with 16 young gentlemen in it was... well let's not dwell on that too long!

Once more, our teens listened respectfully to talks about Jesus Christ, thoughtfully delivered by Randy Nickel. 9 of our teens chose to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Several are now happily joining our evening worship services. You may have met some of them. Please continue to love them and welcome them as they find their place in our church family.

God bless you all!

We hope that you enjoy this magazine, which is being distributed this month to all households in the Parish.

The centre pages, on yellow paper, have been designed for you to remove, and keep, for future reference ED

## Blythswood Shoe Boxes 2015

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, and the preparation of the shoe boxes. We are confident that as in previous years we will have a great response from everyone.

Each person who receives a box filled with gifts feels very special, and knows that someone filled it with gifts (which include a hat and scarf, toothpaste and toothbrush, a small toy and some soap) brings sunshine, laughter and colour into the children's lives.



*Christian care for  
body and soul*

The shoe boxes will be given to families who have to make a choice between buying either food or fuel at Christmas, and where buying presents is not the greatest priority. A lot of these families live in houses with no running water, electricity or heating, and have to live in one or two rooms.

The leaflets that have to accompany the shoe boxes will be at both sides of the church on the welcome desks, and in the halls. There will also be a box for any spare wool you may have, and patterns for the hats and toys. This box will be in the halls from September.

These leaflets will give you suggestions of what to put in the boxes as well as all the instructions. There will also be a box in the foyer for donations which you might like to give, if you are unable to fill a shoebox. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you have any empty shoe boxes that you wish to contribute there would also be very welcome, and should be left beside the box. Thank you, Veronica Craig

Bruce Ball, former organist at Liberton Kirk, has written to draw our attention to his new book, **'The Landscape Below: Soil, Soul and Agriculture'** that has been recently published by the Iona Community. You can see more details at [www.ionabooks.com/the-landscape-below.html](http://www.ionabooks.com/the-landscape-below.html)

This is an autobiographical account of Bruce's experiences with soil, soil care and agriculture, and shows how principles of soil care and awareness can lead us to living happier and more sustainable lives, by integrating with, and being enriched by the communities and the environment around us. ED

## Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Morag on 664 1458, who will try to find someone to help

## Church Organ Music for September

*"The paradox of faith provides strong words for us all: we are to take up our own crosses and endure whatever the world holds in store, never flinching from holding to and living by the confession of faith."* Calum.

6th September 2015, The Fifteenth Sunday of Advent

BEFORE Lindeman Wer nur den lieben Gott  
*Who only lets dear God rule*

DURING TAIZE This is the Day  
*Psallite Deo*

AFTER Telemann Fantasia in C

13th September 2015, The Sixteenth Sunday of Advent

BEFORE Thalben-Ball Bishopsthorpe  
*Blessed be the everlasting God*

DURING TAIZE Jesus, remember me

AFTER J.C. Bach Warum betrübst du dich, mein Herz  
*Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord*

20th September 2015, The Seventeenth Sunday of Advent

BEFORE Vann St. James  
*My God, accept my heart his day And  
make it always Thine*

DURING Widmann Adagio

AFTER Dubois Entrée

27th September 2015, The Eighteenth Sunday of Advent

BEFORE Howells Three Psalm-Preludes

DURING Dubois Élévation in B Major

AFTER J.C. Bach Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält  
*If God the Lord is not on our side*



## Church Talents Concert

You will see that this month our young people will be getting the change to participate in a concert for the congregation.

Later on this year, as part of our Bi-Centenary Celebrations, it will be the turn of the adults!

Showcase your talents to the congregation on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

**October** through music, drama, prose, poetry, or through any other hidden talent. If you're interested in performing, please speak with me for further details.

Thanks, Calum Gubby



# OUR PAGE

## St GILES

St Giles was a hermit, someone who lived a quiet life of prayer away from other people. His special day is 1st September and he lived in a forest near Arles in France, some time in the 9th century.



The story goes that he had a pet deer. One day the King was hunting in the forest and shot an arrow at this deer. When the huntsmen found the deer it was in a woodland clearing with St

Giles. The saint himself was wounded by the arrow and held the deer in his arms - and all around them were the hunting dogs, silent and still as if held by an invisible power.

St Giles is the patron saint of cripples and beggars. His emblem is an arrow and in the United Kingdom there are over 150 churches dedicated to him.



## WOODLAND WORDS

Can you find all these words from the forest? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

M U S H R O O M S S  
B H M O S D I A S L  
U A O W T V K A K O  
T F D L Y S S O M O  
T N O G L F S R E T  
E I A K E Y A D G S  
R V Y C G R R E E D  
F S N A K E G W O A  
L M M R O W F O X O  
Y E R O M A C Y S T

\* ant \* badger \* butterfly \* deer \* fox \* grass  
\* holly \* ivy \* moss \* mushrooms \* oak \*  
snake \* sycamore \* toadstools \* worm \*

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**Did you hear about the car with the wooden wheels and wooden engine?**

It wooden go.

**What is the smallest ant in the world?**

An infant.

**What do ants take when they're ill?**  
Antibiotics.



## Cameron Toll Chaplaincy

The CTC Steering Group are still looking for a new Treasurer to begin as soon as possible. We will also be looking for a new Secretary to take over from myself at the AGM in November. If you would be interested in either post please get in touch with me and I can give you more info.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Louise Ogilvy, Secretary [camerontollchaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:camerontollchaplaincy@gmail.com)



# September Diary

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm – Service at Braeside House 3pm – Pram Praise in Small Hall
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-9.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-8.00pm – Minister available @ Kirkgate Café 8.00pm – <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the church
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm – Senior Citizens' Club Restarts
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Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Morning Worship @ 9.30am</b> (with Scots communion) <b>and 11am</b> (with <i>Crèche</i> ) Theme: Faith on Trial (James 1) Preacher: John Young 10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elder's Room (All welcome) <b>11.00am – Sunday Buzzin the Anderson Hall</b> <b>2.30pm Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)</b> <b>Evening Worship @ 6.30pm – Causes to doubt</b> Theme: What is Prayer? Preacher: David Hill
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-9.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-8.00pm – Minister available @ Kirkgate Café 8.00pm – Convenors' Huddle @ LKC
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
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Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Morning Worship @ 9.30am</b> <b>and 11am</b> (with <i>Crèche, Sunday Club, CC &amp; BBC</i> ) Theme: Faith and practice (James 2) Preacher: Ruth Davies 10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome) 3pm SEECAT AGM at St. John Vianney's, Fernieside Gdns <b>Evening Worship @ 6.30pm</b> <b>An evening with Alan McKinlay</b> Singer songwriter Alan McKinlay shares his story
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – <i>Kirk Session</i> meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-9.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 2.30pm – Service at *Braid Hills Nursing Home*  
 7.00-8.00pm – Minister available @ Kirkgate Café  
 8.00pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the church  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Morning Worship @ 9.30am**  
**and 11am**(with *Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)  
 Theme: Faith and Wisdom (James 3)  
 Preacher: John Young  
 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)  
**Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirkgate Café**  
**New series – Causes to doubt**  
 Theme: Surely there can't be just one true faith?  
 Preacher: David Hill

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*  
 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café  
 7.30pm – Kirkgate Trust meets @ LKC  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-9.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 11am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall  
 7pm – Justice & Peace Evening at Tron Kirk, Craigour Gdns  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm Kirk Open Day (part of Doors Open Day)

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** HARVEST THANKSGIVING / BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY  
**Morning Worship @ 9.30am**  
**and 11am**(with *Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)  
 Guest Preacher: Rev Richard Begg  
 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)  
 2pm – 4pm Kirk Open Day (part of Doors Open Day)  
 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)  
**Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirkgate Café**  
 Theme: faith How could a good god allow suffering?  
 Preacher: John Young

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*  
 9.30am-2.00pm & 5.30-8.30pm– Kirkgate Café  
 3.00pm – Service at *Guthrie House*  
 7.30pm – Worship Group meets in Kirk Centre  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-9.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
 7.00-8.00pm – Minister available @Kirkgate Café  
 8pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

## October 2015

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm-6pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

**COMMUNION SUNDAY (All Welcome!)**

**Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am***(with Crèche),*

Theme: A faith that is real

Preacher: John Young

10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)

**11.00am – Sunday Buzzin** the Anderson Hall

**2.30pm Service** at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)

**Evening Worship @ 6.30pm** in the Kirkgate Café

Theme: Is Christianity like a straightjacket?

Preacher: Nikki Kirkland

## 'Come and Sing' with John Rutter

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Morningside Parish Church**

John Rutter has kindly accepted an invitation to come to lead a 'Come and Sing' day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> in support of our church and our nominated charities – Scottish Love in Action, The Edinburgh Clothing Store and the Bethany Trust.

John Rutter is an acclaimed and much loved composer and renowned choir director with an infectious enthusiasm which has made such events so accessible and attractive to so many.

We look forward to welcoming singers of all abilities to what will be a relaxed and informal day of learning and singing material to include some of John's own favourite compositions and other pieces from the choral repertoire.

Registration at 10am, event from 11am - 5pm. Tickets £18 (£15 cons) Further details can be found at [www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

## Congregation News

I wish every happiness the following couples who were married in Liberton Kirk earlier this year.

**Paul Vanderdeyl** and **Elaine Clayton**, on 4th April

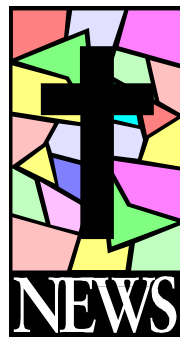
**William Stephen Taylor** and **Elizabeth Mary Haggie**, on 27th June,

**Craig Alexander Brown** and **Kathryn Skinner**, on 4th July, and, on

1st August, **Peter Laurence Naismith** and **Kirsty Anne Margaret Black**;

and **James William Rogers Gilhooly** and **Alison Mary Murray**.

**Constance Mackenzie** has asked that I express her grateful thanks for all the love and kindness that she been shown, and for all your prayers, after her recent car accident in Kirkgate after church. I am happy to report that she is recovering well. ED



## Across

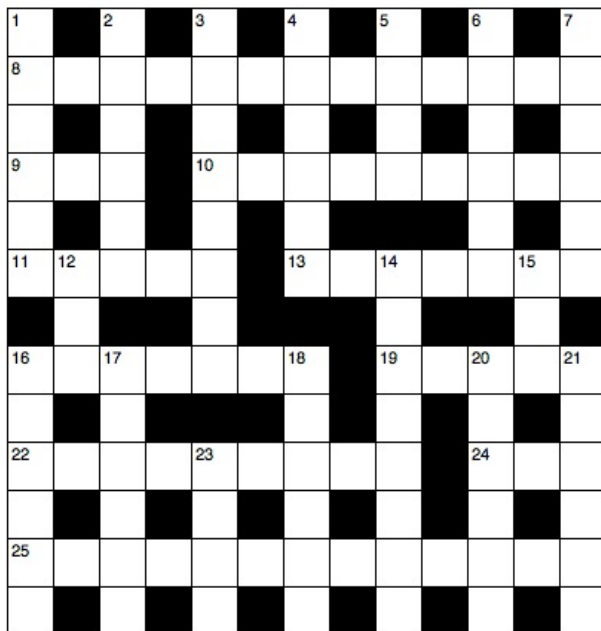
- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

## Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

The Bible version  
used in the  
crossword is the  
NIV.

- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (8)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



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# An Invitation to All

**Women Pilots  
of WW11**

**From the  
GUILD  
at Liberton Kirk**

**Film Night  
with Supper**

Are you free on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm? If so, why not come along and join us for tea, biscuits and a great insight into the Bicentenary Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne - slides, videos, personal comments about those two days. We enjoyed great weather, fun and fellowship!



*Re-living our youth - Margaret, Karen, Evelyn*

At the Guild we are aiming for a sense of inclusivity, while sharing dynamic, interesting and thought-provoking meetings.

So, there is an opportunity on alternate Monday evenings and monthly Wednesday afternoons, to join us in furthering friendships within the church, and encouraging outreach in the wider community. Please pick up a syllabus, and I hope time and inclination allows you to join us.

**Kathleen Dalyell's  
stories of  
House of the Binns**

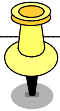


**Cherry Blossom  
to  
Geisha**

## Scottish Country Dancing

The Scottish Country Dancing class meets every Tuesday evening in the Recreation Hall from 8.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. The classes run from the beginning of October until the end of March. Our first class of the new session is on **Tuesday 6 October**.

We learn some new dances but we also enjoy some of the old favourites. We would be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced – the class is very informal and we all help one another. If you wish any further information please contact Mary Davidson on 664 6789 or email: marydavidson77@hotmail.com.



### An open Invitation to all readers

Perhaps some of you have drifted away from church, or not been since you were at Sunday School, or only been to weddings or funerals? Does that apply to you?

You are invited to come "back to church" on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, which is Back to Church Sunday. You may even hear this mentioned in the media.

(What's more this is our Open Weekend, as part of Doors Open Day in Edinburgh, and if you want to have a look inside the church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, between 10am and 4pm, you can do so !)

### Doors Open Days *get into buildings!*

On the Sunday the 9.30am service is traditional and fairly short, while the 11am service is contemporary family worship and a little longer. There are programmes for children after the first part of the 11am service. You'll get a warm welcome, whichever you choose!

If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for inclusion in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

Web Address [www.libertonkirk.net](http://www.libertonkirk.net) Scottish Charity Number SC011602

## Fresh Start

For over 15 years Fresh Start has been at the forefront of helping people who have been homeless establish their new home. With the steadfast support of the churches in Edinburgh and our incredibly committed volunteers, the range of services we provide has continued to grow year on year.

Since beginning in 2013, our cooking classes, and community growing space at our Food Station, have proven a great success with those who have participated; both service users and volunteers. Earlier in 2015 we replicated these services and launched the Helping Hands project in Craigmillar, working in partnership with Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association. Our long standing Starter Pack and Hit Squad services also continue to be a success; over 11,200 Starter Packs were distributed in the past year, and 100 people received help to decorate their new home.



So, a massive thank you for your continued support. We can only help so many people each year make a home for themselves thanks to churches, communities and people like you giving their time, money and goods. We encourage anybody who is interested in volunteering or supporting us further to get in touch by calling 0131 476 7741.

We are also excited to tell you that Fresh Start has been fortunate enough to be chosen as Lothian Buses Charity of the Year 2015. So, over the coming months, please look out for our bus on the streets of Edinburgh!

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I hope you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the few warm days that we did have.

### **An appeal from Fresh Start. Volunteering – a few hours to spare?**

If you have a few spare hours in your week and are interested in volunteering with our growing spaces or cooking classes, please get in touch or have a look at our website for more information. These vital services could not run without the backing of the churches and so we thank you. Volunteering Fresh Start is a great chance for clients to gain practical experience and work alongside other people. We are particularly in need of the following for our starter packs-

- Plates – dinner & side
- Single duvets covers and sheets
- Double duvets
- Pots • Frying pans • Light bulbs (preferably bayonet caps)
- J-clothes, scourers, sponges and dish cloths

Thanks to all who donated over the summer months.  
Contacts - [www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk) tel: 0131 476 7741.  
Sylvia Bennett 0131 664 3189

## Bicentenary News

It's been a really good summer!

The Flower Festival in **June** transformed the church, and on the Saturday afternoon there were lots of people at the Community Tea in the halls, and lots more looking round the church.



In **July**, despite some

not brilliant weather, we ventured into the great outdoors. The labyrinth in the Centre Court was appreciated by all who visited, including someone from Dumfries & Galloway who is hoping now to do something similar at her own church.

The Wednesday Walks attracted around 12-15 each week as we explored some of the lovely paths in our community, and on the last Wednesday 37 people joined in the walk around places of

historical interest in Liberton. By the time this magazine

is published we will have enjoyed the **August** Fun Day too.

It's been good to welcome back Malcolm Jefferson, Alastair Keil and Anne Logan as **guest preachers**, and they all enjoyed returning to Liberton Kirk where they were Probationary Ministers, or in Anne's case, Assistant Minister.

In September we look forward to welcoming back Richard Begg, who was with us one summer during his training for the ministry.

In September too we look forward to our **Open Days on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, all part of the *Edinburgh Doors Open Day* programme.

The church will be open on  
Saturday from 10am to 4pm  
and on Sunday from 2pm to  
4pm and there will be  
refreshments in the Kirk  
Centre Foyer.



This is a good opportunity to explore all corners of the church – many regular attenders don't climb the stairs, or look beyond the area where they sit – and it's also a chance to learn a little more about the history of our church, particularly over the last 200 years.

There will be special exhibits, a children's trail, and organ recitals – full details on posters and flyers which will be available in September.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608



# If It Was Good Enough For Abraham Lincoln

President Lincoln said..

*"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of those about me seemed insufficient."*

If John or Ruth invited us to stand during a Sunday morning service if we believed that prayer works - I hope most or all of us would stand!

If they asked us to remain standing because we had an answer to prayer that week - would we still be standing?

If they asked us to stand because we needed prayer support in our lives at that time - would we?

The Prayer Stations, and the Prayer Tree, are our opportunity to go to God with our prayers.

- ◆ we may need encouragement for our Christian pilgrimage
- ◆ we may need support in praying for somebody else
- ◆ we may be responding to something God said to us during the service
- ◆ we may be giving thanks for prayer answered
- ◆ we may need to sit and weep quietly for unanswered prayer...

The Prayer Stations at the East Door and at the back door (except upstairs in the Gallery on west door side at last Sunday morning of the month) and the Prayer Tree situated at the East Door, are channels for each of us to use for whatever reason may prompt us to seek God in prayer.

The Prayer Team members are available to stand with you in prayer as fellow-pilgrims not as experts.

Prayer does work and it does change things - doesn't it? *The Prayer Team*

## Messy Church . . .

. . . is a different sort of church for young families (children 0-P7) who find Sundays difficult or traditional Sunday church daunting. It is held in Liberton Kirk Centre once a month on Saturdays, from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock, usually on the last Saturday of the month.

There are crafts, games, worship, friendship and food, and it's fun for all the family!

Why not try it on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October? If you can't make it then, the next dates are 31<sup>st</sup> October and then 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you forget, the dates are usually on the notice boards, or on Liberton Kirk's website or Messy Church Facebook page.

Sorry, if you're an adult you need a child with you, and if you're a child you need an adult with you! Ruth Davies, Tel. 664 3608



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## Life and Work magazine for September

### 'By His Wounds We Have Been Healed'

Jackie Macadam explores the various facets of Christian healing

### A New Chapter for 'Livingstone's Hospital'

Jane Davidson tells how a family pilgrimage led to partnership between Scotland and a Zambian hospital with links to the famous explorer

**The Early Birds** The Rev Dr Iain Barclay reports on a ministry to the homeless 'down under'.

**Reconnecting With the Past** How an ancient well dedicated to a Celtic saint was rediscovered

**Relaying the Message** Pictures from Eco-congregation Scotland's Climate Justice Baton Relay around Scotland.

**The Heart of the Matter** The Rt Rev Angus Morrison says that a Christian life must involve head, hand and heart

**The Navigator's Church** John R Hume recommends a visit to a church associated with an early Irish missionary

**Taming the Tongue** The Rev Dr Martin Fair continues his series on the book of James

**Plus** news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords – all for just £2.20

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays

9-30am to 2pm

Tea, Cappuccino, Latte. Bacon Rolls, Toasties, Homemade Soup, Scones, Sandwiches, Tray Bakes.

Hot Lunch dish served from 12 to 2pm

Gluten free range available

**also open on Tuesdays**

from 5-30 to 8-30 pm for Hot drinks

**and on Wednesdays**

from 6pm to 9pm for Hot drinks

# Welcome Desk Rota

	9-30am	11.00am - EAST door
6th September	Margaret Goldie 258 1996	Mary Lonie 664 4052
13th September	Evelyn Ogilvie 664 1171	John Gooday 664 6792
20th September	Fiona Knight 672 1041	Maureen Horn 666 0080
27th September	Chris Young 664 6615	Grant Cook 664 1518
11am service	WEST door (for month of September) Helen Colley	

# Crèche Rota

6th September	Vicki McCallum
13th September	Anne Shepherd
20th September	Alison Sutherland
27th September	Gillian Grant



# Church Flowers

Convener > Jill Snowdon, 29/3 Greenpark, 07823 335 585

6th September	Mrs Jessie Burns, 9 Moredun Dykes Road in memory of James Burns
13th September	Wedding flowers
20th September	Mrs Margaret Thomson, 9/7 Alvernia in memory of Ivy Jameson
27th September	Harvest Thanksgiving
Jean Gray 258 2081 Convener	



# Elder's Sunday Duties

		SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Door	Duties			
9-30am service				
east	east area	Sally Cuthbert	Tom Baxendale	Rosie Carmichael
West	west area	Sandy Hutchinson	Pearl Kelly	Eric Brown
north	plate	Chris Young	Stuart Fleming	Chris Young
11-00am service				
west	extreme west	Mary Davidson	Sylvia Bennett	Bill Robb
east	extreme east	Chris Brandie	Helen Sutherland	Helen Colley
north	centre west	Christine Johnson	Jacqui Tait	Betty Boyle
front gate	centre east	Alan Lonnie	Derek Jardine	John Gill
Gallery west	gallery west and west plate	Netta Rough	Rink van Dijke	David Colley
Gallery east	gallery east	Bill Robb	Ann Weir	Chris Boyle
banker	east plate	Jean Wilson	Stewart Heney	Jean Wilson
Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute.				
Alison Walker 664 3631				



As we move from summer into autumn you are encouraged to take time each day and use the devotional guide overleaf – when we travel through James – plus a few Psalms - for most of the month.

Feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday and in the evening.

Pray with Him continually through your day.

Share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover.

Let us commit together to pilgrimage with our God.

The Church website and Facebook page provide a fuller daily devotional. However it follows the pattern below, into which the information overleaf fits, and is based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions.

## Morning

Reading and Meditation on the theme

Prayer of response to the Word

## Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

## Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading

Reflection on the day

Prayer

Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet -  
Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

# LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

- Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Morning – Mark 7 vs 14-16 – consider Jesus' words and what makes us Unclean – Pray for the Holy Spirit to cleanse us afresh  
Midday – pray for God to be real to those using the Upper Room today  
Evening – Mark 7 v 15– reflect on what needs cleaned out – and pray
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning – Mark 7 vs17-23 – consider the disciples' response and how Jesus answered– Pray to understand  
Midday – pray for someone you know struggling in their walk with God  
Evening – Mark 7 vs 20-23– reflect on Jesus' words and pray in response
- Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning – Mark 7 vs24-30 – consider how our faith matches up to this woman's – then pray for something in faith that will bring glory to God  
Midday – pray for a neighbour or colleague in need of God's peace or touch  
Evening – Mark 7 vs 24-30 – reflect on what this woman hopefully told her daughter afterwards and pray in response!
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Morning – Mark 7 vs 31-37- consider all that happened here – pray to see a miracle  
Midday – pray the prayer of the Kirk member this month  
Evening – Mark 7 v36 – reflect on this verse – and pray to Jesus at the day's end
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 125 – consider slowly the words of this psalm – pray in praise to the LORD God  
Midday – pray for all in the Kirk tomorrow to experience a blessing  
Evening – Psalm 125 vs 1-2 – reflect on these words and pray in response
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 126 – consider...dream...laugh...pray...sing for joy!  
Midday – pray a blessing of God's grace on another Edinburgh church  
Evening – Psalm 126 vs4-6 – reflect on what God has done in your life even today
- \*\* Why not take time and read through the NT book of James now? \*\***
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 1 v1 – consider how James started his letter– pray to serve others  
Midday – make the Lord's Prayer your personal prayer  
Evening – James 1 v1– reflect on who you could write to or text or email - pray in response
- Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 1 vs2-12 – consider God's answers to trials and temptations – pray to be patient, persevering and even joyful  
Midday – pray for someone you know in a time of trial  
Evening – James 1 v5 – reflect on these words – and ask God!
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 1 vs13-18 – consider where temptation is close to you – pray to wear God's armour at all times  
Midday – pray for those who work in hostels across our city  
Evening – James 1 v17– reflect on these words and pray with thanksgiving
- Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 1 v19-21 –consider how to be quick..slow..slow – and pray  
Midday – pray to be more like Jesus in listening and speaking  
Evening – James 1 vs19-21– reflect on these words again and pray



# What's on in 2015/16 at Liberton Kirk

Scottish Charity No. 011602  
[www.libertonkirk.net](http://www.libertonkirk.net)

## Sunday Morning Worship 9-30 am and 11 am

The early service is traditional and lasts less than an hour. At 11am there is contemporary family worship with praise band as well as organ, and the children leave after a while for their own programmes in the halls.  
(There is a joint family service at 10.30am during July and August and at Christmas)

## Children and Young People

Details of the crèche (for babies and toddlers) and the programmes for children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside. Parents with children are welcome in church for the services if they so wish, and may move into the vestry (where the service is relayed) should they feel uncomfortable at any point.

There is an information leaflet for parents with babies and toddlers – look for the big “Hello” on the front.

## Six<sup>30</sup> Sunday Evening Worship

Sunday evening worship is informal and friendly, and provides an opportunity to go deeper into the Christian faith, exploring passages or topics to a greater degree than is possible at other times. There are also opportunities for prayer ministry, and a time of fellowship with refreshments afterwards. Occasionally we have a Mission Night, when we hear from people who have been working on church projects in other countries, and there is also joint evening worship from time to time with other local churches.

Details on the notice-boards.



## Minister

JOHN YOUNG, 7 KIRK PARK, Tel 664 3067  
[lljyoung@btinternet.com](mailto:lljyoung@btinternet.com)

# A Typical Week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

**Abbreviations** AH - Anderson Hall; EP - Ewen Pavilion; ER - Elders' Room in the Church; F- Foyer; GR - George McDonald Room (Committee Room); RH - Recreation Hall; SH - Small Hall; WH - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

## SUNDAY

- 09-30 to 10-15 Morning Service - Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month (except July & August)
- 10-20 to 10-50 Prayer Group (except July and August)
- 10-00 to 10-20 Prayer Group **(July & August only)**
- 11-00 to 12-15 Morning Service (except July and August)
- 10-30 to 11-30 Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club **(July & August Only)**
- 10-50 to 12-15 Crèche, up to age 3 (EP)
- 10-45 to 12-15 Crazy Crosses - P7 to S2
- 10-30 to 12-15 BBC - S3 to S6
- 10-45 to 12-15 Sunday Club (Sunday BUZZ on first Sunday of the month) age 3 to P6 (AH,RH,SH)
- 18-30 to 20-00 Evening Worship

## MONDAY

- 09-15 to 12-30 Art Group (RH)
- 09-30 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
- 14-00 to 16-00 Ladies Badminton (RH)
- 19-30 to 22-00 Guild (1st and 3rd Mondays of each month) (AH)

## TUESDAY

- 09-30 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
- 14.00 to 15-30 Carer and toddlers group (RH)
- 15.00 to 15.30 Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
- 17-15 to 18-15 93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
- 17.30 to 20.30 Kirkgate Café (F)
- 18-30 to 20-10 93rd Brownie Pack (RH)
- 18-30 to 20-00 93rd A Brownies (SH)
- 18-00 to 21-45 Boys Brigade, all sections (AH)
- 19.30 to 21.00 Banner Group (dates by arrangement) (WH)
- 20-00 to 22-00 Scottish Dance Group (RH)

## WEDNESDAY

- 09-30 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)  
10-00 to 12-00 Carer and toddlers group (RH)  
11-00 to 11-30 Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)  
14-15 to 16-15 Guild once a month (SH)  
18.00 to 20-30 Kirkgate Café (F)  
18-30 to 19-45 93rd C Brownies (SH)  
18-00 to 19-10 162nd Beavers (AH)  
18-30 to 20-00 162nd Cub Scouts (RH)  
19-00 to 19-45 Minister's Consulting time (The Kirkgate Café)  
19-15 to 21-00 93rd A Guides (AH)  
20.00 to 21.30 Gathering for Praise (alternate weeks) (Church)

## THURSDAY

- 09-30 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)  
14.00 to 16-00 Senior Citizens Club (AH) (Doors open 13:00)  
19-00 to 20-30 93rd Guides (AH)  
19-30 to 21-00 162nd Scouts (RH)

## FRIDAY

- 10-15 to 12-00 Bible Study Group (McD Rm)  
17-30 to 18-30 93rd B Rainbow Unit (SH)  
18-30 to 20-00 93rd B Brownie Pack (RH)  
18-30 to 20-00 Delta (AH)  
20-00 to 22-00 1st Ranger Guide Unit (fortnightly) (F)

## SATURDAY

- 16.00 to 18.00 Messy Church (monthly except July & December (AH, RH, SH, F)

## Other regular users

Catriona Hogg School of Dance,  
Community Integrated Care,  
Dorothy Dobson Exercise Class,  
Drama Studio,  
Edinburgh Sogetsu Study Group,  
Healing Rooms,  
Jo Jingles,  
Local Councillor's surgeries,  
Monkey Drama  
Zumba/Blast/Piloxing,



Please contact the Church Office on 0131 664 8264, if you would like any more information about any of the above.  
Many of the organisations would welcome new people.

## Other Worship Opportunities

### **Pram Praise for Toddlers & their Carers**

Twice a month, once on Tuesday at 3pm and once on Wednesday at 11am, both in the Small Hall, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. See the notice boards for dates.

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually on the last Saturday of the month (except July and December) in the halls from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, food and worship. Details in the magazine – dates on notice boards each month.

### **Gathering for Praise**

On alternate Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the Kirk, the church musicians and singers meet to worship God in song and to practise and develop the music for Sunday worship. All welcome.

### **Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals**

*Guthrie House* - Last Tuesday, 3-00pm

*Braid Hills* - Third or Fourth Wednesday, 2-30 pm

*Braeside House* - First Tuesday, 2-30 pm

*Liberton Hospital* \* - Fourth Sunday, 2-30pm

*Ellen's Glen House* \* - First Sunday, 2-30pm

(\* services held jointly with other local churches)

### **A Praying Church**

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church community. Members of our prayer team are available after Sunday services and prayer requests can be left at the east door in the box or on the prayer tree.

### **The Upper Room**

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is open to all for prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays, with the Morning, Midday and Evening Office being said at 7.30am, 12 noon, and 7pm.

### **House Groups**

Liberton Kirk also believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer.

## **PLEASE JOIN US!**

# LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 1 vs22-27 – consider how we treat God’s Word–  
pray to listen out for God’s voice  
Midday – pray for those who serve the community through the LK  
Centre  
Evening – James 1 vs 26-27– reflect on these words – and pray
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Morning –Psalm 127 – consider what this psalm says to you on this  
day pray for God to bless our city!  
Midday – say nothing – take time to listen for God to speak with you  
Evening – Psalm 127 v2 – reflect - pray – sleep!
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 128 – consider the words of this psalm –  
pray for a Sunday blessing!  
Midday – pray this psalm as a blessing on a fellow pilgrim  
Evening – Psalm 128 v5 – count your Sunday blessings from God! and  
pray!
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Morning –James 2v1-4 consider James’ words of teaching here– and  
pray  
Midday – pray for someone you know in need of food and clothing  
Evening – James 2 v4 – reflect...confess...pray for God-like thoughts
- Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Morning –James 2 vs5-7– consider what God is saying here to you  
- and pray, asking how to help the poor more  
Midday – pray for those who govern our nation in London and  
Edinburgh  
Evening – James 2 v 5 – reflect on how God works – and pray in  
response
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 2 vs8-13 – consider how favouritism is sin–  
pray to be Godly towards all others – even today  
Midday – make the Lord’s Prayer your prayer at this time of the day  
Evening – James 2 v12-13– reflect and pray to our God, the Judge of all
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 2 vs14-19– consider empty words and dead faith  
– pray to have a living and active faith in Christ Jesus  
Midday – pray for Jesus to use you to reach out to others – even to  
day?  
Evening – James 2 v17 – reflect on your day and pray in response
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 2 vs20-26 – consider the examples of faith given and  
pray  
Midday – pray with thanksgiving for your faith in God – thru the ups  
and downs  
Evening – James 2 v24 – reflect on your faith and actions this day and  
pray
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Morning –Psalm 1– consider God’s blessings from this psalm  
– pray in response to know a blessing  
Midday – pray for Liberton to experience God’s blessing and saving grace  
Evening – Psalm 1 v2 – reflect on ‘the law of the LORD’  
– and pray in response
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 2 – consider how the world sees Jesus – the Son of  
God then pray that we let Jesus shine out and, through us,

to others around us

Midday – pray the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

Evening – Psalm 2 vs4-6– reflect on how God is sovereign over all – and pray!

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Morning – James 3 vs1-12 – consider the problem with our tongues– pray to speak as Jesus would

Midday – pray for someone outside of the church family you know

Evening – James 3 vs9-10– reflect on these words.... and pray in praise

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Morning – James 3 vs13-18 – consider what is heavenly wisdom – pray for understanding

Midday – pray for the Upper Room, a place to know and hear God

Evening –James 3 v14– reflect on this verse – then pray in response

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Morning – James 4 vs1-6 – consider how these verses speak to you – pray in response not to be an enemy of God

Midday – say nothing – take time to listen for God to speak with you

Evening – James 4 v6– reflect on these words and pray at the end of the day

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 4 vs7-12 – consider James’ teaching on godly living – and pray to put them into practice

Midday – make the Lord’s Prayer your Thursday prayer

Evening – James 4 vs7 and 10– reflect on these verses – and pray in response

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 4 vs13-17 – consider how we plan our tomorrows– and pray to live according to God’s timetable more

Midday – pray for those who serve us in leadership at LK

Evening – James 4 vs13-14 – reflect ....and pray for tomorrow

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 18 vs1-29 – take time and consider these great verses – pray to trust the LORD more

Midday – pray for the church to know a Sunday blessing tomorrow!

Evening – Psalm 18 vs 25-29 – reflect on these words and pray in response

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Morning – Psalm 18 vs30-50 – consider all that is said about God here – then pray in praise to Him!

Midday – pray for LK to be a place of ‘the word of the LORD’

Evening – Psalm 18 vs32-36– reflect on your day- pray evening praises!

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 5 vs1-6– consider the warning to the rich– pray in response to use our monies aright, pleasing to God

Midday – pray for someone you know to meet with Jesus

Evening – James 5 v4 – reflect on how you spent monies today - and pray

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 5 vs7-12– consider how we are to live ‘until the Lord’s coming’ - pray to do so, even today!

Midday – pray for those who will use the Upper Room today

Evening – James 5 v9 – reflect on any grumbling done today – and pray

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Morning – James 5 vs 13-20 – consider the reasons given here to pray – take time to pray...

Midday – make one of James’ reasons the topic of your midday prayer

Evening – James 5 vs19-20– reflect and pray for a wanderer – with humility

## A Prayer from a Liberton Kirk member

God our Father, source of all life, we come before you as the "living stones" of your church here in Liberton. You made us, you watch over us, you give us all we need, and we thank you.

Jesus our Saviour, you call us as your church to build your kingdom here on earth. Make us good stones in its fabric, we pray, not cold and immovable, but warm, welcoming and always reaching out as we seek to follow you.

Life-giving Spirit, breathe into us that extra life, that inspiration which can help your kingdom to grow through

**'Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds..'**

*James 1 v 2*

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## Don't forget the living stones challenge

**At the beginning of May we issued the *'Living Stones Challenge'* – that over the next 12 months, everyone present find another 'living stone' to add to our number, so that in a year's time our numbers will have doubled**

Over the years, Liberton Kirk has proved itself a good place to be. We have a variety of services (on Sundays and other days), a great sense of family, regular *Alpha* courses, and lots of ways of making people welcome, included, and involved.

Together with other churches in our area, we offer God's love in a variety of ways and projects to the needy, the outcast, and the stranger. Finally, we have a thriving Kirk Centre, which is the ideal place to meet and get to know a huge variety of people from the local community. All that is needed now is for us to introduce them to Jesus.

How do we do this? Do we bribe, cajole, blackmail, demand, or trick people into becoming part of our worldwide spiritual family? No, we simply ask God to create *'Kingdom moments'* – moments when His presence breaks into their lives. So, to be part of the Living Stones Challenge, each one of us needs to commit to the following:

To pray each day, that God will create a 'Kingdom Moment' for you to be part of,  
and, when you sense that moment has come, to simply allow God to use you to point someone towards Jesus

*"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2.5)*

John Young

## Harvest Thanksgiving

At harvest time many of us like to join our young people in bringing gifts which will help the needy in our city. There is also an opportunity to support a charity called Self Help Africa, and help the needy much further afield. This is a small charity which supports projects in ten African countries, working



**Self Help  
Africa**

with the local people to enable them to produce enough food to feed themselves, and to help them earn a living and support their families. They concentrate on the almost 70% of Africans who live in rural areas and rely on small-scale

farming for survival. Last year they were able to help 290,000 families to change their lives for the better. You can see details of some of their excellent work on their website [www.selfhelpafrica.org](http://www.selfhelpafrica.org)

Please say "thank you" for plentiful food and drink by giving something to Self Help Africa in one of the envelopes provided on the side tables in church in September. Filling in the Gift Aid information will increase the value of your gift. These envelopes can be returned in the offering at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on 27<sup>th</sup> September or up to the end of October, or handed to the Church Treasurer or into the Church Office.

## Choir for Carol Service



The Lessons and Carols Service will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December this year, and choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm for six weeks. Please make a note in your diary now. Anybody who wants to sing is welcome to come along on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Wilson Hall. Please note that there are Evening Prayers in the Upper Room from 7 to 7.30pm so either come early enough to join in, or wait downstairs until after 7.30pm! Ruth Davies, Tel. 664 3608

## Communion Services

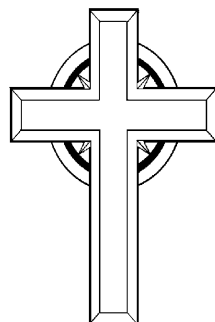
Arrangements for Communion services are being slightly altered.

**Due to the decrease in numbers attending the 3pm service, this is to be discontinued.**

In future the Communion services will be held at normal service times – that is at 9.30am and 11am on the first Sunday of March, June and October. The monthly first Sunday Scots Communion will continue on the other months as before.

The minister is willing to give Communion at home should a member request it.

Margot J Brandie



## Justice and Peace Evening

There will be an evening in aid of the work being done following the Nepalese earthquake at Tron Kirk, Craigour Gardens, Moredun, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, starting at 7pm. This is being organised by SEECAT's Justice and Peace Group. The speaker will be Louise Stuart of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, which is involved in the work in Nepal. There will be the usual stalls and refreshments.

Admission £1 (tickets will be available nearer the time, or pay at the door).

Ruth Davies, Tel. 664 3608



## Kirkgate Café

The Kirkgate cafe is based in the halls of Liberton Kirk, and we have been open since February. I am glad to say that due to popular demand, we are now open 4 days, Monday - Thursday from 9.30am to 2pm., and also on Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 5pm to 8pm in term time.

We serve breakfast rolls, light lunch with homemade soup and a variety of hot



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We always welcome people who wish to volunteer and are appreciative of those who are already helping. It's a lovely team to be a part of.

The cafe has also been called on to do some outside catering (see photo above), not always literally outside - we have catered for a conference, funeral tea and wedding refreshments. It's been great seeing the cafe grow from 3 days to 4.

18 volunteers recently passed the basic food hygiene certificate, and the cafe passed the environmental health inspection. More importantly, friendships are made and people enjoy each other's company over tea and coffee. We would like to welcome you to come along and be part of the cafe! Norma Brown

## Sir David Baird, 2nd Baronet of Newbyth

In the Elder's room in Liberton Kirk, stand several tombstones of the Baird family who at one time were major landowners in Liberton parish. One of the stones, numbered **CH7** in my survey of 2001, commemorates Sir David Baird, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Newbyth, who died on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1852 aged 57, having inherited the title from his uncle General Sir David Baird G.C.B., K.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet of Newbyth, when he died childless on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1829.

I published the life of General Sir David Baird in the May 2011 edition of the Kirk magazine. In his "Annals of Liberton", published by Rev. Campbell Ferenbach in 1975, he attributes the memorial erroneously to the honour of the General who died in 1829, and not to his nephew who died some 23 years later.

Sir David married Lady Anne Kennedy, eldest daughter of Archibald 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis of Ailsa, in August 1821, and they had a large family including Robert Wynne and Archibald, who were both drowned while attending school at Cullercoates near Whitley Bay in 1845. Another son William Arthur was a Major in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders and was mortally wounded in the Ashantee campaign in 1874 and is buried in Sierra Leone (See memorial CH9).

Sir David served as an Ensign with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Foot Guards at Waterloo where he suffered a serious face wound while defending Hougoumont Steading. He was a noted sportsman who took part in Curling, Golf, and horse racing. While taking part in a hunt at Marchmont in late December 1851, he was repeatedly kicked on the leg and suffered fatal injuries, dying several days later.

**CH8** (Translation of Latin inscription) Ae.M.S. Here lies in peace, John Baird of Newbyth, Lord of Sessions who died 27<sup>th</sup> April 1698 aged 78. His wife Margaret, eldest daughter of William Hay of Linplum Bt. Who died July 1707 aged 90. Here also lies his son William Baird of Newbyth Bt. Died 17<sup>th</sup> February 1737 aged 83. His wife Helen Gilmour daughter of John Gilmour Bt. of Craigmillar, Lord of Session, who died 21<sup>st</sup> April 1701, aged 47. This monument was erected by their son John Baird of Newbyth to the memory to his parents.

**CH9** Vi et Virtute. In memory of Robert and Archibald Baird aged 17 and 16 years, sons of Sir David and Lady Anne Baird of Newbyth, who were drowned while bathing near Sunderland on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1845. The eldest having lost his own life in a gallant attempt to save his brother, the delight and pride of a happy home. These promising youths were swept away on the verge of manhood and are interred here in the same grave, that they may arise and enjoy together a happy eternity in heaven, is the ardent prayer of their sorrowing parents. William Arthur Baird, brother of the above, Major in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highlanders, born 1834, was mortally wounded in the Ashantee campaign in 1874, whilst gallantly leading a portion of his regiment against the enemy. He was buried at Sierra Leone.

Other Baird memorials in the Elders Room are **CH6 and 7**

Stone **E185** In the churchyard near the west door of the Kirk stands a large table stone in memory of the Baird family who are I believe close relatives of the above family. The stone reads - The burial place of Robert Baird, tenant in Grange, and James Baird portioner at Guardwell. Here lie interred, John Baird

who died 5<sup>th</sup> August 1693 and the said Robert and James Baird, and 13 of their children, also John Baird tenant in Lochend, who died 5<sup>th</sup> September 1776 and his spouse; John Baird, tenant in Hillend who died 30<sup>th</sup> June 1817 and Mary Cockburn his spouse. William Baird, tenant in Lochend, died 10<sup>th</sup> March 1828: Janet Cleghorn his spouse, and Janet Baird their daughter: Robert Baird, merchant in Edinburgh died 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1848 aged 62. Anne Callender wife of the above Robert Baird died 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1871 in her 90<sup>th</sup> year, and 3 children. Vans Craigie Baird, wine merchant, Edinburgh, died 8<sup>th</sup> May 1850 aged 56, Elizabeth Smith his spouse died 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1848 aged 53. William Baird, deputy controller of G.P.O. died 25<sup>th</sup> May 1895, his wife Catherine Smith Baird died 21<sup>st</sup> December 1912, his son Robert, banker in Egypt, buried in Lisbon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1880, his daughter Mary Stuart Callender, died 25<sup>th</sup> June 1932

John Rennie, August 2015

Source materials were Liberton Kirk Elders Room and Churchyard memorials, Mr David Affleck, Transactions of the East Lothian Antiquarian Field Naturalists' Society Volume 26 2006 article by Mr Stephen Bunyan, and several websites.

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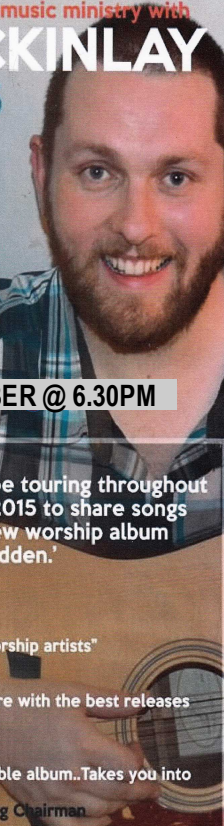
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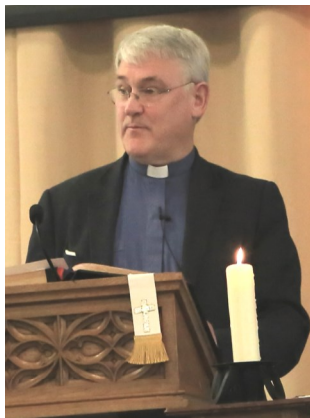
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## Northumbrian Celtic Devotions - with James!

The summer has well and truly gone – and September has arrived.

I wonder how our Northumbrian Celtic Christian ancestors marked the change of the seasons – seasons given by God the Creator.

As part of the church's bi-centenary celebrations, the monthly Bible readings have been taking a different slant. The church here at Liberton owes much to the Northumbrian Celtic tradition of Christianity and we are borrowing from that as we pilgrimage together through 2015 and onwards.

The Celtic brand of Christianity has emphasis on monastery and mission, obedience to the Spirit's prompting and a real sense of maintaining a continual devotion in daily living. Hence the importance of remembering Jesus and keeping in step with God the Spirit. However we are all prone to wander and disappoint Father God – therefore we need to 'read the Bible and pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow!'

*For this reason we are encouraging each other to start, improve or continue a daily devotion with the Lord and His Word and this month our focus will be mainly on **the NT book of James** – a very practical letter written to make sure that the believers put their faith into action – including how to use our tongues and our monies, how not to show favouritism and when to pray – in all the ups and downs of life – trials and temptations and all.*

*Why not take a few minutes now to read through the 5 chapters?*

As well as **a guide each month in the magazine** (see the middle pages insert) to help us focus on the Bible passages, with relevant thoughts and prayers, there is **the expanded daily devotion** available on **the church's website** and on **Facebook** to enable us to take time in the morning, at midday and in the evening to celebrate, listen, pray and respond.

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