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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*



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**God's love  
and faithfulness will last for  
ever. Psalm 100:5 You are good to us,  
Lord, and your love never fails. Psalm  
106:1 Love is always supportive, loyal,  
hopeful and trusting. 1 Corinthians 13:7  
Love comes from God, and when we love  
each other it shows that we have been  
given new life. 1 John 4:7 God showed  
His love for us when He sent His  
only son into the world to give us  
life. 1 John 4:9 1 Corinthians  
13:13 For now there are  
faith, hope and love,  
but the greatest  
of these is  
love.**

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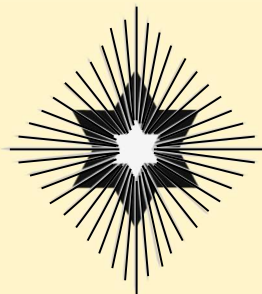
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## Prayer for the Month of February

"Lord, I have heard of your fame;  
I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.  
Repeat them in our day,  
in our time make them known;  
in wrath remember mercy."

Our plans soon fail us, and our best intentions go awry;  
We dare, when wisdom would delay;  
Or dither, when you urge us: press on!  
Impatiently we wait, in the space in-between,  
all that we are and all that we will be,  
when we see Him face to face.

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.  
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
he enables me to tread on the heights"      Amen



*Quotations from Habakkuk  
3:2,18-19.  
Timothy Sinclair*

# Letter from the Minister

## Persistence pays

One of the most surprising and unexpected Christmas gifts I received this year was a voucher for two sessions at a physiotherapy clinic. At a recent church get-together I had mentioned the trouble I was having with my shoulder, and how I had been on the waiting list for treatment for months. Realising that I was unlikely to do anything more about it myself, the person listening, (who happened to be a medical practitioner), decided to take the initiative out of my hands.

Well, in the course of my two excellent sessions I have learned three useful things about physiotherapy exercises

- ◆ They are hard work
- ◆ They have to be done regularly
- ◆ They do make a difference

While my shoulder itself is still not completely better, I am much less aware of the discomfort I used to feel, and have a sense that things are now heading in the right direction.

I think there are definite parallels between my experience of physio, and my faith. Here at Liberton we are in the



middle of our season of focussing on the 'upward' dimension of our spiritual lives, and often, in all the busy-ness of 21<sup>st</sup> century living, this is the one that suffers most. As a result our faith begins to get a bit creaky, and our relationship with God becomes more and more forced when it could be flowing.

The solution? Nothing too drastic – just a willingness and a commitment on our part to get back to the basics. Spending time with God can at first seem very like hard work, especially if it's something we are not used to doing regularly, but it soon makes a real difference.

Let me leave you with the words of one of my favourite Alan McKinlay songs, which are all about being persistent in prayer, and which are a paraphrase of the words of the Master himself, (to be found in Luke 11.9-13).

We're asking and we keep on asking

We're seeking and we keep on seeking

We're knocking on the door of heaven

And we won't stop knocking 'till we see heaven come to earth

Happy Exercising !

Much love

## Helen Geddes Legacy

At the January meeting of Kirk Session we spent a large part of the evening discussing the legacy left to Liberton Kirk by Helen Geddes. A sizeable and incredibly generous gift of this kind brings with it great opportunities as well as the need to exercise careful stewardship and consideration as to how best to use the money, not just for our own benefit, but to make a positive impact on as wide a range of people as possible.

This kind of thing does not happen every day, so it is appropriate that we take time to consider all possibilities before making a final decision. With this in mind, Helen Geddes's legacy has been invested for the shorter term, half for six months and half for a full year. Although investment rates are not particularly favourable at the moment, this will allow us to earn some interest over this period while we discuss the best way forward.

We intend to use the legacy for the benefit of the community by undertaking a programme of improvements in the Kirk Centre, particularly upgrading the Anderson Hall and the Small Hall and a project to help us reach out more effectively to our neighbours. At the time of our Bicentenary we spent a lot of time developing a plan for what we would like to do in the Kirk Centre if we had the money. For this reason it is likely we will be able to start work on improving the Anderson and Small Halls quite quickly to make them more comfortable and accessible for all Hall users.

At Liberton Kirk we have a long-established tradition of trying hard to serve our community. More than our buildings, our church is about being there not for ourselves, but to serve our neighbours. Plans for a community project are at a much more provisional stage, but we are considering creating a traineeship role for a local person to offer a grounding in Café Management skills and Facilities Management. The hours the Kirkgate Café is able to open and thus the number of people we are able to reach through it are limited by only having one paid employee. When we employed Chris Aitcheson as Facilities Manager following the recent retiral of Willie and Mary Mearns we said that we wanted to ensure there would always be someone on duty in the Halls who would be a welcoming face and key point of contact. Our vision is to create a new employment opportunity in our community which will in turn help us to reach more people with the good news of Christ.

So a buildings project and a community project, both with the aim of helping to reach more people and better serve our neighbours. We also recognise how fortunate we are and plan to share a proportion of the money with neighbouring Church of Scotland congregations with whom we have close links. These churches do amazing work with a fraction of the resources with which we are blessed.

A final small proportion of the gift will be retained to help us manage any future lean times. I will continue to keep you updated with the progress of our plans over the months ahead and ask that you would pray that what we do would do honour to the memory of Helen Geddes and to God.

Chris Brandie, Session Clerk



## John's 20th Anniversary Celebrations in November

On Sunday 20th November we celebrated the 20th anniversary of John's Ordination and Induction at Liberton Kirk on 14th November 1996, in a combined morning service at 11am, when the preacher was an old friend of



John's, Malcolm Ramsay, not long back from working in Nepal. During the service there was a tribute and presentation from the congregation led by Chris Brandie and Ruth Davies, and a special presentation from the young people. John's family were there in force to support him.



After the service we all went over to the Kirk Centre for lunch, joined by old friends, and folk from Gracemount Church.



We overflowed into two halls, but after our first course everybody piled into one hall while John cut his anniversary cake .



We then all sang him a song "We have come to celebrate 20 years with John" to a very well-known tune, which was good fun even if it wouldn't win any literary prizes!

A good day altogether!

# OUR PAGE

## COUGHS & SNEEZES

February seems to be the coldest time of the year – and most of us get a cold, complete with runny nose and sore throat.

Well, 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the right day to have a sore throat because it is St Blaise's Day. Legend says that St Blaise was on his way to be martyred when he saw a young child choking with a fishbone stuck in his throat. The saint touched the child and the bone was dislodged. This led to a custom of Blessing the Throats on St Blaise's Day which continues today in one London church.

Another way to celebrate the day was with big bonfires (before the Bonfire Night we keep in November was thought of) and that is probably why we say that bonfires blaze.

So you can sit in front of a blazing fire, sniffing into a tissue and think about the patron saint of sore throats.

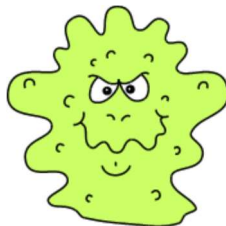


## A COLD PUZZLE

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with winter sniffles. Can you find them all?

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C	K	O	O	E	R	P	R	U	N
T	I	E	O	L	R	U	H	E	E
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cold fever flu hankie influenza  
linctus medicine nose pill shivers  
sniffles tablet throat tissues  
winter



What happen if your nose runs  
and your feet smell?

You're built upside down!

What sort of transport gives  
people colds?

A-choo-choo-trains.

Remember . . .

The Kirkgate cafe is now also open on Thursdays  
from 9am until 2pm see page 22

# Guild News for February

ALL WELCOME!



## EVENING GUILD

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm, the committee is delighted that the speaker will be a representative from Médecins Sans Frontières. This promises to be a most interesting evening. There will also be a sales table to raise money for the above-named charity.

February 20<sup>th</sup> is our annual Film Night. Showing this year is "Ladies in Lavender", starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. Tickets will be available for a suggested donation of £4, which will include a light refreshment. Tickets will be available at any Guild meeting or after both services on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that the Film Night starts at 7pm.

## AFTERNOON GUILD

On 15<sup>th</sup> February, at 2.15pm, our own John Gill and Wally; and a speaker from the organization, "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". will enlighten us about the work of the charity. Again this promises to be a really interesting afternoon meeting, so do come along and hear all about this subject.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



John Young and Andy Chittick and his Young Life group joined up with the Guild one evening in November. The theme was "Go in Joy" and it certainly was a most joyous occasion, made more so by the number of youngsters who were prepared to tell us about their personal experiences of joy.

## Church Organ Music for February

Before the penitential season of Lent begins, we are reminded of the revelation of God's glory in Christ on the mount of transfiguration. The disciples misunderstand, thinking that this is their final destination, wanting to build permanent dwellings for the great men, but this is the midpoint, to the end. Now Jesus will turn his face to Jerusalem, submitting himself to the passion and glory that are to come.'



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The Fourth Sunday before Lent An Awesome God

BEFORE Langlais Choral in E Minor

DURING Bapiste Andantino in A

AFTER Hummel Voluntary

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The Third Sunday before Lent The darkest hour is just before dawn

BEFORE Rawsthorne Londonderry Air

Here me, dear Lord, in this my time of sorrow

DURING Thalben-Ball Liebster Jesu, Dearest Jesus

AFTER J.S. Bach Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot

Oh, God, look down from Heaven

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The Second Sunday before Lent God stands with the exiled

BEFORE Debussy Clair de Lune, Moonlight

DURING Collum Jesu, meine Zuversicht

Jesus, my sure foundation

AFTER Sullivan The Chorister

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

The Sunday next before Lent God stands over history

BEFORE Beethoven Moonlight Sonata

DURING TAIZE Sanctus

AFTER Rheinberger Visione

Apparition

Calum Gubby

### 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

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.



# February Diary

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
2.00pm – Pastoral Care Group meets in Wilson Hall  
7.00pm – Minister available at Kirkgate Café  
8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm – Messy church Team meeting in the Wilson Hall

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship @ 9.30am  
and 11am (with Crèche)  
Theme: An awesome God  
Preacher: Tim Sinclair  
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)  
11.00am – Sunday Buzz in the Anderson Hall  
2.30pm – Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)  
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk  
Theme: A letter to a young church III: He changes everything  
Reading: Colossians 1.21-23  
Speaker: Kenny McCartney

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm – Link Leaders' Huddle in the McDonald Room  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room  
9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
2.00pm – Service at Braeside House  
3.00pm – Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship @ 9.30am  
and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC )  
Theme: The darkest hour is just before the dawn  
Preacher: Ruth Davies  
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)  
2.30pm – SEECAT planning meeting at the Gilmerton Hub  
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk  
Theme: A letter to a young church IV: Blood, sweat, and cheers!;  
Reading: Colossians 1.24-2.5  
Speaker: Moira Taylor-Smith

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room  
9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
2.30pm – Service at Braid Hills Care Home  
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	SOUPER SUNDAY Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC) Theme: God stands with the exile Preacher: John Young 10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the <u>Kirk</u> Theme: A letter to a young church V: Rooted in Him Reading: Colossians 2.6-15 Speaker: David Hill
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm – Café Board meeting in the McDonald Room 7.30pm – Personnel Committee
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 8.00pm – Huddle Focus meeting in the McDonald Room
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC) Preacher: Tim Sinclair Theme: God stands over history 10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT) 3.00pm – Preachers' Huddle in the Wilson Hall Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the <u>Kirk</u> Theme: Encounter Evening – exploring God through prayer Speaker: Nikki Kirkland
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – Appointments Committee (Kirk Session Exec)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.30am-2.00pm; 5.30pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 3.00pm – Service at Guthrie House 7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night

## March 2017

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.30am & 1.00pm – FISCHY CONCERTS IN THE KIRK 7.00pm – Minister available at Kirkgate Café
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8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION SUNDAY – ALL WELCOME!

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

Theme: God stands by the faithful

Preacher: John Young

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

11.00am – Sunday Buzz in the Anderson Hall

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

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: A letter to a young church VI: Truth and reality, or  
lies and shadows?

Reading: Colossians 2.16-23

Speaker: Kenny McCartney

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## SEECAT

The Lent study groups this year will take place in the five weeks from week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March and will be on "The Joy of the Gospel". This is a course which encourages us to realise the joy of knowing Jesus and to want to communicate this joy to others, and is very relevant for today's church in all its different parts.

There will be study groups at different times of the day and the week and sign-up sheets will be on the West Door Welcome Desk in church in February.

Please think about joining with people from other churches to look at this vital subject.

The SEECAT newsletter Crosstalk will be available in the middle of February and there will be copies on the Welcome Desks and in the Entrance. To the halls. This is for everybody in the church to find out what's happening in churches in the area so please pick one up, or read it on the website,

[www.seecat.org](http://www.seecat.org)

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## Foodbank

Thanks to all who continue to support the work of the foodbank.

Particular requests now are for :- juice, Soap, toothpaste, UHT full cream milk, sauces and Smash

Donations, payable to "Blythswood Care" are also most welcome. Special uplifts can be arranged. Please contact me on 0131 664 3059 David Lamb



(Messy Church logo ©  
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## Messy Church

The February Messy Church will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 4 to 6pm in the Halls. This is great fun for families with children of 0 – P7, with crafts and games, worship and tea! Perhaps you know a family who would find Saturday afternoon much more convenient than Sunday morning – if so, please tell them about Messy Church. The only rule is that children must have an adult with them, and adults must have a child!

Ruth Davies (664 3608)

## Fresh Start

Thanks to all for recent donations.

Requests this month are for bayonet style light bulbs, curtains and duvets all sizes.

Other household goods gratefully received

Please leave items in Offering House where marked.

Anyone needing things uplifted please contact me on 664 3189

Sylvia Bennett



## Bethany Christian Trust

Warm jackets, blankets and new socks or underwear are much appreciated and can be left in the Offering House in the marked location.

## Spectacles and Stamps

Spectacles and stamps are gratefully received for EMMS International.

Boxes are placed in the Offering House and on the window ledge in the Foyer

## Senior Citizens Club

Happy New Year ! Here are the February dates for SCC .

2nd February 2017 a big welcome back to MARK MULGREW !

9th February a return to the Club  
for CHARLES CUNNINGHAM ;

16th February all the way from OHIO  
- Honeysuckle Swing !  
DIANA AND GUS - yippee !!

23rd February BUTTERFLY MUSIC - great to have you back Margot !  
And a SINGAPORE !

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PALS XXX.

Love, Bryan & Jenni 07985 001183 or 07415 335889



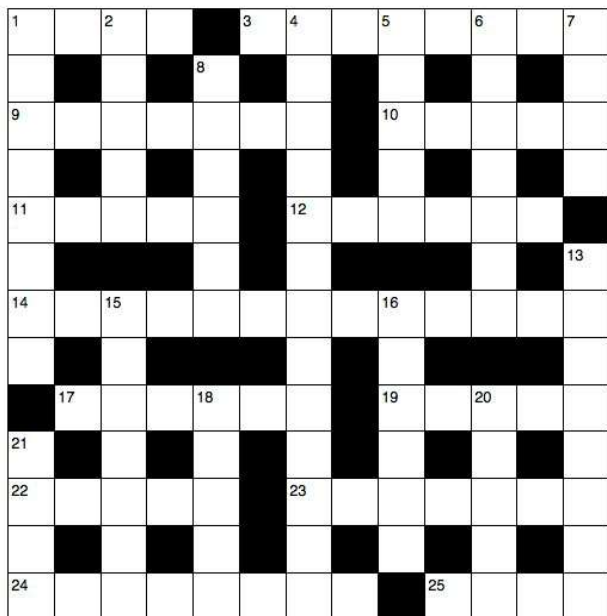


# Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7) 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

# Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)



## Candlemas prayer

February snowdrops we welcome you!  
Candlemas Bells,  
winter's half-way markers,  
symbols of hope and light to come,  
creation's reminders of the Creator  
revealed in the child in Simeon's arms.

Jesus -  
fulfilment of God's promise  
to save and illuminate.  
Jesus -  
who overcame darkness and death  
to live for us and in us.

At the snowdrops' prompting,  
Lord Jesus, we welcome you afresh,  
Hope and Light in person.

prayer by Daphne Kitching  
[www.parishpump.co.uk](http://www.parishpump.co.uk)

## 40 years ago in the Magazine

- ◆ The Young Woman's Group reported on their programme of meetings, including a talk from The British Red Cross entitled "Disaster in the House" on 9th February; and a hairdressing demonstration on 2nd March.
- ◆ The Kirk Drama Group announced their production of a Victorian thriller, "Ladies in Retirement"
- ◆ The Senior Citizens Club reported that their Christmas Dinner had been a great success, with 100 members sitting down to a full Christmas meal.
- ◆ The Boys Brigade announced their plans for a Company Holiday to Holland this summer (at the cost of £70 per head) and congratulated all those concerned with their ongoing fundraising for the additional money required to cover the trip.

## 25 years ago

- ◆ Scout Post handled a record number of 6225 cards. £300 was donated to the Kirk Centre Project from the proceeds
- ◆ The 'Woman's Guild' raised £250 at their bring and buy stalls for the "Sick Kids Appeal" They enjoyed talks from Lady Fraser, President of Christian Aid, and from Miss Henderson on "Iceland - Land of Fire and Ice"



**'You are my God. I worship you. In my heart, I long for you,  
as I would long for a stream in a scorching desert.'**

**Psalms 63 verse 1**

As the year moves on and the season of Looking UPWARD together continues, so it gives us another opportunity for a God-ward vision in the company of the book of PSALMS .... and to pray for the Church world-wide in our times of Midday Devotion.

Let me encourage you to listen for His voice as we continue in our 'rhythm of devotion' during 2017.

The Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday, in the evening... to pray with Him continually through your day and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover. The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. However it all follows the pattern below which the information overleaf fits into, 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 DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Psalm 1 – consider the words and images of this psalm.  
What is God saying to you today?...then pray to Him with confidence  
Midday pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer  
Evening read the verses again – take time to reflect and then pray in response
- Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Psalm 3 – take time to consider this morning prayer for help ....  
especially verses 3 and 4... and then pray to this God as your day starts  
Midday pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Kenya  
Evening read the verses again - esp v 5 – reflect on the words and then pray
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Psalm 5 – consider this prayer for protection – what is God saying  
to you today? pray in response to this God  
Midday pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Syria  
Evening read the verses again – reflect ..... and pray to this God in response
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 7 – take time and consider this prayer for justice. What is God  
is saying to you from it? Then take time to pray in response  
Midday pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Turkey  
Evening read the verses again – reflect carefully on the psalm & pray in response
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 8 – take time and consider this psalm as your Sunday  
starts.....what words stay with you? Then pray in response to this  
Great God  
Midday pray for the Church in SE Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings  
Evening read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you then pray
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 13 – take time to consider this prayer for help – note verses  
5 and 6 in particular – then pray in response to what God is saying  
to you today  
Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today  
Evening read the verses again – reflect - and then pray for others under  
persecution
- Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 14 – consider the words of this psalm. What is God saying to  
you here about our world? – then pray in response  
Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!  
Evening read these words again – reflect on what they say to you & then pray
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 15 – take time to consider this short psalm.  
Then take time to pray to the One who is God Most High  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in North Korea  
Evening read these verses again... reflect ..... and pray in response
- Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 16 – consider this prayer of confidence in God...  
and what God is teaching you today.... and then pray in response  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in South Korea  
Evening read the verses again – take time to reflect and pray
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 17 – consider carefully and prayerfully this psalmist's  
prayer.....and then pray in response as God leads you  
Midday pray for peace in our world  
Evening read the verses again – reflect on the words and pray with confidence



# LIBERTON KIRK DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 18 – take time and consider this psalm of testimony.  
What verses will you hold onto today? – and then pray humbly in response  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in India  
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what they say to you and pray
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 19 – consider these great words as your day starts.  
Take time to Pray in response with praises to this God!  
Midday pray for the Church in our city to know Sunday blessings  
Evening read the verses again....reflect .... pray at the end of your day
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 20 – consider this prayer for victory... noting  
Verse 7 especially – and then pray to this God of victory!  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in Iran  
Evening read the verses again – reflect... and pray to this God of Psalm 20
- Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 30 – consider this prayer of thanksgiving – and then  
make the words of verses 11-12 your morning prayer  
Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock  
– hear!  
Evening read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as they  
speak to you
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 40 – take time and consider the psalmist's words...  
his song of praise and prayer for help .... and then pray to God  
in response  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Church in Pakistan  
Evening read the verses again – reflect on vs11 &17 -then pray to this God
- Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 50 – take time and consider all that is said here ...  
What is God saying to you about 'true worship'?– then pray in  
response  
Midday pray God's blessing on the Church in Iraq  
Evening read verses 1-15 again – reflect on God, our God – and then  
pray to Him
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 60 – take time to consider this prayer for deliverance.  
..... and then take time to pray in response as God leads you  
Midday pray God's blessing on Christians in Yemen  
Evening read the psalm again – reflect on the words here and then pray
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 70 – take time to consider this short prayer for help ....  
What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response, using  
verses 4 and 5  
Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today  
Evening read the psalm again – reflect on the words and pray in  
response
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 80 – take time and consider all that is said here....  
..... then pray to this God of Israel for our nation  
Midday pray for the Church in our world to know Sunday blessings  
Evening read the verses again – reflect... then pray in response to this God
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Morning Psalm 81 – take time to consider this song for a festival to be

		held in Israel. What is God saying to you from it? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray for the suffering Church in Nigeria
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... and pray to this God, our God
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	Psalm 91 – consider the LORD, our Protector. What is He saying to you today? and then take time to pray to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect... then pray in response to our God!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	Psalm 101 - consider this psalm ... a king's promise. What words stay with you? Pray humbly with confession as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Sudan
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect ..... then pray at the end of your day
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	Psalm 111 – take time and consider this psalm of praise! what does it say to you about your God? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Vietnam
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what the psalmist is saying here and what God is saying to you– and then pray to Him, with thanksgiving!
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Psalm 121 – consider the psalmist's words here as your day starts. What is God saying to you from these words?..... then pray to Him in trust
	Midday	pray God's blessing on believers in Russia
	Evening	read these verses again - take time to reflect.... and pray to this God
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Psalm 131 – take time to consider this short psalm. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Church leaders in difficult places in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect... & pray in response – trusting God!
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Psalm 133 – consider this lovely short psalm this morning! ..... and then pray in response to this God, our God, for Christian unity in our world
	Midday	pray for the Church in our land to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on verse 1, and pray in response
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Psalm 139 – take time and consider the psalmist's prayer. What does it mean for you today? then pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect... then pray to the LORD Almighty
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Psalm 149 – consider this great psalm of praise this morning! What is God saying to you?? – and then pray with the words you have read!
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock hear!
	Evening	read the chapter again – reflect .... then pray in response, as the month closes

## A Partridge in a Prayer Tree ?

Having celebrated Christmas, is there something you are still thankful for?  
Could this be your opportunity to use the Prayer Tree?

Have you still got a headache or a worry?  
Could this be your reason to visit the Prayer Tree?

Is there someone you are concerned about?  
Could this bring you to the Prayer Tree?

As part of the church's prayer life this is what it is for - It's for you!

There are always coloured labels and pens available on the table, and this is one way to express your thanks, worry or concern in prayer.

Barbara Cameron / Prayer Ministry Team



## Elder's Sunday Duties

		FEBRUARY 17	MARCH	APRIL
Door	Duties			
9-30am service				
east	east area	Rosie Carmichael	Bill Mercer	Sally Cuthbert
West	west area	Eric Brown	Pearl Kelly	Fiona Knight
north	plate	Christina Young	Tom Baxendale	Alasdair White
11-00am service				
west	extreme west	Mary Davidson	Stewart Heney	Sylvia Bennett
east	extreme east	D/H Colley	Jacqui Tait	Jean Wilson
north	centre west	Brenda Lamb	Christine Johnson	Betty Boyle
front gate	centre east	John Gill	Netta Rough	Chris Boyle
Gallery west	gallery west and west plate	Rink van Dijke	Derek Jardine	Rink van Dijke
Gallery east	gallery east	Jill Niven	Ann Weir	Alan Lonie
banker	east plate	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael	Colin Burnett
Elders please note that Alison is presently in hospital, and she asks that all duty elders arrange any substitutions that may be required to the above list.				

## Crèche duty rota

5th February	Anne Shepherd
12th February	Julie Wilson-Martin
19th February	Alison Sutherland
26th February	Anne Shepherd

Anne Shepherd 664 4756



## Church Flowers rota

February Convener > Mrs Margaret Burns (5th, 12th and 19th)  
and Mrs Jean Gray, 4 Yewlands Crescent, 258 2081

5th February	vacant
12th February	Mrs Margaret Thomson, 9/7 Mt Alvernia in memory of Ivy and William Jameson
19th February	Mrs Nancy MacMurray, Little Road in memory of Jacqueline and David MacMurray
26th February	Mrs Jean Gray, 4 Yewlands Crescent in memory of all past Flower Conveners



Three Flower Conveners are still required to meet the needs of the flower group. Please consider

1. volunteering to become a Flower Convener (putting in flowers, wrapping flowers at end of 2nd service and helping to deliver)
2. Offering to put in flowers
3. Offering to deliver flowers

Thanks for your consideration. Please contact me on 0131 258 2081

Jean Gray, Convener

## Church Welcome Desk rota

	9-30am		11.00am - EAST door
5th February	Chris Young 664 6615	Netta Rough	664 4504
12th February	Fiona Knight 672 1041	Margot Brandie	664 1637
19th February	Bill Mercer 664 2152	Mary Lonie	664 4052
26th February	Tom Baxendale 666 1371	John Gooday	664 6792
11am service	WEST door (for month of February) Eleanor Grieve		





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Material for the March issue, should be in my hands no later than Sunday 19th February  
The deadline for the April 2017 magazine is  
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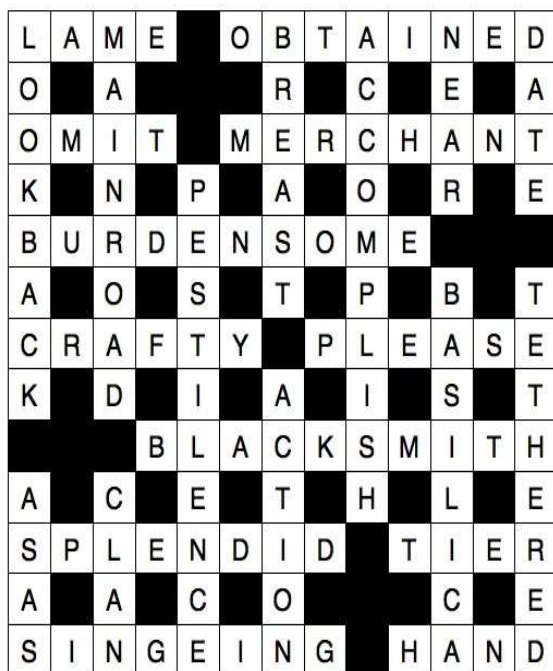
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Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

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## Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders - Tuesday evening

5 Stennis Gardens

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New Beginnings - Tuesday evening

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