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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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Prayer for the Month of April

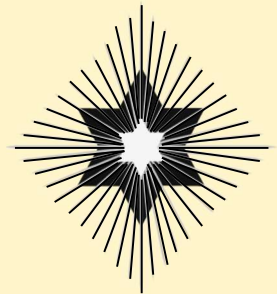
Suffering Saviour
 Servant King
 We bow before You

 Lamb of God
 Son of Man
 We owe You everything

 Prince of Peace
 King of kings
 We live to serve You

 Jesus, Name above all names
 We love You
 We adore You

 In this world and the next.
 Amen



Letter from the Minister

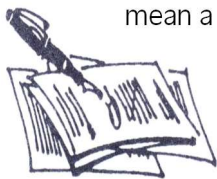
Language matters

Every language has a life of its own – picking up and discarding words as it goes along. Scanning down the list of the latest additions to the Oxford English Dictionary, I noticed that some new words were

- * . . . political ('brexit'),
- * some were technological ('browsability),
- * some were quite personal ('gobby'),
- * and some were downright daft ('sensibilization').
- * Some of the newer phrases were humorous ('at full belt'),
- * while others seem to have already been around for a long time ('touchy-feeliness').

As a church, the challenge is always to be aware of the language we use, what it conveys, and how well it is understood. As we move further and further into a post-Christian age, I have become conscious of the need to rethink some of our church language and culture, and especially to re-discover the language of mission.

Whereas, in the past, 'church' was generally thought to mean a building where Christians meet once or twice a week, these days we need



to emphasise its original meaning – a community of believers who support each other as they live out their lives in the world. But how much of this is conveyed in the language we use? Here are some changes we could make. We could speak ...

- * less of 'membership', and more of 'discipleship'
- * less of 'the minister,' and more of 'the body of Christ'
- * less of 'being welcoming, and more of 'being invitational'
- * less of 'maintaining our existence' , and more of 'building God's Kingdom' ...

Up to now we have focused on developing an 'attractional' approach to church – by making our Sunday services more open, welcoming, and attractive as possible. However, with less and less of the people in our community having any understanding or experience of church at all, we now need to focus on living out our faith more visibly beyond the walls of our buildings. We need to balance being 'attractional' with another new phrase, which grows in relevance with each passing year – being 'missional'.

Much love

Family Celebration Concert

Celebrating the talents within our church family

All proceeds in aid of The Kirkgate Trust

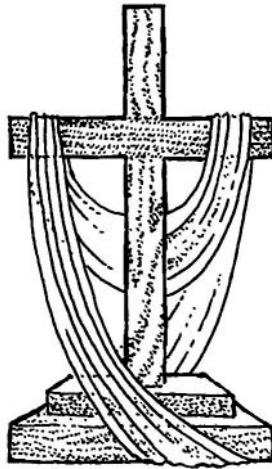
Friday 5th May Liberton Kirk - 7pm

Come along for an evening of variety and
find out that Liberton really has got talent!

Entrance by invitation only
Donations invited:
£8 per adult
(£4 concessions)

Refreshments will be
served





Fresh Start

I would like to let everyone know how grateful clients are by your donations by including a quote from a feedback form received by Fresh Start.



"I was totally overwhelmed by the generosity of other people, as I watched, bag after bag was brought in. Tears were running down my cheeks in total gratitude, and not as previously tears of desperation".

This client is unable to work full-time due to health problems, but has now become a volunteer at FS.

This month the request is for

Pillows, crockery, lamps and cleaning materials.

Please contact Sylvia Bennett on 664 3189 if you would like to join our volunteer team or require goods to be uplifted .

Thank you

* Prayer changes things *
www.thykingdomcome.global
* it's worth a look *

Alastair Cameron

OUR PAGE

EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

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

bird blossom bud
bunny chick cloud crocus
daffodil duck egg flower
garden grass hare lamb
lily spring tulip



How do baby hens dance?
Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?
For hentertainment.

Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
Bunny and Clyde!

Remember . . .

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

ALL WELCOME !

Spring Coffee Morning – Saturday 1st April

Please keep this Saturday morning free and join us in the Recreation Hall for tea/coffee, scones, cakes etc., all for £2.50! enjoy friendship and fellowship while supporting the Guild as they raise money for the national projects. There will be a variety of stalls, including Home Baking.



EVENING GUILD

On Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm, Wendy Sodergren will give a talk entitled "Life in the Shetland Isles". This promises to be a most interesting evening. Monday 24th April is our AGM and this will be followed by a musical quiz.

AFTERNOON GUILD

On Wednesday 19th April, pupils from both Gracemount and Liberton High Schools will be joining us. It's great to have them visit us and it is usually a most enjoyable and stimulating afternoon. Please note that this meeting begins earlier than usual at 1.45pm. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

Heart and Soul 2017

May 21st 12-6pm in Princes Street Gardens
Liberton Kirk and SEECAT will be
represented together

4 Prayer Stations in a *much* larger tent this year!

Cross of Thanksgiving – Justice & Peace
Prayer for Healing – Chaplaincy & Outreach

Please put the date in the diary
and pray about how you can be involved

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.

PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Please come and take part in some of the wonderful services and events in this most important week in church life.

Palm Sunday

On Sunday 9th April there is joint evening worship with other Big Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium at 7pm.

The theme will be
"The God who answers prayer"
and the speaker is our own David Hill.



Holy Week Events

The first joint event is a Passover Meal on Monday 10th April, 7pm at the Tron Kirk, Craigour Gardens, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets (£5) are essential (and much in demand) for this event, as numbers are limited.

Then there's a Stations of the Cross Service on Wednesday 12th April, 7.30pm at Liberton Kirk, followed by light refreshments. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving service.

If you have any queries about these events, or the Good Friday joint events please get in touch with me on 664 3608 or at r.davies335@btinternet.com

Ruth Davies



Good Friday - 14th April

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a Prayer Walk, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road.

On the walk, we stop at various points on the way where people gather



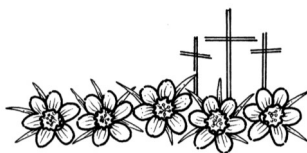
(schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community.
 In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock, we hold an Open-air Service.
 We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun
 (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' and St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount
 (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to
 do the walk but wanting to be part of the service.
 Morrisons café is a good place for after-service refreshments!
 On Good Friday afternoon there is a Joint Service at Gracemount
 High School at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again,
 remembering just what the cross means for us all.
 The preacher this year will be a Church of Scotland minister (and
 former Moderator) Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting, who has recently
 been honoured by the Roman Catholic church for her services to
 Christian unity.
 There are tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a
 chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see
 very often.
 If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a
 Service of Worship and Reflection at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

Easter Day - 16th April

Three opportunities to rejoice together
 that Jesus has risen from the dead!
 Our first service at 9.30am includes a
 shared breakfast (Agape) and you are
 invited to bring a daffodil to decorate
 the cross.

Daffodils are needed again at the 11
 o'clock service, at which all ages are
 welcome.

In the evening Origin Scotland lead "Resurrection 2017" in the
 Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed. Details on their
 website or telephone 0131 208 0095.



Church Organ Music for April

We join together in the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the Passion, recalling the swiftness of change from joy to pain, acclamation to humiliation.

Sunday 2nd April, 2017 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

The way of the cross: beauty out of brokenness

BEFORE Brahms O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

O World, I must leave you

DURING TAIZE Domine Deus, O Lord God

AFTER J.S. Bach O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß

O man, bemoan thy grievous sin



Sunday 9th April 2017 Palm Sunday

The way of the cross: costly obedience

BEFORE Phillips Were you there?

DURING Wolfrum Valet will ich dir geben, I shall say farewell to Thee

AFTER Miller Winchester New, Ride on! ride on! in Majesty

Sunday 16th April 2017 Easter Sunday

The way of the cross: suffering and glory

BEFORE Blackwell Lux Eoi

DURING Vann Savannah, Love's redeeming work is done

AFTER Jackson Fanfare, Red celebratory book

Sunday 23rd April, 2017 The Second Sunday of Easter

Dual-Citizenship

Low Sunday

BEFORE Biery St. Fulbert

How good it is to thank Thee, Lord

DURING TAIZE Confitemini Domino

Praise the Lord for Good

AFTER Tambling Diademata

Crown Him with many crowns

Sunday 30th April 2017 The Third Sunday of Easter

A bumpy road worth travelling

BEFORE te Velde O filii et filiae, Ye sons and daughters of the Lord

DURING Coleman Picardy, Let all mortal flesh keep silent

AFTER Telemann Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag

That glorious day has appeared

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

BEFORE Somerby Were you there?

DURING Lang Horsley

There is a green hill far away

AFTER J.S. Bach Final Chorus of St. Matthew Passion

Calum Gubby

April Diary

Saturday 1st 10am-12noon – Guild coffee Morning in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 2nd Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (with Crèche)
Theme: The way of the cross – beauty out of brokenness
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 IX: Your part to play
Reading: Colossians 4.2-18
Speaker: Tim Sinclair

Monday 3rd 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Meeting of the Kirkgate Trust

Tuesday 4th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm – Service at Braeside House

7.00pm – Kirkgate Café Board Meeting

Wednesday 5th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 6th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 9th **PALM SUNDAY**

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)

Theme: The way of the cross – costly obedience

Preacher: Ruth Davies

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

Evening Worship – 7pm : Joint service at the Faith Mission Auditorium

Speaker: David Hill

Monday 10th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.00pm – SEECAT Passover meal @ the Tron Kirk, Craigour Gardens (tickets essential)

Tuesday 11th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 12th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – SEECAT 'Stations of the Cross' service @ Liberton Kirk

Thursday 13th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 14th **GOOD FRIDAY** see pages 8 and 9 for Easter service details

10.00am – SEECAT Prayer walk leaves from the Kirk

11.00am – SEECAT Open Air Service at Morrisons (Gilmerton Road)

3.00pm – Joint SEECAT Service at Gracemount High School (Lasswade Rd)
7.30pm – Good Friday evening reflection at Liberton Kirk

Sunday 16th

EASTER DAY

9.30am Early Morning service with 'Agape' (breakfast)
& 11am Family Service (with Crèche)
Preacher – John Young
Theme: The way of the cross – suffering and glory
(Remember to bring a daffodil to both services)
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room
7.30pm – 'Resurrection 2017' – City-wide praise in the Usher Hall, led by the Origin choir and orchestra (to book tickets look up www.originscotland.org, or phone 0131 208 0095)

Monday 17th

No Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 18th

7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
9.30am-2.00pm; 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
3.00pm Pram Praise in the Small Hall
7.30pm Convenors' Huddle in Mc Donald Room

Wednesday 19th

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 20th

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.00pm – Alpha Course begins (Foyer and Wilson Hall)

Sunday 23rd

Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)
Preacher: Tim Sinclair
Theme: Dual citizenship
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)
2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Monday 2^{4th}

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 25th

7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
9.30am-2.00pm; 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
3.00pm – Service at Guthrie House
7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk

Wednesday 26th

9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
11.00am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall
7.00pm – Short service of prayer at the Balmwell
8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 27th

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.00pm – Alpha Course (Foyer and Wilson Hall)

Saturday 29th

4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Sunday 30th Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)
Theme: a bumpy road worth travelling
Preacher: John Young
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

May 2017

Monday 1st 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 2nd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
9.30am-2.00pm; 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.30pm – Evening Worship planning meeting at the Hills
Wednesday 3rd 9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
Thursday 4th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 5th 7.00pm – Family Celebration Concert in the Kirk

Sunday 7th Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (Sunday Club Open Day with Crèche)
Preacher: John Young
Theme: living in exile
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)
2.30pm – Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Kirkgate Trust

A big "thank you" to Margiotta's Food Store on Lasswade Road, for the generous donation to our funds - £495.61 !
The staff there wanted the money put to use for the benefit of our young people, as many of them buy snacks from the store.

You may have noticed the Kirkgate Trust bookshelf in the café. Only 30p per book, or 4 for £1. If you have any new paperbacks (in good condition please) to add to our stock, please place them in the labelled box in the Offering House.

Please pray for the work that we are doing among the young people of South East Edinburgh, and for the work done in schools and other public places by our Youth Worker.

If possible, please make a donation (named envelopes are available on the shelves near the welcome desks) or set up a standing order - any amount that you are willing to give will help us continue our work.

Lastly, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Family Celebration Concert on Friday 5th May. Claire Mayberry, Convenor





(Messy Church logo ©
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Messy Church

The date this month is Saturday 29th April and we will be looking at one of the stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection.

As usual Messy Church runs from 4pm to 6pm, and all young families (with children of 0 – P7) are welcome – if you know families who find Sundays difficult, encourage them to try Messy Church, which is once a month on Saturday afternoon.

More information on the website or from me, Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608.

Senior Citizens Club

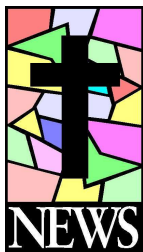
Here is our programme for April

- 6th April hullo again to Wullie Broon frae the Honest Toon give him a big welcome folks !
- 13th April singalong with Bobby Moore ;
- 20th April one of our big stars, David Vernon - an accordion virtuoso !
- 27th April roll up for the AGM - we'll get that out of the way toot sweet - then a Singapore , then a return of Auld Spice to regale us with their music !



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL !!

Love, Bryan & Jenni . XXX



Congregational News

I am sorry to record the death this month of Mrs Janetta Marren (in February) and Mr Philip Edmonds (at the beginning of January), and send my sympathies to all relatives and friends.

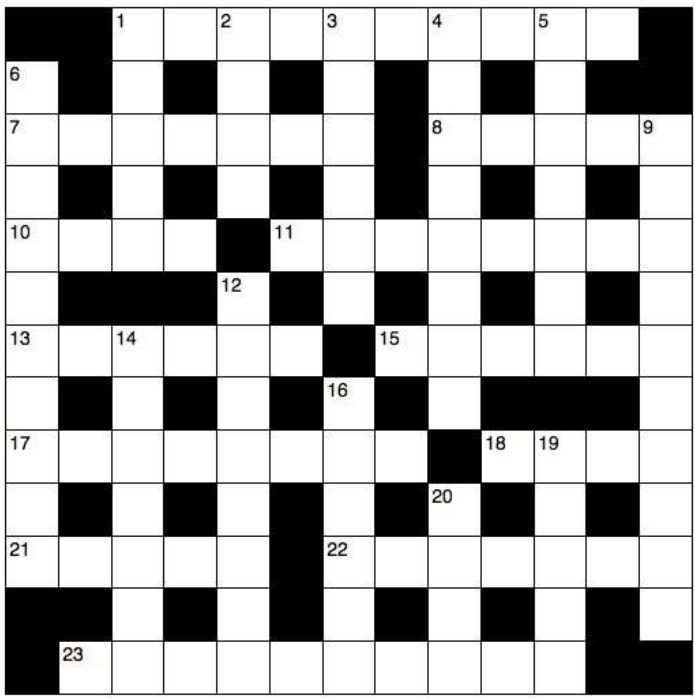


ACROSS

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or under stand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 ' The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)



- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7) (4)



PALM SUNDAY 2017

Join with your local churches as we journey together from
Palm Sunday to Easter

the God who answers Prayer

A time of sharing testimonies and celebrating faith

Speaker
David Hill

7pm, Sunday 9th April
@ The Faith Mission Auditorium
(behind the café)

(There will be an offering to support local families in need)



‘He was painfully abused, but he did not complain.
He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher,
as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.’ Isaiah 53 verse 7

As the year moves on and the season of Looking UPWARD together
moves into Looking INWARD , so we come to April
and the season of celebrating Easter.

We shall take time to complete the following of the Sunday themes on
‘The Way of the Cross’ and then start considering the book of 1 PETER.

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 APRIL

Sat 1 st	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 1-13 – take time and consider these words. What is God saying to you today? Then take time to pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again. Reflect carefully on the words & pray in response
Sun 2 nd	Morning	5 th Sunday in Lent - THE WAY OF THE CROSS >> Beauty out of Brokenness - Isaiah 49 vs 8-26 – consider these words as your day starts what words stay with you? Then pray in response.
	Midday	pray for God's Church in Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you - then pray
Mon 3 rd	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 8-12 – take time to consider these verses – v 8 in particular then pray in response to what God is saying to you today
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray for others
Tue 4 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 v 13 – take time to consider this one verse... What is God saying to you here? – then pray'n'praise 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 and then pray
Wed 5 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 14-16 – take time to consider these words. What do they teach you today? Then take time to pray to the One who spoke them.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Try Praying
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect and pray in response
Thu 6 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 17-23 – consider these words of promise. What is God saying to you today?...and then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the UK Parliament in Westminster
	Evening	read the verses again – take time to reflect and pray
Fri 7 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 24-26 – consider carefully these 3 verses...and the LORD, Saviour, Redeemer, Mighty One...and then pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray for those in power in USA, Russia and China in these days
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words...and pray with confidence
Sat 8 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 8-26 – take time and consider this passage again. What verses will you hold onto today? – and then pray humbly in response
	Midday	pray for peace in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what they say to you and pray
Sun 9 th	Morning	PALM SUNDAY – THE WAY OF THE CROSS >> Costly Obedience - Isaiah 50 vs 1-11 – consider these words as your day starts about Israel's sin and the LORD's Servant. Take time to Pray in response to our God!
	Midday	pray for God's Church in our world to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again...reflect....and pray at the end of your day
Mon 10 th	Morning	Isaiah 50 vs 1-3 – consider these 3 verses today. What was God saying and what is God saying to you today? – and then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who find it hard to forgive another
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... and pray to this God of Isaiah 50
Tue 11 th	Morning	Isaiah 50 vs 4-6– consider these words..... are they true for

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- you? – and then turn the words into 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 12th Morning Isaiah 50 vs 7-9 – consider these verses of trusting God. What do they teach you as your day starts? Pray in response
- Midday pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer
- Evening read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to this God
- Thu 13th Morning Isaiah 50 vs 10+11 – take time and consider all that is said here. Note verse 10 especially. What is God saying to you today? – then pray in response
- Midday pray God's blessing on link group/house group leaders in our land
- Evening read v10 again – reflect on the name of the LORD – then pray to Him
- Fri 14th Morning GOOD FRIDAY – Mark 15 vs 21-47 – take the time to consider these verses today..... and then pray in response as God leads you
- Midday pray God's blessing on those swimming upstream in life
- Evening read the words again – reflect on what you read happened- then pray
- Sat 15th Morning Isaiah 50 vs 1-11 – take time to consider these verses again.... What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response....
- Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
- Evening read the words again – reflect..... and pray in response
- Sun 16th Morning EASTER SUNDAY – THE WAY OF THE CROSS >>
Suffering and Glory - Isaiah 52 v13 – ch 53 v12 – take time and consider these prophetic words then pray to this God who loves us this much
- Midday pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings
- Evening read the verses again – reflect ...then pray in response to this God!
- Mon 17th Morning Isaiah 52 vs 13-15 – take time to consider these 3 verses as your day starts... What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response
- Midday pray for those living and working in refugee camps across our world
- Evening read the words again – reflect... and pray to our God in response
- Tue 18th Morning Isaiah 53 vs 1-3 – consider what was said here. What do the words say to you today? and then take time to pray to this Saviour ... Jesus ...
- Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
- Evening read the 3 verses again – reflect, then pray in response to Father God
- Wed 19th Morning Isaiah 53 vs 4-6 - prayerfully consider these particular verses again. What words stay with you? Pray humbly as your day starts.
- Midday pray God's blessing on those facing medical operations today
- Evening read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
- Thu 20th Morning Isaiah 53 vs 7-9 – take time and consider these words. what do they say to you about your God?– then pray in response
- Midday pray God's blessing on those struggling with a decision today
- Evening read the verses again– reflect on what is said here ... and what

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- God is saying to you– and then pray to Him, with humility
- Fri 21st** Morning Isaiah 53 vs 10-12 – consider the words here as your day starts. What is God saying to you today from these verses? ... then pray to Him
 Midday pray God's blessing on believers wrestling with an addiction
 Evening read these words again....take time to reflect....and pray to this God
- Sat 22nd** Morning Isaiah 52 v 13 – ch.53 v12 – take time to consider these verses again. What is God saying to you afresh? Pray to Him in response
 Midday pray God's blessing on Church leaders in difficult places in our world
 Evening read the passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
- Sun 23rd** Morning 'LOOKING INWARD' starts - Dual Citizenship. 1 Peter 1 vs 1+2 - consider these opening words by Peter. What do they say to you today? and then pray in response to this god, our God
 Midday pray for the Church in our land to know Sunday blessings
 Evening read the 2 verses again....reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
- Mon 24th** Morning 1 Peter 1 v 1 – take time and consider this one verse. What does it mean for you today? then pray in response to our God
 Midday pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
 Evening read the verse again – reflect...then pray in response
- Tue 25th** Morning 1 Peter 1 v 2 – consider this verse this morning. What is God saying to you?? – and then pray in response to the words you have read.
 Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening read the words again – reflect.... then pray in response
- Wed 26th** Morning Isaiah 41 vs 8-16 – consider what these verses teach you about our God and His people....and then pray to Him in response
 Midday pray God's blessing on the homeless in our city
 Evening read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to this God
- Thur 27th** Morning Isaiah 44 vs 1-8 – take time and consider all that is said here about Israel the Chosen...What words stay with you? then pray in response
 Midday pray God's blessing on your neighbours
 Evening Read the verses again – reflect on our God, and then pray to Him
- Fri 28th** Morning Titus chapter 1 – take time to consider this chapter. What does it teach you about God's people in this world? And then take time to pray in response as God leads you
 Midday pray God's blessing on those seeking Jesus in our land at this time
 Evening read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray
- Sat 29th** Morning 1 Peter 1 vs 1+2 – take time to consider these verses again.... What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response....
 Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
 Evening read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to Father God
- Sun 30th** Morning A Bumpy Road Worth Travelling - 1 Peter 1 vs 3-12 Consider these great words..... then pray to this God for has given such a hope!
 Midday pray for your church family to know Sunday blessings
 Evening read the verses again – reflect ... then pray in response to this God!

Life and Work Magazine for April

EASTER

An Unexpected Easter Feast

Jolyon Mitchell considers the impact and influence of art in telling the story of Emmaus and opening eyes

Clearing the Way at Christ's Baptismal Site

Tim Porter highlights the work of the Halo Trust, a charity involved in a key project to improve access to the site of Jesus' baptism

Easter Prayer from the Moderator of the General Assembly

Bethlehem and Calvary

In his final reflection for Life and Work, the Very Rev Dr James Simpson highlights parallels between Bethlehem and Calvary

A Desire for Justice Jackie Macadam interviews Val Brown, a Church of Scotland member who has opened her home to a Syrian refugee

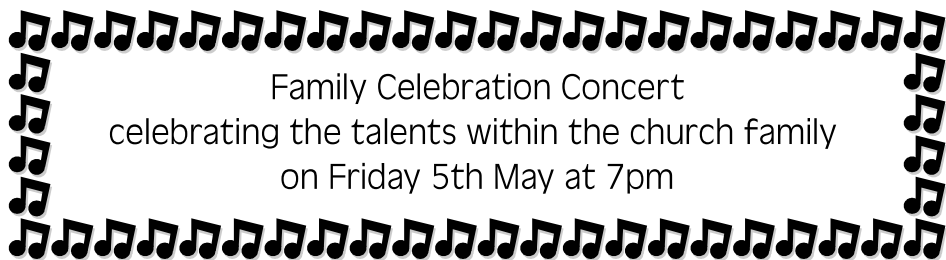
From Reform to Renewal The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald introduces extracts from his new history of the Church

An Artistic Legacy Alison Roberts pays tribute to the life of esteemed stained glass artist Crear McCartney

Christianity is Not Dead Ron Ferguson argues that Christianity will not disappear in Scotland as humanity continues to seek meaning in life.

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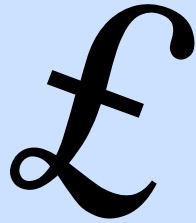
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Money Matters

2016 Accounts

The signed and audited accounts for 2016 are now available on the Welcome Desks in the Church.

For further information I have inserted, with this magazine, a sheet showing an analysis of the figures given on page 6 of the accounts.



On one side, are our Unrestricted Funds – the most important one being the General Fund (see below). This shows our offerings as well as the costs of our staff and other expenses incurred in the running and maintenance of our Church, the halls and the activities which are held in them.

On the other side of the insert is a breakdown of the Restricted Funds (for which a specific purpose has been stated by the donor) and also Endowment Funds (these are funds which are not allowed to be used by the Church, but any resulting income can be) which are held by Liberton Kirk.

General Fund

Offerings in 2016 increased overall by £8,000 (in comparison to 2015) while income from the use of our halls also increased by £4,000.

Our required contribution towards the central Ministries and Mission Fund was increased by £7,000 and salaries were increased by 1% (in line with the increase to minister's stipend). As a result of the vacancy for a Pastoral Assistant for the first six months of the year there was a saving of £7,000. There were also slight savings over a number of our expenditure headings.

As a result our shortfall at the end of the year was only £440 which was met from reserves.

Legacies

In 2016 there was a small legacy of £500 received from Ms Hetty Mustard and a large legacy of £366,127 from Ms Helen Geddes (both Unrestricted). The use of the legacy from Helen Geddes is currently under careful discussion by the Kirk Session.

The year ahead – 2017

Salaries will be further increased by 1% (in line with the percentage approved by the General Assembly for ministers' stipends) while our contribution to the central Ministries and Mission Fund is only increasing by a further £250.

Water charges are now being applied to charities and the cost of £2,500 (based on the rateable value) will be due in 2017 as there is no longer any reduction being applied. However progress is being made to have water meters fitted at which time we will pay based on our actual consumption. It is hoped that this will be less than currently charged.

This year, in line with legislation, there will be the full cost of the provision of a pension scheme for locally employed staff which involves an employer's contribution.

Our deficit in 2017 is likely to increase to around £7,750 should other expenditure remain at the same level and the level of income also remain the same.

As members, where possible, increasing our regular giving or tithing would help to limit the likely shortfall and help us with God's work here in the community and in the wider world.

A prayerful review of your giving would be appreciated and (to help) the leaflet 'Guide to Giving' can be found in the 'Money Matters' rack on the Welcome Desks in the Church.

Judy Weston (Treasurer)

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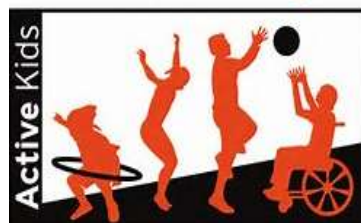
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Downloads of sermons are also available on our web site at www.libertonkirk.org

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Are you collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 vouchers?

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See, reflect, act together: our Christian response to refugees and asylum seekers



On Friday 7th April from 7pm to 9pm, groups from across SEECAT churches, who are already responding to asylum seekers and refugees, or people who are interested in possibly doing so, are invited to come together to pray, reflect, and share knowledge and experience.

email jp.SEECAT@gmail.com for more information.

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

Crèche duty rota

2nd April	Anne Shepherd
9th April	Julie Wilson-Martin
16th April	no crèche - Easter Sunday family service
23rd April	Alison Sutherland
30th April	Anne Shepherd

Anne Shepherd 664 4756



Church Flowers rota

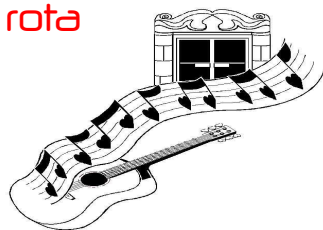
March Convener	> New convener required
2nd April	free
9th April	free
16th April	Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captains Road in memory of Alison Weir
23rd April	free
30th April	free

Jean Gray 258 2081 Convener



Church Sound System rota

April.	Pearl Kelly
May	George Thom
June	Ken Logan



Church Welcome Desk rota

9-30am			11.00am - EAST door	
2nd April	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Lindsay Young	664 3067
9th April	Bill Mercer	664 2152	Jill Snowden	07823 335 585
16th April	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Jean Wilson	666 0368
23rd April	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Netta Rough	664 6504
30th April	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Margot Brandie	664 1637
11am service WEST door (for month of April)			Helen Colley	
9-30am			11.00am - EAST door	
7th May	Chris Young	664 6615	Mary Lonie	664 4052
14th May	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	John Gooday	664 6792
21st May	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Maureen Horn	666 0080
28th May	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Jessie Burns	664 4193
11am service WEST door (for month of May)			Eleanor Grieve	



Elder's Sunday Duties

		APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Door	Duties			
9-30am service				
east	east area	Sally Cuthbert	Tom Baxendale	Eric Brown
West	west area	Fiona Knight	Rosie Carmichael	Pearl Kelly
north	plate	Alasdair White	Chris Young	Stuart Fleming
11-00am service				
west	extreme west	Sylvia Bennett	Claire Montgomery	Mary Davidson
east	extreme east	Jean Wilson	D/H Colley	Chris Brandie
north	centre west	Betty Boyle	Brenda Lamb	Christine Johnson
front gate	centre east	Chris Boyle	Bill Robb	John Gill
Gallery west	gallery west and west plate	Rink van Dijke	Derek Jardine	Rink van Dijke
Gallery east	gallery east	Alan Lonie	Netta Rough	Jill Niven
banker	east plate	Colin Burnett	David Lamb	Stuart Heney
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Material for the May issue, should be in my hands no later than Sun 16th April

The deadline for the Summer 2017 magazine is Sunday 21st May

Information can be left in my box in the Offering House, or sent to me at 8 Fairmile Avenue, phone 477 9156. email to gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk



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The Minister is usually available in the McDonald Room at the Kirk Centre,
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Appointments can be made by telephone to see him at other times,
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Link Groups

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Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

Ruth Davies - r.davies335@btinternet.com 664 3608

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If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information,

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or the Group nearest you

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