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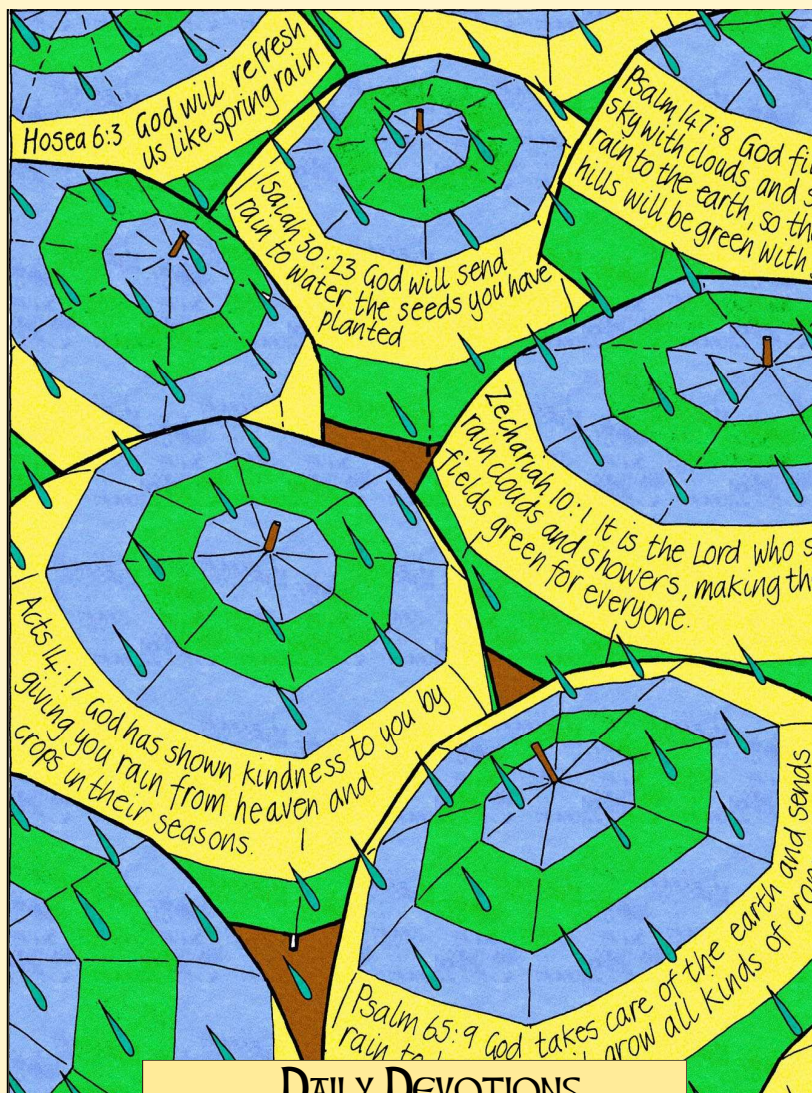


'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

Vision Statement



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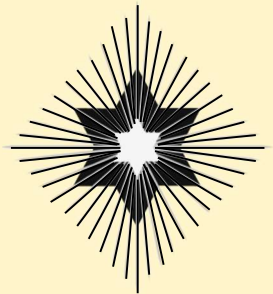
Prayer for the Month of March

O God
Our Strength and Redeemer
Our Comforter and Helper
Come to us

O Lord
Our Teacher and Master
Our Companion and Saviour
Come to us

O Holy One
Our Servant King
Save us!

Amen



Letter from the Minister

Generational challenge

A couple of years ago I was challenged by something Andy Chittick said in passing.

Statistics show that, unless each one of our young people feel known, loved and accepted by at least five other church members who are not in their immediate family, then, when they grow older, they will be unlikely to want to remain part of our church.

One of my favourite images for the church is the image of a family. It's an image that comes straight from the pages of the Bible –

... let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6.10)

But how can we do good to each other if we don't actually know each other? And how can we get to know each other if there are significant generation gaps?

One of our Link Groups ('Home and Away') has recently come up with a creative solution to this problem – an inter-generational quiz night.

They teamed up with Kenny our youth worker to organise a Quiz Night in the Kirkgate Café.



This event, which was held on a Friday evening in January, was a remarkable success.



Kenny produced the questions, the café produced the drinks, and the Link Group members were the hosts.

Questions were geared towards the specific knowledge of different generations, so everybody had to mix in together if their team was to have any chance of success.

The result was a thoroughly enjoyable and truly inter-generational evening, with teenagers, oldies like me, and whole families participating.

Seasoned quizzers were able to pit their knowledge against each other, while drawing on the collective insights of people of different generations. Friendships were forged that are lasting well beyond the fun of a single evening.

It was unanimously agreed that this was something that needed to be repeated, so the next Friday Quiz Night is planned for Friday 17th March. Hope to see you then.

Much love

Youth Report



It might be easy to think that this is a slow time of year, but we are gearing up already for our Youth Service on 19 March - (this year's theme is 'Promises'), preparing for Easter, and ramping up preparations for our huge summer programme. Please join us at 11am on 19 March for an engaging service involving our local youth!

In schools work, I have been running the same type of quiz that we hosted in the Kirk except that these take place during a lunchtime in both Gracemount and Liberton High Schools leaving up to 50 pupils each week quite happy! The chat that happens during these occasions is priceless - pray that these interactions bring young people into deeper fellowship with local churches. Speaking of quizzes, there is another Kirk Quiz for all ages coming up on the 17 March in our lovely Café space - don't miss that! It was a lot of fun last time. There will be more prizes, and this time I won't be keeping score which will be an improved experience for everyone.

In Sunday Clubs, we have been participating in communion together. Thanks to Mike Parker, we were able to enjoy fellowship over the elements as a big group of young people on the 5th of February. We aim to enjoy

this together again with the rest of the congregation in March. The rest of our Sunday programme for the year will be highlighting the sacraments and why we do them - from the youngest of age to



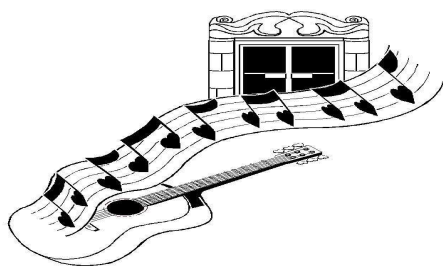
the oldest teenagers. We will be exploring how we can practise faith together in these wonderful, God-given ways.

Keep us in prayer for the summer programme preparation! And if you believe you can offer something to our group, whether it be through testimony or volunteering, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kenny McCartney 07505 479

Sound System Rota

March	Ken Logan
April	Pearl Kelly
May	George Thom
June	Ken Logan



South East Edinburgh Food Bank

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. Boxes are available in the Offering House for your donations. Cash donations, payable to "Blythswood Care" are also most welcome. Special uplifts can be arranged. Please contact me on 0131 664 3059 David Lamb

Magazine Distributors

A distributor is required for the distribution of 8 magazines in Little Road. If you can help with this please contact Karen Ross on 0131 672 1314

2017 Faith Easter Egg launched

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, "The Real Easter Egg" is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company so they could make The Real Easter Egg.

David Marshall, creator of the Real Easter Egg, said; "With the support of churches more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets.

"The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes. Due to production restrictions, this year we have slightly fewer eggs available so we recommend you order as early as possible."

The whole range can be ordered online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks.

You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.

OUR PAGE

MAD MARCH GALES

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before it ends ... as the old saying goes 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

People's homes are flooded or big trees uprooted in high winds. Even if it doesn't happen to us we see the pictures of other people's suffering in the media.

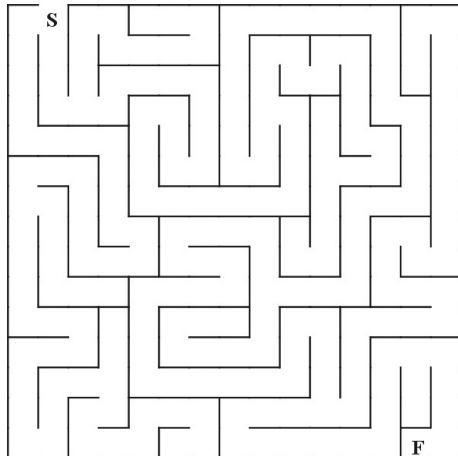
There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing.

The disciples thought their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened. You can read about it in St Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend and the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us all the time. Just as He was with the disciples in the boat, He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope, courage and strength.

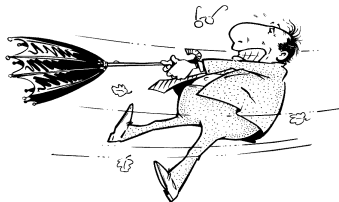
SAFELY HOME

Can you find your way home through the maze of streets?



What did the north wind say to the east wind?

Let's play draughts



How easy is it for wind gusts to talk to each other?

It is a breeze.

What does a cloud wear under her raincoat?

Thunderwear!

The **Kirkgate cafe** is now also open
on Tuesday evenings from 4-45pm until 8pm
and on Wednesdays from 5-30pm until 8-30pm
See page 22

ALL WELCOME !

Friday 3rd March at 2pm – Word Day of Prayer Service

This service, which has been written by Christian women of the Philippines, is being held in Liberton Northfield Church.

EVENING GUILD

On Monday 6th March, at 7.30pm, Hugh Henderson will speak on the subject "Mission International – Haiti". This is a National Guild project and it will be interesting to hear how this work is progressing.

There will be a Bring and Buy Sales' Table at this meeting.

20th March sees a visit from Hamish Martin from the Secret Herb Garden.

Many of you will have visited this garden near Hillend, so come along on the 20th at 7.30pm to find out more about it.

AFTERNOON GUILD

On 15th March, at 2.15pm, Dr. Lili Fraser from the Scottish Poetry Library will join us.

Her talk is entitled, "The Mysterious Story of Edinburgh's Paper Sculptures".

SPRING COFFEE MORNING - a date for your diary.

The Guild Spring Coffee Morning this year is on Saturday 1st April from 10am -12noon in the Kirk Centre. We look forward to your support as monies raised go towards supporting the Guild projects

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



Crèche duty rota

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

Anne Shepherd 664 4756



Church Flowers rota

March Convener > A new convener is required for this month - please consider volunteering.

5th March	Mrs Helen Sutherland, 124 Tryst Park. in memory of Grace Moss
12th March	Mrs Mary Lonie, 78 The Murrays in memory of Bert Lonie
19th March	Mrs Karen Ross, 22 Liberton Place
26th March	free

Jean Gray 258 2081 Convener



Church Organ Music for March

The context of 'for God so loved the world ...' is often overlooked. We who profess a faith understand the physical behaviour of religion, but some have little insight into the inner spiritual dimensions of God's presence and calling in their lives. It is the climax of a response to a question about how to be born again. Salvation is about connecting Heaven and earth.'



Sunday, 5th March, 2017 The First Sunday of Lent

God stands by the faithful

BEFORE	Langlais	Prelude
DURING	Faukles	Elevation
AFTER	Bednall	Toccata: Aberystwyth
		Jesu, lover of my soul

Sunday, 12th March, 2017 The Second Sunday of Lent

God stands above the strong

BEFORE	Weber	Prayer
DURING	TAIZE	Adoremus te Domine, We adore Thee
AFTER	Krebs	Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott
		Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner

Sunday, 19th March, 2017 The Third Sunday of Lent

God stands against the proud - The Youth Service

BEFORE	Batiste	Andante in G
DURING	Thalben-Ball	Wareham. Jesu, enduring suffering and death
AFTER	Nixon	Kingsfold
		I have heard the voice of Jesus say (9-30am)
		Lefébure-Wély Sortie in B flat Major (11am)

Sunday, 26th March, 2017 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The way of the cross: hope for all the world. Mothering Sunday

BEFORE	Lefébure-Wély	Choeur de Voix Humaines
		Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner
DURING	Thalben-Ball	Martyrdom. Alas, and did my Saviour bleed
AFTER	Hand	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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.

March Diary

Wednesday 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm –
Kirkgate Café

10.30am & 1.30pm –

FISCHY CONCERTS IN THE KIRK

7.00pm – Minister available at Kirkgate Café

8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

2.00pm – World Day of Prayer service at Liberton Northfield

Sunday 5th

COMMUNION SUNDAY (+ 1st SUNDAY IN LENT)

ALL WELCOME!

Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion)
and 11am – All-age communion service (with Crèche)

Theme: God stands by the faithful

Preacher: John Young

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

11.30am – 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

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

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

9.30am-2.00pm; and 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm – Service at Braeside House

Wednesday 8th

9.30am-2.00pm; and 5-30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 9th

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 12th

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

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

Theme: God stands above the strong

Preacher: Ruth Davies

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

3.00pm – Special Communion Service in the Anderson Hall

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: A letter to a young church VII: Out with the
old and in with the new; Reading: Colossians 3.1-12

Speaker: Tim Sinclair



LENT

Monday 13th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
(7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session in Wilson Hall

Tuesday 14th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
9.30am-2.00pm; and 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
3.00pm – Pram Praise in the Small Hall
7.30pm – Convenors' Huddle in Mc Donald Room

Wednesday 15th 9.30am-2.00pm; and 5-30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café
2.30pm – Service at Braid Hills Care Home
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 16th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 17th 7.00pm – Quiz Night in the Kirkgate Cafe

Sunday 19th Morning Worship @ 9.30am
Theme: God stands against the proud
Preacher: Tim Sinclair
10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)
Youth Service at 11am (with Crèche)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
Theme: A letter to a young church VIII: A new way of being human
Reading: Colossians 3.13-4.1
Speaker: John Young

Monday 20th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 21st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
9.30am-2.00pm; and 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.30pm – Evening Worship planning meeting at the Hills

Wednesday 22nd 9.30am-2.00pm; and 5-30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

Thursday 23rd 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Saturday 25th 4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Sunday 26th British Summer Time starts - *clocks go forward*
Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)
Preacher: John Young
Theme: The way of the Cross – hope for all the world



Sunday 26th

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

2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: Encounter Evening – exploring God through prayer

Speaker: Nikki Kirkland



Monday 27th

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 28th

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

9.30am-2.00pm; and 4.45pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

3.00pm – Service at Guthrie House

7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk

Wednesday 29th

9.30am-2.00pm; and 5-30pm-8.30pm – Kirkgate Café

11.00am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall

7.00pm – Minister available at Kirkgate Café

8.00pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 30th

9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

April 2017

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

Charles Patrick Maxwell Duncan

Reverend Patrick Duncan died unexpectedly at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on Sunday February 5th, dearly loved husband of Sue, loving father of Angus, Ceri, Daniel and Polly and proud grandfather of eight beautiful grandchildren.

A Memorial service to celebrate Patrick's life was held at St Peter's Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh, on Friday March 3rd. Our sympathies are with Sue and her family at this time.



(Messy Church logo ©
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Messy Church

The March Messy Church will be on Saturday 25th March 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)



Senior Citizens Club

HELLO MY LITTLE CHICKADEES

March 2nd : Should be a nice day since we'll be celebrating a special birthday for Dot Lumsden! Helping us will be Libby & the Melody Makers from through in the west. Always a good time !

March 9th : Billy Riddle back to serenade us - a fun time !

March 16th : Ian Rintoul and his Picture Show - a screenful of memories. Welcome back Ian.

March 23rd : One of our favourites Alan Weatherhead.. Good music !! Plus a SINGAPORE.

March 30th : NOW PAY ATTENTION !!! Because this is a HUGE DAY *****

FIRSTLY : Fiona from Marie Curie at Frogston Road is coming from 12.00 - 1.30PM with an EASTER SALE - lots of cards, hand-made stuff, lovely crafts and toys.

This is our first link-up with them so we hope it's a success ! Thanks to Helen Ford for the contact.

SECONDLY: Your annual chance to strut your stuff and turn heads - the EASTER BONNET PARADE. you always make this such a wonderful fun day - Jenni and I can't wait !

and FINALLY : introducing a new choir for us : Mary Kay & the Springwell Valley Golden Voices.

Welcome !

Love to you all, Bryan & Jenni.

PS: there MAY be cakes if the Treasurer gives the nod !!



Kirkgate Café News

How time flies when you are having fun!

The Kirkgate café has just celebrated its second birthday on 2nd February with a special cake on the day for our customers. Our volunteers also had an anniversary outing to Edinburgh College, for lunch at the restaurant run by the students. Norma Brown, the café manager, organised the events and even managed to secure transport for our volunteers. We all had a lovely afternoon and enjoyed the chance to meet people who work in the café on different days.



The café continues to attract a steady flow of customers from all parts of the community, and is recognised as a place to find a welcome and friendship. This can only be possible because of the qualities Norma brings to managing the café and, of course, the volunteers.

The volunteers come from all sections of the community and there is no barrier to age or sex. We would love to have more joining us, and if you are interested, then please pop into the café and speak to Norma or to a volunteer to discuss what we do. It is not obligatory to be a waiter or to be able to cook.

The café is available for more than the current opening hours (see page 22) as we are able to cater for example:- lunches for conferences held in the halls, funeral teas, wedding canapes and many more events. If you are thinking about holding an event in our halls and would like catering then please contact Norma to discuss options.



Come Dine With Us is our next special evening
on Friday 10th March at 7pm.

A curry night and a dessert for only £6,
and you can BYOB.

An evening of folk, food and friendship for all ages.
Spaces are limited so book your space/s as soon as
possible with Norma at 07758 938 941
or email normabrown1@live.com.

Jill Niven, Chair, Café Board, ajdcniven@hotmail.com

Church Welcome Desk rota

	9-30am	11.00am - EAST door
5th March	Margaret Goldie 258 1996	Maureen Horn 666 0080
12th March	Sally Cuthbert 664 3479	Jessie Burns 664 4193
19th March	Evelyn Ogilvie 664 1171	Grant Cook 664 1581
26th March	Chris Young 664 6615	David Colley 663 3757
11am service	WEST door (for month of March) Linda Haggerty	

March 2017

Liberton Kirk has given birth to New Beginnings !

We have a new Link Group!

New Beginnings meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening at the foot of the Brae. We grew out of the most recent Alpha course and now meet together to learn more about our Christian faith and pray with each other

– as well as be constantly amazed at God's outrageous grace to us.

We are learning to link upwardly, inwardly and outwardly as we started as a group of 5 and have already added new members to become 8

– and more are always welcome!

However, maybe you want to know more?

Have you seen the back page of the magazine?

Are you a member of a Link Group or another small group, or is this something you need to consider sooner rather than later?

Alastair or Barbara Cameron can tell you more about New Beginnings and John, Tim or Rink can help you about joining an existing Group.

Perhaps Liberton Kirk will give birth again soon

Elder's Sunday Duties

		MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Door	Duties			
9-30am service				
east	east area	Bill Mercer	Sally Cuthbert	Tom Baxendale
West	west area	Pearl Kelly	Fiona Knight	Rosie Carmichael
north	plate	Tom Baxendale	Alasdair White	Chris Young
11-00am service				
west	extreme west	Stewart Heney	Sylvia Bennett	Claire Montgomery
east	extreme east	Jacqui Tait	Jean Wilson	D/H Colley
north	centre west	Christine Johnson	Betty Boyle	Brenda Lamb
front gate	centre east	Netta Rough	Chris Boyle	Bill Robb
Gallery west	gallery west	Derek Jardine	Rink van Dijke	Derek Jardine
	and west plate			
Gallery east	gallery east	Ann Weir	Alan Lonie	Netta Rough
banker	east plate	Alan Carmichael	Colin Burnett	David Lamb
Elders please note that individual sheets are not being issued at present. Alison asks that all duty elders arrange any substitutions that may be required to the above list.				

Congregation News

We are delighted to welcome back David and Fiona Devoy as members at Liberton





'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
... Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.'
Matthew 5 verses 3 and 7

As the year moves on and the season of Looking UPWARD together continues, so we come to March and the time of Lent.
We shall take time to look at Jesus' words in Matthew 5-7 before following the Sunday themes on 'The Way of the Cross' as we draw nearer to Easter.
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 MARCH

Wed 1 st	Morning	Matthew 5 vs 1-12– consider all that Jesus says here. What is He 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 nd	Morning	Matthew 5 vs 13-16 – take time to consider these words. Which words stay with you?... and then pray to God as your day starts
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in a dark place in life at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words and then pray as your day ends
Fri 3 rd	Morning	Matthew 5 vs 17-26 – consider carefully Jesus' words here. – what is God saying to you today? pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the justice system in our land
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... and pray to God in response
Sat 4 th	Morning	Matthew 5 vs 27-32 – take time and consider these words. What is God is saying to you today? Then take time to pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling in married life at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect carefully on the words and pray in response
Sun 5 th	Morning	1 st Sunday in Lent - Matthew 5 vs 33-37 – consider these words as your day starts; what words stay with you? Then pray in response.
	Midday	pray for the Church in Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 6 th	Morning	Matthew 5 vs 38-48 – take time to consider these verses – vs 42 and 44 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
Tue 7 th	Morning	Matthew 6 vs 1-4 – consider the words spoken here by Jesus. What is God saying to you here? – 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 th	Morning	Matthew 6 vs 5-8 – take time to consider these words. 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
Thur 9 th	Morning	Matthew 6 vs 9-15 – consider this prayer taught by Jesus. What God is teaching you today....and then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Christian believers in prisons in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – take time to reflect and pray
Fri 10 th	Morning	Matthew 6 vs 16-18 – consider carefully and prayerfully these 3 verses ... and then pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray for peace in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words... and pray with confidence
Sat 11 th	Morning	Matthew 6 vs 19-24– take time and consider this passage. What verses will you hold onto today? – and then pray humbly in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the banking system in our land

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Sun 12 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what they say to you and pray
	Morning	2 nd Sunday in Lent - Matthew 6 vs 25-34 – 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 world to know Sunday blessings
Mon 13 th	Evening	read the verses again reflect and pray at the end of your day
	Morning	Matthew 7 vs 1-6 – consider these words from Jesus... What is He saying to you today? – and then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who find it hard to forgive another
Tue 14 th	Evening	read the verses again– reflect, and pray to this God of judgment
	Morning	Matthew 7 vs 7-12 – consider these words of invitation – and then turn the words into your morning prayer
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 15 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as they speak to you
	Morning	Matthew 7 vs 13-14 – take time and consider these 2 verses. What do they teach you as your day starts? and then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer
Thur 16 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to God
	Morning	Matthew 7 vs 15-23– take time and consider all that is said here. What is God saying to you from the verses? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on church leaders in our land
Fri 17 th	Evening	read verses 1-15 again – reflect on God, our God – and then pray to Him
	Morning	Matthew 7 vs 24-28 – take time to consider these verses .. and then take time to pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who are moving home today
Sat 18 th	Evening	read vs 28+29 again – reflect on the words here and then pray
	Morning	Matthew 5 v 3 – take time to consider this verse 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
Sun 19 th	Evening	read the words again – reflect..... and pray in response
	Morning	3 rd Sunday in Lent - Matthew 5 v 4 – take time and consider these words then pray to this God for those who grieve and mourn
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings
Mon 20 th	Evening	read the verse again – reflect ...then pray in response to this God
	Morning	Matthew 5 v 5 – take time to consider this one verse as your day starts ... What is God saying to you from it? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray for those who feel trampled upon in life
Tue 21 st	Evening	read the words again – reflect ...and pray to our God in response
	Morning	Matthew 5 v 6 – consider what Jesus says here. 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!

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Tue 21 st	Evening	read the verse again – reflect ... then pray in response to Jesus
Wed 22 nd	Morning	Matthew 5 v 7 - consider this one verse again. What words stay with you? Pray humbly with confession as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who need to be shown mercy today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 23 rd	Morning	Matthew 5 v 8 – take time and consider this short verse. what does it 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 verse again – reflect on what Jesus is saying here and what He is saying to you– and then pray to Him, with humility
Fri 24 th	Morning	Matthew 5 v 9 – consider Jesus' words here as your day starts. What is He saying to you today? then pray to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on believers caught in a troubled situation
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 25 th	Morning	Matthew 5 v 10 – take time to consider this verse again. 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 verse again – reflect... and pray in response – for others
Sun 26 th	Morning	4 th Sunday in Lent - The Way of the Cross – Hope for All the World – Isaiah 49 vs 1-13 consider these words of great hope this morning! and then pray in response to this God, our God, for this message to be heard in our world
	Midday	pray for the Church in our land to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again...reflect on their meaning for you and pray in response as your day ends
Mon 27 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 1-4 – take time and consider these 4 verses. What do they 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
Tue 28 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 5+6 – consider these 2 verses 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 29 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 v 7 – take time and consider what this verse teaches you about who our God is, and then pray to Him in response– with praise!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Pakistan
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to this God
Thur 30 th	Morning	Isaiah 49 vs 8-12 – take time and consider all that is said here What words stay with you?– then pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Iraq
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on our God – and then pray to Him
Fri 31 st	Morning	Isaiah 49 v 13 – take time to consider this one verse. Are you shouting for joy or needing comfort? and then take time to pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those seeking Jesus in our city
	Evening	read this one verse again – reflect on the words here and then pray as the month ends

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Jackie Macadam learns about Godly Play, a different approach to working with children in the Church

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50 years ago...

- Heartiest congratulations were recorded to Rev. Campbell Ferenbach who completed 25 years as minister at Liberton Kirk on 11th March 1967
- The Fellowship of mothers with young children announced their production of 'Café Musical' in the Anderson Hall on 16th March.
- The Drama Group presented an Easter Play 'Peace at Bethlehem' as an act of worship, in Church, on Sunday 26th March
- The Scout Troop said farewell to scoutmaster, Dr Isles, at a presentation on 10th February. He was succeeded as Scoutmaster by Mr Bruce Paul.

25 years ago...

- The recent Burns Supper raised £300 for the Kirk Centre project
- Gardeners were asked to start sowing seeds and raise plants for the plant sale on 9th May, in aid of Christian Aid

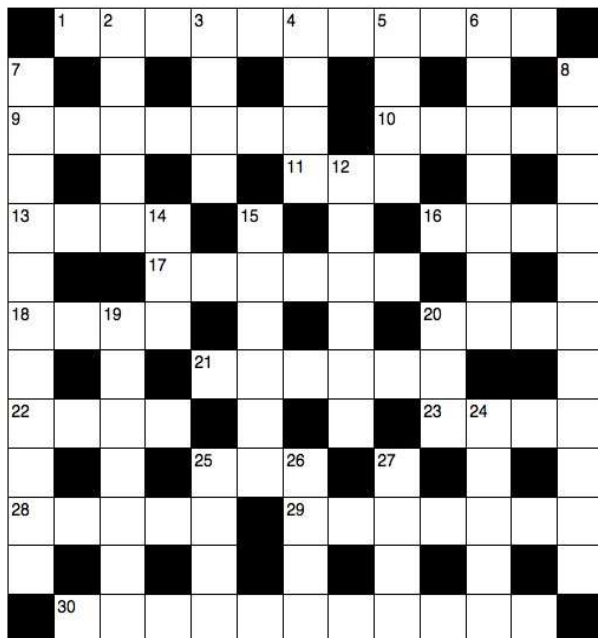
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- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

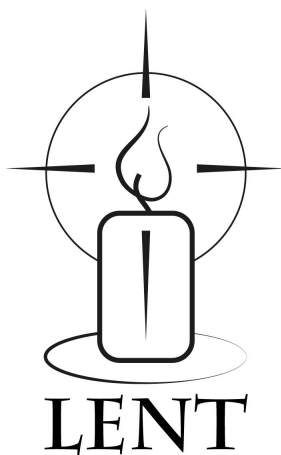
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- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope

to which he has called you
(Ephesians 1:18) (11)



- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —
' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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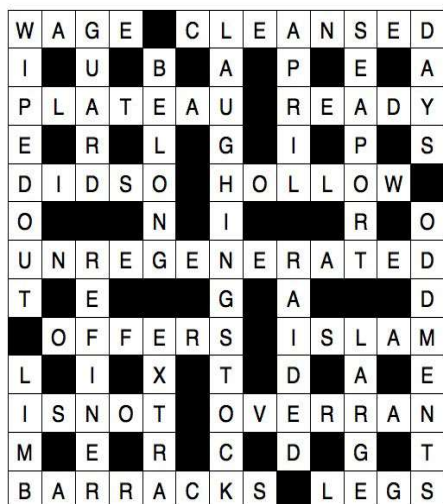
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