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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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last Christmas of World War I, servicemen
and women sent home embroidered postcards

One hundred years ago, in December 1917, the



DAILY DEVOTIONS

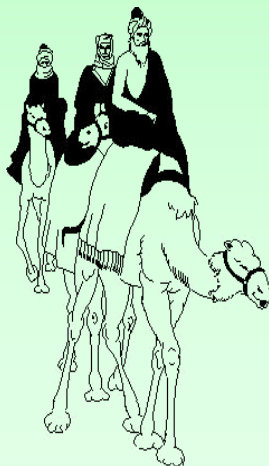
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A prayer for December

Eternal God
 Father
 Thank You Jesus
 Son of God
 Saviour
 Thank You
 Holy Spirit
 Guide
 Thank You
 With hearts and
 hands
 Voices and arms
 With smiling songs
 of praise
 Thank You!
 Amen and Amen!



and for January

O Worship the King
 Great and glorious above!
 Praise my soul this King of heaven
 Great and glorious above!
 Jesus name above all names
 Great and glorious above!
 I worship You
 I love You, I serve You
 Here and now, On earth below.
 And one day
 I shall see You Face to face
 And gladly bow the knee
 In heaven above.
 Hallelujah!
 Praise the LORD! Amen!

Letter from the Minister

Looking back and looking forward

Back in the Spring of 2017 we ran our 40th Alpha Course at Liberton. Alpha is a 10 week course covering the basics of our Christian faith and our first course was run in the Spring of 1997. Since then hundreds of people have attended the course - old and young, non-church and church, newcomers and old hands, and here is one of our highlights . . .

Back in January 2016, I received an email from someone called Stephanie Mitchell, asking if she could bring a colleague along to our Alpha Course. The colleague's name was Robbie, and he always listened, thought and brought up a lot of interesting questions for his discussion group. Then, when it had finished, he started to turn up at Sunday services - sometimes morning, sometimes evening; sometimes with Stephanie and sometimes on his own. I can still remember the day I looked up and saw them walking up the path holding hands, and thinking, "perhaps they are now more than just colleagues!"

Robbie was baptised into membership of Liberton Kirk in August of this year - a very special day in the life of our church. Not long afterwards, he phoned me to ask if I would conduct his and



Stephanie's wedding service. He had been offered a post in Switzerland, and they wanted to get married so that they could go together as husband and wife.



Their wedding was held at Liberton Kirk on Saturday 4th November. They are now starting their new life in Zurich, but still very much part of our church family.



As they look forward, so do we.

This coming year we are moving on from our 2107 theme of

"Voices from Exile" to the much more positive theme of
"Treasure in jars of clay"
(2 Corinthians 4.7).

In other words, in Jesus we have something the world both needs and cannot match.

The whole idea of an Alpha Course is to introduce people to Jesus, and so, in September 2018 we are planning to run a 'Whole Church Alpha Course'. The course will be run on a Thursday evening in the refurbished Anderson Hall, with a simultaneous youth Alpha running in the Wilson Hall upstairs, and we are hoping that over 100 people will attend.

Remember, we have a treasure which we carry in our own humble jars of clay. Alpha is based on friends inviting friends, so in the coming nine months, your challenge is to think and pray about who you are going to invite.

With much love



OUR PAGE

Time to write your Christmas cards again – what designs have you picked to send this year? Are they religious ones?

Look in the shops at all the different designs, traditional and modern. Traditional religious cards have usually included the nativity – Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. But what else would you count as religious? The Three Kings? The Bible doesn't say they were kings, or that there were three; just that they were Wise Men, who travelled far to bring special gifts for the baby Jesus. Do you know why there are so many robins on Christmas cards? The first postmen in Victorian times wore red and were called robins, so robins



were shown as delivering cards. Whatever kind of card you send this year, be sure to include a kind message with love

for your friends. Our love is a tiny echo of God's love for all the world

CARD or DECORATION

Here is a simple 3-D Christmas tree that you can use as a decoration or a card.

You will need green card, crayons, glitter or paint, scissors and sticky tape.

Fold a piece of card in half, then cut it in half. Put the two pieces together and fold them in half again.

Draw half a Christmas tree opposite the fold. Cut along the line and you will have 2 identical trees. Fold the trees in half, very lightly, hardly creasing the centre line to mark the centre of the tree. Cut a slit along the bottom half of the centre of one tree and along the top half of the centre of the other tree. Slip the two trees together along the slits. To help the tree to stand firmly, use sticky tape to fasten the parts together where they meet. Decorate the tree. If you are using it as a card then leave an area free of decorations so that you can write on it.



What goes red, white, red, white,
red, white?

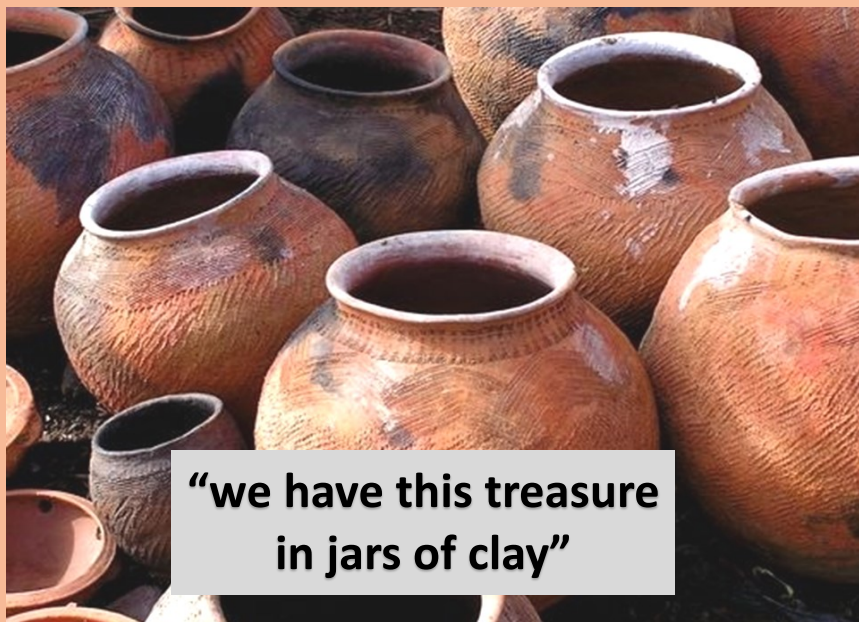
Santa rolling down a hill.

Congregational Focus Day

Saturday 20th January

9.30am-1.00pm at Liberton Kirk

(followed by lunch afterwards in the Kirk Centre)



**“we have this treasure
in jars of clay”**

Guest Speaker: Maggie Lane

All Welcome!

Sign up forms at the Café counter or the church Welcome Desk

From Emily Kerrigan

Hi! I'm Emily Kerrigan. I am a recipient of funding from Kirkgate Trust for my new position as Assistant Youth and Children's worker at Liberton Kirk. I am so grateful for this opportunity to pursue my passion of working with young people and discipling followers of Jesus. I hope to lead as well as I have been led before, and serve God in that same way. Please pray for me as I lead whilst following Christ. Emily

Faith story from Neil and Hannah Hay

Our faiths began in our childhoods, for me with Lenzie Parish Church Crusaders' and for Hannah at Cregagh Presbyterian, where we were married and is still where we attend when in Belfast. By contrast after leaving Lenzie my family relocated regularly, as such we never identified any particular church. The period of late teens to early twenties when I didn't really consider my faith followed and again I rarely lived anywhere for long due to my own career - Then Hannah and I met. One of the parts that clicked was our faith and Hannah was certainly a big nudge for me to engage again. We found ourselves worshipping in an ecumenical centre in Spain with sessional ministers coming and going; but our faith was there again.



Spain was a mountain for us. The climb to the top was often fun; but always Hannah would have returned home in a heartbeat. We'd had worked hard however and I couldn't see what we would return to. Then my health problems took over; wheelchair - surgery - rehab - *"It'll be fine, I'm getting better"* - relapse - surgery - rehab - *"It'll be fine, I'm getting better"* - relapse - more medication - even more medication.

We lost our house, our business and our mental health. Hannah was very angry with God. I was looking to retrain in something I could do from a wheelchair; but I still thought I'd beat the disability and we would be fine. But I wouldn't be, and more importantly Hannah definitely wasn't going to be. Whilst I wasn't listening to God he had been talking to me - by now he was screaming at me.

We left Spain in 2011 with two very young boys and a few suitcases. On our return, we chose Edinburgh over Belfast, with His guidance, for support we had to be within 2km of my parents. Whilst we were looking all over the country for yet more opinions on my health, Hannah was also researching which Church we should attend. The initial plan was that we would try different churches; but we went to Liberton Kirk first and we had found our spiritual home. We found a specialist who understood my condition and in under two years the Astley Ainslie hospital sorted me out. Spain didn't have those services at that time - God knew that, and brought us home.

In our time together, Hannah and I have had our challenges; but through these times our faith in Jesus never changed. We've asked, and been asked, big questions - and I've had many heated conversations with God - but through it all we know we'd always want to deal with the challenges *with* Him and not alone.

At a point in life when we needed stability, confidence and love we have found these in abundance - Hannah's instinct for Liberton Kirk was a great choice and we are thoroughly blessed to call it our church.

Bethany Night Shelter

Each year the Bethany Christian Trust operates a Night Shelter in Edinburgh for homeless people. City centre churches provide the space, and then other churches in and around Edinburgh provide catering teams to produce a hot evening meal. A team from Bethany comes with bedding and staff, who stay overnight.

Liberton Kirk is due to send catering teams on **Sunday 25th**

February and Tuesday 20th March. We need 6 or 7 in each team; no special skills required except one person has to lead the cooking! The team meets at Liberton Kirk at 6.30pm and the work is finished by 11pm. Geoff Craig is the co-ordinator and can provide more details. Please contact him, if you would like to take part, at gvcraig@talk21.com or at 664 5115



Crèche duty rota

3rd December	Alison Sutherland
10th December	Vicky McCallum
17th December	No creche - Nativity Service
23rd December	No creche - Family Service
31st December	No creche - Family Service
7th January	Anne Shepherd
14th January	Alison Sutherland
21st January	Vicky McCallum
28th January	Anne Shepherd



Anne Shepherd 07906 307 936

Messy Church

The first Messy Church of 2018 will be held on Saturday 27th January, from 4pm to 6pm in the Kirk Centre.

If you know any young families who don't come to church on Sundays and who might perhaps find Saturday teatime easier to manage, please let them know about Messy Church. There will be flyers on the Welcome Desks in the new year with January to June dates. Would you like to help at Messy Church? Please get in touch, and, before making any commitment arrange to come along and join in one month. Ruth Davies 664 3608



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Pram Praise

Pram Praise will celebrate Christmas (quite early!) on Tuesday 5th December at 3pm, and on Wednesday 6th December at 11am. The dates for January/June will be available on posters and flyers at the beginning of January. The dates in January are Tuesday 16th at 3pm and Wednesday 24th at 11am. Toddlers love Pram Praise – don't miss it!

Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Memorial Service for the Bereaved

This service will be held on *Wednesday 13th December, at 7pm* in the church, and is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.

Service with Sunday Club and other Young People

The second morning service on *Sunday 17th December, starting at 11am*, will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family involved. We can all join in the celebration, which will be led by our Youth and Children's Worker, Kenny McCartney.

Big Carol Sing

Also on *Sunday 17th December, at 7pm*, we are in the Anderson Hall for the "Big Carol Sing". Informal, good fun, lots of favourite carols, and mince pies and shortbread afterwards. Ask your friends and neighbours along!

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. This traditional service is on *Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm*, and is followed as usual by seasonal refreshments!

Christmas Eve (and New Year's Eve)

Because these are Sundays, there will be *a morning service (just one) at 10.30am*. Other Christmas Eve services are given below.

Christingle Service

This service, at *4 o'clock on Christmas Eve*, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. If you want to make a Christingle, **please bring an orange with you** (a reasonable size, not a tiny one).

Don't be late – it's very busy!

Watchnight Service

Later *on Christmas Eve*, we'll sing carols together from 11.15pm and the *service will start at 11.30pm*, leading up to the very first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born. At midnight, it's Christmas Day!

Christmas Day

Our *Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30am*, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys with them.



the **BIG** idea



NEW YEAR 2018

Join with your local churches as we look forward
together to the coming year

7pm, Sunday 7th January
@ Liberton Kirk

Speaker: Barry Hughes

December Diary

Friday 1st

Panto night in the cafe

Saturday 2nd

9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

10.15am-1.15pm - Quiet Morning @ Liberton Northfield
(SEECAT)

Sunday 3rd

ADVENT SUNDAY

Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with 'Scots Communion')
and **11am** (with *Sunday Buzz & Creche*)

Preacher: John Young

Theme: Good news for those who feel life is going nowhere

10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room

11.00am - *Sunday Buzz* in the Wilson Hall

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

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: Jesus' Parables – 'The faithful and wise servant'

Speaker: Andy Chittick

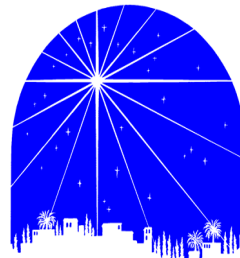
Monday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Tuesday 5th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm - Service at *Braeside House*
 3.00pm – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
 Wednesday 6th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 11.00am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
 8.00pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk
 8.00pm - Elder's training huddle
 Thursday 7th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Saturday 9th 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 10th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am**
& 11am (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
 Theme: Advent hope for Zechariah (Luke 1.1-12)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
 Theme: Jesus' Parables – 'The 10 virgins'
 Speaker: Kenny McCartney
 Monday 11th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm Evening Worship Planning Meeting
 Tuesday 12th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Wednesday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 1.45pm - *Afternoon Guild* Christmas Party
 7.00pm - Annual Memorial Service in the Kirk
 Thursday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Saturday 16st 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 12noon-1pm - Carol Singing at Morrisons (SEECAT)

Sunday 17th **Morning Worship**
9.30am
 Theme: 'Advent hope for Mary' (Luke 1.26-56)
 Preacher: John Young
11am (All-age Nativity Service)
 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
 2.30pm - Carol Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
7.00pm in the Anderson Hall **The BIG Carol Sing**
 Monday 18th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm - Guild Christmas Party
 Tuesday 19th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 3.00pm - Carol Service at *Guthrie House*
 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Wednesday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 21st 2.30pm – Carol service at *Braid Hills Care Home*
 7.30pm – Service of Lesson and Carols in the Kirk
 Saturday 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00pm - Peace Light Service in the Anderson Hall
 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
Joint Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with *Creche, in Vestry*)
 Theme: 'Advent hope for Elizabeth' (Luke 1.57-80)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.00am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room
 (All welcome)
 4.00pm - **Christingle Service** in the Kirk
 11.15pm - **Watchnight service** in the Kirk



Monday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
 10.30am - **Joint Morning Worship with**
Gracemount church (with *Creche, in Vestry*)
 Tuesday 26th No Café
 Wednesday 27th No Café
 Thursday 28th No Café
 Lunchtime Concert in the Kirk - see page 17
 Friday 29th No café
 Saturday 30th No café

Sunday 31st HOGMANAY
Joint Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with *Creche, in Vestry*)
 Theme: 'Advent hope for the Shepherds' (Luke 2.8-20)
 Preacher: Ruth Davies
 10.00am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room
No Evening Worship

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Monday 1st No café
 Tuesday 2nd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 2.00pm - Service at *Braeside House*
 Wednesday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
 8.00pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk
 Thursday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Saturday 6th 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 7th
Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with 'Scots Communion')
& 11am (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
 Preacher: The God who loves
 Theme: John Young
 10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
 2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)

	7.00pm in the Kirk - Joint New Year Service with the BIG Idea Churches Speaker: Barry Hughes
Monday 8 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> (7.00pm for) 7.30pm - Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 9 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.00pm – Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 8.00pm – Elder's Training Huddle
Thursday 11 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Saturday 13 th	9.00am-12.30pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Sunday 14th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with Creche & <i>Sunday Buzz</i>) Theme: 'The God who is patient' Preacher: Ruth Davies 10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome) 12.30pm - Prayer Team lunch in the Small Hall Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk Theme: Unity in Christ (1 Corinthians 1.1-17) Speaker: John Young
Monday 15 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Tuesday 16 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 3.00pm – <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 7.30pm - Kirkgate Trust Meeting in the McD Room
Wednesday 17 th	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 2.30pm – Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i> 7.00pm – Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 8.00pm – <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
Thursday 18 th	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) see p18 9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Saturday 20 th	9.00am-12.30pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 9-30 to 1-00pm Congregational Focus Day see page 5
Sunday 21st	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC</i>) Preacher: David Hill 10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome) Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk Theme: Gods wisdom (1 Corinthians 1.18-2.5) Speaker: John Young
Monday 22 nd	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Tuesday 23 rd	2.00pm - Short WPCU service at St Barnabas 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>

- 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm - History Group meets at Kirk Centre
 7.00pm - Short WPCU service at St Gregory's
 7.30pm - KS Executive Huddle in Kirk Centre
- Wednesday 24th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 11.00am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
 2.00pm - Short WPCU service at Liberton Kirk
 7.00pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm - meeting of Kirkgate Café Board
 8.00pm – Elders training huddle
- Thursday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00pm - WPCU service & refreshments at Liberton Northfield
- Saturday 27th 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 4pm – 6pm MESSY CHURCH in LKC

SABBATH WEEK

- Sunday 28th MORNING SERVICES LED BY GRACEMOUNT CHURCH
Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
 Preacher: Dougie Robertson
 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room
 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
 Theme: The mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2.6-16)
 Speaker: John Young
- Monday 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Tuesday 30th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 3.00pm – Service at *Guthrie House*
7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk
- Wednesday 31st 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
 8.00pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk

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- Thursday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Saturday 3rd 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*
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- Sunday 4th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am** (with 'Scots Communion')
& 11am (with *Crèche & Sunday Buzz*)
 Theme: The God who is kind
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
 2.30pm - Service at Ellens Glen House (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
 Theme: Jesus parables - the talents

Organ Music for December . . .

Sunday 3rd December 2017 The First Sunday of Advent

BEFORE	Moore	Veni Emmanuel, O come, Emmanuel
DURING	Rawsthorne	All my heart this night rejoices
AFTER	Nobes & Tambling	St. Helen Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

Sunday 10th December 2017 The Second Sunday of Advent

BEFORE	Vierne	Élévation
DURING	Rawsthorne	It came upon the midnight clear
AFTER	Tambling	Winchester New On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Wednesday 13th December 2017 **The Memorial Service for the Bereaved**

BEFORE	Boëllmann	Entrée Funèbre, from Heures Mystiques
DURING	Lefébure-Wély	Marche Funèbre, Funeral March
AFTER	Dubois	Cortège Funèbre, Funeral Cortège

Sunday 17th December 2017 The Third Sunday of Advent

BEFORE	Dúpre	Ut queant laxis, Do let our voices resonate most purely
DURING	Franck	Andantino in F Sharp Minor
AFTER	Fox	Good King Wenceslas

Wednesday 20th December 2017 **The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

BEFORE	Shaw	Fantasia on Adeste Fideles
AFTER	Daquin	Noël

Sunday 24th December 2017 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

BEFORE	Fletcher	St. Botolph
DURING	Rawsthorne	Silent Night
AFTER	Rawsthorne	Mary had a baby

Sunday 24th December 2017 **The Watchnight Service**

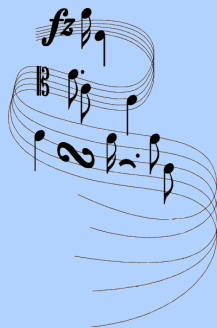
BEFORE	Phillips	Prelude on 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'
AFTER	TRADITIONAL	We Wish You a Merry Christmas
	Blatchly	Three Versets on Away in a Manger

Monday 25th December 2017 **Christmas Day**

BEFORE	Blackwell	Adeste, Fideles
AFTER	Behnke	Go Tell it on the Mountain

Sunday 31st December 2017 The First Sunday of Christmas

BEFORE	Vivian	Partita on 'In dulci jubilo'
During	Thorne Merton	Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding
AFTER	te Velde	Dance: 'God rest ye, merry'



Organ Music for January . . .

Sunday 7th January 2018 The Second Sunday of Christmas

The Epiphany of our Lord

BEFORE Rawsthorne To-morrow shall be my dancing day

DURING Göttsche Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Silent Night, Holy Night

AFTER Fox Joy to the World

Sunday 14th January 2018 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

BEFORE R. Vierne Canzona

DURING Fletcher Repton

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

AFTER Dandrieu Grand Jeu

Sunday 21st January 2018 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Mission Sunday

BEFORE Ketèlbey In a Monastery Garden

DURING Thorne Old 120th

Hail to the Lord who comes

AFTER Sibelius Finlandia

Sunday, 28th January 2018 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

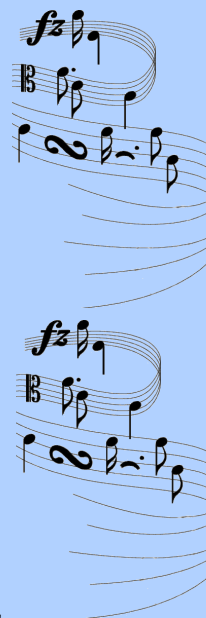
BEFORE Brahms Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Adorn yourself with joy, my soul,
for the heavenly banquet

DURING TAIZE The Lord is my Light

AFTER de Grigny Récit de Basse de Trompette ou de
Cromorne

Story of the bottom of the trumpet



Happy Holidays from the Organ, and from me. Calum Gubby

Congregation News

We were delighted to welcome **Lewis Andrew Lawson**, and his family and friends, at a service of Baptism on Sunday 22nd October

Senior Citizens Club

On 7th December we are holding our Christmas Party with raffle and entertainment from **David Vernon**

In January we welcome **Dod and Peter** on 18th - a great start to the year - and on 25th we are entertained by **Cobblers' Bairns** (There will also be a raffle)

February meeting begin on 1st with a good sing-song with **Bobby Moore**, and on 8th we welcome **Anne and the Close Shaves** (A class act)

Wishing you all a good Christmas

LOOKING FOWARD TO SEING YOU ALL. Love, Bryan and Jenni X

December 17 - January 2018

Welcome Desk Rota

3rd December	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	David Colley	663 3757
10th December	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	Lindsay Young	664 3067
17th December	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Jill Snowden	07823 335 585
24th December	Chris Young	664 6615	Jean Wilson	666 0368
11am service WEST door (for month of December) Helen Coley				
7th January	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Netta Rough	664 6504
14th January	Bill Mercer	664 2152	Margot Brandie	664 1637
21st January	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Mary Lonie	664 4052
28th January	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	John Gooday	664 6792
11am Service WEST door (for month of January 2018) Eleanor Grieve				
4th February	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Maureen Horn	6660080
11th February	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	Jessie Burns	664 4193
18th February	Chris Young	664 6615	Grant Cook	664 1581
25th February	Bill Mercer	664 2152	David Colley	663 3757
11am service WEST door (for month of February) Linda Haggerty				

Guild News for December and January

ALL WELCOME!

On Monday 5th December, Alan Herriot is coming along to tell us the fascinating story of **Wojtek, the Soldier Bear**, whose statue can be admired in Princes Street Gardens.

On Monday 19th we will be holding our **Christmas Party** – an evening of entertainment and fun.

The Afternoon Guild meets on Wednesday 14th December when we are delighted to welcome back pupils from

Liberton Primary School. Please note that this meeting starts at 1.45pm.

The first meeting of the Afternoon Guild in 2018 is on Wednesday 11th, at the usual time of 2.15pm. The speaker is Elaine Webster and her subject is **Scottish Language Dictionaries**. This will be followed by a quiz.

The Evening Guild is hosting an evening with Robert Burns, entitled **"A Taste of Burns"**, on Monday 16th January - an evening of poems, songs and haggis. More details will be available nearer the time, but all are welcome.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



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



New Year Lunchtime Concert

After the exhausting run up to Christmas with last minute shopping, parties one after the other, overeating and overspending, why not this year join a growing number of the congregation, their families and friends, in relaxing with Philomusica of Edinburgh at the annual lunchtime concert organised by the World Mission Team on **Thursday 28th December**.

Accompanied by the ever-popular seasonal mulled wine and Christmas pies, this short interlude of musical entertainment provides the perfect opportunity to take a "lang sooch" after the Christmas excesses and prepare your mind for the coming of the new year 2018.

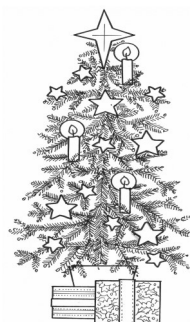
This year, Philomusica will focus its programme on a Scottish theme using a selection of Scottish music from 16th - 20th Century with their guest soprano soloist, Colleen Marie Nicoll.

The concert begins in the Kirk at 1 pm, with refreshments and eats available beforehand from 12.30pm.

Monies raised from your donations (suggested £8 per person) will go to the Kirk's Mission Fund which supports our partnerships in Africa, South East Asia and Italy.

It is a great occasion for the church family to celebrate the festive season together. Don't miss it!

Sandy Hutchison,
WMT Convener 2017-18



PHILOMUSICA of EDINBURGH
present
their annual
CONCERT FOR
THE FESTIVE SEASON

A Programme of Scottish Music
from the 16th to the 20th century
featuring
Colleen Marie Nicoll - soprano

Thursday 28th December
--- at 1.00 p.m. ---

LIBERTON KIRK
EH16 6RY

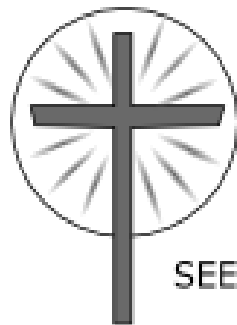
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR - SUGGESTED DONATION - £8

Mulled wine and mince pie reception from 12.30 p.m.

Scottish Charity Number SC011602.
The proceeds of this concert will go to support
the Kirk's World Mission Team programme for 2017 - 2018

SEECAT Events

The full programme for South East Edinburgh Churches for the year up to summer 2018 is on a bright green card, available for anyone interested from the Welcome Desks in church or the halls entrance. Events coming up in December and January are:



Carol Singing

We sing carols to shoppers at Morrisons in Gilmerton Road on Saturday 16th December from 12 noon to 1pm. Come and join in!

Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January, and our dates are:

- ◆ Monday 22nd January
2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd January
7pm at St. Gregory's Church, Walter Scott Avenue
- ◆ Wednesday 24th January
2pm at Liberton Kirk
- ◆ Thursday 25th January
7pm at Liberton Northfield Church, Gilmerton Road

The Monday to Wednesday services last about half an hour.

The Thursday service (the main get-together) will be a little longer and is followed by refreshments. If you can't go to the services, please pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Desks in January and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is **"That all may be free"**, and the material has been prepared by churches in the Caribbean. Ruth Davies 664 3608

Fresh Start

The Fresh Start news sheet issue 44 can be found on shelves at either side of church. It includes the annual cooker appeal for Christmas and also information regarding the on going help given to clients. Not just with household items, but with cookery classes and helping to build confidence.



Fresh Start staff want to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and to say a big thank you to all who donate throughout the year.

Anyone requiring further information please contact Sylvia Bennett 664-3189.

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.



**'But the LORD will still give you proof. A virgin is pregnant;
she will have a son and will name him Immanuel.'**

Isaiah 7 verse 14

The Daily 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 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. It was these traditions that gave birth to the Daily Devotions in early 2015.

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Reading and Meditation on the theme

Prayer of response to the Word

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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.

As the year moves to a close and the season of Looking OUTWARD
together ends, so we are feeding where it all started!

a baby is promised!
and the Saviour Messiah is born!

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

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Fri 1 st	Morning	ISAIAH 7 vs 10-17– take time to consider these words. What do they teach you? What is your response to what you read? and then pray in response as God leads you.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on expectant mothers at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray.
Sat 2 nd	Morning	ISAIAH 9 vs 1-7 – take time to consider these words from Isaiah What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on the truths given - pray in response.
Sun 3 rd	Morning	Advent 1 - ISAIAH 9 v 6 - take time and consider the words 'Wonderful Counsellor'. What do they mean for you? pray to this God.
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings.
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect ... then pray in response to our God.
Mon 4 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – take time to consider the words 'Mighty God' What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on first time mums in our community.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... and pray to our Mighty God in response.
Tue 5 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – consider the words 'Everlasting Father' as your day starts. What do the words mean for you today? then pray to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read these verse again, reflect... then pray in response to our God.
Wed 6 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6- consider the words 'Prince of Peace' this morning What is God saying to you today? Then Pray to our God of Peace.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on first time dads in our community
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect ... pray at the end of your day
Thur 7 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 7– take time and consider these words. What do they say to you today? – pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on families in our community.
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is being said here ... and what God is saying to you – and then pray to Him.
Fri 8 th	Morning	MICAH 5 vs 1-5 – consider the words here as your day starts. What was God promising? then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on a family living near you
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect pray to this God
Sat 9 th	Morning	ZECHARIAH 9 vs 9-13 – take time to consider these verse and the promises made by the LORD. What is God saying to you ? Then take time to Pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on grandparents in our community
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect - pray in response to what you read
Sun 10 th	Morning	Advent 2 - MATTHEW 1 vs 1-17 - consider these words about God's careful family planning!. pray in response to their God, our God
	Midday	pray a blessing on another church family in our city
	Evening	read these verses again ... reflect on their meaning for you and pray
Mon 11 th	Morning	MATTHEW 1 vs 18-25 - take time and consider these verses



***'Come, let us praise the LORD!
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
For the LORD is a mighty God, a mighty king over all the gods.'
Psalm 95 verses 1-3***

As we welcome 2018 we lift our eyes Upward to the LORD our God,
the Mighty King, King of kings and Lord of lords!

We are encouraged to spend time with Him each and every day,
to 'read the Bible, pray every day' seeking to become more like Jesus
as we open up to the Holy Spirit at work in us.

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 18

Mon 1 st	Morning	PSALM 2 – consider this psalm as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? – and then pray to Him 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!
Tue 2 nd	Morning	PSALM 8 – take time to consider these words this morning – 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 to what you read
Wed 3 rd	Morning	PSALM 18 – consider David’s psalm of testimony here. What words stay with you today? and then pray in response
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those feeling defeated in life
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect on the words and images - and then pray to this God
Thu 4 th	Morning	PSALM 19 – take time and consider all that is said here. What is God saying to you today? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the Kirkgate Café at LK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here then pray to this God
Fri 5 th	Morning	PSALM 20 – take time to consider this prayer for victory. What does it teach you? What is your response to what you read? and then pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those who pastorally visit others at LK
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray
Sat 6 th	Morning	PSALM 23 – take time to consider this familiar passage. What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on the truths here .. pray in response
Sun 7 th	Morning	PSALM 24 - take time and consider these words today. What is God saying to you from them? then pray to this God
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God
Mon 8 th	Morning	PSALM 32 – take time to carefully consider this psalm as your day starts ... What is God saying to you today? What is your response to Him? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those in need of knowing God’s forgiveness
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... and pray to this God in response
Tue 9 th	Morning	PSALM 40 – consider what is said here ... What do the words mean for you today? and then pray in response to what you read
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read this psalm again – reflect ... then pray in response to our God
Wed 10 th	Morning	PSALMS 42+43 - consider these particular 2 psalms and the psalmist’s heart cry. What words stay with you? Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the Ministry Team at LK
	Evening	read the words again– slowly reflect ... then pray at the end of your day
Thu 11 th	Morning	PSALM 45 – take time and consider these words. what do they say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 18

	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work being done by Young Life
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the images and words here and what God is saying to you– and then pray to Him
Fri 12 th	Morning	PSALM 46 – consider these great words here as your day starts What is God saying to you today? then pray confidently to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Kirk Session Executive at LK
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect....and pray to this God
Sat 13 th	Morning	PSALM 47 – take time to consider these verses and the images described. What is God saying to you? Then take time to Pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who are new to our Kirk family
	Evening	read the passage again, reflect, pray in response to what you read
Sun 14 th	Morning	PSALM 48 - consider these words this morning. What words stay with you? then pray in response to the LORD God, our God
	Midday	pray a blessing on another church family in our city
	Evening	read these verses again ... reflect on their meaning for you and pray
Mon 15 th	Morning	PSALM 51 – take time and consider these verses and the psalmist's honesty before God. What do they mean for you today? then pray in response to our God of amazing grace
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the halls and activities at LK this week
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect ... then humbly pray in response
Tue 16 th	Morning	PSALM 52 – consider these verses this morning about God being in control. What is God saying to you?? – and then pray in response – for others
	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 – for others you know
Wed 17 th	Morning	PSALM 53 – consider what these verses teach you this morning. And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Messy Church Team at LK
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect - and then pray to this God
Thu 18 th	Morning	PSALM 56 – take time and consider what is said here. What words stay with you?– then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who administer our finances at LK
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on all that is said – then pray to God
Fri 19 th	Morning	PSALM 57 – take time to consider these verses as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? What is your response to Him? then pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay Young
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray
Sat 20 th	Morning	Focus Day - PSALM 63 – take time to consider these verses ... what is God saying to you today from David's words? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response to this God

LIBERTON KIRK DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 18

Sun 21 st	Morning	PSALM 65 – consider these words as your day starts. What words stay with you? Then pray in response.
	Midday	pray for your church family to know God's Kingdom blessings!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ...then pray to this God, our God
Mon 22 nd	Morning	PSALM 66 – take time to consider this psalm of praise as your day starts ... What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 23 rd	Morning	PSALM 67 – consider what is said here. What do the words say to you today? and then take time to pray to God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'Thy Kingdom Come'
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... then pray in response to this God
Wed 24 th	Morning	PSALM 72 - prayerfully consider these verses today. What words stay with you? Then Pray as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Prayer Ministry Group at LK
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray at the end of your day
Thu 25 th	Morning	PSALM 75 – take time and consider these words of praise. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Ruth and Richard Davies
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect on what is said here and pray praise!
Fri 26 th	Morning	PSALM 76 – consider the words here as your day starts. What is God saying to you today Himself? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Kenny and Ashley McCartney
	Evening	read these words again, reflect & pray to this God, our God
Sat 27 th	Morning	PSALM 78 – take time to consider these verse this morning. What is God saying to you today? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Linda Wright
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 28 th	Morning	PSALM 84 – take time to consider these words this Sunday. What do they say to you today? then pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray a blessing on Canning Garden Methodist Church in Malaysia
	Evening	read these verses again ...reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 29 th	Morning	PSALM 92 – take time and consider this psalm this morning. What do they say to you today? pray in response to our God!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the churches in the Big Idea group
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray and praise in response
Tue 30 th	Morning	Gathering for Prayer - PSALM 95 – consider these verses this morning. What is God saying to you today? – and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... pray in response – with singing?
Wed 31 st	Morning	PSALM 100 – consider what these verses teach you this morning about the LORD God. And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the churches in SEECAT
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect - and then pray to this God, our God

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

... the birth of Jesus, Saviour. What do they mean for you today? then pray in response to our Father God

Midday pray God's blessing on those recently bereaved

Evening read the verses again – reflect, then pray in response – giving thanks

Tue 12th Morning MATTHEW 2 vs 1-12 – consider these verses this morning.

What is God saying to you? – pray for others to find Jesus

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 – for others you know

Wed 13th Morning MATTHEW 2 vs 13-23 – consider what these verses and all that happens this morning. And then pray to God in response

Midday pray God's blessing on those facing IVF treatment at this time

Evening read these verses again – reflect - and then pray to our God

Thu 14th Morning MATTHEW 3 vs 13-17 – take time and consider all that happens here. What words stay with you?– then pray in response

Midday pray God's blessing on those dreading Christmas week

Evening read the words again - reflect on all that is said - then pray to God

Fri 15th Morning MATTHEW 11 v 25-30 – take time to consider these verses. What is God saying to you today? then pray in response to this Jesus

Midday pray God's blessing on someone in need you talked with this week

Evening read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray

Sat 16th Morning MATTHEW 13 vs 53-58 – take time to consider these verses ... What is God saying to you from these words? Then pray in response....

Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer

Evening read the words again – reflect ... then pray in response to this Jesus

Sun 17th Morning Advent 3 - LUKE 1 vs 26-38 – consider these words this morning and what happens here. What words stay with you? Then pray.

Midday pray for your church leaders to know God's Kingdom blessings!

Evening read the verses again – reflect ... then pray to this God, our God

Mon 18th Morning LUKE 1 vs 39-45 – take time to consider this passage as your day starts ... What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response

Midday pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer

Evening read the words again – reflect & pray to our God as your day closes

Tue 19th Morning LUKE 1 vs 46-56 – consider this song of praise from Mary. What words stay with you? and then take time to pray to her God, our God!

Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Evening read the verses again– reflect ... pray in response to this God

Wed 20th Morning LUKE 1 vs 57-80 - prayerfully consider these verses. Try to imagine it all! What words stay with you? Pray humbly as your day starts.

Midday pray God's blessing on the Social Bite charity in our city

Evening read the words again – reflect ... then pray at the end of your day

Thu 21st Morning LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – take time and consider these words. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.

Midday pray God's blessing on the Night Shelter in our city

Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here ... and pray

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Fri 22 nd	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-20 – consider the words here as your day starts. What is God saying to you today from these events? then pray to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect, pray to this God, our God
Sat 23 rd	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 21-40 – take time to consider these verses and what happens and all that is said. Then take time to Pray to this Jesus
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Care Van in our city
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect - pray in response to what you read
Sun 24 th	Morning	Advent 4 - JOHN 1 vs 1-18 - consider these particular words as your day starts. What do they say to you today? then pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray a blessing on Canning Garden Methodist Church in Malaysia
	Evening	read these verses again ... reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 25 th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 19-34 – take time and consider these verses on this particular day. What do they say to you? then pray in response to our God – giving thanks for the gift of Jesus!
	Midday	pray for your family to know God's Kingdom blessings!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...then pray in response – with praise!
Tue 26 th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 35-42 – consider these verses this morning. What is God saying to you today? – then pray in response – for others
	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 – for others you know
Wed 27 th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 43-51 – consider what these verses teach you this morning. And then pray to this Jesus in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Cyrenians in our city
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to this Jesus.
Thu 28 th	Morning	JOHN 2 vs 1-11 – take time and consider all that happens here. What words stay with you?– then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that happens, then pray to God
Fri 29 th	Morning	JOHN 2 vs 12-25 – take time to consider these verses. Try to imagine it all. What is God saying to you today? .. and then pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Street Pastors in our city
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray
Sat 30 th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 1-21 – take time to consider these verses ... What is God saying to you today from these words? Then pray in response ...
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..... then pray in response to this God
Sun 31 st	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 22-36 – take time to consider these words as your year ends. What words stay with you? Then pray in response to God, the Eternal One as this year ends and 2018 draws near.
	Midday	pray for your church family to know God's Kingdom blessings!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... then pray to this God, our God

162nd Braid Scouts invite you to our **Peace Light Service**

***Bring a lantern or candle, and share the light carried by Scouts
and Guides, all the way from Bethlehem.***

Liberton Kirk Halls
Thursday 21st December 2017
7.00pm

Tea, coffee and hot mince pies will be served.



Church Flowers rota

December Convener > Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captains Road, 664 3349

3rd December Mrs Margaret Burns, 13 Yewlands Crescent
10th December Mrs Helen Whyman, 37 Gracemount Avenue
Mrs Dorothy Parr, 41 Buckstone Hill
in memory of Grandma G and James Whyman
17th December Mrs Ann Morgan and family, 15 Southhouse Road
in memory of Margaret Barrow

24th December *flower group*

31st December *flower group*

January Convener > Jill Snowdon, 29/3 Green Park, 07823 335 585

7th January *vacant*

14th January Mrs Kate Harrison 60 Liberton Drive 664 3365
in memory of David Harrison

21st January Mrs Caroline Barlee, 21 Swanston Grove, 445 5918
in memory of David C B Maitland

28th January Mrs Judy Weston, 28 Longformacus Road, 664 5684
in memory of Elsie Weston

Jean Gray 258 2081 Convener



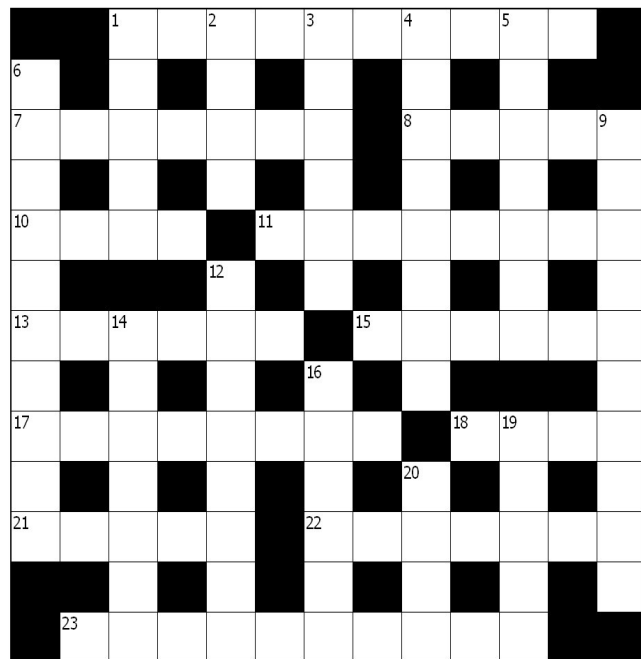
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- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Crossword

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)



- 6 Offer your bodies as living, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)

Movie Moments . . .



VICTORIA & ABDUL

**MOVIE
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Valuing Old Age Victoria and Abdul may appear to be a simple linear story about an unexpected relationship between an ageing queen (played by Judi Dench) and her Indian servant (played by Ali Fazal). But scattered through the narrative are profound moments which provide important insights into the invisible inner life of many people in their final years.



We first see Victoria as she is hauled from her bed to be dressed, decorated and wheeled out for ceremonial occasions, where she nods off out of boredom. Who would think that, within this old body, still lives a real person with the capacity to learn, laugh and love?

When Abdul arrives, to present a ceremonial coin, he is instructed not to make any eye contact with Victoria. But, he refuses to treat her in the same way as the self-serving officials, and there is an instant human connection between them. As their relationship grows, Victoria reveals to Abdul her sense of imprisonment by those who see her as a 'fat, lame, impotent, silly old woman'. And gradually we see the release of her vibrant inner life. She wants to sing and dance under the stars. She wants to taste mango. She wants to learn Urdu. Her body may have aged, but she is still young at heart.

At a time when questions are being raised about the social cost of providing for elderly people, this film offers an important reminder of the humanity and value of everyone, whatever our age. In their final years, many echo the words of Psalm 71 'Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, O God'. Perhaps this film will encourage us all to be part of the answer to those prayers.

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The centenary fell on 2nd November 2017. In 1917 Lord Balfour was the Foreign Secretary and he wrote a letter to Lord Rothschild which became known as the Balfour Declaration. (Lord Balfour was born in Whittingehame House, East Lothian and he served as Prime Minister 1902-1905.)

His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

Though only 67 words long, this declaration has had a profound effect in the Middle East:

A Jewish homeland has been established as a sanctuary for Jews from all over the world.

The rights of the Palestinians have never been adequately established.

The Balfour Project was founded some years ago by an Edinburgh couple who believed that people in Britain needed to understand and acknowledge the part Britain has played in the Middle East, where Britain was responsible for Palestine from 1917-1948. Little was done in that period to safeguard the rights of the Palestinians.

The Balfour Project arranged a meeting in London on 31st October this year entitled *Britain's Broken Promise: Time for a New Approach*. We joined more than 1,000 people at this event. MPs from all the major parties addressed the meeting, including Layla Moran, the only Palestinian MP in Parliament. Other speakers included Rabbi Danny Rich, two bishops, a former British Consul-General in Jerusalem, an Imam and former Foreign Secretary David Owen.

More details are available on the Balfour Project website:

<http://www.balfourproject.org/britains-broken-promise-time-for-a-new-approach-report/>

A link to the Souvenir Programme is available at the end of this report.

Geoff Craig



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West door	west area	Sandy Hutchinson	Sally Cuthbert	Eric Brown
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West door	extreme west	Colin Burnett	Iain Sutherland	Mary Davidson
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Christmas Day Morning

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	Sheila McBryde
North door	Netta Rough
Banker	David Lamb

Gracemount Church Update from Brad Laing

To Reinstate a Physical Missional Presence in the heart of the Gracemount Community — that's our '2020 Vision' statement for Gracemount Church, and there are three phases to this vision.

Phase one, 'Laying the Foundations' has been in place since Church Leader, Dougie Robertson, came on board. This is seen mainly through the constant work on upgrading the Church House, as well as shaping our Sunday service and church culture. Phase one is still ongoing, with the Church House not yet at the required standard, but making great progress; the service powerful, but small, and still changing; and our church culture being developed through our Wednesday night fellowship group and planned social events.

Phase two, 'Mission & Community' is our focus on our missional presence in the Gracemount Community. This has been limited in recent years, especially after our Families' Support Worker, Louise Purden, moved on to do ministry training. Now our primary reach into the community is through our Homework Club in Gracemount Primary, and although this is very successful, it is limited. Most of you will know Brad Laing, our new Community Outreach Coordinator. His focus will be on training and equipping the church in Evangelism, and pioneering new missional opportunities in the local community.

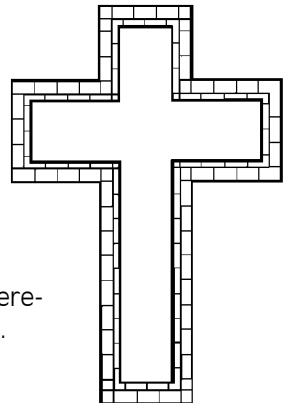
And finally, **phase three, 'Land & Buildings'** is to construct a physical building on our land on Gracemount Drive, where the old KLM church building used to be. Since the building was closed in 2008, Gracemount Church has been on the move, and we currently meet in Gracemount Primary School every Sunday morning for breakfast followed by a short service. The hope is that by bringing the Church House up to the highest possible standard, we can sell the property for a premium, and use the money to fund a new building. This will then become our new meeting place, as well as a community hub, right in the heart of Gracemount!

We believe that our 2020 Vision is from God, and we believe that a new building will increase our presence in Gracemount, a community which is in great need of the Gospel.

However, we still have some pressing issues for which we need prayer and support. We are lacking resources, especially in terms of people, which makes everything we do more challenging. And as we look to increase our presence in the community, and drive the vision forward, we need help so that the burden doesn't fall on the few loyal members working tirelessly.

The need in the area is great, and as in Luke 10, the "harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." We are therefore asking the Lord of the Harvest to provide the workers. Thank you for your prayer and support.

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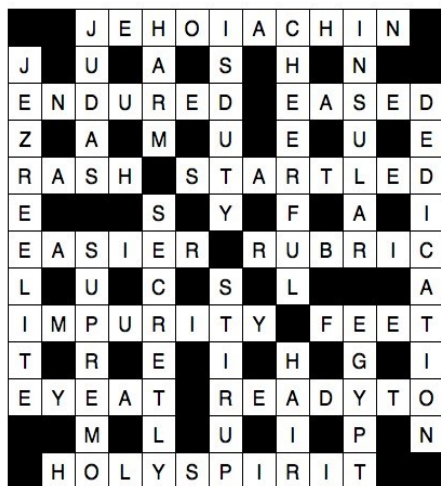


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