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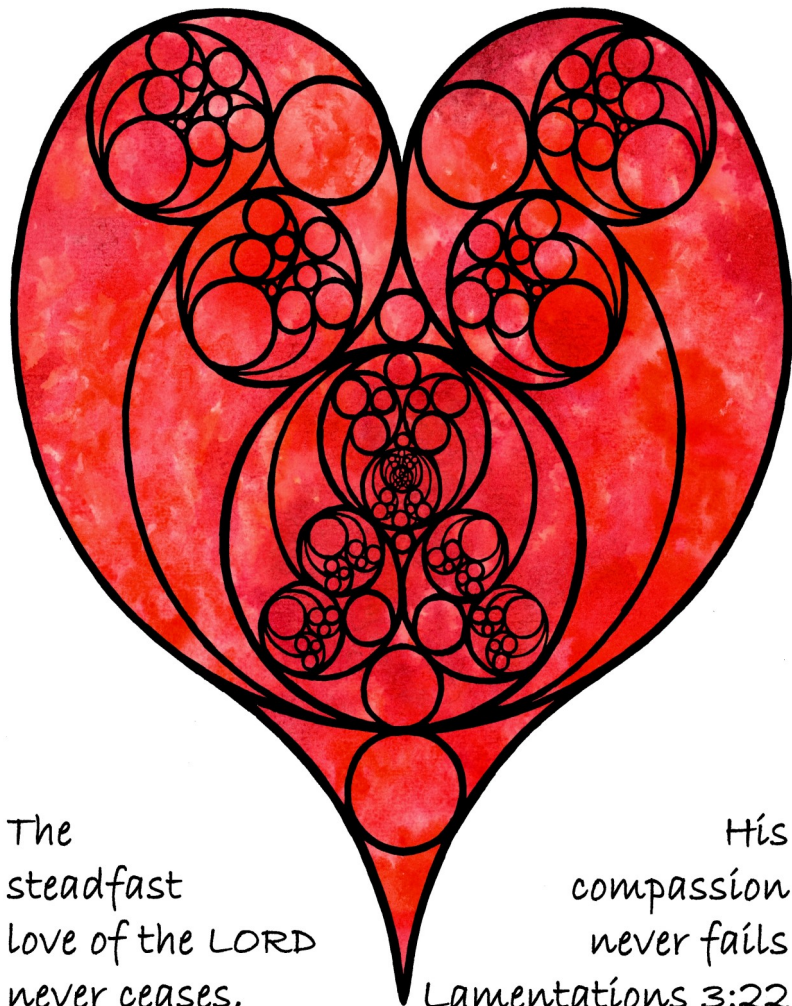


*'Our aim is
to draw
closer to God
and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'*

*Vision
Statement*



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The
steadfast
love of the LORD
never ceases,

His
compassion
never fails
Lamentations 3:22

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A prayer for February

*Oh God of amazing grace
Thank you
For such a treasure
As Jesus*

*Oh God of all comfort
Thank you
For all the ways
You are with us*

*Oh God of truth
Thank you
For the ways
You teach us*

*Oh God
Our God
Of grace and mercy
Of comfort and help*

*Thank you
Thank you
For Jesus.
Amen.*

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

Letter from the Minister

February - Focus Day Feedback

I've just got back from our congregational 'Focus Day' (morning, actually, and finishing with a lovely bread and soup lunch), when we spent some time together reflecting on this year's theme -

"We have this treasure in jars of clay" (2 Corinthians 4.7).

Our guest speaker was Rev Maggie Lane, who, in the early 'noughties' spent six months with us as she explored her own calling to ministry. This was something she eventually and reluctantly accepted, and for a number of years now she has been the leader of one of the churches at Kirkliston.

Maggie talked of her own feelings of inadequacy before taking on the role of minister, and this led us all to reflect on how God uses even us, broken as we are, to help others know that there is hope in Jesus, and that a new life is possible.

While we need to acknowledge that there may well be suffering along the way, it is often when we go through hard times that

we can look back
and see how
Jesus has
helped us,
and we can



then support others going through similar struggles.

Maggie also spoke of the need for honesty and humility in our relationship with God, and especially in our prayer life. She centred on the need for God's transforming presence in the life of our church, quoting the well-known promise he gives us in 2 Chronicles 7.14 -

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Towards the end of the morning we spent some time sharing what we felt God had been saying to us as a church. The main themes that emerged in common were

- ♦ the importance of meeting together in prayer
- ♦ our need for humility in the presence of God
- ♦ our need to accept our brokenness before God's light can shine through

Much love

Youth news

Prayers for your diary ...

- ◆ Please pray that our Fischy Music concert will be fruitful - we're expecting over 900 pupils on 7th March to join in for this annual unforgettable event. Our aim is to serve our local schools and pupils, but also to further our relationships with them that might allow us a platform to share the Good News of Jesus throughout the year and not just during Christmas and Easter.
- ◆ Please pray that preparations for our Youth Service go well! Our newly formed UFO LG (an intriguing abbreviation, eh? that stands for Uniform Organisation Link Group!) will have even more opportunities to offer hospitality to our uniform organisations during the run up to the big Sunday service - please pray that we will be able to offer an excellent programme to each of the 14 groups.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for our work in the local high schools - specifically assemblies leading up to Easter and opt-in services which an increasing number of pupils are taking interest in, and that God might give us clear opportunities to minister to young people.

Lastly, please pray for our LK teenagers who are joining in on Friday Bible studies, both that they enjoy being together but also that through God's word they might "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord" together.

Many thanks and blessings,
Kenny & Emily

Messy Church

Do you know any young families – perhaps within your own family circle or perhaps neighbours – who don't come to church on a Sunday? This could be because Sunday mornings are difficult, or it could be because the parents remember Sunday School or church from their childhood and they didn't enjoy it! It's good to be able to offer something specially for young families on a different day, at a different time, and with lots of relaxed fun, and a good meal, on offer!



(Messy Church
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Messy Church in February is on Saturday 25th and it runs from 4pm to 6pm in the Church Halls. There are crafts and games for an hour, a lively time of worship together, and then a meal before they head for home.

Please tell any families with children from 0 to P7 about Messy Church – the only rule is that children must have an adult with them, and adults must have a child!

Ruth Davies

Guild News for February

ALL WELCOME!

Our World Tour continues this month with visits to North America, China and Scotland.

EVENING GUILD

On Monday 5th February, Maureen Kelly will introduce us to the Strange World of Amish and Shakers.

Monday 19th finds us in the company of Fred Daniels who will take as his subject, China Part1 – Beijing to the Gobi Desert.

AFTERNOON GUILD

On 14th February, at 2.15pm, Iain and Margo Dunn and Friends will entertain us under the banner of "If Music be the Food of Love"

DATES for your DIARY in MARCH

Friday 2nd March – The Guild is hosting the World Day of Prayer in Liberton Kirk at 2pm. The service is followed by a chance to meet with members of other South-East Edinburgh churches.

This is the first time in recent years that Liberton Kirk has hosted this event and it is our sincere hope that many members of the congregation will be able to attend.

Saturday 3rd March – Spring Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon in the Kirk Centre.

Monday 5th March – The Guild is holding a fund raising concert this Evening, entitled "**Jazz in the Church**", when Richard Michael and his daughter Joanna will entertain us. We will be in the church for this meeting, rather than the Anderson Hall and refreshments will be served afterwards. Monies raised (suggested donation of £5 per person) will go towards our Guild projects for this year, namely providing solar-powered ovens in Bolivia, in conjunction with Christian Aid, and supporting Street Pastors in Scotland. See page 20.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



Making angels at the Guild Christmas party



Our Page

CANDLEMAS

Bet you thought that Christmas ended ages ago – well Candlemas on 2nd

February marks the real end of the season of Christmas and the beginning of preparation for the next festival, Easter.

It was the traditional time for a good clean up. All Christmas decorations had to be taken down by this day. Can you imagine how scruffy and dusty they would have been by now? Churches had to be cleaned, too.

Candlemas celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, 40 days after He was born. It is called Candlemas because candles are lit to remind us that when Jesus was presented Simeon, an old servant in the Temple, said that Jesus was the Light that God had sent to the Gentiles (Gentiles are all the people who are not Jews). Read about this in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 2.

LIGHT & BRIGHT

There are lots of words to do with light and lights in the Bible. Can you find the answers to this Bible Light quiz?

- ◆ What did the woman light when she lost a silver coin? (Luke, chapter 15)
- ◆ What God created on the first day? (Genesis, chapter 1)
- ◆ What light did the wise men follow? (Matthew, chapter 2)
- ◆ According to St Luke, what is the lamp of the body? (Luke, chapter 11)
- ◆ What Moses found in the desert? (Exodus, chapter 3)
- ◆ What the soldiers carried to search for Jesus in the garden? (John, chapter 18)

Answers at the bottom of this page.

What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Floodlights.

What did the little lightbulb say to its mother?

I wuv you watts and watts.

Answers: 1.lamp 2.light 3.a star 4.eye 5.burning bush 6.torches & lanterns

Bruce Davies Concert

Saturday 17 March at 7.30 p.m. in the Anderson Hall

Those of you who have been at Bruce Davies' previous concerts in Liberton Kirk will know what a wonderful entertainer he is. Expect the best of music from Scotland and beyond, when he makes a welcome return on Saturday 17th March. Not only is he a faithful interpreter of the music of Scotland, he is also an award winning songwriter. He has performed in the United States and has a long list of radio and television credits, including Songs of Praise.

His Edinburgh Fringe Shows in August 2017, promoting the release of his latest album '**Blowin' in the Wind – The Other Great American Songbook**', were a huge success, with three of his four shows playing to full houses. This album, along with his other currently available releases, will be available at the concert. Tickets, with suggested donation of £8 towards the Kirkgate Trust, will be available after services in February/March or by contacting Mary Davidson on 664 6789. *Mary Davidson Special Events*

Faith Story from Karen & Brian Watts

As a child, church was a place full of tall, solemn men in black suits – both frightening and dull. I was confirmed at school and enthused by the bible and stories of Jesus but it didn't translate to a living faith. It was all-too-easy to drift off and enjoy the distractions of life.

Parenthood was the tipping point, a wonderful but painful experience for both of us and in the middle of it a re-found belief in God for me and the start of Brian's journey to meet him.

We plunged from the dizzy heights, when Andrew was born, to the darkest depths, losing our second baby late in pregnancy. The profound realisation that, as parents, all we could do was hand our wee one back to God brought us back to church and the knowledge there is always hope and you're never alone.

A large haemorrhage had me hospitalised for three months, thinking we'd lost, then hoping for the safe arrival of our youngest. Both John and Susan Duncan regularly sat and prayed with me. I found a real sense of inner peace and calm and, with it the patience, to lie and wait. The answered prayers gifted us with a healthy baby (Euan) and family unity again.

As life settled I attended one of the first Alpha courses which really made me think and challenged what I understood about God and my Faith.

My approach to life changed and I didn't rely on myself anymore, find myself saying "it's not about me but you!". There was suddenly nothing to be scared about.

Liberton Kirk became a huge and very important part of our lives as we brought up our boys, and we've been surrounded by a tremendously supportive and loving church family as we've faced the various hurdles along the way. Now, as we take that next step to blend our lives between Edinburgh and Ireland (where Brian is working) we know that God has a bigger plan for us.

We feel so lucky and blessed!



Creche

Feb 4 Vicky McCallum
Feb 11 Alison Sutherland
Feb 18 Anne Shepherd
Feb 25 Julie Wilson-Martin

Anne Shepherd 07906 307936



Church Organ Music for February

That the word Lent means spring is not particularly helpful as the season is more usefully contemplated in association with penitential preparation for the death of Christ. Our own themes at Liberton Kirk afford the chance to explore more than the journey of Lent. And it is an occasion to give thanks that we are always fully known.

Sunday 4th February 2018 The Second Sunday before Lent

In Jesus we meet ... the God who is kind

BEFORE Boëllmann Offertoire in D Minor

DURING Lloyd Webber Communion

AFTER Frescobaldi Canzon post il Commun

Sunday 11th February 2018 The Sunday next before Lent

In Jesus we meet ... the God who does not envy

BEFORE Callahan Meditation on 'Carlisle'

Stand up and bless the Lord/Tis Good, Lord, to be here

DURING Thomas Laus Deo (Redhead No. 46)

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

For the gift of God your spirit

AFTER Tambling Recessional 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

Sunday 18th February 2018 The First Sunday of Lent

In Jesus we meet ... the God who does not boast

BEFORE de Grigny Dialogue 'Qui tollis peccata'

He takes away the sins

DURING TAIZE Exaudi nos Hear us

AFTER C.P.E. Bach Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to thee

Sunday 25th February 2018 The Second Sunday of Lent

In Jesus we meet ... the God who is not self-seeking

BEFORE Decker Leoni

Praise to the Living God

DURING Kauffmann Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ

AFTER Walther Ach Gott! erhöre mein Seufzen

Oh, God! Hear my sigh



Calum Gubby



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.

Welcome Desk Rota

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 welcomer (for month of February) Linda Haggerty				
4th March	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Lindsay Young	664 3067
11th March	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Jill Snowden	07823 335 585
18th March	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Jean Wilson	666 0368
25th March	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Netta Rough	664 6504
11am service WEST door welcomer (for month of March) Helen Colley				

Story Ceilidh

Liberton Kirk Halls Cafe on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 4pm

Edinburgh's Braid Hills are an important public park for the people of Edinburgh and beyond. Few people believe they know a story about the Braids, but almost everyone does! Many people walk their dogs there, play golf, cycle or go horse riding, children have grown up playing in these hills, walkers and young couples have spent happy, peaceful hours walking and admiring the beautiful views across the city.

The Friends of the Braid Hills group would like to hear some of these memories to share with the younger generation and with people who do not yet know the park. We hope through sharing stories and memories, people will come to know and love the park as much as we do and that more people will, visit, enjoy and wish to care for the area.

If you would like to listen to some traditional Scottish tales of Hills, shared by storytellers from the Scottish Storytelling Centre or would like to share your memories of the Braid Hills, we'd love you to join our story ceilidh. There will be a warm welcome, good company and refreshments to share.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to hear more about the project, please contact Jane Mather at magicalnaturestories@gmail.com or on 07831 091412

Fresh Start

Fresh Start requests:

Glass tumblers, towels, and clean pillows are particularly asked for this month along with the usual household goods.

Please leave all donations in the Offering House where marked.

The staff at Fresh Start wish to thank everyone for their on going support.

Any further inquiries please contact Sylvia Bennett on 664 3189



February Diary

Thursday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 3rd 9.00am-12.30pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 4th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am** (with 'Scots Communion')
& **11am** (with *Creche & 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 Sheep and the Goats
Speaker: David Hill

Monday 5th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 6th SHROVE TUESDAY
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 7th ASH WEDNESDAY
9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
9.30am - BIG Idea planning meeting - Wilson Hall
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

Thursday 8th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
7.00pm - Tim Sinclair's Ordination at Partick Trinity Church

Saturday 10th 9.00am-12.30pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 11th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am**
& **11am** (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
Theme: The God who does not envy
Preacher: John Young
10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
2.30pm - SEECAT planning meeting at St Barnabas' Church
Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
Theme: Elijah and worldly power
Speaker: Kirsty Forsyth

Monday 12th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 13th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (No evening café)
7.30pm - Personnel Team - McDonald room

Wednesday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (No evening café)
7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

	8.00pm – <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
	8.00pm - Elders' Training Huddle
Thursday 15 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 17 th	No Kirkgate Café

Sunday 18th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	& 11am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC</i>)
	Theme: The God who does not boast
	Preacher: Ruth Davies
	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
	Theme: Elijah, suffering, and God's provision
	Speaker: Andy Chittick

Monday 19 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 20 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 21 st	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	11.00am - <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
	2.30pm - Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i>
	7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
	8.00pm - Elders' Training Huddle
Thursday 22 nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm - BIG Alpha task Force
Saturday 24 th	9.00am-12.30pm – Kirkgate Café
	4.00pm-6.00pm - Messy Church at Liberton Kirk Centre

Sunday 25th	SOUPER SUNDAY
	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	& 11am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC</i>)
	Theme: The God who is not self-seeking
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am - <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	12.30pm - Bread & soup lunch in the Recreation Hall
	2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
	Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk
	Theme: Elijah and idolatry
	Speaker: Kenny McCartney

Monday 26 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 27 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	3.00pm - Service at <i>Cuthrie House</i>

Wednesday 28th 7.30pm - Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk
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

March 2018

Thursday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 2nd 2.00pm - World Day of Prayer Service in the Kirk
(followed by refreshments)
Saturday 3rd 9.00am-12.30pm – Kirkgate Café
10.00am-12noon - Guild Coffee Morning in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 4th **COMMUNION SUNDAY (all welcome!)**
9.30am - Morning worship with Scots Communion
& **11am** - Morning worship with Family Communion
(+ *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
Theme: The parable of the great banquet
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: Elijah and spiritual insecurity
Speaker: John Young

Senior Citizens Club

Our programme for the next two months is as follows

On 1st February we enjoyed a good sing-song with **Bobby Moore**.

Anne and the Close Shaves entertain us on 8th February - A class act.

We have our AGM on 22nd, along with entertainment from **The Parkinson Choir**, and on 29th we welcome **Ian Rintoul** with more "walks into nostalgia".

Alan Weatherhead joins us on 8th March with talent-a-plenty

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

Church Flowers rota

February convener — vacant (please consider applying)

4th February *vacant*

11th February Ms Margaret Thomson, 9/7 Mt Alvernia
in memory of *Ivy and William Jameson*

18th February Mrs Nancy MacMurray, Little Road
in memory of *Jacqueline and David MacMurray*

25th February Mrs Jean Gray, 4 Yewlands Crescent
in memory of *all past Flower Conveners*

Please contact me if you would like more information about being a flower convener

Jean Gray 258 2081

Elder's Sundau Duties

		<i>FEBRUARY</i>	<i>MARCH</i>	<i>APRIL</i>
9-30am				
East door	east area	Rosie Carmichael	Bill Mercer	Sally Cuthbert
West door	west area	Eric Brown	Pearl Kelly	Sandy Hutchinson
north door	plate	Chris Young	Fiona Knight	Tom Baxendale
11-00am				
West door	extreme west	Mary Davidson	Jill Niven	Sylvia Bennett
East door	extreme east	D/H Colley	Stewart Heney	Jean Wilson
North door	centre west	Brenda Lamb	Christine Johnson	Claire Mayberry
front gate	centre east	John Gill	Jacqui Tait	Chris Boyle
Gallery	gallery and west plate	Rink van Dijke	Netta Rough	Derek Jardine
banker	east plate	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael	Colin Burnett
Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. <i>Alison Walker 664 3631</i>				

Poppies - WWI - 1918-2018

This year marks the centenary of the end of the Great War. Liberton Kirk would like to commemorate the event in a very special way for which we need your help.

For 11th November 2018 we would like to create a cross of poppies mounted on the Kirk tower, an iconic landmark in the south of the city, with a veil of poppies flowing to the ground. They will be visible for miles around. Not just any poppies; but particularly red poppies which you have made –knitted, crocheted, sewn from felt, fabric, plastic, ceramic, metal – whatever you can do.

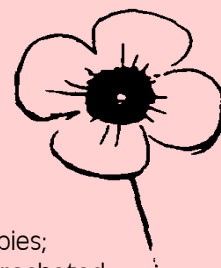
They can be any size, with or without a leaf. A safety pin at the back would be helpful if that is possible. There are many templates on the web and we shall have printed templates available soon if you need a hand.

Liberton is well known for it's outreach policy, so can you go one step further? If you belong to a group of any description ask your friends, family, neighbours, colleagues to join in and make some too. Does anyone have contacts overseas who can spread the word? It would be lovely to see poppies arriving from all over the world.

Some people would perhaps like to attach a name to the poppy in memory of someone who fought for our country and these names will be kept. If you have a story of someone, or an event and would like to put it on one side of an A4 sheet these will also be put into a folder in the Kirk for all to see.

Can we aim for about 8000 poppies. Start now and we *could* achieve that. Poppies can be handed from now until the end of September into the café at the Kirk Centre. I have made 1 felt poppy, only 7999 to go. HELP. I have faith in your abilities to do this and make the centenary one to remember.

Dorothy Morrison



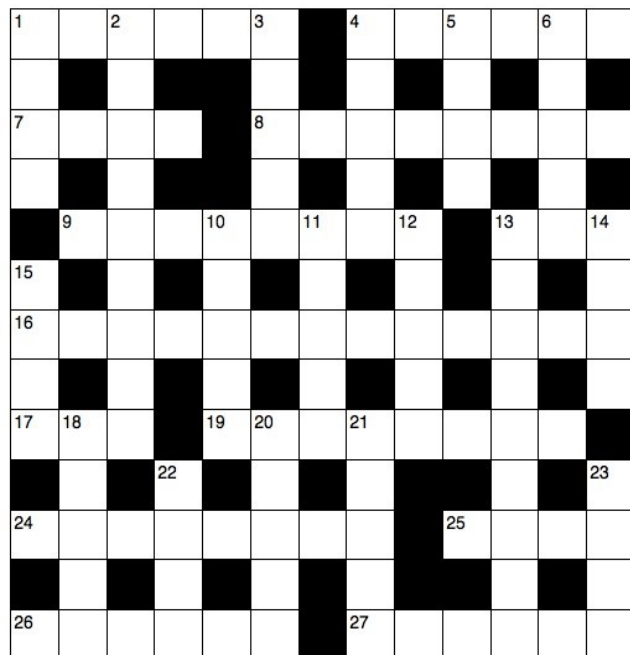
Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Crossword

DOWN

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5) 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)



- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

FEBRUARY 18



‘But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.’

2 Corinthians 4 verse 7

As the year moves on and the season of *Looking UPWARD* together continues, so it gives us an opportunity for a God-ward vision in the company of *2 CORINTHIANS, COLOSSIANS and HEBREWS* in the next couple of months.....and to pray for the Church world-wide in our times of Midday Devotion. Please do keep BIG ALPHA on your prayer list as we move together towards this venture!

Let me encourage you to listen for His voice as we continue together in our ‘rhythm of devotion’ during 2018.

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 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 CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Thurs 1 st	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 1 vs1+2 – take time to consider these opening words from Paul and Timothy... and then pray to this God as your day starts
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Iraq
	Evening	read the verses again - especially v 2 – reflect on the words and then pray
Fri 2 nd	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 1 vs 3-11 – consider these words of praise! what is God saying to you today about His comfort? pray in response to this God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the government in Iraq
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... and pray to this God in response
Sat 3 rd	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 1v12 -ch.2v4 – take time and consider Paul's experiences. What is God is saying to you today? Then take time to pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the suffering nation of Syria.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect carefully on the words and pray in response
Sun 4 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 2 vs 5-11 – take time and consider these words as your Sunday start, what words stay with you? Then pray in response
	Midday	pray for the Church in SE Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 5 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 2v12-ch.3v6 – take time to consider these Verses ... note verses 14-17 in particular – then pray in response to what God is saying
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray for others under persecution
Tue 6 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 3 vs 7-18 – consider the words from Paul. What is God saying to you today? – then pray in response to Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read these words again – reflect on what they say to you and then pray
Wed 7 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS chapter 4 – take time to consider this chapter. Look again at vs 7-12. Then take time to pray to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in Syria in these days
	Evening	read these verses again ... reflect ... and pray in response to our God.
Thur 8 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 4 vs 1-6 – consider these words again. what is God teaching you today... and then pray in response to Him?
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in Lebanon
	Evening	read the verses again – take time to reflect and pray to this God.
Fri 9 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 4 vs 7-15 – take time to consider carefully and prayerfully these words today... and then pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray for peace in our world in these days
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words...and pray with confidence
Sat 10 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 4 vs 16-18 – take time and consider these verses. What words will you hold onto today? and then pray humbly in response

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	Midday	pray God's blessing on the refugee situation in Lebanon
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what they say to you and pray at the end of the day
Sun 11 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 5 vs 1-10 – consider these great words as your Day starts. Take time to Pray in response with praises to this God!
	Midday	pray for the Church in our city to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again reflect and then pray at the end of your day
Mon 12 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 5 v11-ch.6 v2 – consider these words about Paul's ministry today – and then pray to this God of reconciliation
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Christian believers in Palestine
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and pray to this God, our God
Tue 13 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 6 vs 3-13 – consider these verses about Paul's hardships – what is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as they speak to you
Wed 14 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 6 v 14- ch.7 v1 – take time and consider these words this morning....and then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Egypt
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on ch.7 verse 1 - then pray to this God
Thu 15 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 7 vs 2-15 – take time and consider all that is said here ... What is God saying to you today?– then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the government in Egypt
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on Paul and His God – then pray
Fri 16 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 8 vs 1-15 – take time to consider this passage Today, .and then take time to pray in response as God leads you
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Christians in Saudi Arabia
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Sat 17 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 8 v16 – ch.9 v5 – take time to consider this part of Paul's letter – team work with Titus! What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response to their God, our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on the words and pray in response
Sun 18 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 9 vs 6-15 – take time and consider all that is said here then pray to this God who loves a cheerful giver!
	Midday	pray for the Church in our world to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ...then pray in response to this God
Mon 19 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS chapter 10 – take time to consider these particular words from Paul. What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response

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	Midday	pray for the suffering Church in Eritrea
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... and pray to Paul's God, our God
Tue 20 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 11 vs 1-15 – consider the situation Paul is dealing with here. What is God saying to you today? and then take time to pray to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... then pray in response to our God.
Wed 21 st	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 11 vs 16-33 - consider this passage and Paul's sufferings. What words stay with you? Pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Kenya
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... then pray at the end of your day
Thu 22 nd	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 12 vs 1-10 – take time and consider this part of Paul's letter. what does it say to you about your God? – then pray in response to the God of sufficient grace
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the small Church in Somalia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what Paul is saying here and what God is saying to you– then pray to Him, with thanksgiving!
Fri 23 rd	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 12 vs 11-21 – consider Paul's words of concern as your day. What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on believers in Sudan
	Evening	read these verses again.... take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 24 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 13 vs 1-10 – take time to consider Paul's final words. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Church leaders in difficult places in our world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what is said... pray in response
Sun 25 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 13 vs 11-14 – consider these final greetings and then pray in response to this God, our God.. using verse 14
	Midday	pray for the Church in our part of Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings
	Evening	read the verses again, reflect on verse 14, then pray in response
Mon 26 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 1 vs 1-14 – take time and consider Paul's words of thanksgiving. Who are you thankful for today? then pray in response to this God, naming others before Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God who saves
Tue 27 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 1 vs 15-23– consider this great part of the letter this morning! What is God saying to you? – and then pray to this Jesus
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect pray in response, as your day ends
Wed 28 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 1 v24 -ch.2 v5 - consider these verses, about Paul's labours of love. What words stay with you today? Pray humbly for your church as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the suffering Church in Tanzania

LIFE AND WORK for February

The Saints of Scotland As Valentine's Day approaches, Jackie Macadam reflects on the saintly people who have influenced Scotland.

Faith into Action Profile of Professor Gordon Dickson, former chair of the charity CHAS and Church of Scotland elder.

A Fresh Statement of Faith? The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald argues that it is time to return to the 'unfinished business' of reviewing the role of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

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One of the things happening in the run-up to Holy Week and Easter is the study groups which take place over five weeks in the season of Lent, which this year means five weeks beginning 19th February. It's a great opportunity to meet people from the other Christian churches in the area and to study something related to our common faith together.

There will be groups at different times of the day and the week and sign-up sheets will be on the West Door Welcome Desk at the beginning of the month (or speak to me). Please think about joining in!

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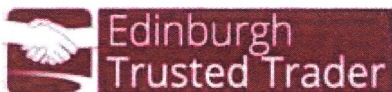
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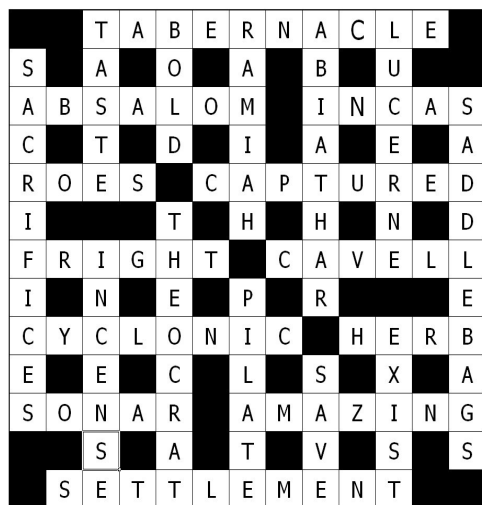
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