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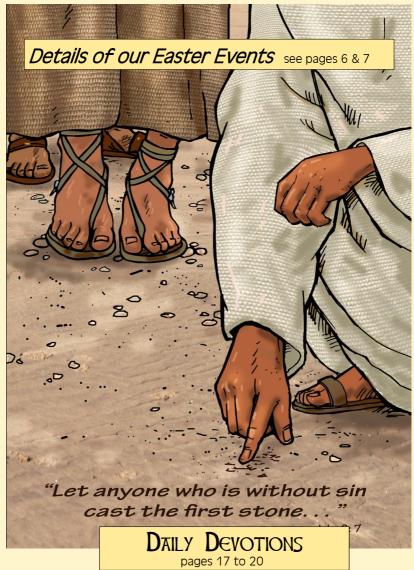




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to draw
closer to God
and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'

Vision Statement





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Our theme for 2018!



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

Letter from the Minister March - The Year of Young People

Last May, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland designated 2018 as 'The Year of Young People' (YoYP).

Throughout Scotland churches are being challenged to engage with a number of pressing issues which are effecting us all, such as how to encourage young people to engage more with their faith, and how to make sure that they know they are an important part of the church.

Here at Liberton we have been trying to address these questions for a number of years now, particularly with our Forward Together campaign in 2001 to raise money for the appointment of our first full time youth worker, and, more recently, in the various ways we have been trying to include and involve younger people in our worship and in our communion services.

There is one important area, however, in which we still have some way to go. In March 2017, I wrote of the image in the Bible of church as the 'Family of God' and the need for us to be more

'intergenerational'. I had been challenged by the words

of Andy Chittick, spoken two years before, who had said ...



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

A year has now passed since I wrote this article, but the challenge still remains, and so, to make it more real, here is an exercise for us all to do. Please write in the spaces below the names of five school-age children known to you personally, who you are not directly related to, and who are part of our church family here at Liberton.

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Much love	7

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Youth news. Thanks & prayers:

Our recent launch of Friday Bible study for teenagers has been both fun and fruitful as we study 1 Peter - and we are grateful for our teenagers' faithfulness in coming along and making it a success. I had thought about attempting (key word) to name it something cool, and creating a flashy flyer; but never got around to it. So when they turned up faithfully anyway, I was humbled by their maturity and eagerness to grow in God's word. Our Crazy Crosses and BBC leaders deserve our gratitude, as they develop an increasing unity and lovely spirit among all our young people. What an honour it is to partake in! To Christ be the glory.

We have much to prepare for both in the immediate future and for the distant warmth of summer. We are expecting over 900 pupils for our upcoming **Fischy Music** concerts on 7th March, please pray that everything goes smoothly. Preparations for a visit to the Guild from pupils at Liberton High School, please pray for this to continue well. Preparations are equally under way for our Youth Service on 18 March, which involves the theme of 'Respect' with the aim to reduce bullying among young people - please pray that this is successful. And our usual programme of working weekly in our local schools, please pray for the Spirit to work and guide.

And through Lent, please join us as we continue to pray for guidance in big preparations for our summer programme: a **Weekend Away** in June, back in Peebles that it is both enjoyable and inter-generational, **Stage 'n' Slam** in July that we are able to secure the facilities from the city council that we need, and **Summer Buzz** as our theme of *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe -* that it comes together with a focused team and an engaging story line.

Emily & Kenny

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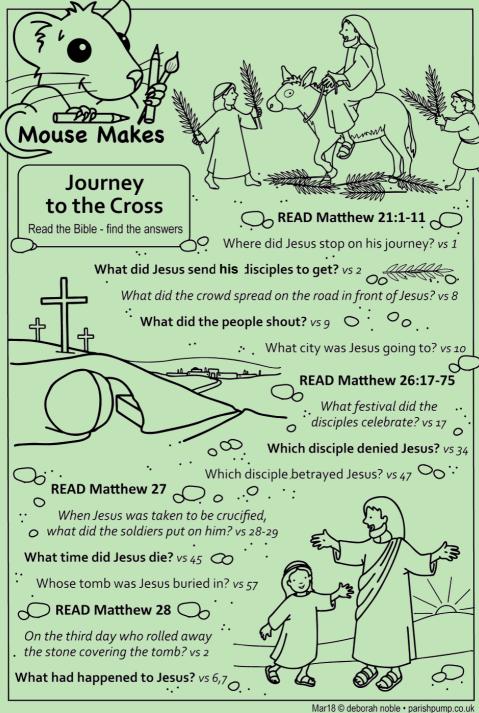
A Prayer for the Month of March

O LORD our God Our Father and Protector Our Strength and Provider Come to us

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

O Spirit our Guide
Our Counsellor and Helper
Our Comforter and Light
Come to us
Amen

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Faith Story from Julie Martin

My story of faith can be split into two categories,

before my Grandma died and afterwards ...

My Grandma died a slow and painful death, hooked up to machines, lying in a hospital bed. She knew what was lying before her. Throughout it all her faith remained solid, she was in no doubt that death was only a comma, and not a full stop. In her last days, she would ask us to read out her favourite bible verses.

She never once complained about what was happening to her, when we prayed together it was mostly her praying for us, not the other way around. I thought this moment in my life is where I would question my faith the most. Here was my Grandma, one of the people I loved the most in the world dying a slow and painful death. In life, she had taught me the love of Jesus Christ, in death she taught me what faith was.

I grew up at Liberton Kirk and had always thought that I had a very clear feeling and view of what faith was. I had felt early on in my life a calling to teaching.

I placed my faith in God that this was the correct path for me to be on and even though it was an extremely bumpy path I always believed it was the right one. However, it wasn't until that day 5 years ago when I watched my grandma slip away from this earth to return home, that I truly understood what faith was to me. It means in my darkest days I always feel at least a shimmer of light of Jesus Christ.

My Grandma showed me that even when things get rough, that God will never ask you to do anything beyond your means. It means having your faith tested even when you think you have it all sorted out.

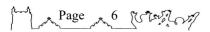
HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The first joint event is a Passover Meal on Monday 26th March, 7pm at Liberton Kirk Centre, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets (£5) are essential (and much in demand) for this event, as numbers are limited.

Then there's a Stations of the Cross Service on Wednesday

28th March, 7.30pm at St. John Vianney's, 40 Fernieside Gardens, followed by light refreshments. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving service.

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



SEECAT

Palm Sunday to Easter

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

PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday 25th March there is joint evening worship with other Big Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium at 7pm. The speaker will be our own Andy Chittick.



GOOD FRIDAY (30th March)

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a Prayer Walk, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. On the walk we stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community. In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an **Open-air Service**. We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' and St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a good place for after-service refreshments! On Good Friday afternoon there is a Joint Service at Gracemount High School at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all. The speaker this year will be Jeff Bagnall, a former lecturer in Religious Education and current Chair of the Newman Association Edinburgh Circle. There is tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see very often. If you are unable to be at either of these events. there will be a **Service of Worship and Reflection** at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

EASTER DAY (1st April)

Three opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead! Our first service at 9.30am includes a shared breakfast (Agape) and you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock service, at which all ages are welcome. In the evening Origin Scotland lead "Resurrection"

2018" in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed (with an offering on the night). Details on their website or 'phone 0131 208 0095.

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Cuild News for March

ALL WELCOME!

Our World Tour finishes this month with a visit to Suriname in South America, followed by a return to Edinburgh. By the time you receive this edition of the Church magazine, we will have celebrated the World Day of Prayer in Liberton Kirk and held our Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd.



EVENING GUILD

Monday 5th – Jazz in the Church. Entertainment is by Richard Michael and his daughter Joanna. Tickets are still available (suggested donation of £5) and will be on sale after both services on 4th March, as well as on the evening of the concert. Please note that the concert is being held in the Kirk. Monies raised go towards our Guild projects. Refreshments will be served after the concert. **Monday 19th** is our AGM which will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

AFTERNOON GUILD

On March14th we welcome back pupils from Liberton High School for our final Guild meeting of this session. Please note that this meeting begins at 1.45pm. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



Church Flowers rota

March convener: no convener

4th March Mrs Helen Sutherland, 124 Tryst Park

in memory of Grace Moss

11th March Mrs Mary Lonie, 78 The Murrays

in memory of Bert Lonie

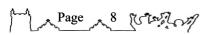
18th March25th MarchMrs Karen Ross, 22 Liberton PlaceMrs Dorothy Philp, 47 Liberton Gardens

In memory of James Philp

New conveners are required for March and April.

Please consider putting in the flowers and/or helping with the delivery. Your help would be very much appreciated

Jean Gray 258 2081 Convener



93rd B Rainbows and the Guild Celebrate LOVE

The 93rd B Rainbow Pack very kindly invited the Guild to their meeting on 9th February 2018 to celebrate "Love"!

"Go in Love" is the theme for the Guild this year, so we were interested to find out what the young people thought about the subject; and they certainly had some interesting answers to the question. They expressed love for their families, friends and pets; but were also aware of the need to love and care for the planet. We had great fun as we coloured in hearts to show our love! The Guild thank the 93rd B Brownie Pack for their kind invitation, and look forward to another visit in the future.

Gladys Montgomery, Convener













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

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March Diary

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 Reading: 1 Kings 19

Monday 5th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 6th 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

7.30pm - Executive Huddle in the McDonald Room

Wednesday 7th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

10.30am-12noon - *Fischy Music* Concert in the Kirk 1.30pm-3.00pm - *Fischy Music* Concert in the Kirk 7.00pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

Thursday 8th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.30pm - BIG Alpha training in the Wilson Hall

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 keeps no record of wrongs

Preacher: Ruth Davies

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

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: Elijah and injustice

Speaker: Brad Laing; Reading: 1 Kings 21

Monday 12th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 13th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm - Evening Worship planning Team

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Wednesday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café 7.00pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 8.00pm - *Cathering for Praise* in the Kirk 8.00pm - Elders' Training Huddle Thursday 15th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 7.30pm - *BIG Alpha* training in the Wilson Hall Saturday 17th 9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café 7.30pm - Bruce Davies Concert in the Anderson Hall (proceeds to the Kirkgate Trust) Sunday 18th Morning Worship @ 9.30am Theme: The God who protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres Preacher: John Young Morning Worship @ 11am - YOUTH SERVICE (with Creche) 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome) Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk Theme: Elijah and John the Baptist Speaker: Kenny McCartney; Reading: Matthew 3 Monday 19th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café (7.00pm for) 7.30pm - Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall Tuesday 20th 7.30am-7.30pm - Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café Wednesday 21st 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café 11.00am - Pram Praise in the Small Hall 2.30pm - Service at Braid Hills Care Home Thursday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 2.00pm - Senior Citizens' Club AGM 7.30pm - *BIC Alpha* training in the Wilson Hall Saturday 24th 9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café 10.00am-12noon - Gracemount Grounds Clean-up 4.00pm-6.00pm - Messy Church at Liberton Kirk Centre Sunday 25th BST starts - clocks go forward one hour PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship @ 9.30am & 11am (with Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC) Theme: The God who rejoices with the truth Preacher: John Young 10.20am - Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) 2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)



7.00pm Joint Palm Sunday Evening Worship @ Faith

Mission Auditorium

Theme: Focus on Young People

Speaker: Andy Chittick



Monday 26th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.00pm - Passover Meal @ LKC (SEECAT)

Tuesday 27th 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 Wilson Hall

Wednesday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe

7.00pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Cafe* 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross Service at St John

Vianney's RC Church (SEECAT)

Thursday 29th Friday 30th

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am – SEECAT Prayer walk leaves from the Kirk 11.00am – SEECAT Open Air Service at Morrisons

(Gilmerton Road)

3.00pm – Joint SEECAT Service at Gracemount High

School (Lasswade Rd)

7.30pm – Good Friday evening reflection at Liberton Kirk

April

Sunday 1st

EASTER DAY

9.30am Early Morning service with 'Agape' (breakfast)

& 11am Family Service (with *Creche*)

Preacher: John Young

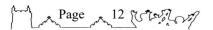
Theme: The God whose love never fails (Remember to bring a daffodil to both services) 10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room 2.30pm - Service at Ellens Glen House (SEECAT)

7.30pm – 'Resurrection 2018' – City-wide praise in the Usher Hall, led by the Origin choir and orchestra (to book tickets go to www.originscotland.org or phone 0131 208 0095)



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

As mentioned in the February magazine Bruce Davies will be making a welcome return to Liberton Kirk on Saturday 17th March. Those of you who have been at his previous concerts in Liberton Kirk will know what a wonderful entertainer he is. 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 or by contacting Mary Davidson on 664 6789.



Elder's Sunday Duties

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

Fresh Start

Andrew (name changed) received a Hit Squad and a number of Starter Packs in December last year.

As a single parent of two children who had spent the previous 12 months



moving between different types of temporary accommodation, he was very relieved to receive the keys to his new tenancy.

The Hit Squad volunteers, working alongside Andrew, painted the living room and the children's bedroom. Isy, the Hit Squad coordinator based in Craigmillar delivered pots, pans, crockery, bedding, towels and curtains. The timing couldn't have been better as it meant the young family spent Christmas in a place that they could finally call home.

Andrew said "Without this help it would have been very difficult for me".

Some FS statistics to let you know how much your help and donations are appreciated.

During the 10year period from Feb 2008 to Feb 2018, 70872 individual Starter Packs have been distributed.

Also during the 5 year period, 1 st Feb 2013 to 1st Feb 2018 the Volunteers have gifted 38433 hours of their time.

Specific requests for this month are for yellow dusters and tinned meat (e.g. tuna, fish, meat balls etc).

If anyone out there would like to join our team of volunteers please contact me.

Sylvia Bennett 664-3189.



Welcome Desk Rota

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					
1st April	Chris Young	664 6615	Margot Brandie	664 1637	
8th April	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	Mary Lonie	664 4052	
15th April	Bill Mercer	664 2152	John Gooday	664 6792	
22nd April	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Maureen Horn	666 0080	
29th April	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Grant Cook	664 1581	
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11am service **WEST** door welcomer (for month of April) Eleanor Grieve

Congregational News

We warmly welcome **Mrs Pamela (Pam) Shaw** as a new member, in January, and hope that she will enjoy her connection with Liberton Kirk.

Congratulations to **Robbie Gavin Henderson** and **Stephanie Anne Mitchell** who were married at Liberton Kirk on 4th November 2017.

I am sorry to record the deaths of several members over the past few months and send my sympathies to all their relatives and friends.

Mrs Margaret Douglas	17th October 2017
Ms Fiona Campbell	20th November
Lt.Col. lan Scott	13th December
Mr R W J (Douglas) Crombie	21st December
Mrs Alex Yeoman	5th January 2018
Mrs Madeleine Campbell	2nd February
Mrs Georgie Gregor	4th February
Mr George Barlee	10th February



Messy Church

The date this month is Saturday 24th March and we will be looking at Holy Week and Easter. As usual Messy Church runs from 4pm to 6pm, and all young families (with children of 0 – P7) are welcome – if you know families who find Sundays difficult, encourage them to try Messy Church,

(Messy Church logo © BRF2012)

which is once a month on Saturday afternoon.

More information on the website, or from me.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608.

Cracemount Church

On Saturday 24th March from 10am we plan to join together as churches ,to clean up the site of the former church building in Gracemount Drive. Soup and snacks will be provided to volunteers

Spectacles and Stamps

Boxes for your donations are available in the Offering House and the Halls Foyer.

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Gathering for Prayer CALL TO PRAYER Big Alpha

At the January Focus Day we were encouraged and challenged to pray together as God's People.

At the January Gathering for Prayer we raised the name of the LORD our God with our praises

and handed Big Alpha over to Him. This will continue as part of our monthly qatherings.

(The March prayer time will be held during Holy Week in the Upper Room.)
In the Upper Room each Tuesday there is an opportunity to keep this going.
On the church website and on the Kirk's Facebook and Twitter pages there is a call to prayer each Thursday morning at 8.

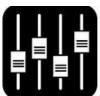
We are all encouraged and challenged to pray together as God's People.

Thank you for being a part of this. From the Big Alpha Task Team.

The church tech desk needs You!

Have you ever wondered how the slides work in the church? Or ever fancied getting your hands on a sound control desk that is the next best thing to the console of the Starship Enterprise?

If so then a fun challenge awaits you on the church tech desk, where we are keen to get some more people onto the rotas for **sound** and **PowerPoint**.



The slides are straightforward, and while the sound desk is a bit more of a stretch, it is really rewarding as you work with the band to get the best possible sound for the church.

Plenty of training will be provided to help you get started.

If interested please contact Neil Harris on 07980 346 852.

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.

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Church Organ Music for March

Life comes from God. There is no other source of hope, light, and good. God's people spent forty years in the wilderness learning their utter dependence on God for their daily survival. We are now invited to return to Christ as the source of our hope for eternal life. Our response to this infinite blessing is that in our own lives we might reflect something of the light, hope and goodness that God pours into the world and in which he calls us to participate.

Calum Gubby Sunday 4th March The Third Sunday of Lent - Communion Sunday

BEFORE Calkin Soft Voluntary No. LXXXII

DURING Lloyd Webber Communion

AFTER Leddington Wright March on 'Miles Lane'

All hail the power of Jesus' name.

Sunday 11th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent - **Mothering Sunday**

In Jesus we meet ... the God who keeps no record of wrongs

BEFORE Dubois Verset de Procession

DURING Archer Dix. For the beauty of the earth AFTER Hand He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Sunday 18th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent - The Youth Service

In Jesus we meet ... the God who protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres

BEFORE J.S. Bach Christus, der uns selig macht

Christ who makes us blessed

DURING Anon. O Welt, ich muß dich lassen O, World, I must leave you

Cross of Jesus (9.30 a.m.)

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Lefébure-Wély Sortie in G minor (11 a.m.)

Sunday 25th March 2018 - Palm Sunday

In Jesus we meet ... the God who rejoices with the truth

BEFORE Bullard Prelude: Winchester New

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

DURING TAIZE Hosanna

Grote

AFTER

AFTER Reger Valet will ich dir geben. I shall say farewell to Thee

Senior Citizens Club

On 1st March we enjoyed entertainment from **The Melody Makers**, and are looking forward to the visit from **Alan Weatherhead** on March 8th.

On 15th March we welcome **Johnny Campbell**, and on 22nd we have our AGM, with entertainment from **The Gilmerton singers** (along with a raffle)

lan Rintoul joins us 29th March with some more films.

We start our April programme on Thursday 5th with the **Marie Curie Easter Sale** (11am to 1pm) followed by entertainment from **David Vernon**.

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

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

MARCH &



'But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.' 2 Corinthlans 4 verse 7

As the year moves on towards Easter and the season of <u>Looking UPWARD</u> together continues, so we are continuing a God-ward vision in the company of <u>2 CORINTHIANS</u>, <u>COLOSSIANS</u> and <u>HEBREWS</u> in these months of February and March and to pause in prayer at our times of Midday Devotion for others.

Please do keep BIG ALPHA on your prayer list as we move together towards this venture in the Autumn!

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 MARCH

	DEVIO	A KINK CELLIC DEVOLIONS FOR MAKEL
Thu 1 st	Morning	COLOSSIANS 2 vs 6- 10 – take time to consider these verses.
	· ·	Which words stay with you? and then pray to God as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those new in the Christian faith.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words and pray as your day ends
Fri 2 nd	Morning	COLOSSIANS 2 vs 11-19 – consider carefully Paul's words
1112	Wiching	here – what is God saying to you today? pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Council in our city.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray to this Jesus in response
Sat 3 rd	Morning	COLOSSIANS 2 v20-ch.3 v4 – take time and consider these words. What is
Sat 5	MOLLING	
	Midday	God is saying to you today about life with Christ? Then pray in response.
	,	pray God's blessing on those struggling with life at this time
Sun 4 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect carefully on the words, pray in response
Sull 4	Morning	3rd Sunday in Lent – Communion Sunday - COLOSSIANS 3 vs 5-11
		- consider these words as your day starts - what words stay with
	N 42 al al acco	you? Then pray in response – with honesty.
	Midday	pray for the Church in Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings
. eth	Evening	read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 5 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 3 vs 12-17 – take time to consider these verses – vs12 &
		17 in particular – pray in response to what God is saying to you today
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
- oth	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray for others in your church
Tue 6 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 3 v18-ch.4 v1 – consider the words spoken by
		Paul. What is God saying to you here? – then pray in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
th	Evening	read these words again – reflect on what they say to you and then pray
Wed 7 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 4 vs 2-4 – take time to consider these words. What do
		they teach you about Prayer? Then put them into practice
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the churches in Big Idea
_, _th	Evening	read these verses again reflect and pray in response
Thu 8 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 4 vs 5+6 – consider these particular words from Paul
		this morning. What God is teaching you today then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Christian believers in lonely places in our world
. th	Evening	read the verses again – take time to reflect and pray for others
Fri 9 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 4 vs 7-14 – consider carefully the people here who stays
		with you and why? and then pray in response to our God.
	Midday	pray for peace in our world.
41-	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the people here and pray for others.
Sat 10 th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 4 vs15-18 – take time and consider Paul's words.
		What verses will you hold onto today? – then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on your neighbours.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what they say to you and pray.
Sun 11 th	Morning	4th Sunday in Lent – HEBREWS 1 vs 1-3 – consider these great words
		as your day starts. Take time to Pray in response, with praises to this God!
	Midday	pray for the Church in our world to know Sunday blessings.
	Evening	read the verses again reflect and pray at the end of your day.

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Mon 12 th	Morning	HEBREWS 1 vs 4-14 – consider these words about Jesus
		What is God's Word saying to you today? – and then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on shops and businesses in Liberton.
th.	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Tue 13 th	Morning	HEBREWS 2 vs 1-4 – consider these words about being saved
		– and then turn the words into your morning prayer.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as they
. th		speak to you.
Wed 14 th	Morning	HEBREWS 2 vs 5-13 – take time and consider these verses. What
		do they teach you as your day starts? then pray to God in response.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer.
th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to God – with thanks!
Thu 15 th	Morning	HEBREWS 2 vs 14-18 – take time and consider all that is said
		here about Jesus. What is God saying to you from the verses?
		- then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on BIG Alpha preparations.
Fri 16 th	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on this Jesus, and then pray to Him.
Fri 16	Morning	HEBREWS 3 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these verses about Moses
	Middox	and Jesus and then take time to pray in response as God leads you.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on the care homes in Liberton.
Sat 17 th	Morning	read these verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray. HEBREWS 3 vs 7-11 – take time to consider these verses
Sat 17	Morring	again. What is God saying to you today? Pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response.
Sun 18 th	Morning	5th Sunday in Lent - HEBREWS 3 vs 12-19 – take time and
3411 TO	Wiching	consider these words then pray humbly to this God.
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect, then pray in response to this God.
Mon 19 th	Morning	HEBREWS 4 vs 1-11 – take time to consider these verses about
	J	rest, as your day starts What is God saying to you? Pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on nurseries, playgroups and schools in Liberton.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect pray to our this God in response.
Tue 20 th	Morning	HEBREWS 4 vs 12+13 – prayerfully consider what is said here.
		What words stay with you? and then take time to pray to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
-4	Evening	read the verses again – reflect, then pray in response to this God.
Wed 21 st	Morning	HEBREWS 4 v14- ch.5 v 10 - consider these words today. What
		words stay with you? Pray humbly with confession as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who are homeless in our city at this time.
Ti and	Evening	read the words again – reflect - pray at the end of your day to Jesus.
Thu 22 nd	Morning	HEBREWS 5 vs 11-ch.6 v12 – take time and consider these words
		about turning away from God then pray honestly in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling with a decision today.

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Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here – and then pray. Fri 23rd Morning HEBREWS 6 vs 13-20 – consider these words here about God's promises as your day starts. What is He saving to you today? then pray to Him. Midday pray God's blessing on believers caught in a family crisis at this time. Evening read these words again take time to reflect and pray to this God Sat 24th Morning HEBREWS 7 vs 1-14 – take time to consider these verses. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him in response. Midday pray God's blessing on Church leaders in difficult places in our world Evening read the verses again – reflect ... and pray in response – for others. Sun 25th Morning Palm Sunday – HEBREWS 7 vs 15-28 consider these words about Jesus this morning!and then pray in response to this God, our God – giving thanks for Jesus! Midday pray for the Church in our land to know Sunday blessings. Evening read the verses again ... reflect on their meaning for you and pray in response as your day ends. Mon 26th Morning HEBREWS chapter 8 – take time and consider this chapter. What does it mean for you today? then pray in response to this God. Midday pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer. Evening read the verses again – reflect ... then pray to this God of ours. Tue 27th Morning HEBREWS 9 vs 1-22 – consider these verses this morning. What is God saying to you? - then pray in response to the words you have read! Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear! Evening read the words again – reflect then take time to pray in response. Wed 28th Morning HEBREWS 9 vs 23-28 – take time to consider what these verses say to you about Jesus ... what words stay with you? What is your response? and then pray to Him in response – with praise! pray God's blessing on the work of Try Praying. Midday Evening read the verses again – reflect - and then pray to this God of ours Thur 29th Morning HEBREWS 10 vs 1-7 – take time and consider what is said here What words stay with you? - pray in response to this God of ours. pray God's blessing on the churches of SEECAT. Midday Evening read the verses again – reflect on our God – and then pray to Him. Fri 30th Morning Good Friday - HEBREWS 10 vs 8-14 – take time to consider these words on this particular morning. What do they mean for you? and then take time to pray in response as God leads you. pray God's blessing on those who are part of the BIG Alpha Team. Midday Evening read these words again – reflect on the verses here and then pray as your day ends. Sat 31st Morning HEBREWS 10 vs 15-18 – take time and consider these words Today and then pray in response to this God of forgiveness Midday pray for members of your family at this time. Evening read the verses again – reflect on our God ... then pray in response to this God as Easter Sunday approaches!

Meeting Up with our Twinning Friends in Ipoh



It has been part of the World Mission Team's plans for some time to organise a visit to our twinning congregation in Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia. This, we believe, will be a special visit not only for the hospitality which will undoubtedly be given but also for seeing at first hand the work of a very active congregation with many exciting outreaches. It will also provide the opportunity to see the Christian Church in action in an Islamic country, as well as sampling the City of Ipoh and its surrounding areas, now

reckoned to be one of the most exciting destinations in South East Asia.

A glance at the website of Canning Garden Methodist Church (cgmcipoh.org) will give you some insight on the Church and its scope of service. There are also many videos on lpoh available on the internet. As many will know, three persons from Liberton Kirk have already been warmly welcomed by the CGMC congregation over the past two years. The intention of this visit would be to spend two weeks in the country.

The first week would be with the congregation staying in members' homes, experiencing local hospitality and seeing at first hand some of the church's work as well as enjoying the sights of the city of Ipoh which is set amongst the most beautiful limestone hills with fascinating cave temples; dipping into the history of what was once the tin capital of the world, the nearby countryside including the famous Cameron Highlands and sampling the local cuisine which is reckoned to be the best in Malaysia. The second week would be spent most probably relaxing on the island of Penang where you can enjoy the warm climate, beautiful beaches, a nice hotel and lots of varied sightseeing and good shopping.

It would undoubtedly be a holiday to remember and would enable our twinning association to be truly cemented. Malaysia, of course, is quite far away (some 12 hours flying time) but, with savings from group travel and insurance, the overall cost can be controlled. If you feel you might be at all interested in such an adventure in 2019, most likely sometime in the period of April-June, then please send me an email or speak to me at Church. The plan would be to gauge the amount of interest and then to meet as a group and answer more detailed questions and, from there, to calculate the likely budget cost, dates etc.

Canning Garden have already indicated that they would be happy to welcome a party and would, of course, be actively involved in the planning of this visit and in giving advice covering all aspects of the party's time in Malaysia. Sandy Hutchison,

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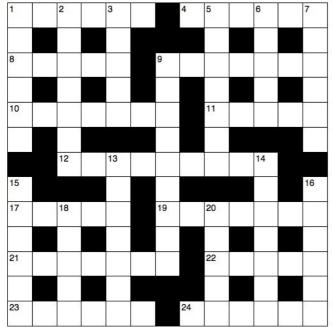


Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They -," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 Do not use your freedom to the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — one man, saying, "None of us will go home" (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be --' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)



7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

Crossword

- 9 'For I desire mercy, not —, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

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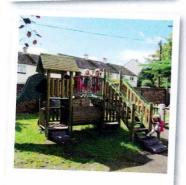
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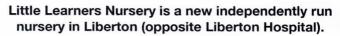




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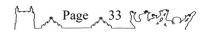
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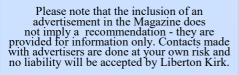
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Church Secretary: Jacqui Tait, Church Office, Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, EH16 6RY. Tel 664 8264. email: jacqui.tait1@btinternet.com

Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door, if Jacqui is unavailable

Hours of Services: 9-30am, Ilam & 6-30pm

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis. Please contact John Young or Ruth Davies if you have a special request.

The Minister is usually available in the **Kirkgate Cafe** in the Kirk Centre, on Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 8pm.

Appointments can be made by telephone to see him at other times, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.

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Weekly Groups

Thrive - Wednesday evening

Kirk Centre

Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk

01968 670 752 or 07952 949 062

Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

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

Fortnightly Groups

Pilgrims Link Group - Tuesday evening

45 Mortonhall Park View

Francis Watts - 07757 084 064

Pathfinders - Tuesday evening

5 Stennis Gardens

Geoff Craig - gvcraig@talk21.com 664 5115

New Beginnings - Tuesday evening

Upper Room, Kirkgate 6.30—7.30pm

Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090

Home & Away - Thursday evening

10 Mortonhall Park Gardens

Susan Jardine - susan@jardineclan.org.uk 664 7112

The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening

21 Swanston Grove

Caroline & Roger Barlee - barlee@blueyonder.co.uk 445 5918

Vista Group - Thursday evening

21 Kirk Park

Rink van Dijke - rink@talktalk.net 664 2178

Monthly Group

The Book group - Tuesday evening

Edith Barrowcliffe - rainbowstorm@blueyonder.co.uk 666 2840

If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net)

or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk)
or the Group nearest you

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