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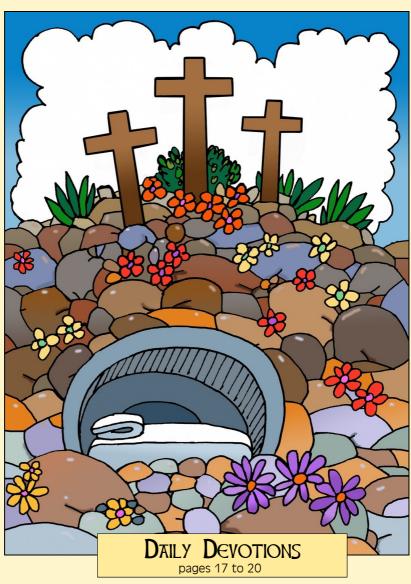




'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus' Vision

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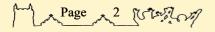
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Our theme for 2018!



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



Letter from the Minister Now the green blade riseth

As I write this mid-March, it is snowing again. What a winter we have had, and it has been very difficult for many people. Now April has arrived, and we are appreciating the spring flowers and the increased warmth. We have also celebrated Easter, and the move from darkness to life with the resurrection.

We have continued our Easter tradition at Liberton Kirk of decorating the bare Christmas crosses with beautiful yellow daffodils – transforming the whole space into one of light, energy and new growth. I was just listening to an item on the radio this morning about a chemical in daffodils which can help dementia sufferers – what an amazing thought, and such a wonderful gift from our loving creative God.

Easter is always seen as a time of new beginnings. There is a favourite hymn of our family, which became especially meaningful to my mother-in-law, following the

death of her husband 17 years ago at this time of year.



"Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain, love lives again that with the dead has been, love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been,
Love is come again
Like wheat that springeth green
(John Macleod Campbell Crum)

This April, let us embrace this idea of new beginnings, and rededicate ourselves to this Jesus, who loves us so much more than we love ourselves.

Much love,

Jan.

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Congregational News

On 25th February we welcomed **Andrew Isaaq Smith** at his baptismal service, along with a large gathering of his family and friends.

Stuart Campbell (13 December 1949 – 27 January 2018)

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Stuart Campbell, a former organist of Liberton Kirk who served between 1967 and 1971. He went on to obtain the position of organist at Greyfriars Kirk before becoming Glasgow University Organist and Director of Chapel Music from 1975 until 2000. From 2001, Dr. Campbell was assistant organist at St. Bride's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, and remained in demand as a deputy and accompanist until his death in January after a short illness.

He is remembered by many as being a real asset to Liberton Kirk, which greatly benefitted from the calibre of his talents.

His funeral service was held at St. Bride's on February 16th.

Calum Gubby

Guild News for April

ALL WELCOME!

Both the Afternoon and Evening Guilds have finished for this session but will restart again in October.

The Guild Committee would like to thank sincerely the members and friends who supported both last month's Coffee Morning and Jazz in the Church. Despite the weather, both were exceptionally well attended.



GUILD OUTING

This is being held on Wednesday 18th April and will take the form of Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm, at the Tontine Hotel in Peebles. Travel is by either the Peebles bus (X62) or by private car. The cost is £14 per head and members are asked to give their names and payment to Gladys Montgomery, Jill Niven or Evelyn Ogilvie by 5th April.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

A Prayer for the Month of April

Jesus My Jesus Crucified

Buried, But raised on high!

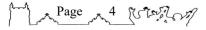
Jesus My Jesus Shine Brightly Through our lives! Jesus My Jesus The only Way Truth And Life!

Jesus, My Jesus!
Jesus
My Jesus My living Lord!

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Amen

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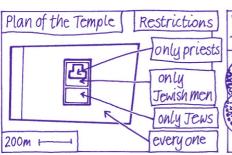


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It can be read in the Bible in Mt 21:12-16, MK 11:15-18, LK 19: 45-48

A short story from the Bible

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...

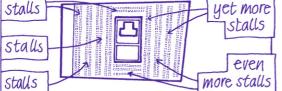


Visitors had to change their money to shekels

They had to buy special animals to sacrifice...



and the stalls filled the only place that non-Jews could come to worship God



The chief priests had no problem with this ...







Faith Story from Sandy Hutchison

Thy Rod and Staff, they comfort me

In many ways, my early journey of faith is probably not unusual for someone of my vintage. I was brought up in post war Britain, when Christian values and church attendance were normal. The church was very much the centre of village life where I was a child, and everyday life was very much simpler than today's world with less pressures. Through church, I was given a good Sunday School grounding on bible stories and on Jesus, and being brought up in a loving family I had wonderful first-hand experience of love in action, and living by Christian values.

My first venture on my own was when I spent a period away from home in boarding school. This exposed me to living in a different sort of community, away from the protection and security of my family. It helped me to understand discipline and gave me self-confidence, but academically I guess I was at that time an average student.

That period came to an abrupt end through serious illness, and an extended period of hospitalisation and, as I gradually returned to health, my parents took the decision to bring me home again and, from then on, my education flourished. On finishing school, I went on to study law at Aberdeen University, followed by professional qualifications in hospital management and health care. I guess like many people in their early 20s, my faith and church was then more of a fringe activity as life was full of new and exciting experiences, and, with moving around a lot, I missed the opportunity to grow within any particular church family.

I always wanted to experience life in London and so, shortly after completing my professional qualifications, I moved south to the big metropolis, and all that it had to offer. My career developed rapidly and I was presented with good opportunities to run a variety of different hospitals. I joined St. Columba's, Pont Street, and attended All Souls, Langham Place, being much influenced by Fraser McLuskey and John Stott, as well as, on a daily basis, by the Sisters of the Roman Catholic Congregation I was to work with, in various capacities, for some 15 years. I was also exposed to multi-cultural life, different faiths and new life styles in a way that I had never experienced in Scotland. Looking back through that period whilst my professional life steadily flourished with exciting opportunities and rewards. I think it is fair to state that my faith grew much more spasmodically as I searched without success for a stable, purposeful life. This resulted finally in my taking the plunge to go overseas to Malaysia which was a major change of direction; but it was also to prove a turning point in my life and my faith. My understanding of the importance of Jesus in my life undoubtedly matured during this time, and the further experience of discovering that I

had a serious chronic condition forced me to face up to Life's priorities in a way that I had not encountered before.

My return to Scotland in retirement was a very reluctant one and, without Liberton Kirk, it may not have worked out at all! However, my time in Liberton has seen my understanding of my life and my faith grow to a considerable extent. Prayer, bible reading and learning through much more focused study and through fellow pilgrims has contributed to this and finding roles to play in the church has opened-up doors of service that have provided rewarding and also growing experiences. I guess like many, I still have doubts at times and wish that my faith could be stronger; but I have no doubt that it is significant in my life, and in my approach to thinking through the challenges that life presents. I am confident that Jesus is always by my side and there to guide and comfort me and that brings great inner peace. It has also made me eager to continue life-learning, and to seek out new ways of contributing meaningfully to those that I encounter along the way.

Sandy Hutchison

Christian Aid Week This year Christian Aid Week is from 13 to 19 May.

In Liberton, we have had a long and honourable history of involvement with Christian Aid, for most of its 50 years of existence



Christian Aid is one of the leading relief and development agencies, dealing with needs irrespective of race or faith.

The usual house-to-house collection will take place. Our thanks go to the group of volunteers who have helped over many years, but additional collectors would be most welcome.

The process is in fact fairly simple – involving the delivering of the envelopes to the street where the collection is, at the beginning of the week, and returning to collect a day or two later. If you can help, please contact me.

There will also be envelopes and collection boxes in the Kirkgate Café, and in Scotmid Undertakers on Liberton Brae, for those in the parish who might



not be in an area with house-to-house collection.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, EH16 6NN. tel. 0131 664 3059 email – david@dlamb.co.uk

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Church Organ Music for April

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

Calum Gubby

Sunday 1st April, Easter Sunday

In Jesus we meet ... the God whose love never fails

BEFORE te Velde O filii et filiae

Ye sons and daughters of the Lord

DURING Lang St. Fulbert, How good it is to thank Thee, Lord

AFTER Dubois Alleluia

Sunday 8th April, The Second Sunday of Easter, The Greatest of Gifts

BEFORE Biery St. Fulbert

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

DURING Homilius Jesus, meine Zuversicht,

Jesus, my sure foundation

AFTER Howells Saraband for the Morning of Easter

Sunday 15thApril, The Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus prayed that his church would ... know the truth

BEFORE Blackwell Aurelia: Trio

The Church's one foundation

DURING TAIZE Confitemini Domino. Give thanks to the Lord

AFTER Brahms O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

O world, I must leave you

Sunday 22nd April, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus prayed that his church would ... be holy

BEFORE J.S. Bach Alle Menschen müssen sterben

All men must die

DURING Wright Vox Dilecti I heard the voice of Jesus say

AFTER te Velde When the Saints go marching in

Sunday 29th April, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus prayed that his church would ... experience joy

BEFORE Krygell Kleine Phantasie

Little Fantasy

DURING Roe Reflection

AFTER Beauvarlet-

Charpentier Grand Choeur in G minor

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

BEFORE Somerby Were you there?

DURING Vann An Evening Meditation

AFTER Mendelssohn Variations on 'Herzlich tut mich verlangen'

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

Church Flower Rota

April Convener: new convener needed

1st April free

Helen Sutherland will convene

8th April Mrs Veronica Craig, 41 Liberton Place

in memory of Geoffrey Craig

15th April Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captains Road

in memory of Allison Weir

22nd April David Robertson, 8 Park Grove

in memory of Margot Robertson

Katy Harrison will convene

29th April free

Jean Gray, Flower Convener 258 2081

Welcome Desk Rota

9-30 service		11-00 service			
Chris Young	664 6615	Margot Brandie	664 1637		
Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	Mary Lonie	664 4052		
Bill Mercer	664 2152	John Gooday	664 6792		
Fiona Knight	672 1041	Maureen Horn	666 0080		
Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Grant Cook	664 1581		
11am service WEST door welcomer (for month of April) Eleanor Grieve					
Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Jessie Burns	664 4193		
Chris Young	664 6615	David Coley	663 3757		
Fiona Knight	672 10441	Lindsay Young	664 3067		
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11am service **WEST** door welcomer (for month of May) Linda Haggerty

664 2152

Crèche

27th May

1st April Easter family service - no crèche,

tovs

available in vestry

Bill Mercer

8th April Vicky McCallum 15th April Alison Sutherland

Anne Shepherd 664 4756

Jill Snowdon



0782 333 5585



April Pearl Kelly May George Thom June Ken Logan

I would appeal to the congregation to help with the sound system. It really is as easy as following the order of service, listening to the service and pressing a button. Guidance and help will be given.

If you feel that this is something you can help with, either a full month or part of a month, please contact me. Thank you. Ken Logan 0131 664 4165

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Money Matters

2017 Accounts

The signed and audited accounts for 2017 are now available on the Welcome Desks in the Church.

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

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

On the other side of the insert is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Restricted Funds (for which a specific purpose has been stated by the donor).

General Fund

Offerings in 2017 dropped overall by £3,000 (in comparison to 2016).

Income from the use of our halls increased by £3,000, that from weddings and funerals increased by £1,000 while income from adverts and donations towards the cost of the magazine also increased by £1,300.

Our required contribution towards the central Ministries and Mission Fund remained at the same level as in 2016 and salaries were increased by 1% (in line with the increase to ministers' stipend). The expenditure level on all other headings remained static.

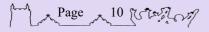
As a result at the end of the year there was a small surplus of £1147 which was transferred to reserves.

Legacies

Two legacies were received in 2017 – £500 from Lorna Robson, and £600 from Janet Arnold (who also left £250 to the Flower Fund). A part of the large legacy of £366,127 from Ms Helen Geddes (received in 2016), in line with the principle of tithing, has helped three of the less well off churches in our area. Also from the Geddes Legacy new windows and lighting for the Anderson Hall have been purchased (the refurbishment of this hall will continue in 2018) and the Small Hall has had a new roof.

The year ahead - 2018

Salaries will be further increased by 1.5% (in line with the percentage approved by the General Assembly for ministers' stipends) while our contribution to the central Ministries and Mission Fund is remaining at a similar level as in 2017. Water meters have now been fitted for water consumption and is in our control.



However waste water charges will be based on current rateable value from 1 April and as yet the cost is unknown. A pension scheme for locally employed staff (which has involved an employer's contribution of 1%) is now in place and this year the employers contribution will rise to 2% on 1 April.

The small surplus in 2017 is likely to become a deficit of £9000 unless the level of income increases.

As members, where possible, increasing our regular giving or tithing would help to limit the likely shortfall and help us with God's work here in the community and in the wider world. A prayerful review of your giving would be appreciated and (to help) the leaflet 'Guide to Giving' can be found in the 'Money Matters' rack on the Welcome Desks on the Church.

Judy Weston (Treasurer)

Gracemount Church Land - Taming the Wilderness

Saturday 14th April at 10.00am

As an early part of Gracemount's 2020 Vision

"To Reinstate a Physical Missional Presence in the heart of Gracemount Community",

.... the area of land previously the site of The KLM Church, has been blessed, hopefully cleared of all rubbish, and now to be given a 'makeover'!

The grass, hedges and bushes are all over grown so we need a team of volunteers to join with others, to *Tame the Wilderness*

This land in Gracemount Drive (off Captains Road, by Tesco, then a little beyond Scotmid and St Catherine's) will hopefully, by 2020, see a new church building for the community of Gracemount.

If you could spare an hour or two on Saturday 14th April, please prepare for hard work, yet a time of fellowship. Wear strong/gardening gloves, bring

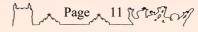
some sharp tools, or none, and let's join with others to help Gracemount's Dougie Robertson and team.

Soup and snacks available for volunteers, although best not with young children.

Offers of help to me would really be appreciated.

Grant Cook, Delegate Elder to Gracemount, Tel 664 1581 or email granttcook@aol.com





April Diary

Sunday 1st

EASTER DAY

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

& 11am Family Service (with *Crèche)*

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 Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)

7.30pm – 'Resurrection 2018' – City-wide praise in the Usher Hall, led by the Origin choir and orchestra (to book tickets look

up www.originscotland.org or phone 0131 208 0095)

Monday 2nd NO Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 3rd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 2.00pm - Service at Braeside House

Wednesday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* Thursday 5th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* Saturday 7th 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 8th

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

& 11am (all-age service with *Crèche)*

Theme: The greatest of gifts

Preacher: John Young

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

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: Servants of God

Speaker: John Young, Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

Monday 9th

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 10th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 11th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

8.00pm - Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 12th Saturday 14th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 9.00am-12.30pm – *Kirkgate Café*

10am to 4pm Gracemount Church Land Clean-up (see page 7)

Sunday 15th

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

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

Theme: Jesus prays that we might know his truth

Preacher: Ruth Davies

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

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Theme: We are God's temple

Speaker: Kenny McCartney, Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.10-23

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Monday 16 th Tuesday 17 th Wednesday 18 th Thursday 19 th Friday 20 th Saturday 21 st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm - Service at Braid Hills Care Home 8.00pm - Elder's training huddle 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm - BIC Alpha Task Force meeting 7.00pm-9.00pm – Internal Learning Community in the Kirk 9.00am-12.30pm – Kirkgate Café 9.30am-12.30pm – Internal Learning Community
Sunday 22 nd	Morning Worship @ 9.30am & 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC) Theme: Jesus prays that we might be holy Preacher: John Young 10.20am - Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) 2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT) Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk Theme: Power in Weakness Speaker: Chris Aitcheson Reading: 1 Corinthians 4.1-20
Monday 23 rd Tuesday 24 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 3.00pm – <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 3.00pm - Service at <i>Cuthrie House</i> 7.30pm - Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk
Wednesday 25 th	9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm - <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 11.00am - <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 7.00pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 8.00pm - <i>Cathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
Thursday 26 th Saturday 28 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 2.00pm - Senior Citizens' Club closing party
	4.00pm-6.00pm - Messy Church at Liberton Kirk Centre
Sunday 29 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am & 11am (with Crèche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC) Theme: Jesus prays that we might experience joy Preacher: Brad Laing 10.20am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk Theme: Right and wrong Speaker: David Hill, Reading: 1 Corinthians 5.1-13
Monday 30 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
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May 2018

Tuesday 1st 7.30am-7.30pm - Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

2.00pm - Service at Braeside House

Wednesday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

8.00pm - Elder's training huddle

Thursday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Saturday 5th 9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café

Sunday 6th

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

& 11am (with Sunday Buzz & Crèche)

Theme: Jesus prays that we might be protected

Preacher: John Young

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

12noon - Sunday Club Open Day with stalls and food

2.00pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)

Evening Worship @ 6.30pm in the Kirk

Senior Citizens Club

April 5th is the day of our Marie Curie Easter Sale (from 1am to 1pm) - followed entertainment from David Vernon.

On 12th April we welcome 'Old Spice', and on 19th, the Double "D"'s Our last Thursday meeting of the session is on April 24th when we will enjoy afternoon tea, and entertainment from The Kellys, followed by a raffle.

On Sunday 19th May we will hold our SCC Service in church at 11am.

We look forward to seeing you all again when we start up again on Thursday 6th September. Love, Bryan and Jenni X

Flder's Sundau Duties

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

WWI Poppies for Liberton

The Embroiderers Guild allowed me to ask members of the public to make a poppy for Liberton Kirk at the craft show in Glasgow. We offered a free seat (hard to find a seat at a craft show) in return for sewing/knitting a poppy. 224 poppies were made! We are going to have a lot of visitors in November so please ask anyone you know to get together and make as many red poppies as possible for a spectacular display. If you have spare black or dark buttons for poppy centres please hand them in to the café or leave in an envelope marked buttons on the side tables at church. Please spread the word as we really do need



thousands of poppies. Dorothy Morrison <u>dorothymorrison@talktalk.net</u> for any information or patterns.



Saturday, 21st April at 10am

Wildflower planting event run by the Friends of the Park Group. Location: Seven Acre Park, off Stanedykehead, Alnwickhill

Volunteers are needed to plant wildflowers in a small area of the park. Meet by the entrance gate to the play park. There are picnic tables with fabulous views so bring a flask of coffee to enjoy afterwards!

Coming soon: BBQ and litter pick event in June. Details in May newsletter.

Become a Friend of the Park and keep updated on our events

Contact: Friendsof7Acrespark@yahoo.co. uk

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/363916970366130



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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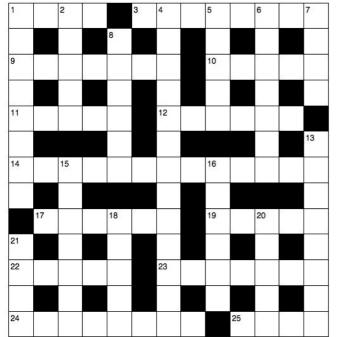
Across

- 1 'The baby in my leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)
- Crossword

- 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7) 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the ---, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3.4)
- 7 'A on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)



- One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymnsinging (8)

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- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So the sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)'Neither height nor
 - 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

APRIL 18



'so that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.' Galatians 2 verse 20

As the year moves on from Easter towards Pentecost and the season of <u>Looking INWARD</u> together starts, so this month we conclude feeding on <u>HEBREWS</u> and then turn to the letter to the <u>GALATIANS</u> and pause in prayer at our times of Midday Devotion for others in our church family, our city and our world.

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.

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Sun 1 st	Mornina	EASTER SUNDAY – HEBREWS 10 vs 19-39 – consider these words
	J	as your Easter Sunday starts – what words stay with you?
		Then pray in response to this God who has provided Jesus.
	Midday	pray for the Church in Edinburgh to know Sunday blessings.
Mon 2 nd	Evening	read the words again – reflect on their meaning for you then pray.
Mon 2	Morning	HEBREWS chapter 11 – take time to consider these verses – vs 1-3,
		and 39/40 in particular – then pray in response to what God
		is saying to you.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the chapter again – reflect – and then pray for others in your church.
Tue 3 rd	Morning	HEBREWS 12 vs 1-11 – consider the words spoken here about God
		as our Father. What is God saying to you? – then pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read these words again – reflect on what they say to you and then pray.
Wed 4 th		HEBREWS 12 vs 12-29 – take time to consider these words. What do
		they teach you today? Then put them into practice as you pray.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the churches in SEECAT group.
	Evening	read these verses again reflect, and pray in response – see vs22-24.
Thu 5 th		HEBREWS 13 vs 1-3 – consider these words this morning. What God
1110 5	Wichining	is teaching you today then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Big Alpha task team.
	Evening	read the 3 verses again – take time to reflect and pray for others.
Fri 6 th	Morning	HEBREWS 13 vs 4-19 – consider carefully these teachings. What
1110	Worring	words stays with you and why? and then pray in response to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those preparing to preach this Sunday.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and pray for others
Sat 7 th		HEBREWS 13 vs 20-25 – take time and consider these final.
out /	Wichining	verses. What words 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 8 th		GALATIANS 1 vs 1-5 – consider these opening words from Paul as your
3411 0	Wichining	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 –
	Lvcriiing	with thanksgiving for all the blessings received from God!
Mon 9 th	Morning	GALATIANS 1 vs 6-10 – consider these words about the Gospel. What
WOT 5	Worring	is God saying to you today here? – and then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the shops and businesses in Liberton area.
		read the verses again – reflectand pray to this God of ours.
Tue 10 th		GALATIANS 1 vs 11-24 – consider these words from Paul about his
Tue Tu	WOTTING	story of faith – and then use the words of v 15 in your morning prayer.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
		read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as they speak to you.
Wed 11 th	Morning	GALATIANS 2 vs 1-10 – take time and consider these verses.
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		God in response.
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Thu 12 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer. read the verses again – reflect – and then pray to God – for others. GALATIANS 2 vs 11-14 – take time and consider all that is said here. What is God teaching you from the verses? – pray in response.
Fri 13 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on the Senior Citizens club at LK. read these verses again – reflect on this event – then pray to God. GALATIANS 2 vs 15-21 – take time to consider these verses about saving faith and then pray in response as God leads you.
Sat 14 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those who feel alone or lonely at this time. read these verses again – reflect on the words here, then pray. GALATIANS 3 vs 1-14 – take time to consider these verses What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response
Sun 15 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today. read the words again – reflect and pray in response. GALATIANS 3 vs 15-20 – take time and consider these words about Abraham, the Law and God's promise - then pray humbly to this God.
Mon 16 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings. read the verses again – reflectthen pray in response to our God. GALATIANS 3 vs 21-29 – take time to consider these verses
	Midday Evening	Esp 26-29 What is God saying to you today? pray in response. pray God's blessing on our Elders and Kirk Session. read the words again – reflect pray to our God of grace in response.
Tue 17 th	Morning	GALATIANS 4 vs1-7 – prayerfully consider what is said here, What words stay with you? Note vs 6+7 and then take time to pray.
Wed 18 th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the verses again – reflect then pray in response to this God GALATIANS 4 vs 8-20 – consider these words about Paul's concern for the Galatians. What words stay with you? Pray as your day starts.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those who use the Kirkgate Café today. read the words again – reflect – then pray at the end of your day to Jesus.
Thu 19 th	Morning	GALATIANS 4 vs 21-31 – take time and consider these words these women of yesteryear then pray honestly in response
Fri 20 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those struggling with health issue at this time. read the verses again – reflect on what is said here – and then pray. GALATIANS 5 v 1 – take time to consider these great words as
		your day starts. What do they mean for you today? then pray in response.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those grieving at this time. read these words again take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 21 st	Morning	

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Mon 21 st		pray God's blessing on the Church in difficult places in our world.
Sun 22 nd	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response as your day ends. GALATIANS 5 vs 16-21 – consider these words about human nature this morning and then pray honestly in response to our
	Midday Evening	God – giving thanks for the Spirit who changes us from the inside out. pray for the Church in our land to know Sunday blessings. read the verses againreflect on their meaning for you and pray
Mon 23 rd	Morning	in response as your day ends. GALATIANS 5 vs 22+23 – take time and consider these words What does it mean for you today? Pray in response to this God.
	Midday Evening	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer. read the 2 verses again – reflect then pray to this Spirit in response.
Tue 24 th	Morning	GALATIANS 5 v 24 – consider this 1 verse this morning. What is God saying to you?? – then pray in response to the words you have read.
Wed 25 th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect then take time to pray in response. GALATIANS 5 v 25 – take time to consider what this verse says to you today What is your response? and then pray to God in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust.
Thu 26 th	Evening Morning	read the verse again – reflect – and then pray to this Spirit. GALATIANS 5 v 26 – take time and consider what is said here in
Fri 27 th	Midday Evening Morning	this one verse. What words stay with you?— pray in response to God. pray God's blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission. read the verse again – reflect on the words – and then pray in response. GALATIANS 6 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these words on this
		particular morning about helping each other. What do they mean for you? then take time to pray in response as God leads you.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on Dougle and Brad and Gracemount Church. read these words again – reflect on the verses here and then pray as your day ends for others in need at this time.
Sat 28 th	Morning	GALATIANS 6 vs 7-10 – take time and consider these words today esp verse 9 then pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on Messy Church this afternoon! read the verses again – reflect on the words then pray in response to this God as Sunday approaches!
Sun 29 th	Morning	GALATIANS 6 vs 11-17 – take time and consider these final words this morning from Paul then pray humbly to this God.
Man ZOth	Midday Evening	pray for a church elsewhere in UK to know Sunday blessings. read the verses again – reflect pray in response to our God.
Mon 30 th	Morning	GALATIANS 6 v 18 – take time to consider this verse as your day starts Who do you pray them for today? Then put them into practice
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those who will use our halls at LK this week. read the words again – reflect and pray to this God of saving and keeping grace in response as your month ends.





Dates for the Diary

August 30th - Taster Evening 20th September - Launch Event

Thursdays from 27th September to 29th November - ALPHA evenings Thursdays from 27th September to 29th November - PRAYER support

Messy Church



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The date this month is Saturday 28th April.

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

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



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



This is me

'No-one ever made a difference by being like everyone else.' This is a great line in the powerful film *The Greatest Showman*, which calls us to reconsider our attitudes to difference.

It tells something of the real story of Phineas T Barnum, who never actually said the phrase infamously attributed to him: 'there's a sucker born every minute'. But he did say (in a speech to the Connecticut State



Legislature in 1865): 'A human soul, that God has created and Christ died for, is not to be trifled with... amid all assumptions of caste, it will in due time vindicate the great fact that, without regard to colour or condition, all men are equally children of the common Father.'

This vision is conveyed in *This is Me*, one of the most powerful songs in the film (amazingly written during an overnight flight on the way to pitch the movie to a studio). The lyrics describe someone previously hiding in the dark: 'I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars. Run away, they say. No one will love you as you are.', but now emerging into the light: 'I am brave, I am bruised, I am who I'm meant to be... I'm not scared to be seen, I make no apologies, this is me.'



These are inspirational words. And they inevitably raise the question why all people should have worth. Does our significance derive from being valued subjectively by the society in which we live? Or is there an objective basis for the value of all people? As we seek to answer those questions, perhaps we should consider the real Barnum's statement that all of us are equally children of the common Father.



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LIFE WORK for April

Easter

Reflection from the Moderator of the General Assembly.

New Clarence McGonigall story by Ron Ferguson.

The Very Rev Albert Bogle explains how the resurrection invites us to prepare to encounter the risen Christ.

From Homelessness to Primus Interview with the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church of Scotland.

On the Rails The work of the Railway Mission + recently-formed 'Railway Pastors'.

Tribute to Billy Graham By the Rev Jim Stewart, minister of Perth: Letham St Mark's.

Home of a Vigorous Congregation John R Hume reports on the history of a spiritual and physical landmark in an Ayrshire village.

The Power of Place The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers highlights the importance of holy places.

How are you with God? In his final column as Moderator, the Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning highlights the unique selling point of the Church of Scotland.

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Many thanks to all who contribute to the boxes for stamps and old spectacles – which can be found in the Offering House, and in the Café.

The stamps are transmitted to EMMS International (formerly Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society), who do significant good work in Malawi and in Nepal.

The spectacles are now transmitted to Specsavers at Cameron Toll, where they are recycled by a suitable charity, for use in the third world. Any further information can be obtained from me.

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Plastic Bottle Tops

We are also still collecting plastic bottle tops made from either type 2 or type 4 plastic e.g. milk bottle tops.

Boxes for your donations are available in the offering house.

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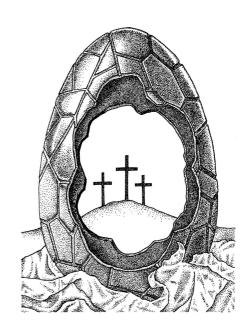


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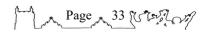
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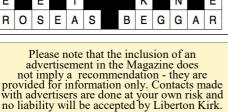
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The Minister is usually available in the Kirkgate Cafe in the Kirk Centre, on Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 8pm.

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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