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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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A Prayer for October

Spirit of the Living God Fall afresh on us Teach us Help us Show us Use us For the Father's glory In Jesus' name Amen

Our theme for 2018!

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

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Letter from the Minister A tale of bikes and men

I love cycling, and cycling around the parish has always been something I've really enjoyed in my time here at Liberton. Then, a couple of months ago, I had a visit from a friend of mine who was an electric bike enthusiast. *"You should get one of these"*, he said. *"It will change your life"*. I smiled smugly, and assured him that I was quite happy with my current mountain bike. After all, did it not have twenty one gears, and was therefore equipped for even the steepest hill?

The days past peacefully until one fateful night in August, when I was cycling back late at night after meeting a friend in town. By the time I got to the foot of the Kirk Brae it was raining, I was tired, my knee was sore, and I realised that I just didn't have the energy to keep going. And so, for the first time in twenty two years, I found myself pushing my bike all the way up the hill.



The very next week I bought my first electric bike! And yes, it has changed my life. I can now

cycle home without that fear of the final climb. What's more, I can sale past the Lycia-clad enthusiasts who used to over-take me in a demoralising manner on the way to the top. Today I made it back from Tollcross in



under twenty minutes and hardly broke sweat. Last Wednesday afternoon I managed out to the Western General in less than thirty!

The moral of the story? That sometimes, when we feel we are stuck with certain aspects of our lives, we need to be open to the possibility of better alternatives. And this can apply to spiritual things as much as to practical ones. It was Jesus himself who once was heard to say -

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11.28-30)

And then there is one of my favourite sayings of Jesus -

I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full (John 10.10)

So, is there something you are stuck with at the moment?

Ask God to show you if there is another way of approaching it. You may well be surprised. Much love

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Youth news from kenny

Regular work in the Primary and Secondary schools have started back successfully. On top of lunchtime quizzes and outreach activities run by Young Life, already we have a programme for teaching Christianity to S2 RE classes, and we are delivering assemblies that address the values of each school from the lens of the Good News. So we value your prayers as we continue to minister to young people via our chaplains.

Regular Sunday Clubs have returned in earnest as well! It's great to see so many children who attended Summer Buzz coming to Sunday Club. Likewise it's wonderful to see our teenagers leading by example and spending so much time studying Scripture together. Please pray that they'll continue amid the busyness of life to keep God at the centre of their lives.

God is good! Here's some dates for your diary:

- 30 September Harvest Thanksgiving Service
 (donations of non-perishable food items welcome)
- 7 October Sunday Buzz
- 28 October Light Party
- 4 November Family Communion
- 11 November Remembrance Sunday (Service starts at 10.50)
- 25 November Gift Service
- 15 December Christmas Party
- 23 December Nativity

Best and blessings, Emily and kenny

From Jenni Willis

"Out of the treasures of his glory may God grant you strength and power through his spirit in your inner being, that through faith Christ will dwell in your heart in love" Ephesians 3:16,17 NEB

This was the verse John wrote for me when I became a member at Liberton Kirk in December 2003. I have now moved away from Liberton and have settled into a new church, so I have asked for my membership to be transferred. He asked me to write a farewell message.

Over the past 15 years, I have needed a lot of God's strength and power to get through the many trials, struggles and heartaches life can present, and many people at Liberton Kirk have played a part through prayer, friendship, and, above all, love. I thank you for the part you played in these chapters of my life. My prayers are with Liberton Kirk and that "out of the treasures of his glory God may grant you strength and power through his spirit in your inner being, that through faith Christ will dwell in your heart in love".

Much love and God bless Jenni x

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Faith Story from Jonny Clipston

I grew up in a Christian family and I don't think there is ever a time where if you'd asked me, I would have said that I wasn't a Christian. That being said, there is obviously a time where I would have said that without knowing really what it meant

Now I'm training to be a minister and have a degree in Divinity. Somewhere between these two points I understood what it was to have a genuine faith and to ask God into my life. To make my own decision and not just rely on the faith of my parents. Just don't ask me to tell you when that was. It was a gradual process as I grew in understanding.

As I got older I loved looking at Apologetics (which is being able to give a rational basis for belief) and looking at how faith and science interplayed with each other. But really the journey to personal faith was easier for me because Cod was real in so many people in the lives of those round about me. And while I still love looking at logical arguments for God, it is the experience of God in my life that strengthens my faith, and undergirds my hope for the future.

The God who was real in the lives of those round about me has shown himself to be real in my life, through accidents, through jobs, through failures, through high points and celebration, through car crashes and almost drowning, God has been with me through it all, he is always dependable, always loving, always caring, always providing, always guiding. And for me that's been an incredibly exciting thing. Jonny

Welcome Desk Rota

	9-30 service		11-00 service	
7th October	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	John Gooday	664 6792
14th October	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	Maureen Horn	666 0080
21st October	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Jessie Burns	664 4193
28th October	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Grant Cook	664 1581
11 am convice		mor (for mor	th of Octobor)	Eleanor Criv

11am service WEST door welcomer (for month of October) Eleanor Grieve

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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Money Matters

We are writing to let you know about the kirk's current income and expenditure.

The accounts for the seven months ended 31 July 2018 show a deficit of \pounds 20,479 as against a deficit of \pounds 2,769 for the same period last year. Note that this excludes expenditure on the halls out of the legacy funds.



Total income has decreased by around £9,500 or 6.7% (on a like for like basis after the contribution for the assistant youth worker is excluded). Income from gift aid offerings and the related tax recovered has in total decreased by £4k (3.8%) when compared with the same period last year, open plate giving has decreased by £617 (4.3%), give as you earn giving has dropped by £705 (37.2%), halls use and similar income has decreased by £1.6k (14.8%) and income from the use of the church building has also decreased by £1.6k (64.2%).

Total expenditure has increased by around £8,300 or 5.7% (on a like for like basis after the contribution for the assistant youth worker is excluded). Maintenance costs have increased by £6.1k (250%) largely due to essential electrical testing and repairs and health and safety related costs, cleaning and upkeep costs have increased by £2.3k (394%) due to the additional cost for cleaning the toilets, postage, stationery and telephone costs have increased by £491 (37.3%) and outreach costs have increased by £513 (93%) with Big Alpha planning

In other words, the costs of running the church and maintaining our level of mission is increasing but our income is decreasing.

Our best estimate is that in the year to 31 December 2018, our normal expenditure is likely to exceed our income from all sources by about £16,000 to £20,000 but may be higher with further one-off maintenance costs. Clearly this situation cannot be allowed to continue. As you know, church income must come substantially from its members' offerings. Giving is an integral part of Christian life and each of us has a duty to consider whether we are maintaining our original commitment.

Accordingly, further analysis work has been undertaken on the giving profile by Eric Brown which can be summarised as follows:

- 192 members made their offering under the gift aid scheme and their contribution amounted to a weekly average of £17.50 including tax refunds.
- 34 members contributed via free-will offering envelopes averaging £8.50 per week.
- 366 members gave by direct donation or through the open plate averaging £1.30 per week.

Now, as ever, these are averages, and we recognise that included in this number are those who give regularly and generously; but unfortunately there is a greater number who donate very little or nothing at all.

Interestingly if all 592 members noted above gave an extra £11.53 per month for the last three months of the year the deficit at the end of July would be cleared!

So what can we all do? It is important we all play a full part in financing our church. Liberton Kirk has an exciting programme of mission in our community and carries out vital services such as visiting the elderly and running dedicated groups such as senior

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citizens, Messy Church and Alpha courses, and we would really appreciate if you could examine your giving in relation to your own circumstances.

Please consider immediately reviewing, and increasing, your regular giving, and also consider giving additional one-off gifts and tithing. Any steps you can take to increase and maintain your financial contribution to the church would be appreciated.

If you would like a guide to giving, or a new standing order form, then please contact either of us, or Eric Brown, Free Will Offering/Gift Aid Treasurer.

Thank you in advance!

Judy M Weston Honorary Treasurer Colin N Burnett Finance Team Convener All proceeds in aid of the Kirkgate Trust All proceeds in aid of the Kirkgate Trust **Staturday Saturday Sa**

Claire Mayberry 07739 497254

Guild News for October

Theme 2018 – 2019: Seeking the Way.

ALL WELCOME !

The Evening Guild meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7.30pm in the Anderson Hall.

The Afternoon Guild meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm in the Small Hall.

The Guild restarts on Monday 1st October with a visit from the **Brightons Praise Group**. This first meeting promises to be a wonderful musical evening as the group performs a variety of songs, with something to suit everyone. Please come along and make this a memorable start to the new session.

On Monday 15th October, **Deonaid Wilson** will give a talk on **"Faberge Eggs"**. Deonaid is an excellent speaker and you may remember her from 2016 when she regaled us with stories under the title of "The Mistress".

The Afternoon Guild resumes on Wednesday 10th October when **Erlend Clouston** will take as his subject, **"Nan Shepherd, Poet and Author"**. Nan's portrait appears on the front of the RBS £5 note. It promises to be an interesting afternoon. We do hope you can join us. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



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Church Organ Music for October

We ask for great faith in Christ, but He reminds us that it is not great faith, but a great God in whom to have faith, that is important. A great God can do a great deal on but a little faith, yet we must not take pride in our faith, for we are called to serve and not to expect reward, nor count the cost. This is no Calum Gubby more than our duty.'

Sunday 7 ^t	^h October 2018	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Why	Communion?	
BEFORE	Calkin	Soft Voluntary X	
DURING	Calkin	Soft Voluntary XLIV	F
AFTER	Calkin	Soft Voluntary LXXXIV	
Sunday 14	4 th October 2018	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	/
	Wh,	/ do we pray?	
BEFORE	Hollins	Prayer	
DURING	Higgins	A Prayer of Peace	
AFTER	Hay	Geistliche Träume, Spiritual thoughts	
Sunday 2'	1 st October 2018	The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity	
	Wh,	/ do we give?	
BEFORE	Ketèlbey	Sanctuary of the Heart	G
DURING	MC LISSING AND AN ADDR		10
DOKINO	W.S.Lloyd Webber	Aria	K
AFTER		Aria Great is Thy faithfulness	
AFTER	Miller		
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Tearfund Card and Lift Sale

18th November after the 9.30 and 11.00 services For those who like to plan ahead for Christmas please note the above date in your diaries. The stall will be set up as usual in the Kirk Centre Foyer so you can avoid the crowds in the shops and purchase your Christmas cards and gifts in a relaxed atmosphere over a cup of coffee. *Liberton Kirk World Mission Team*

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Elder's Sunday Duties

		OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
Door	Duties					
9-30am	service					
east	east area	Bill Mercer	Rosie Carmichael	Tom Baxendale		
West	west area	Pearl Kelly	Eric Brown	Sandy Hutchison		
north	plate	Stuart Fleming	Chris Young	Fiona Knight		
11-00am	service					
west	extreme west	Linda Skinner	Bill Robb	Eleanor Grieve		
east	extreme east	Jill Niven	David/Helen Colley	Jacqui Tait		
north	centre west	Alan Carmichael	Christine Johnson	Janice Wilson		
-	e centre east	Alan Lonie	John Gill	Netta Rough		
Gallery	gallery	Claire Mayberry	Chris Boyle	Rink van Dijke		
	and west plate					
banker	east plate	Stewart Heney	Jean Wilson	Alan Carmichael		
Any elder	Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. <i>Alison Walker 664 3631</i>					

SEE THE CHURCH IN A NEW LIGHT

(20th October 2018 to 26th October 2018)

To celebrate **'Rotary World Polio Day'** The Church will be bathed in Purple, with the filters in the floodlights on the Church will be changed to purple.

Why Purple?

In 1985 Rotary International made a promise to clear the world of the Polio Virus and set a target \$120 million - they raised \$243 million. The present target is now \$1.25 Billion. Many will remember the fear of Polio, and in 1985 there were 350,000 cases worldwide. Today there are 15 - 3 in Pakistan and 12 in Afghanistan. The reduction in numbers is due to a huge immunisation programme of which Rotary plays a significant part. One memorable statistic which is mind 'boggling' –

190,000 vaccinators immunised more than **116 million** children in 13 countries in west and central Africa between the 25th and 28th March last year'.

Where does the 'Purple' come from?

After being immunised each child gets their small finger dipped in a purple dye to signify that they have been vaccinated. You may see some people in the UK or worldwide with a 'Purple Pinkie' around World Polio Day. This is merely one of Rotary's methods of raising funds. It costs each Rotarian £1.00 for the pleasure of getting a purple pinkie.

You may have seen other 'Purples' – The Floodlighting of Edinburgh Castle, House of Parliament, The Colosseum in Rome. Purple Ice Cream by Rizzas of Huntly in Waitrose, Jam by Wilkin & Sons, Typhoo Tea Parties and a cyclist, cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats. Almost forgot – Purple Crocuses and Fabric Crocuses. If your organisation would like to know more about Rotary's principle aim to End Polio Now, I can give more information in a short presentation. Ken Logan.

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October Diary

Monday 1 st	-	
NOTUAY I	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café	Anderson Llell
Tuesday 2 nd	7.30pm - <i>The Guild</i> meets in the	
Tuesuay Z	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space av	
	2.00pm – Service at Braeside Hou	ise
Wednesday 3 rd	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café	Kink anto Cafe
weathestay 5	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm -	
	7.00pm - Minister available in the	
Thursday 4 th	8.00pm - Elders' Training Huddle R	
Thui Suay 4	9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Café	Anderson and Wilson Halls
Saturday 6 th	7.00pm - The <i>BIC Alpha</i> Course in 9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café	I ANDELSON AND WIISON HAIIS
	9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Cale	
Sunday 7 th	COMMUNION SUNDAY - ALL WELC	OME!
	Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with	Scots Communion)
	& 11am (Formal Communion with	Sunday Buzz & <i>Creche)</i>
	Theme: Why Communion?	
	Preacher: Jonny Clipston	
	10.20am - Prayer Time in the Eld	
	2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen He	
	Evening Worship @ 6.30pm - Sum	
	back all those involved in the summ	ner's youth outreach events
Monday 8 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
Tuesday 9 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space av	vailable in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
	3.00pm - Pram Praise in the Sma	III Hall
	7.30pm - Kirkgate Trust meeting	in the Halls
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm -	– Kirkgate Café
	2.15pm - The Guild meets in the	
	8.00pm - Gathering for Praise in t	he Kirk
Thursday 11 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
	7.00pm The BIG Alpha Course in A	Anderson and Wilson Halls
Saturday 13 th	9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café	
Sunday 14 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am	
Sulluay 14	and 11am (with Creche, Sunday C	Club CC & RRCI
	Theme: Why do we pray?	
	Preacher: John Young	
	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Eld	ters Room (All welcome)
	12.30pm - Prayer Ministry Team I	
	Evening Worship @ 6.30pm	
	Theme: The gift of loss	
Monday 15 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
	7.30pm - The Cuild meets in the	Anderson Hall
Tuesday 16 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space av	
·	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
Wednesday 17 th		– Kirkgate Café
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	2.30pm – Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i>
	7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
Thursday 18 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.00pm - The BIG <i>Alpha</i> Course in Anderson and Wilson Halls
Saturday 20 th	9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café
	1.30-3.00pm - <i>Kirkgate Trust</i> JUMBLE SALE
Sunday 21 st	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
Surluay 21	and 11am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)</i>
	Theme: Why do we give?
	Preacher: Jonny Clipston
	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	3.00pm – Special Communion Service in the Anderson Hall
	Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open
	from 6.30pm)
	Theme: The gift of doubt
	Speaker: John Young
Monday 22 nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 24 th	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	11.00am – <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
	7.00pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
	8.00pm - <i>Cathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
Thursday 25 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
,	7.00pm - The BIC Alpha Course in Anderson and Wilson Halls
Saturday 27 th	9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café
	9.30am-3.00pm - BIG Alpha Holy Spirit Day in the church
	4.00pm-6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Halls
Sunday 28 th	Morning Wombin @ 0, 200m
Sulluay 20	Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)</i>
	Theme: Why do we baptise?
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am - <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
	Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open
	from 6.30pm)
	Theme: The gift of suffering
	Speaker: Jonny Clipston
Monday 29 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 30 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
,	2.00pm – Service at <i>Cuthrie House</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk
Wednesday 31 st	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café
-	7.00pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
	8.00pm - <i>Cathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
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Thursday 1 st	9.00am -2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Caturday zrd	7.00pm - The <i>BIC Alpha</i> Course in Anderson and Wilson Halls
Saturday 3 rd	9.00am-12.30pm - Kirkgate Café
	10am-12noon - Remembrance Display in the Kirk
Sunday 4 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion)
	& 11am (Family Communion with & Creche and Mini Buzz)
	Theme: Why do children matter?
	Preacher: Jonny Clipston
	10.20am - <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)
	Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open
	from 6.30pm)
	Theme: Paul the Apostle (1 Corinthians 9.1-27)
	Speaker: John Young

Link Groups

Have you ever considered joining one of Liberton Kirk's Link Groups? There are currently 8 groups meeting regularly on different weekdays in members' homes and in the church halls. They study books of the Bible and a range of other Christian books The groups are all a bit different from each other, 'though they have some things in common.

One big thing they have in common is that everyone who goes along loves being a member of their group. Why is that? Is it because they are sociable and friendly. Is it because it's easier to learn more about the Bible in a group, through discussion. Is it because we support one another, or is it because it gives us the opportunity to talk about issues more freely with a small group of friends. In actual fact it's all of these things, and more.

There may be some thoughts which are holding you back from joining a group.

- e.g. a) maybe you feel that you don't know the Bible well enough to be part of a group, or
 - b) maybe you feel that having joined the church you don't need to learn anything more, or
 - c) maybe you just don't like the idea of praying out loud.

I would reply to these points as follows:

- a) everyone at Liberton Kirk knows some favourite Bible stories and some well-known Bible passages, but the Bible is a very big book. We can all learn more about it together. Even people who know it well can still gain new insights through discussion, and listening to other people's ideas,
- b) being a Christian means being on a faith journey, learning and growing over time
- c) some people in every group like praying out loud, others do not.
 The important point is that God hears all our prayers whether they are spoken out loud or prayed in silence.

Fellowship within a small group really encourages people to grow in their faith. Sometimes it encourages a group to step out in faith and do something they would not have felt confident doing as individuals.

On any Sunday morning you are probably sitting beside or chatting to church members who are in a Link Group. Why not go along and join them at a get-together. Experience for yourself why people who join a group enjoy them so much. Link Groups are for everyone in Liberton Kirk.



If you would like more information, please speak to me or to one of the other group leaders. You will find all our contact details on the back page of the magazine, or there is a link under the Kirk Life heading on the front page of the church website. Caroline Barlee

Calling all singers, but particularly men!

Choir rehearsals for the Lessons and Carols Service on Wednesday 19th December will begin on Tuesday 13th November for six weeks. Anybody is welcome to come along to the Wilson Hall (upstairs) at 7.45pm on the 13th, and being able to read music is a great help, particularly if you are singing the alto, tenor or bass line! The tenors and basses were very thin on the ground last year – please don't hold back if you could be part of the choir! We do need commitment if it is to sound good – so please book the dates for rehearsals and service in your diary now. Ruth Davies 664 3608

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 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)



- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 And now I will show you the most way' (1 Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not —— the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den (anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is -, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts22:3)(6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)

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- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)



- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to – the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth... does not live in built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'lf your hand you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43)(6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30)(5)
- 20 Religious doctrine(5)

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS



OCTOBER 18

'Salvation is to be found through him (Jesus Christ) alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us' Acts 4 verse 12

In October we take the time each day to spend with God and His Word as we follow the Sunday morning series W*HY...?* and continue the *Big ALPHA* venture - pausing in prayer at our times of Midday Devotion for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time of the year. *We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we continue together in our 'rhvthm 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.

Daily Devotions October 2018

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Mon 1 st	Morning	Why Harvest? LEVITICUS 23 vs 1-22 – take time to carefully consider these words. What is God saying to you today? What is your
	Midday	response to Him? Then take time to pause and pray this morning. pray God's blessing on those who work in our fields and farms
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray to this God in response
Tue 2 nd	Morning	PSALM 100 – consider what is said here. What do the words
		mean for you today? then pray in response to what you read
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 3 rd	Evening Morning	read this passage again – reflect then pray in response to this God MATTHEW 22 vs 15-22 - consider these particular words this
wea 5	Worning	morning. What words stay with you? Then Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the people and nation of Yemen
- ath	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect then pray at the end of your day
Thu 4 th	Morning	Why did Jesus die? MATTHEW 27 – take time and carefully consider these words. What is God saying to you today? – pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those new to the Christian faith
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the images and words here
th		and what God is saying to you – and then pray to Him
Fri 5 th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 1-21 – consider these words here as your day starts
	Midday	What is God saying to you today? then pray confidently to Him pray God's blessing on the work of UCB radio in our land
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 6 th	Morning	ROMANS 5 – take time to consider the verses and the images
		described here. What is God saying to you today? Then take
	Midday	time to Pray to Him in response to what you read pray God's blessing on those seeking peace in mind and spirit
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 7 th	Morning	Why Communion? DEUTERONOMY 16 vs1-8 - consider these
		events and words this particular Sunday morning. What stays
	Midday	with you? then pray in response to the LORD our God this morning pray a blessing on those preaching in our land today
	Evening	read these verses again reflect on their meaning for you and pray
Mon 8 th	Morning	LUKE 22 vs1-23 – take time and consider this chapter.
		What does it mean for you today? then pray in response to our
	Midday	God, the God who sent Jesus pray God's blessing on the people and nation of India
	Evening	read the chapter again – reflect then humbly pray in response
Tue 9 th	Morning	ACTS 2 vs 36-47 – consider these verses this morning. What
		is God saying to you today? - then pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you- ask, seek, knock - hear!
Wed 10 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect, Pray in response as our day ends. 1 CORINTHIANS 11 vs 17-34 – consider what these verses
	worning	are saying this morning. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray a blessing on those serving as chaplains in Cameron Toll
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to this God

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Thu 11 th	Morning	How can I have Faith? LUKE 14 vs 25-33 – what is taught
		here by Jesus? What words stay with you? pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on your neighbours
415	Evening	read the words again – reflect on all that is said - pray to our God
Fri 12 th	Morning	ROMANS 10 – take time to consider these verses as your day
		starts. What is God saying to you? What is your response?
		and then pray in response as God leads you.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling to believe in Jesus
o (a th	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray
Sat 13 th	Morning	EPHESIANS 1 vs 1-14 – take time to consider these verses. What is
		God saying to you today from Paul's words? Pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling with family matters
Sun 14 th	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to this God
Sun 14	Morning	Why and How should I pray? PSALM 5 – consider these
	Midday	verses today. Which words stay with you? Then pray in response. pray for your church family to know God's Sunday blessings!
	Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to this Jesus, our Lord!
Mon 15 th	Morning	LUKE 11 vs 1-13 – take time to consider these words today.
	Worring	What is God saying to you? Then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, Pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 16 th	Morning	JOHN 17 – consider what is said here by Jesus. What do the
		words say to you today? then take time to pray to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
th.	Evening	read the verses again – reflect then pray in response to this God
Wed 17 th	Morning	EPHESIANS 6 vs 10-20 - prayerfully consider these verses.
		What words stay with you? Then Pray as your day starts.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Thu 18 th	Evening	read the words again – reflect, Pray at the end of your day
11u 18	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 5 vs 16-26 – take time to consider this
		part of the Bible. What does it say to you today? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who feel God is not answering prayer
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19 th	Morning	JAMES 1 vs 1-8 – consider the words here as your day starts.
		What is God saying to you today? Pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who live alone in our church family
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 20 th	Morning	JAMES 5 vs 7-20 – take time to consider these words. What is
		God saying to you today? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those confined to care home/hospital
c ⁴	Evening	read the verses again – reflect &pray in response to what you read
Sun 21 st	Morning	Why do we Give? MALACHI 3 vs 6-18 – take time to consider
		these words. What do they say to you today – then pray in
		response to our God
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Mon 2	22 nd	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on someone you talked with this past week read these verses again - reflect on their meaning for you and pray. MARK 12 vs 41-44 – take time and consider this passage. What does it say to you today? then pray in response to this God!
Tue 2	23 rd	Midday Evening Morning	pray for God's wisdom concerning your financial situation. read the verses again – reflect then pray and praise in response. ACTS 5 vs 1-11 – consider these words this morning. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him
Wed 2	24 th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock– hear! read the words again, reflect, then pray in response – for your church 2 CORINTHIANS 8 v1- ch.9 v5 – consider what these verses teach us this morning. And then pray to this God in response
Thu 2	25 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray a blessing on those who administer the finances in our nation read the words again – reflect - then pray to this God, our God Why and How should I read the Bible? PSALM 19 – consider these verses today. What do they say to you? – pray in response.
Fri 26) D	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on the work of trypraying and David Hill. read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray. 1 PETER 1 vs 3-12 – take time to consider these words today. What is your response to them? then pray as God leads you.
Sat 2	7 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray Cod's blessing on the work of Scottish Bible Society. read these verses again – reflect on the words - pray in response. Alpha Holy Spirit Day – ROMANS chapter 8 – take time to consider these great words today. What is God saying to you?
Sun 2	8 th	Midday Evening Morning	Then pray in response. pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our day in our land. read the words again – reflect on the truths here. Pray in response. Why do Children matter? EXODUS 13 vs 1-16 - take time, consider these words today. What is God saying to you? then pray to Him.
Mon 2	29 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray for a church family you know to know Sunday blessings. read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God including praying for your own church family. PSALM 127 – take time and consider this short chapter.
Tue 3		Midday Evening Morning	What does it say to you today? then pray in response to this God! pray God's blessing on those who have suffered miscarriage. read the verses again – reflect then pray and praise in response.
		Midday	words this morning What is God saying to you today? and then pray to Him in response. take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect - pray in response – for your church.
Wed 3	31 st	Morning Midday	COLOSSIANS 3 vs $18 - ch 4 v1 - consider what these verses teach this morning. And then pray to this God in response. pray a blessing on a nursery or school near your home. read the words again - reflect - and then pray to this God, our God.$

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From the Kirk Garden . . .

Earlier in the year, the suggestion came that as we now had a Café, we should be able to produce vegetables for the Café, from the garden.

Thanks to the efforts of Derek Jardine and The Artisans, we now have one large and one smaller

raised bed. These have not provided a huge amount of veg yet, but have supplied rhubarb, lettuce, courgette and sweet corn (aided by the hot summer). 2019 should be better as we

can start at the beginning of the gardening year, ie, autumn 2018. Work on the raised beds moved on to looking at the rest of the garden. Tidving

has taken much effort but progress is being made.

For this next year, the idea is to plant the cleared areas with ground cover plants, "perennials", to discourage new weed growth and for this we need additional top soil. Specimen shrubs to be added later. This applies to the larger top border and then to the smaller borders beside the toddler play area (where the bark playing surface needs refreshed). I also have an idea to included fruit bushes in the new planting, to complement the rhubarb, gooseberry and strawberry plants already present. The grass area needs some attention as well.

All the above will take time and given reasonable weather, 'a bit at time' seems a good motto to follow. Ian Strachan, 664 2795



BIG 2018

20 September – 29 November 7.00-9.30pm

- 4th Oct Why did he die?
- 11th Oct How can I have faith?
- 18th Oct Why and how should I pray?
- 25th Oct Why and how should I read the Bible?
- 27th Oct Holy Spirit Saturday
- 1st Nov How does God guide me?
- 8th Nov What about Evil and suffering?
- 15th Nov Does God heal today?
- * Alpha Sunday 18th Nov @ 6.30pm What about the Church?
 - 22nd Nov What about everybody else?
 - 29th Nov Party!!

*Held in Liberton Kirk (at 6-30) All other sessions at 7pm in Liberton Kirk Centre

You are warmly invited to come to each and all for more info contact jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk

October 2018

Big Alpha

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Thought & Trot Monthly Inspirational Nature Walks Come and get inspired!

As the autumn walking season is approaching, what better time is there to draw attention to and reflect on Thought & Trot, our inspirational hikes through the beautiful countryside of Edinburgh and its surroundings. Thought & Trot was launched by some of Liberton Kirk's nature lovers over two years ago, with two main intentions: first, to provide a breathing space away from our busy everyday life in an environment that awakens our spiritual side and fosters free and meaningful conversations. Second, to break apparent boundaries between Christians and non-Christians by finding a common ground that we all enjoy walking on.

So where has this 2 year journey taken us so far? As different walks are led by different people, we have experienced a big variety of walks. We have been treated to a history tour through hidden gems in Liberton and Edinburgh's old town, hiked through numerous fields, meadows and forests, strolled on beaches, and have conquered the odd hill. As not everybody is able or has time to join every walk, the group of walkers varies. This keeps the group nicely dynamic and 'non-cliquey' and helps to make everybody feel welcome. Sometimes there were only 4 of us, other times over 20, with the age range of walkers being between 7 to over 70. We usually walk for between 2-4 hours – the length and levels of walks vary; but we always finish with a well deserved refreshment break in a nice café.



I (Andrea) would also like to share some personal experience with you: as a university professor with a big passion for research and also sports, I lead a very (probably too) busy life. I don't manage to come to every walk, and there were several weekends where I thought "I really don't have time, I wish I hadn't committed to this walk". But I can honestly say that I NEVER regretted joining any of them. Albeit physically tired, I always return home energized and inspired, and as my husband describes it 'in a really good mood'.

I made several new friends through these walks and deepened existing friendships. I also realized that these walks provide a great opportunity to invite my work colleagues, especially those coming from abroad, as these walks are a nice way to introduce them to the Scottish countryside and Scottish people. Most of my colleagues are non-Christians. On one occasion where a colleague and I admired the ivy growing on the outside of Liberton Kirk while waiting for the rest of the group to arrive, he said to me: "you know, Andrea, you would never get me inside a church". This honest statement

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triggered a deeper conversation about mis-conceptions about church, and what it means to be a Christian. The next Monday at work, this colleague was still so occupied by this topic that he discussed it with other colleagues over lunch. All of a sudden I found myself amongst 10 people vividly sharing their experiences with church. This was very remarkable and eye opening for me, as I usually find it very difficult to talk about my experience of God and church at the frontline of work, as many scientists are extremely sceptical of God or very private about their beliefs. I'm not sure to what extent this conversation changed people's belief, but I am sure that several misconceptions that stand in the way of believing in a good and gracious God were brought to light that day.

Our walks happen every second Saturday each month, rain or shine. If you are interested in joining one of them, please check the church intimations, visit the website https://libertonkirk.net/thought-trot/ or just get in touch with Andrea Wilson (07910 471 174) or Rink van Dijke (07867112 295). We would love to have you, and possibly also one of your friends or colleagues, along. Andrea and Rink

Sound system rota for 2018-19

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Seven Acre Park (off Stanedykehead) in Alnwickhill is a great community open space, with super views over Edinburgh and some fantastic facilities including a play park and woodland walk.

If you're interested in caring for your <u>local park</u>, join the Friends Group!



We will be doing some events in the autumn to help improve the park (equipment provided): Sat 6th October - Fence painting Sat 10th Nov - Adding a new section to the woodland walk (east end).

Come and join us! (no charge)

Contact us via email: Graham (Chairperson) at <u>friendsof7acrepark@yahoo.co.uk</u>, and check out the noticeboards in the park for final details of events. Also join our facebook page on: https://www.facebook.com/groups/363916970366130/

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Editors note

Material for the **November** issue, should be in my hands **no later than Sunday 14th October** The deadline for the December/January magazine is Sunday 18th November Information can be sent to me at gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk or to 8 Fairmile Avenue, phone 477 9156 Please note that the inclusion of an advertisement in the Magazine does not imply a recommendation they are provided for information only. Contacts made with advertisers are done at your own risk and no

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A Poem

By Anne-Louise Lowey

First World Blues

I've got first world blues Can't stand to hear what's in the news

My garden is quite overgrown I can't keep up with the seeds l've sown

Everybody else is better than me l'm going to make a guilty plea When I see the troubles on the earth

I lack enthusiasm and mirth Perhaps I just don't suffer enough Like the people who are sleeping rough

Everybody needs to rest Somewhere warm, a home, a nest We all need food and clothes to wear

And a sense that people around us care

We all need peace and space to thrive.

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John Young 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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