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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'

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A prayer for March

*O God
 Of Moses and Aaron
 Of the weeks before Easter
 We believe in You
 We trust in You
 We seek to please You
 O Help us
 Forgive us*

*Guide us
 Use us
 Surprise us
 This month
 This Lent
 In Jesus' name
 Amen*

Congregational News

I wish a warm welcome to **Rev Dr Jared Hay**, and **Mrs Jane Hay** who joined the congregation at Liberton Kirk on 21st January.

I am sorry to record the deaths of three members in recent weeks

Mrs Eleanor Watson, on 17th January; **Mrs Patsy Grant** on 26th January, and **Mrs Helen (Betty) Burnett** on 3rd February. I send my condolences to all their relatives and friends

Letter from the Minister

The difference between golf and rugby

The follow up to last year's BIG Alpha course is well underway now. We meet on a Thursday night in the Small Hall, with numbers averaging at about thirty. The course is called 'Holy Habits' **, and each week we look at one of the 10 regular 'habits' of the early church, that are listed in Acts 2.42-47.

Last Thursday's 'habit' was 'fellowship'. Jonny Clipston was doing the introduction, and in it, he mentioned the fact that, when he walks into a church service, he tends to find his way to a pew and sit down quietly, whereas when he walks into his rugby club, everyone will come up to him, say hello, and ask how he is.

One of the things Jonny asked us to discuss was why this was so, and he asked us if we could think of ways of encouraging better 'fellowship' within the church. In my discussion group, someone pointed out that this may happen at Jonny's rugby club, but it didn't happen at his golf club. Was this because golf was not a team sport, whereas rugby very much is?

I'm sure many golfers would disagree; but the discussion raised an interesting point all the same, particularly when it comes to the depth of our church's fellowship, and the degree to which we are friends with each other, as well as with God. The reality is that, the more we do things together, the more likely it is that we make good friends in the process. This has certainly been the case with things like youth leadership, Messy Church, the Senior Citizens team, and the café volunteers.

So let me finish with a challenge. Do you feel you are on the fringes of the church's fellowship, and would like to get closer to fellow Christians? If so, what would you like to get more involved with?

Much love



** ps - *The 'Holy Habits' evenings are stand-alone, which means that you can still join us if you wish.*



Messy Church

An activity for children aged 0 to primary 7, on Saturday 30th March, in Liberton Kirk Centre from 4.00pm to 6.00pm

We'll have an Easter theme at the end of March, with crafts, games, bible stories, singing, and with coffee and conversation for the parents. It always ends with a meal suitable for all ages, with fantastic cakes for dessert! There is no charge, but donations are welcome. Fiona Devoy. fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk



Messy Church logo
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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

Those Troublesome (or Tremendous?) Teenagers!

What do you think of when you hear the label "teenager"? Does that word make you think of Ferris Bueller, or rather, the sort of sly attitude and poor behaviour found in the film from 1986? Maybe just me - probably a bit extreme?



Yet I'm willing to bet that the term "teenager" will frequently elicit at least some, even if minor, negative characteristics from even the best of us.

Which is why I'm so thankful for our teenagers at Liberton Kirk; they deserve a bit of good press! Without a doubt they are fun, eager to spend time together, creative, and full of life, but they have also been showing characteristics beyond their youth.

Maybe you've noticed

- Robert and Euan volunteering in the café,
- Kyle, Esme and Helen running the audio/visual controls at our Sunday worship; or
- Thomas and Olivia leading worship from the front - just to name a few.

No doubt you've seen them all on a Sunday in various roles or during the week in their Uniform Organisations, but what can be sometimes forgotten is how wonderfully helpful they ALL are for leading children and music at Buzz, how they give of their time and talents selflessly to serve others throughout the calendar, and how faithful they are in contributing at Bible study and other gatherings during the week. Praise God!

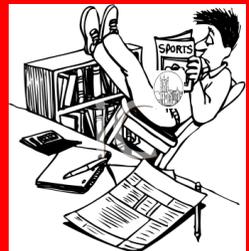
The above will be no surprise to parents or volunteer leaders. So for those who don't get to see our youth as regularly, be encouraged by their "example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Tim 4). And let's all keep praying for them and walking alongside them, as they grow into increasingly mature followers of Jesus.

kenny

Magazine production

Are you interested in learning how the magazine is put together each month? If you are, and if you might like to help with the production of the May and June issues this year, please get in touch with me. Some knowledge of *Microsoft Publisher* would be helpful. Thank you.

John Gill, Editor gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk 477 9156



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.

Teacher, so what must I do to get eternal life?



What does it say in the Bible?



Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and Love your neighbour as yourself.

You've got it right.



But who counts as a 'neighbour'?

So Jesus told a story -

A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho



That's a dangerous road!

He was attacked by robbers who left him for dead.



Oh no!

A priest was walking the same way, and after him a lawyer.



Oh, they are good people, they'll help.

They saw the hurt man but they walked past



I bet it's an ordinary person who helps!

Then a man from Samaria came that way...



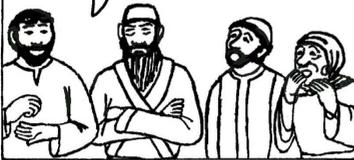
Oh no! We hate them and they hate us Jews! That hurt man is done for!

He felt sorry for the hurt man, and cleaned and bandaged his cuts.



What? No!

He put him on his donkey, took him to an inn, and paid for him to stay.



So who was a real neighbour to the hurt man?



The... the Sss... the one who helped him.

So go and do the same.



Faith Story from Christine Johnson

One of my first memories is saying my prayers with my Auntie Maimie, which always ended with singing '*Jesus tender shepherd hear me*'. I was brought up in a Christian family where going to church and Sunday school was just a given. My faith, however, didn't become my own until I was much older. The deepening of my faith has always been a gradual process.

My dad was the Sunday school superintendent, Elder and BB man, and in my home kirk I felt I was first and foremost "Willie Davie's daughter". Being a rebellious soul I went to another Church and 'joined the church' there at the age of 16 with a bandaged knee following a skiing accident!



During my university years, and into my twenties, I attended church when I was at home, but didn't really have any relationship with God, and faith was very peripheral to my life.

My first real encounter with God was after the birth of our eldest daughter Emma, when I prayed for the first time in years, my hand in her cot, giving thanks for her safe delivery and the wonder of this new tiny person. I felt an overwhelming sense of peace and the presence of God and knew then I wanted to bring up my children in the faith. I started attending church regularly again and over the years my faith in God and in Jesus has grown.

Other encounters with God over the years have increased my faith more and more; the first Good Friday service in St Catherine's when you just knew that God was there and blessing it, leading the first "Forward together" campaign and the peace I felt through this; my time with breast cancer when I felt cushioned and uplifted and loved by everyone's prayers, being diagnosed with MS but always having an inner peace.

Despite its ups and downs, working in Bethany also showed me God's unfailing love, through the changed lives of people who encountered God through Bethany. In my own area of fundraising the power of prayer was revealed to me. We were praying for £100,000 to make ends meet when miraculously out of the blue it came in. I was amazed, but really shouldn't have been!

As I progress through life's ups and downs, knowing that God is always there and that he loves me despite everything, gives me a deep peace.

Knowing the grace of God is such a special thing, I look forward to my continued walk with God to the end of my time here.

Christine Johnson

Guild News for March

Liberton Kirk Guild is hosting the annual World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1st March at 2pm in the church. The service this year has been written by the Christian women of Slovenia. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Kirk Centre Foyer. [see p 13 ED]



EVENING GUILD

Monday 4th March – The second project that we are supporting is MALAWI FRUITS (helping small scale farmers in Malawi). A speaker on this subject will join us to explain exactly how the money raised will be used. There will be a Bring and Buy Table at this meeting.

Monday 18th March is our AGM which will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

**** Please note that this meeting will start at 7pm. ****

AFTERNOON GUILD

On Wednesday 13th March, we welcome back pupils from Liberton High School for our final Guild meeting of this session.

**** Please note 1.45pm start time****

LIBERTON KIRK GUILD



IN LIBERTON KIRK CENTRE

SATURDAY 2 March 2019

10 am - 12 Noon

ADMISSION £3.00
CHILDREN £1.00



HOME BAKING



Saturday March 2nd
is our Spring Coffee Morning
in the Kirk Centre
from 10am - 12noon.

A DATE for your DIARY in APRIL

Wednesday April 3rd is the date of the Joint Afternoon and Evening Guild outing to the Gateway Restaurant at the Botanic, for Afternoon Tea, which is to be served at 2.30pm.
Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

Welcome Desk Rota

3rd March	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Mary Lonie	664 4052
10th March	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	John Gooday	664 6792
17th March	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Maureen Horn	666 0080
24th March	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Grant Cook	664 1581
31st March	Chris Young	664 6615	Lindsay Young	664 3067
11am West door welcomer for the month of March is Helen Colley				
7th April	Bill Mercer	664 2152	Jill Snowden	07823 335 585
14th April	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Jean Wilson	666 0368
21st April	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	Netta Rough	6640368
28th April	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Margot Brandie	664 1637
11am West door welcomer for the month of April is Eleanor Grieve				

Church Organ Music for March

It was through a close relationship with God that Hezekiah was one of the few kings of Judah to be constantly aware of God's involvements with everyday life. Hezekiah's example is a model of faithfulness and trust in the Lord: his conviction in the Lord was rewarded with answered prayer, successful endeavours, and miraculous victory over his enemies. When faced with an impossible situation, Hezekiah prayed; and God answered.'

Sunday 3rd March, 2019, The Sunday next before Lent

The Godly King - *Communion Sunday*

BEFORE Bennett Voluntary No. 2

DURING Mahler Adagietto

AFTER Karg-Elert Nun danket alle Gott, Now thank we all our God

Sunday 10th March 2019, The First Sunday of Lent

God's faithfulness to Hezekiah

BEFORE J.S. Bach O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross

O Man, bemoan thy grievous sin

DURING Lang Abridge, Be Thou my guardian

AFTER Bednall Toccata: Aberystwyth, Jesu, lover of my soul

Sunday 17th March 2019, The Second Sunday of Lent

Hezekiah's faithfulness to God

The Youth Service

BEFORE Goodwin Trumpet Voluntary

DURING Greene Diapason Movement

AFTER Lefébure-Wély Sortie in B-flat

Sunday 24th March 2019, The Third Sunday of Lent

Faithfulness in times of personal need

BEFORE Hanff Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott

Have mercy on me, Lord God

DURING Lloyd Saffron Walden, Just as I am

AFTER Marpurg Herr, ich habe mißgehandelt

Lord, I have maltreated Thee

Sunday 31st March 2019, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The cost of over-confidence

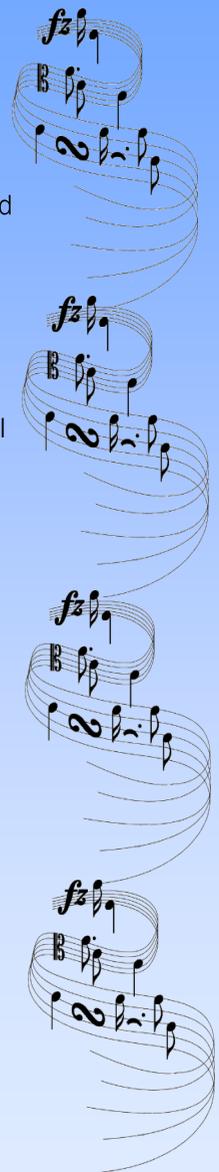
Mothering Sunday

BEFORE Moore Herongate, It is a thing most wonderful

DURING Bonington Stracathro

Immortal love, for ever full

AFTER Hand He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



Calum Gubby

Christian Aid Week, 2019 12 to 18 MAY



This year, Christian Aid Week is from 12 to 18 May. In the past, we have been able, with a number of volunteer collectors, to cover some parts of the Parish. We would like to encourage all who are willing and able, to volunteer to take part, to maintain and if possible to extend our cover. Please advise

the undernoted, that you will be able to help. To those who have helped in the past, and who have already volunteered for this year, our heartfelt gratitude is expressed. This year there will be collection boxes as usual in the Kirkgate Café and in Scotmid Funeral Directors, 143 Liberton Brae, for those not in the house-to-house collection areas.

As a new venture, I specially invite volunteers who may be able **to only deliver** the usual Christian Aid envelopes at the very beginning of the week. This would be on the basis that other volunteers will be able to do the house-to-house collection, being assured that the envelopes have been duly delivered.

This is an important service in which our church can be seen to promote one of the most important Charities assisting in development, and in the relief of poverty in disaster-stricken parts of our world, underscoring our Christian commitment to the life of the world.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, Tel. 0131 664 3059 email david@dlamb.co.uk

Fair Trade is in the News !

The two weeks from 25th February to 10th March are designated as **Fair Trade Fortnight**, and during that time people are encouraged to buy goods with the Fair Trade symbol to ensure that the producers of those goods receive a fair price for them. You are probably most familiar with fair trade coffee and chocolate, and that is being highlighted this year because cocoa producers are struggling with today's low prices.

Liberton Kirk is a **Fair Trade Church** – you may have seen the sign on the shelves in the café. All church organisations should be using fair trade coffee and tea and sugar for their refreshments; but should we take that further and ask all our church people to try to be part of that Fair Trade Church in their daily lives?

Do you buy fair trade goods? Yes, they usually cost more than standard goods, but that extra spending is probably a very small part of our income. To small producers it can make a big difference – being able to send children to school, having medicines for the family when they are ill, having a safe and dry home. Why not start in a small way? Make one item (say coffee) an item where you always buy fair trade – then expand to include tea, or bananas. Not just for this fortnight, but always. You can make a difference!

Ruth Davies



March Diary

Friday 1st 2.00pm - *World Day of Prayer* service at Liberton Kirk (see p13)

Saturday 2nd 10.00am-12noon - Guild Coffee Morning

Sunday 3rd **COMMUNION SUNDAY (all welcome!)**

9.30am - Morning worship with Scots Communion

& 11am - Morning worship with Family Communion (+*Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)

Theme: Hezekiah - the Godly King

Preacher: John Young

10.20am - *Prayer Time* 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: Suffered, was crucified, dead and buried

Speaker: Elaine Edwards

Monday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm - *Kirkgate Café*

7.30pm - *The Guild* meets in the Anderson Hall

Tuesday 5th SHROVE TUESDAY

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

9.00am-8.00pm - *Kirkgate Café*

2.00pm - Service at *Braeside House*

3.00pm - *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

Wednesday 6th ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm - *Kirkgate Café*

10am & 12.30pm - FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS in the Kirk

7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*

8.00pm - Pastoral Visits Discussion Evening

Thursday 7th 9.00am-2.00pm - *Kirkgate Café*

7.30pm - *Alpha* follow-up in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 10th **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and 11.00am (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)

Theme: Hezekiah - God's faithfulness

Preacher: John Young

10.20am - *Prayer Time* 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: He descended to the dead

Speaker: Kenny McCartney

Monday 11th 9.00am-2.00pm - *Kirkgate Café*

(7.00pm) 7.30pm - Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall

Tuesday 12th 7.30am-7.30pm - Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

Wednesday 13th 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.15pm - *The Guild* meets in the Small Hall
7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
8.00pm - *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk

Thursday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm - *Alpha* follow-up in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 17th Morning Worship @ 9.30am
Theme: Hezekiah's faithfulness
Preacher: John Young
and 11am - YOUTH SERVICE (with *Creche*)
Theme: Friendship with God
10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (*Café* open from 6.30pm)
Theme: United in Christ, united for Christ
(1 Corinthians 12.12-30)
Speaker: Jonny Clipston

Monday 18th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.00pm - *The Guild* meets in the Anderson Hall

Tuesday 19th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Wednesday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm – Service at *Braid Hills Care Home*
7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm - *Alpha* follow-up in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 24th Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11.00am (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
Theme: Hezekiah's hour of need
Preacher: Jonny Clipston
10.20am - *Prayer Time* 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: More than a wedding reading
(1 Corinthians 13.1-13)
Speaker: John Young

Monday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 26th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm - Service at *Guthrie House*
7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk

Wednesday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 11.00am - *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
 7.00pm-7.45pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
 8.00pm - *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk

Thursday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm - *Alpha* follow-up in the Wilson Hall

Friday 29th 7.00pm - *Kirkgate Trust* Quiz Night in the *Kirkgate Café* (see p22)

Saturday 30th 4.00pm - 6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Halls

Sunday 31st

**Morning Worship @ 9.30am
 and 11.00am** (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)

Theme: The cost of over-confidence

Preacher: John Young

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

Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open from 6.30pm)

Theme: Using gifts wisely (1 Corinthians 14.1-25)

Speaker: Jonny Clipston



Summer time starts
 - clocks go forward

April 2019

Monday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 2nd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm - Service at *Braeside House*
 3.00pm - *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

Wednesday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm - *Alpha* follow-up in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 7th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am** (with Scots Communion)
and 11am (with *Creche* and Holiday Buzz)

Theme: Friends with God - John the Baptist

Preacher: Jonny Clipston

10.20am – *Prayer Time* 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: For the strengthening of the Church

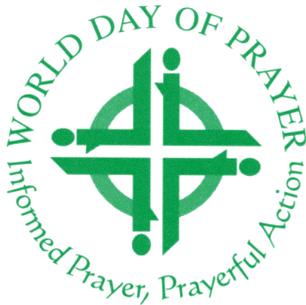
(1 Corinthians 14.26-40)

Speaker: John Young

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.

Elder's Sundau Duties

		MARCH	APRIL	MAY
9-30am				
East door	east area	Bill Mercer	Tom Baxendale	Rossie Carmichael
West door	west area	Pearl Kelly	ally Cuthbert	Sturt Fleming
north door	plate	Fiona Knight	Sandy Hutchinson	Chris Young
11-00am				
West door	extreme west	Kin Denholm	Linda Skinner	Mary Davidson
East door	extreme east	Jill Niven	Ali Reza Aghdam	D/H Colley
North door	centre west	Janice Wilson	Sylvia Bennett	Brenda Lamb
front gate	centre east	Alan Lonie	Chris Boyle	Jacqui Tait
Gallery	gallery and west plate	Netta Rough	Derek Jardine	Rink van Dijke
banker	east plate	Alan Carmichael	Susan Jardine	David Lamb
Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. <i>Alison Walker 664 3631</i>				



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March 2019

'Come - Everything Is Ready'

Written by Christian women of Slovenia

All Welcome at Liberton Kirk at 2pm

*'Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name . . .
there I will be also'*

Every year on (or near) the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups, and in large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year, on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

This year we pray with the women of Slovenia for

- ♦ Refugees who have lost everything and who are looking for peace
- ♦ Elderly people who do not receive the care and attention they need, and who feel isolated and lonely
- ♦ Those who face social exclusion - ethnic minorities, those with disabilities and those seeking asylum.

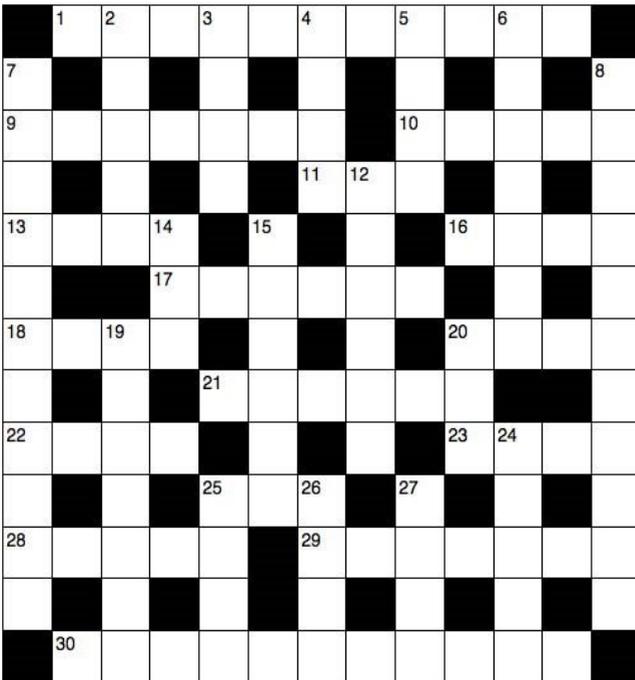


Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him" (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)



- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hachilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

MARCH 19

***'There has never been a prophet in Israel like Moses;
the LORD spoke with him face to face.'***

Deuteronomy 34 verse 10

During 2019 we are looking at various *Bible characters* and their relationship with God, and with each other – as well as a couple of *Psalms* each weekend - 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. In March we journey with Moses and welcome the season of Lent.

We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we start together in our 'rhythm of devotion' during 2019.



These 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 the day and even 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 into which the information provided fits, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading
Reflection and Prayer at end
of the day

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

Fri 1 st	Morning	EXODUS ch.1 – take time to consider this passage. What is your response to what you read? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those being persecuted for their faith in Jesus.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray.
Sat 2 nd	Morning	PSALM 29 – take time to consider these words this morning; What is God saying to you today? Then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on the truths here and pray in response.
Sun 3 rd	Morning	PSALM 30 - take time and consider these words this morning; What is God saying to you from them? then pray to this God.
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God Including praying for your own church family.
Mon 4 th	Morning	EXODUS 2 vs 1-10 – take time to carefully consider these words; How did God protect and provide for Moses and his family? Take time to pause and pray in response – inc for a family known to you.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the land and people of North Korea.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... and pray to this God in response.
Tue 5 th	Morning	EXODUS 2 vs 11-25 – consider what happens here. What do the words mean for you today? and then pray in response to what you read.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read this passage again – reflect ...then pray in response to our God.
Wed 6 th	Morning	LENT starts - EXODUS ch.3 - consider these particular words today; What is God saying to you today? Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the Church in North Korea
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect ... pray at the end of your day.
Thu 7 th	Morning	EXODUS ch.4 – take time and carefully consider this passage today. How would you describe God’s relationship with Moses?– pray in response.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the leaders and government of North Korea.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here ... and then pray.
Fri 8 th	Morning	EXODUS 5 v22 -ch 6v1 – consider these few words today. How would you describe Moses’ relationship with his God? then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those who have family troubles at this time.
	Evening	read these words againtake time to reflect and pray to our God.
Sat 9 th	Morning	PSALM 32 – take time to consider these verses .. What is God saying to you today? Take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on those struggling in life at this time.
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
Sun 10 th	Morning	1 st Sunday of Lent - PSALM 33 - consider these particular words this morning. What words stay with you? Pray in response to the Lord.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those preaching in our land today.
	Evening	read these verses again... reflect on their meaning for you and then pray.

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH

- Mon 11th Morning EXODUS 6v28- ch.7v25- take time to consider these words. What words stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to our God, the God of amazing blessing.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the land and people of India.
- Evening read the verses again – reflect ... then humbly pray in response.
- Tue 12th Morning EXODUS chapter 11 – consider these verses this morning. What is God saying to you today? – and then pray in response.
- Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
- Evening read the words again – reflect... then pray in response as your day ends.
- Wed 13th Morning EXODUS 12 vs 1-28 – consider all that happens here. What stays with you? And then pray to this God of Passover.
- Midday pray a blessing on the Church in India.
- Evening read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our Father God.
- Thu 14th Morning EXODUS 12 vs 29-42 – take time to consider what happens here How would you describe God's relationship with His people? Then pray.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of India.
- Evening read the words again – reflect on all that happens - pray to our God.
- Fri 15th Morning EXODUS 13 vs 17-22 – take time to consider these verses as your day starts. What is God saying to you? And then pray in response.
- Midday pray God's blessing on those struggling with family at this time.
- Evening read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God
- Sat 16th Morning PSALM 35 – take time to consider these verses ... What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response.
- Midday pray God's blessing on those struggling financially at this time.
- Evening read the words again – reflect, and pray in response to this God.
- Sun 17th Morning 2nd Sunday of Lent - PSALM 36 – consider these verses as your day starts. What words stay with you? Then pray in response.
- Midday pray for your church family to know God's Sunday blessings!
- Evening read the words again – reflect ...then pray to the LORD our God.
- Mon 18th Morning EXODUS chapter 14 – take time to consider this passage! What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him this morning for your day.
- Midday pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer.
- Evening read the words again – reflect, and pray to our God as your day closes.
- Tue 19th Morning EXODUS 15 vs 1-21 – consider this particular chapter. What is God saying to you today? and then take time to pray to this God.
- Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'.
- Evening read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God.
- Wed 20th Morning EXODUS chapter 16 - prayerfully consider these verses. What words stay with you? What is God saying to you? Then Pray to this God.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the land and people of China.
- Evening read the words again – reflect ...then pray at the end of your day.
- Thu 21st Morning EXODUS 17 vs 8-16 – take time and consider these events. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH

- Midday pray God's blessing on the Church in China.
Evening read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
- Fri 22nd Morning EXODUS chapter 19 – consider all that happens here!
What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him in response.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of China.
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
- Sat 23rd Morning PSALM 38 – 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.
Evening read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
- Sun 24th Morning 3rd Sunday of Lent - PSALM 40 – take time to consider these words this morning. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response.
- Midday pray God's blessing on someone you prayed for this past week.
Evening read these verses again, reflect on their meaning for you and pray.
- Mon 25th Morning EXODUS 20 vs 1-21 – take time to consider these known words
Meditate each verse again. then pray in response to this God.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the land and people of Vietnam.
Evening read the verses again – reflect ... then pray to our God in response.
- Tue 26th Morning Gathering for Prayer – EXODUS chapter 24 – consider this chapter this morning. What is God saying to you today? and then pray in response.
- Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
Evening read the words again – reflect ... then pray in response – for your Church.
- Wed 27th Morning EXODUS chapter 33 – consider what these verses teach about God's relationship with His people. Then pray to God in response.
- Midday pray a blessing on the Church in Vietnam.
Evening read the words again – reflect - and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 28th Morning EXODUS 34 vs 29-35 – consider these verses today. What do they say to you about Moses and God's relationship? – then pause to pray in response to this God of ours.
- Midday pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of Vietnam.
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
- Fri 29th Morning DEUTERONOMY chapter 34 – consider all that is said here
What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him in response.
- Midday pray God's blessing on grandparents in our church family.
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
- Sat 30th Morning PSALM 42 – 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 seeking to know God better at this time.
Evening read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
- Sun 31st Morning 4th Sunday of Lent- PSALM 43 – take time to consider these particular words this morning. What do they say to you? pray in response to our God.
- Midday pray God's blessing on someone you prayed for this past week.
Evening read these verses again ... reflect on their meaning for you and pray.



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in memory of James Philp

31st March *vacant*

A new convener is needed for the month of April.
Please contact me if you can help. Thank you

Jean Gray, Convener, 0131 248 2081



IT Clinic

David Devoy and Neil Harris, and Jamie Gilhooly from Gracemount Church are starting up an IT clinic to support local people with any IT and Technology problems that they may have.

The IT clinic will run in the Kirkgate Café on
13th and 27th March
from 7pm until 8-30pm

You can get support with your new devices, help with troubleshooting common problems, or advice if you are planning to purchase new equipment

You can find more information on the 'IT Clinic' section of the kirk web site at www.libertonkirk.net. Thank you



Food Bank Report

This is a note of thanks to all who continue to support the Food Bank donations. I was advised on 7 January, that the Blythswood Food Bank at Southouse has been so successful in the level of donations (including some special Sessions at Tesco Supermarket at Colinton

Mains, for donations from the shoppers there), that their store cupboards are very full, and at this stage they are not able to store further donations.

On investigation, we find that there are other local Food Banks. I am now arranging to take our donations there, until the Blythswood Food Bank come back asking for donations to continue.

Further information, special arrangements for uplifting, or donations to the Food Bank, are available from me.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, EDINBURGH EH16 6NN . tel 0131 664 3059

March 2019





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JOINT PRAYER GATHERING FOR MESSY WEEKEND

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th September
MESSY WEEKEND
Includes Messy in the Park on 14th
And Joint Evening Service of Celebration on 15th

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We are called to prayerfully support each event

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Thank you, Sylvia Bennett



**MOVIE
MOMENTS**

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

People in our way?

A Dog's Way Home tells the story of Bella, a beautiful dog who becomes separated from her beloved human family and embarks on an epic 400-mile journey home. For those of us who have despaired at films filled with ear-splitting explosions or salacious storylines, *A Dog's Way Home* will be a breath of fresh air (indeed you can almost feel the fresh air as Bella travels through wonderful scenery beautifully filmed). But this is more than a feel-good movie for dog-lovers, as it illustrates important lessons for our own journey through life.



Though Bella is ceaselessly focused on her goal, yet she still stops to provide comfort and support to those she meets along the way. And, although her love for others is unconditional, the help she provides subsequently leads to assistance for herself in her own time of need. Sometimes this is reciprocated directly, as with the orphaned baby cougar whom she adopts and feeds. At other times the benefit is tangential, as with the man she digs out of an avalanche. But, in each case, her gift of love is selfless and the benefit is serendipitous.



Written by the animal-loving husband and wife team Bruce Cameron and Cathryn Michon, this film does not claim to be a true story, but the underlying principles certainly are true-to-life. And it might cause us to reflect upon how we, as humans, treat others. When we are resolutely focused on a goal, how should we respond to the needs of those we meet along the way? Might apparent distractions turn out to be blessings in disguise?



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Editors note

Material for the **April 2019** issue, should be in my hands **no later than Sunday 24th March**

The deadline for the May 2019 magazine is Sunday 21st April

Information can be left in my box in the Offering House, or sent to me at 8 Fairmile Avenue, phone 477 9156. email to gillfairmile@blueyonder.co.uk

Please note that the deadline for the next two editions is a week later that previously intimated



BBC to run a 'Year of Beliefs'

The BBC is going to 'shine a light' on faith and spiritual values in Britain today, by running a year of programmes dedicated to religion and ethics.

The move comes a year after the BBC promised to 'raise our game' in the way that it treated religion. That promise followed a year-long review of its religious and ethics output.

So what series should we look out for? Here are just some:

On BBC 1, *Earth's Sacred Wonders* will look at the rituals and monuments of faith around the world; *Medical Ethics* will be a documentary filmed at Great Ormond Street Hospital; and *Pregnant and Platonic* will be a documentary on people who have children without being in a romantic relationship.

On BBC 2, *Inside the Vatican* will show a year in the life of the Vatican community, including Pope Francis; and the popular *Pilgrimage* series will return.

A one-off documentary, *Welcome to the Bruderhof*, explores a village near Hastings that is home to 300 Christians who live together as disciples of Christ, spurning cars and mobile phones.

Earth's Sacred Wonders, a three-part series, takes viewers to some of the most iconic religious sites on Earth, including Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Masada in Israel and the Golden Temple in India.

On Radio 4, *Fatwa*, is a 10-part series looking at the forces that led to the Islamic ruling against the author Salman Rushdie in 1989 and its consequences

Another Radio 4 series examines the relationship between science and religion.

Charlotte Moore, the BBC's director of content, said: "We want to capture the complex variety of faiths and beliefs in modern Britain.

"Not only do we want to continue to offer our audiences a place they can celebrate and share their own personal beliefs, but we also want to help them understand better the meaning of other faiths and beliefs, as well as exploring important ethical issues that impact so many people's lives."

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Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the household.

It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis. Please contact 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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