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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 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

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#### 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? l'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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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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#### Youth News

#### 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

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- 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



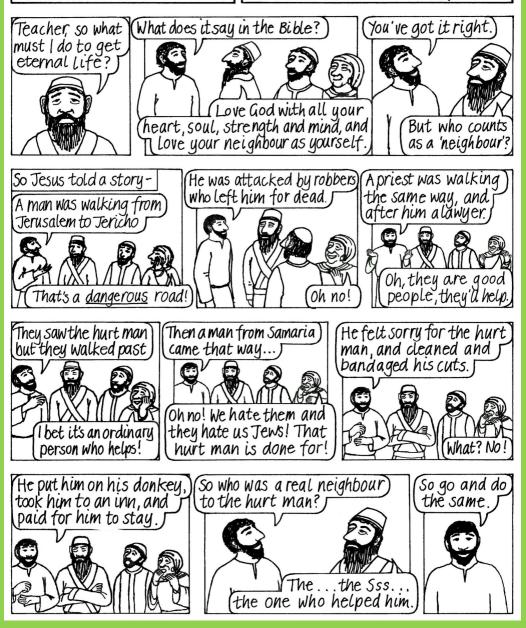


#### It can be read in the Bible in Luke 10:25-37

#### A short story from the Bible

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#### 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  $\pounds100,000$  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

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#### Guild News for March

**Liberton Kirk Guild is hosting the annual World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> March is our AGM which will be followed by a Beetle Drive. \*\* Please note that this meeting will start at <u>7pm</u>. \*\*

#### AFTERNOON GUILD

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

\*\* Please note <u>1.45pm</u> start time\*\*

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



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

#### Welcome Desk Rota

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17th March	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Maureen Horn	666 0080
24th March	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Grant Cook	664 1581
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LIBERTON KIRK GUILD

IN LIBERTON KIRK CENTRE SATURDAY 2 March 2019

10 am - 12 Noon

ADMISSION £3.00

CHILDREN £1.00

OME BAKING

#### 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 praver, successful endeavours, and miraculous victory over his enemies. When faced with an impossible situation, Hezekiah prayed; and God answered.' Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Abridge, Be Thou my guardian Lang Toccata: Abervstwyth, Jesu, lover of my soul AFTER Bednall Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019, The Second Sunday of Lent Hezekiakh's faithfulness to God The Youth Service BEFORE Goodwin Trumpet Voluntary DURING Greene **Diapason Movement** AFTER Lefébure-Wély Sortie in B-flat Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, The Third Sunday of Lent 0 Faithfulness in times of personal need BEFORE Hanff Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott Have mercy on me, Lord God DURING Llovd Saffron Walden, Just as I am AFTFR Herr, ich habe mißgehandelt Marpurg Lord, I have maltreated Thee Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands AFTER Hand Calum Gubby

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#### 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 <u>to only deliver</u> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>you</u> 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 <u>can</u> make a difference! Ruth Davies

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#### March Diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm - <i>World Day of Prayer</i> service at Liberton Kirk (see p13) 10.00am-12noon - Guild Coffee Morning
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	COMMUNION SUNDAY (all welcome!)
Sanady S	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 - <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: Suffered, was crucified, dead and buried
	Speaker: Elaine Edwards
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - <i>The Guild</i> meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 5	SHROVE TUESDAY 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	2.00pm - Service at Braeside House
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm - <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
weathestay o	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	10am & 12.30pm - FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS in the Kirk
	7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm - Pastoral Visits Discussion Evening
Thursday 7	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.30pm - <i>Alpha</i> follow-up in the Wilson Hall
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday 10	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	and 11.00am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC &amp; BBC</i> )
	Theme: Hezekiah - God's faithfulness
	Preacher: John Young 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 (Cafe open
	from 6.30pm)
	Theme: He descended to the dead Speaker: Kenny McCartney
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
, th	(7.00pm) 7.30pm - Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
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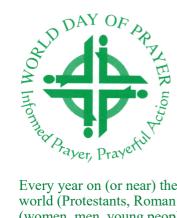
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	wearlesday 15	2.15pm - <i>The Guild</i> meets in the Small Hall
		7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe
	th	8.00pm - <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
-		7.30pm - <i>Alpha</i> follow-up in the Wilson Hall
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
		Theme: Hezekiah's faithfulness
		Preacher: John Young
		and 11am - YOUTH SERVICE (with <i>Creche</i> ) Theme: Friendship with God
		10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
		Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Cafe open
		from 6.30pm)
		Theme: United in Christ, united for Christ
		(1 Corinthians 12.12-30)
		Speaker: Jonny Clipston
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm - <i>The Guild</i> meets in the Anderson Hall
	Tuesuay 19	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	Wear leady 20	2.30pm – Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i>
		7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i>
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Caf</i> é
		7.30pm - <i>Alpha</i> follow-up in the Wilson Hall
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
		and 11.00am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC &amp; BBC</i> )
		Theme: Hezekiah's hour of need
		Preacher: Jonny Clipston
		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 ( <i>Cafe</i> open from 6.30pm)
		Theme: More than a wedding reading
		(1 Corinthians 13.1-13
		Speaker: John Young
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
		9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Caf</i> é
		2.30pm - Service at <i>Cuthrie House</i>
		7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk
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Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 1100am - <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 7.00pm-7.45pm – Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 8.00pm - <i>Cathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 7.30pm – <i>Alpha</i> follow-up in the Wilson Hall
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>Saturday 30</b> <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm - Kirkgate TrustQuiz Night in the Kirkgate Cafe (see p22)4.00pm - 6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Halls
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11.00am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC &amp; BBC</i> )
and a second second	Theme: The cost of over-confidence Preacher: John Young
Summer time starts - clocks go forward	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome) <b>Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall</b> (Café open from 6.30pm)
	Theme: Using gifts wisely (1 Corinthians 14.1-25) Speaker: Jonny Clipston
April 2019	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 2.00pm - Service at <i>Braeside House</i> 3.00pm – <i>Bram Braisa</i> in the Small Hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00pm - <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.30pm - <i>Alpha</i> follow-up in the Wilson Hall
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion) and 11am (with <i>Creche</i> and Holiday Buzz) Theme: Friends with God - John the Baptist Preacher: Jonny Clipston</li> <li>10.20am - <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)</li> <li>2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)</li> <li>Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open from 6.30pm)</li> <li>Theme: For the strengthening of the Church (1 Corinthians 14.26-40) Speaker: John Young</li> </ul>
that you	ve any items of interest about members, or their friends, I would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for on in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

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#### Elder's Sundau Duties

		MARCH	APRIL	MAY
9-30am East door West door north door	east area west area plate	Bill Mercer Pearl Kelly Fiona Knight	Tom Baxendale ally Cuthbert Sandy Hutchinson	Rossie Carmichael Sturt Fleming Chris Young
11-00am West door East door North door front gate Gallery	extreme east centre west centre east gallery	Janice Wilson Alan Lonie Netta Rough	Linda Skinner Ali Reza Aghdam Sylvia Bennett Chris Boyle Derek Jardine	Mary Davidson D/H Colley Brenda Lamb Jacqui Tait Rink van Dijke
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#### 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.



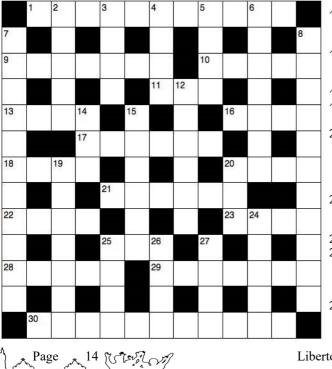
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- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (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)

Crossword

- 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 Hakilah (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

#### 'There has never been a prophet in Israel like Moses; the LORD spoke with him face to face.' Deuteronomy 34 verse 10

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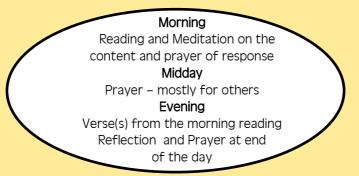
During 2019 we are looking at various *Bible characters* and their relationship with God, and with each other – as well as a couple of *Psalms* each weekend - pausing in prayer at our times

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.



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 March 2019

#### LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	EXODUS ch.1 – take time to consider this passage. What is your
	Midday	response to what you read? then pray in response. 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 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	PSALM 29 – take time to consider these words this morning;
	J	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 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray to this God in response.
rue s	Morning	EXODUS 2 vs 11-25 – consider what happens here. What do the words
	Midday	mean for you today? and then pray in response to what you read. take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read this passage again – reflectthen pray in response to our God.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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.
th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	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.
Cat oth	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect and pray to our God.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PSALM 32 – take time to consider these verses What is God saying
	Midday	to you today? Take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read. 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 <sup>th</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - PSALM 33 - consider these particular words
Sun IO	worning	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.
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Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 12 <sup>th</sup> Morning	EXODUS chapter 11 – consider these verses this morning.
nde 12 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 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup> Morning	PSALM 35 – take time to consider these verses What is God
N 4: -I -I	saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response.
Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling financially at this time.
Evening Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Morning	read the words again – reflect, and pray in response to this God. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - PSALM 36 – consider these verses as your day
Sull 17 Morthing	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 – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 – reflectthen pray at the end of your day.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> 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.
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	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 22 <sup>n</sup>	<sup>d</sup> 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 23		PSALM 38 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying
540 25	Morring	to you today? Then take time to Pray to this God.
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	Midday	pray God's blessing on those confined to care home/hospital.
C 0.4	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
Sun 24	<sup>m</sup> Morning	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 2	5 <sup>th</sup> 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 26	<sup>th</sup> 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 2	7 <sup>th</sup> 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 28	3 <sup>th</sup> 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 29 <sup>ti</sup>		DEUTERONOMY chapter 34 – consider all that is said here
	J	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 30		PSALM 42 – take time to consider these words. What is God
540 50	Morring	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.
	Midday Evening	read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
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Sull Sil	<sup>st</sup> Morning	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent- PSALM 43 – take time to consider these particular
	Ministra	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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#### Church Flowers rota

March convener - Joan Strachan 07879 283 559

3rd March Mrs Helen Sutherland, 124 Tryst Park in memory of Grace Moss
10th March Mrs Mary Lonie, 78 The Murrays Brae in memory of Bert Lonie
17th March Mrs Karen Ross, 22 Liberton Place
24th March Mrs Dorothy Philp, 47 Liberton Gardens 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

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Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> Liberton Kirk 10.30 + 12.30 FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> at Faith Mission 7pm JOINT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Liberton Northfield 6.30pm LAUNCH SERVICE FOR STAGE'N'SLAM

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Ferniehill Church 7.30pm JOINT PRAYER GATHERING FOR MESSY WEEKEND

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

You are invited to come along! You are encouraged to bring someone with you! We are called to prayerfully support each event

#### Fresh Start

This month the items FS are running low on are: Shampoo, shower gel, and toothpaste. Also UHT milk, coffee, rice, tinned macaroni/spaghetti, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, tinned potatoes. Washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, toilet rolls,



laundry tablets. Pots and pans; and Towels (not bath sheets). Also socks in good condition.; but, please, NO OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS.

For more information contact me on 664 3189.

Thank you, Sylvia Bennett

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## **MOVIE** 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?



EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.



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#### Drop-in Pilates Classes for beginners, with Nicky Pender

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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 May2019 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



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#### 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.

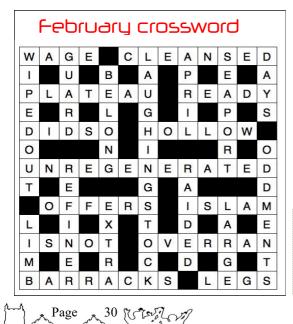
On BBC 2, *Inside the Vatican* will show a year in the life of the Vatican community, including Pope Francis; and the popular *Pilgrimage* series will return.

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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#### Hours of Services : 9-30am, 11am & 6-30pm

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis. Please contact John Young 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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	Thrive - Wednesday evening
	Kirk Centre
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	01968 670 752 or 07952 949 062
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	Ruth Davies - r.davies335@btinternet.com 664 3608
	Fortnightly Groups
	Pathfinders - Monday Afternoon
	Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128 mail@pearlkelly.plus.com
	Pilgrims Link Group - Tuesday evening
	45 Mortonhall Park View
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	Upper Room, Kirkgate 6.30–7.30pm
	Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090
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	10 Mortonhall Park Gardens
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