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*see
pages 6
and 7
for
details
of
our
Easter
services*

*'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 April . . .

*O God
 Of Easter
 Of suffering and joy
 Of Samuel and David
 We believe in You
 We trust in You
 We seek to please You
 In our family life
 In our Church family*

*Forgive us
 Bless us
 Lead us
 Help us
 Use us
 Surprise us
 This month
 All over again
 In Jesus' name
 Amen*

Letter from the Minister

A better world?

It was *The Byrds* - a folk/pop group from the sixties, who put the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes on the map in today's culture when they released a song based on a poem in Ecclesiastes chapter 3. It's a poem which speaks of some of the certainties of life and it begins -

*For everything there is a
time, and for every activity
under the heavens, a season:
a time to be born and a time
to die,
a time to plant and a time to
uproot,
a time to kill and a time to
heal...*

Ecclesiastes is not the most cheerful of books, and if you were to read it through you might be forgiven for ending up thinking about your own life, and asking the question *"Is this it? Is this all I have to look forward to?"*

The good news is that the writer of Ecclesiastes lived long before the coming of Jesus. Had he lived in Jesus day he might have adopted a different tone entirely, because the message of Easter is a huge *"No it is not!"*

We know from reading about Jesus in the Gospels that his coming heralded in a new way of seeing and doing things - something he



called 'The Kingdom of God'.

This new Kingdom was characterized by two things - the godly values of justice, grace, and hope, and the creation of a new community where people really did care for each other, and for the world in which they lived.

Of course, there will always be cynics who, at the time, might well have said -

"Ah, but it didn't last! Was not Jesus crucified, and all his followers scattered?"

And is not this the fate of any movement that sets out to change the realities of life in a fallen world?"

It's all very well dreaming of Utopia, but it never lasts. Not in the real world."

Except that the dream didn't end with Jesus death. As Wolfgang Pannenberg, the 20th Century theologian, says, if Jesus Christ rose from the dead, then he really is Lord of Heaven and Earth. And his new Kingdom did last, and it spread throughout the known world, and it is still in evidence to this day.

It is because Jesus rose from the dead that all things are still possible. Even building a better world - one that will last.

Much love



Youth News

Here's A Little Story . . .

It's Sunday afternoon just following our annual Youth Service, which hosts all of the Uniform Organisations that use our halls. I'm pondering on the fact that while some folk remarked that it was a lovely service, I wondered how many know about the weeks which lead up to it each year? And, what did we learn today?

It's wonderful that we have so many young people using our halls each week, so we are always thinking of ways in which we can engage, support, and show some of Jesus' love into their groups. This event each year gives us youth workers an opportunity to join each group (14 in total) and share something from the Bible. This year our lovely theme was Friendship. We played a fun game which highlighted the theme, and then talked about the friendship that Peter and Jesus shared. We talked to the children about how Peter nearly ruined the friendship by denying Jesus on Good Friday, and that we too often mess up in our own friendships. Doing 14 visits multiple times a year can be a bit challenging; but talking openly with young people about something so fundamentally human, has been a rewarding way to communicate how much Jesus means to us personally. Which leads me to this morning's service - when John, Emily and I were able to share how wonderfully Peter had been forgiven.

John taught us from John chapter 21 that not only did Jesus forgive Peter and mend their friendship, but he confirmed his original plan that Peter would be the rock on which he would build his church. Surely Peter would have been knocked over with such love and mercy! I got to thinking myself - how many times have I messed up with God, and yet he's forgiven me! Not only does he forgive us when we mess up, but he still gladly uses us to share the Good News, he still joyously calls us sons and daughters of the King, and he still wants us to spend eternity with him! God is so very good to us. I hope that just as Peter was utterly amazed at Jesus' love for him, we too will be immensely impacted by God's unending love for us.

We sang a song nearer the end called "Here's A Little Story" by Fischy Music. It is definitely stuck in my head now; but that's a good thing - because it holds a dear truth: "Jesus never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever gives up - even when we mess up!"

- kenny

Vintage Vibes



At VINTAGE VOCALS we are tackling isolation and loneliness among the over 60's in Edinburgh through friendship. Come along and join Edinburgh's newest singing group, meet new friends, and rediscover music through the decades

Liberton Kirk Centre, Kirkgate

From 11am to 12-30pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

£3 min donation — first taster session free

Contact 'Vintage Vibes' on 0131 343 0955 or email hello@vintagevibes.org.uk
or phone me on 07986 230 833 - Linda Haggerty

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem..

The Chief Priests were plotting



How can we get rid of Jesus?
He always has crowds around him.

Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



I could help you.

We'd be happy to pay you



How much?

30 silver coins



30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex.31:32



I'll let you know when Jesus is alone.

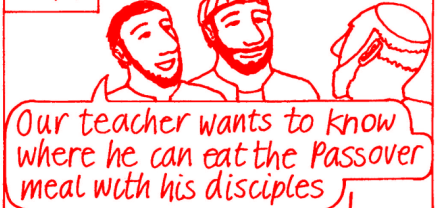
Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?

Go into the city and follow the man carrying a water jar to his home

They did, and asked the house owner



Our teacher wants to know where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples

The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

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

PALM SUNDAY (14th April)

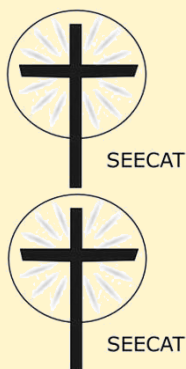
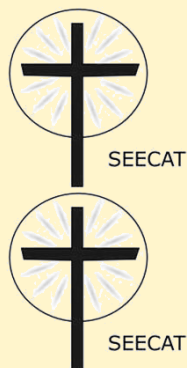


On the Sunday before Easter there is **joint evening worship** with other Big Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium (Gilmerton Road, near Gilmerton crossroads) at 7pm. The speaker will be Alasdair Bennett, the CEO of Bethany Christian Trust. [see also page 22 ED]

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The first joint event is a **Passover Meal on Monday 15th April**, 7pm at Tron Kirk Moredun, Craigour Gardens, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets (£5) are essential (and much in demand) for this event, as numbers are limited.

Then there's a **Stations of the Cross Service on Wednesday 17th April**, 7.30pm at St. Gregory's, Walter Scott Avenue, followed by light refreshments. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving service.



GOOD FRIDAY (19th April)

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a **Prayer Walk**, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. On the walk we stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community. In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an **Open-air Service**. We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' &

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



St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a good place for after-service refreshments!

On Good Friday afternoon there is a **Joint Service at Gracemount High School** at 3 pm, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all.

The speaker this year will be *Revd. Annie Naish*, involved in mission in the Scottish Episcopal Church. There will be tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches, who we don't see very often.

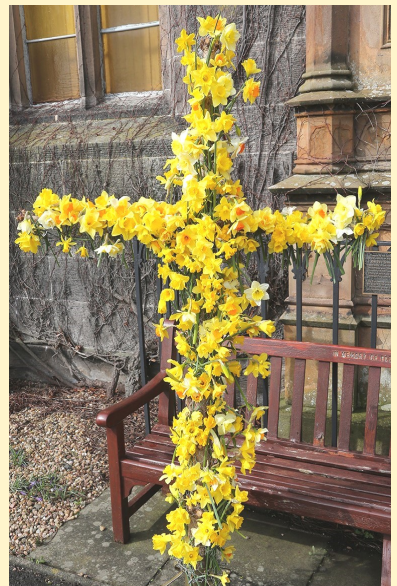
If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a **Service of Worship and Reflection** at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

EASTER DAY (21st April)

Three opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead!

Our first service at 9.30am includes a shared breakfast (Agape) and you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock service, at which all ages are welcome.

In the evening **Origin Scotland** lead "Resurrection 2019" in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed (with an offering on the night). Details on their website, or telephone 0131 208 0095.



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.

April Diary

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 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

Monday 8th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
Tuesday 9th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
Wednesday 10th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
8.00pm - *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk
Thursday 11th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 14th **PALM SUNDAY**
Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11am (with *Creche* and Holiday Buzz)
Theme: Friends with God - Peter
Preacher: John Young
10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
12.30pm - Kirk Session meets in the Small Hall
7.00pm - Joint Evening Worship at Faith Mission
(Big Idea Event)

Monday 15th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.00pm - Passover Meal @ Tron Kirk (Tickets essential)
Tuesday 16th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Wednesday 17th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm - Service at *Braid Hills Care Home*
7.00pm – Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross Service at St Gregory's
RC Church (SEECAT)

Thursday 18th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

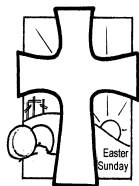
Friday 19th **GOOD FRIDAY**



10.00am – SEECAT Prayer walk leaves from the Kirk
11.00am – SEECAT Open Air Service at Morrisons
(Gilmerton Road)
3.00pm – Joint SEECAT Service at Gracemount High
School (Lasswade Rd)
7.30pm – Good Friday evening reflection at Liberton Kirk

Sunday 21st

EASTER DAY



9.30am Early Morning service with 'Agape' (breakfast)
& 11am Family Service (with *Creche*)

Theme: Friends with God - Mary Magdalene

Preacher: Jonny Clipston

(Remember to bring a daffodil to both services)

10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room

7.30pm – 'Resurrection 2019' – City-wide praise in the Usher
Hall, led by the Origin choir and orchestra (to book tickets look
up www.originscotland.org or phone 0131 208 0095)

Monday 22nd

No *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 23rd

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

9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Wednesday 24th

9.00am-2.00pm 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 25th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Saturday 27th

9.30am-1.30pm - Internal Learning Community in the Kirk

4.00pm - 6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Halls

Sunday 28th

**Morning Worship @ 9.30am
and 11.00am** (with *Creche & Sunday Buzz*)

Theme: Trusting God together

Preacher: John Young

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: On the third day he rose again (1 Corinthians
15.1-19)

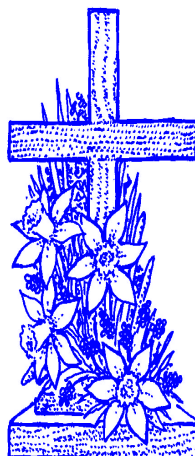
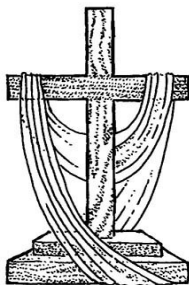
Speaker: Jonny Clipston

Monday 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 8.00pm - Mission Leaders' Support Huddle
 Tuesday 30th 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

May 2019

Wednesday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm - 11am Service Review Group
 Thursday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Sunday 5th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am** (with Scots Communion)
and 11am (with Sunday Clubs & *Creche*)
 Theme: Looking through the Cross - Wisdom
 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: He ascended into heaven ... (Romans 9.31-39)
 Speaker: John Young



Church Flowers rota

April convener - Mrs Ann Weir , 137 Captains Road, 664 3349

7th April *free*
 14th April Mrs Veronica Craig, Liberton Park
 in memory of Geoffrey Craig
 21st April *Palm Sunday*
 Mrs Ann Weir, Captains Road
 in memory of Alison Weir
 28th April David Robertson, Park Grove
 in memory of Margot Robertson

Jean Gray, Convener, 0131 248 2081

Faith Story from Denis Turner

I was born in 1949, I was brought up in a good Christian home by very faithful parents, Geoffrey and Joan Turner. I went to church every Sunday, sang in the choir and was asked to take a Sunday school class; but I had not at this time accepted Jesus as my Saviour. Instead I mixed with the wrong crowd as a motor cyclist.

As you may guess my life left a lot to be desired as regards Christian faith, mostly it was a succession of dark periods and general moodiness fuelled by alcohol and cigarettes.

But Jesus kept hold of me even if I did not hold on to Him.

On Trinity Sunday 21st May 1989 at the age of 40 when I was married with two lovely children, I decided to accept Jesus into my life. Since that decision I have discovered that throughout *all* of my life's ups and downs Jesus has been beside me *always*.

You may be wondering what sort of ups and downs I mean; well Jesus has saved my life on at least two occasions, He has seen me through a family feud which estranged me from my parents, He was beside me when my wife Jean died, subsequently He consoled me when a deeply loving relationship dissipated and He has brought me here to live among you caring people in this kirk.

To crown it all before I came here, Jesus thought me worthy enough to be elected and ordained as an elder in His church at First Antrim Presbyterian. What an honour that is, that through all the bad times and the times I ran away, He still thought me a good enough and faithful enough servant to entrust me with this responsibility.

Praise Jesus' name, and thanks for your welcome. *Denis Turner*



Elder's Sunday Duties

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

Fresh Start

These are the requested items for Fresh Start.

TOILETRIES: Shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes.

POTS and PANS: Especially small and medium sizes.

Also ladles.

FOOD PRODUCTS: UHT milk, instant coffee, rice, biscuits, tinned potatoes, tea bags, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned fish and meat

CLEANING MATERIALS: Washing up liquid, toilet cleaner, multi-purpose spray, toilet rolls, laundry tablets.

ELECTRICAL ITEMS: Irons and vacuum cleaners - in good condition.

GLASSES: Only cordial/juice glasses. No alcohol related glasses like wine, beer or whisky glasses.

PILLOWS for bedding packs. No cushions.

FRESH START wish to thank the congregation for all the goods donated recently.

It has been so nice to send out packs to all the clients in need in Edinburgh.

Anyone wishing further information about fresh start or if you would like to join our team please contact Sylvia Bennett on 664 3189.



Messy Church



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An activity for children aged 0 to primary 7, and any adults they want to bring along.

The date of our next event is Saturday 27th April in Liberton Kirk Centre, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. We will be thinking about a very little man called Zacchaeus, and how his life changed when he met Jesus. There'll be crafts, games, bible stories and singing, with coffee and conversation for the adults. It always ends with a meal suitable for all ages, with fantastic cakes for dessert!

There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

For more information speak to Fiona Devoy (fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk)

Welcome Desk Rota

	<i>9-30am service</i>		<i>11am service</i>	
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				
5th May	Chris Young	664 6615	Mary Lonie	664 4052
12th May	Sally Cuthbert	664 3479	John Gooday	664 6792
19th May	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Maureen Horn	666 0080
26th May	Bill Mercer	664 2152	Jessie Burns	664 4193
11am West door welcomer for the month of May is Linda Haggerty				



CrossReach @ 150

This year marks 150 years of social care provision in Christ's name through the work of the Church of Scotland. Pray for the final planning and preparation of CrossReach @150 in the run up to its launch at the General Assembly in May.



Events - lots of ways to have fun, and support CrossReach while you do!

Are you looking for something exciting to do? CrossReach has events taking place throughout 2019, where you can have fun whilst supporting its work with children and families across Scotland.

For more information visit: www.crossreach.org.uk/events



Forth Bridge Abseil 2019 - 7 July 2019

Abseil off the 150ft high iconic Forth Rail Bridge, surrounded by stunning views of the Forth. This event has a minimum fundraising pledge of £150.



Kiltwalk - various dates throughout the year

Dundee, Edinburgh, Aberdeen & Glasgow throughout the year. Choose from 3 different walks of varying distances - suitable for all the family & all abilities.

Edinburgh Marathon Festival - 25th - 26th May:

Run, with Edinburgh Castle as a stunning backdrop. Limited free charity places available. Join team CrossReach and set yourself a new challenge!



Freefall Skydive - Auchterarder - 22 June 2019 or 13 July

At Auchterarder, Jump from 10,000ft and freefall 5,000ft at up to 120mph! An opportunity not to be missed!

Zipwire - 4th May & 7th September.

Zip through the trees over a stunning gorge in Aviemore. Take the CrossReach Zip Wire Challenge.

Speak for CrossReach

If you like talking to people about things you are passionate about, then the role of Regional Speaker for CrossReach is made for you. Help present the work of CrossReach to communities and groups across Scotland. You will be playing an invaluable part in spreading the word about CrossReach and in encouraging people to support its life-changing work.

For more information go to

www.crossreach.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/become-a-regional-speaker



The Church of Scotland

Heart & Soul 2019

Celebrating the life of the Church

Sunday 19th May 2019, 1-6pm, Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh

FOLLOW ME...

STEPPING INTO DISCIPLESHIP

**Worship. Congregational Stories.
Exhibitors. Activities. Inspiration.**

Back for 2019 ... the 'in conversation' tent with already confirmed guests Kezia Dugdale MSP and the Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE hosting a conversation on Remembering Srebrenica.

Join our new Massed Choir to play a part in closing worship. Rehearsals will be held remotely throughout Scotland, so why not get your choir involved? To register interest visit <https://www.heartandsoul.org.uk/signup/choir>

Do you have a musical act within your church that could play a part in Heart and Soul? If so then please supply a link to a video of a performance at <https://www.heartandsoul.org.uk/signup/stage> to be considered to play on the Main Stage.

Keep in touch with announcements at www.heartandsoul.org.uk

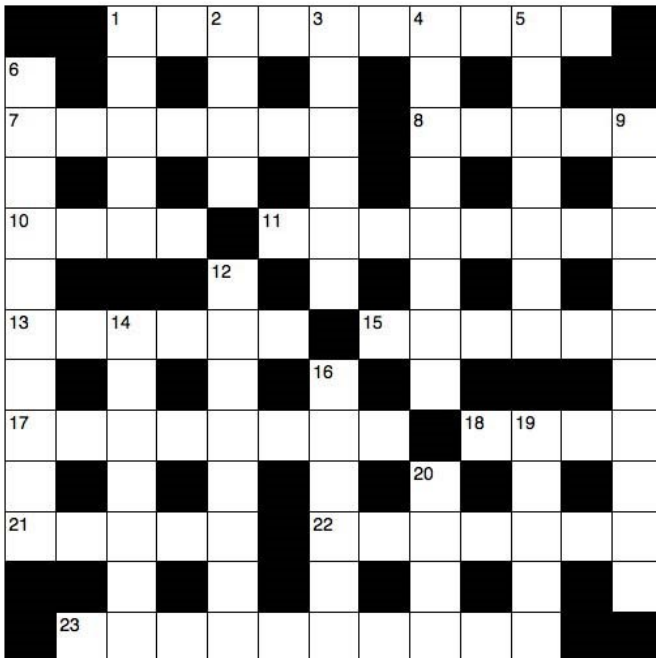
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Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
- 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
- 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
- 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
- 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
- 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
- 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
- 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
- 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
- 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
- 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
- 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
- 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
- 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
- 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
- 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
- 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
- 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)



- 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
- 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
- 16 'No one can — them out of my hand (John 10:28) (6)
- 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
- 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

APRIL 19

***'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.
He has risen! He is not here.'* Mark 16 verse 6**

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.

We journey with Samuel, David and trypraying during this month
as well as celebrate the GOOD NEWS of EASTER!

*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.

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Mon 1 st	Morning	1 SAMUEL 1 – take time to consider carefully these words and what happens here. How would you describe Hannah's relationship with God? Then take time to pause and pray in response for your family
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the trypraying venture across Scotland this month
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to God in response
Tue 2 nd	Morning	1 SAMUEL 3 – 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 this God
Wed 3 rd	Morning	1 SAMUEL 7 vs 2-17 - consider these particular events today. What are you encouraged and challenged by today? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day
Thu 4 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 8 – take time and carefully consider this passage today How would you describe Israel's relationship with their God? – then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Pastoral Care team at LK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here.....and then pray.
Fri 5 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 10 vs 9-27 – consider these words here today. How would you describe Saul's relationship with God? then pray to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our finances at LK
	Evening	read these words again....take time to reflect....and pray to our God
Sat 6 th	Morning	PSALM 44 – take time to consider the verses written here. What is God saying to you today? Then take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those reading the trypraying booklet today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 7 th	Morning	5 th Sunday of Lent - PSALM 45 - consider these particular words this morning. What words stay with you? pray in response to the Lord,
	Midday	pray a blessing on the church family at Liberton Northfield
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 8 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 13 vs 1-15 – take time to consider this passage. What words stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to our God, the God at work in our lives
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the trypraying venture in Scotland this month
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then humbly pray in response
Tue 9 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 16 vs 1-13 – 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 10 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 17 – consider what happens here! How would you describe David's relationship with God? Then pray to God
	Midday	pray a blessing on John and Lindsay
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our Mighty God

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Thu 11 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 19 – take time to consider what happens here. How would you describe Saul's relationship with David? then pray to God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in our city at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on all that happens here - then pray to God
Fri 12 th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 24 – take time to consider these verses as your day starts. How would you describe why David acts this way? What is God saying to you? and then pray in response as God leads you.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those reading the trypraying booklet today
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray for others known to you at this time
Sat 13 th	Morning	PSALM 46 – 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 your family and neighbours
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and pray in response to this God
Sun 14 th	Morning	PALM SUNDAY - PSALM 47 – consider these verses as your day starts. What words stay with you? Pray in response to our God.
	Midday	pray for Gracemount church family to know God's Sunday blessings!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray praise to the LORD our God
Mon 15 th	Morning	MARK 14 vs 12-26 – take time to consider this passage. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the trypraying venture across Scotland this month
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 16 th	Morning	MARK 14 vs 32-50 – consider these events and the people involved. What is God saying to you? and then take time to pray to God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect, then pray in response to Father God
Wed 17 th	Morning	MARK 14 vs 66-72 - prayerfully consider these verses. What words stay with you? What is God saying to you? Then Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thu 18 th	Morning	MARK 15 vs 1-20 – take time and consider this passage. Imagine the scene – then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 19 th	Morning	GOOD FRIDAY – MARK 15 vs 21-41 – consider all that happens here. What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'Thy will be done'
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 20 th	Morning	MARK 15 vs 42-47 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying to you today? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Lord's Prayer as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

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Sun 21 st	Morning	EASTER SUNDAY - MARK 16 – take time to consider these words this morning! What do they mean for you today? Pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray God's Easter blessing on someone you prayed for this past week
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 22 nd	Morning	2 SAMUEL 1 – take time to consider this chapter. How would you describe David's relationship with his God? Then pray in response to our Father God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the trypraying venture in Scotland this month
	Evening	read the chapter again – reflect ... then pray to God in response
Tue 23 rd	Morning	2 SAMUEL 3 vs 6-21 – consider these verses and what happens. Imagine the people involved. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit 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 – incl. for others
Wed 24 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 5 vs 1-16 – consider what these verses teach us this morning. And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Kirkgate Café and all who use it
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to the LORD God
Thu 25 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 6 – consider all that happens here and how David reacts. – then pray in response to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on all those using the Kirkgate Centre today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 26 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 7 vs 18-29 – consider all that is said here by David. What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on MOPS at LK!
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 27 th	Morning	PSALM 48 – 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 reading the trypraying booklet today
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 28 th	Morning	PSALM 51 – take time to consider these words this morning. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Ferniehill Church family
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 29 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 8 vs 15-18 – take time to consider this short passage, as you consider all those who serve us at LK. Then pray in response to God, giving thanks for others as you pray for those who serve us
	Midday	give thanks for the trypraying venture across Scotland this month
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... then pray to God in response
Tue 30 th	Morning	Gathering for Prayer – 2 SAMUEL 9– consider these verses and what happens here. Imagine the people involved. What is God saying to you today? and then pray to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit 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 family

Church Organ Music for April

The story of Easter begins with an empty tomb and ends with the ascension into heaven, in swirling wind and tongues of flame. It is a season cloaked with obscurity and invisibility. The forty days of the season are a time of schooling in which the risen Jesus teaches his disciples how they will find him: in one another, in the words of scripture, in the breaking of bread. He tells them to look carefully and listen deeply, not to ignore the world presented to their senses, but to find it in the depths of grace and eternal life.

Sunday 7th April 2019, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

		Trusting God enough to speak out for truth
BEFORE	J.S. Bach	Herzlich thut mich verlangen I do desire dearly
DURING	Hurford	Caswall, Glory be to Jesus
AFTER	J.S. Bach	Final Chorus of St. Matthew Passion

Sunday 14th April 2019, Palm Sunday, **Trust Shaken**

BEFORE	Demessieux	Hosanna Filio David Choral Prelude on Gregorian Chant
DURING	Wolfrum	Valet will ich dir geben I shall say farewell to Thee
AFTER	de Grigny	Récit de tierce pour le Benedictus Narrative in the third for the Benedictus

Sunday 21st April 2019, **Easter Sunday, Trust Renewed**

BEFORE	Lebègue	Offertoire sur le Chant d'O Filii et filiae Offertory on the Chant of 'Ye Sons and Daughters'
DURING	Battishill	Air
AFTER	Karg-Elert	Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag The glorious day has appeared

Sunday 28th April 2019, The Second Sunday of Easter

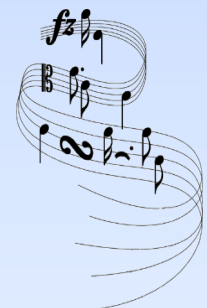
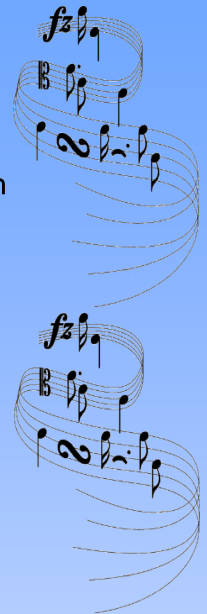
Friends together – Emmaus Road

BEFORE	Blackwell	Lux Eoi Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise
DURING	Lang	St. Fulbert Praise ye the Lord!
AFTER	Stanford	At Easter-Tide

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

BEFORE	Somerby	Were you there?
DURING	Vann	An Evening Meditation
AFTER	Parry	Rockingham When I survey the Wondrous Cross

Calum Gubby





Sunday April 14th at Faith Mission 7pm
JOINT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

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

Tuesday 3rd September at Ferniehill Church 7.30pm
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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7pm, Sunday 14th April @ Faith Mission

Speaker: Alasdair Bennett
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Christian Aid Week, 2019 12th to 18th 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

LIFE ^{AND} WORK for April

Biblical Animals As the humble donkey takes centre stage on Palm Sunday, Jackie Macadam focuses on the stories of the animals in the Bible.

'All We Need to Know' Journey through Holy Week with the Moderator of the General Assembly

God is the Heart Interview with vicar and author the Rev Dr Sam Wells

150 Years of Care Continuing to celebrate the Church of Scotland's care legacy, Thomas Baldwin hears about the work of The Bungalow, an award-winning home for adults with multiple and profound disabilities

Youth Column Connor Macfadyen describes his faith journey

Walking Together With the Guild A new project bridging the generations

Power and Powerlessness Continuing his series on themes of slavery in the Bible, the Rev Richard Baxter emphasises the importance of grace

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Syria - A Day to Remember with Food for Thought!

Saturday 16th February will go down in the annals of the World Mission Team as a very special day for many of us in Liberton Kirk, as we had the privilege of hosting 50 Syrian refugees (adults and children) for the day, comprising a trip to the *Five Sisters Zoo* in West Calder, and then bringing them back to the Kirk Centre for a wonderful middle-eastern meal with live entertainment.

Meeting up with people who have recently lost their homes, and in some cases also members of their family and who have had to leave their homeland at short notice with just the clothes in which they are standing can be a very powerful encounter. Of course, it makes you think how fortunate we are to live in a comparatively stable country. But also seeing people being touched by simple and warm hospitality is both moving and heartening!

As a World Mission Team we had been looking for sometime to find a local outreach to our work and this experience undoubtedly provided us with a unique opportunity to serve new citizens of our city with an open hand of friendship. I hope you see this from some of photos appended. We were also encouraged by the response from the wider congregation who came forward to assist in preparing and serving the meal.

We sincerely hope that the legacy will be to help the Syrians who attended feel more welcome in our city and that perhaps some personal friendships will develop in time. It is certainly an event that the Church could valuably adopt on a bigger scale as we were told by SFAR, the charity who partly sponsored the event, that they could have filled another two buses beyond the one we organised. So perhaps the Guild, the World Mission Team and the Youth Team might want to consider joining forces for something like this next year?

Sandy Hutchison, WMT Convenor 2018-2019



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MOPS.ORG

Hi all, Laura here.

Firstly, the volunteers and I, at MOPS would like to thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement for getting us off the ground. It was a busy few months after John asked me if I would take this on; but we (finally) got there!

For those you who haven't heard about MOPS from me or John (or Jonny, or Ruth, or Linda). MOPS = **M**others **O**f **P**re-**S**choolers. It is run by Christian woman, many of whom are mums - *For Mums*. It is a space where women can meet other Mums. The big difference MOPS has from a group such as Toddlers, is that at MOPS, we encourage our Mums to put their children in the crèche that we provide. This way they can relax (a bit), talk, get to know each other, and have breakfast.

Each week we will have a topic to explore and discuss. In our first week we talked about some of the ridiculous (only to people outside of the family) things Mums do for their kids. For example: wearing bikini bottoms for underwear, because the kids' clothes are clean but yours aren't ... or only ironing one **kid's** bedding because **they** hate the way the creases feel; but the others don't care ... We also discussed what it would look like to 'burn your to-do list'; to spend more time enjoying your children, rather than worrying about what is the next chore that needs to be done.

9.15am on 8th March was our first meeting, and we had hopes of having roughly 4/5 Mums join us, as this is a new venture. By 9.40am we had 9 mums (I counted them twice) round our table in the small hall. Some are first time Mums, and some have more than one child. Nyree Chittick our wonderful Mentor Mum was there to keep the conversation flowing; but it needed little help. We have hope that these Mums will feel comfortable to return to us over the coming weeks, until the summer.

If you know of a Mum who would like to join us please pass on our information!

I would also like to thank Emily and all the lovely volunteers who are giving up every second Friday morning to play with the kiddos in the crèche!

Thank you all again! Laura

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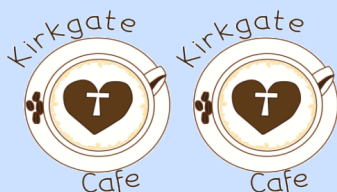


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Material for the **May 2019** issue, should be in my hands **no later than Sunday 21st April**

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March crossword



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

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

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 Café 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.



Link Groups

Weekly Groups

Thrive - Wednesday evening

Kirk Centre

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

01968 670 752 or 07952 949 062

Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

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

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders - Monday Afternoon

Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128

mail@pearlkelly.plus.com

Pilgrims Link Group - Tuesday evening

45 Mortonhall Park View

Francis Watts - 07757 084 064

New Beginnings - Tuesday evening

Upper Room, Kirkgate 6.30—7.30pm

Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090

Home & Away - Thursday evening

10 Mortonhall Park Gardens

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

The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening

21 Swanston Grove

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

Vista Group - Thursday evening

21 Kirk Park

Rink van Dijke - rink@talktalk.net 664 2178

Monthly Group

The Book group - Tuesday evening

Edith Barrowcliffe - rainbowstorm@blueyonder.co.uk

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If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk) or the Group nearest you