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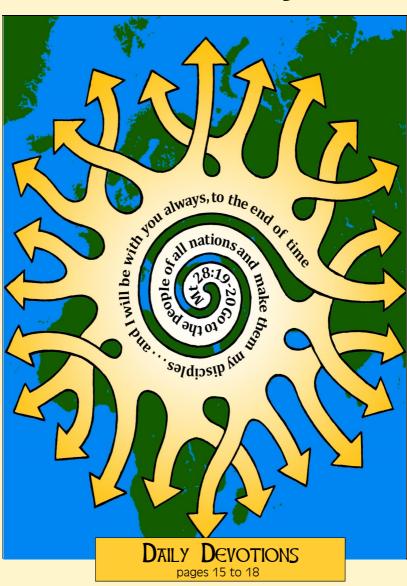




'Our aim is
to draw
closer to God
and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'

Vision Statement





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A prayer for May

O God
Of David
Elijah and Elisha
We believe in You
We trust in You
We seek to please You
O Help us
Forgive us
Guide us

Use us
Surprise us
As we seek to see
Thy Kingdom Come
In our lives
In your Church
This month
In Jesus' name
Amen

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

Web Address www.libertonkirk.net

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La Joseph Comment

Letter from the Assistant Minister

I once described myself to someone has being 'perpetually of a sunny disposition'. Of course, it's not quite strictly accurate, I'm not even sure it would be possible. But in general, if I am able to bring positivity to my interactions rather than negativity that is the way I'd prefer to go. So, imagine how excited I was to find that the month of May is national smile month.

Then you can imagine my disappointment in finding that national smile month, is actually an oral health awareness campaign. I had visions that everyone would be urged to smile, encourage and just be generally nice to one and other, even strangers.

How wonderful! And doesn't our world need that? Doesn't our community need that? It's easy to underestimate the value of a smile. A smile says, you are accepted, you are welcome, I hold no hostility towards you. A smile says, you are safe, it says relax and even, I forgive you.

Smilling and general pleasantry is nice, and, I think, commendable; but sometimes it can just be a mask

we wear. To mask our own sadness, or even bitterness we harbour towards others. And sometimes



it feels like a bit of a superficial fix, a papering over the cracks. What does smiling do in the face of things in our world that bring real despair?

The bible doesn't talk much about smiling. However, it is very real about how hard life can be, and still talks about joy.

Joy is deeper than smiling, it is deeper than happiness. Joy comes from knowing and living in harmony with God, and it is God's help that we need for those deeper things. So, as we enjoy the month of May, please, for all our sakes, brush your teeth.

Maybe make a conscious effort to smile at others more. But give yourself time to go deeper than that' and have a real think about joy.

The psalmist said to God,

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

(Ps 16:11)

With Love.

Jonny

Youth News - from Emilu

This month the Youth sections all came together in teams to take part in the Kirk Gate Trust Fundraiser Quiz. It was really nice to see some of our teens there with their families taking part.

Although our team came last it was a great turn out, and all the teenagers had a great time. After the quiz we hosted a sleepover with the teenagers, which consisted of playing games and then having pizza together; some valuable time for our young people to enjoy fellowship with one another, and see each other outside of church.



These events are always so valuable for our young people's friendships with one another. Both kenny and myself would like to say thank you to the Kirk Gate Trust for putting on such a great event for us and our teenagers.

As my post is funded by the Kirk Gate Trust, it is so encouraging to see people giving up their time to help raise money for my work, and more work like it. Please consider making a donation to the Kirk Gate trust to help them continue to fund mission in our area, and continue to pray - giving thanks to God that our young people are closely growing in faith with one another.

Emily

Thy Kingdom Come

This was a call to Prayer issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others, in 2017 and 2018, and will be repeated in 2019 from May 30th to June 9th.

- the 10 days leading to Pentecost.

It is a call being backed by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.



We are encouraged to pray for 5 friends and contacts, to meet with Jesus.

We are asked to pray that the Church will experience afresh the Kingdom of God in our day, and that we will evidence the blessings and signs of Kingdom Life in our churches.

The Gathering for Prayer on May 28th will have this focus and helpful materials will be made available from TheKingdomCome

You can find more info at www.thykingdomcome.global

We pray together - 'Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done'

John, Susan and Alastair



It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 5 verses 1-18

A short story from the Bible

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



man who had been sick for 38 years.



Jesus went up to a (I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never





He was heated! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath

God had given the law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Tewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rule's so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man



a mat, that's 'work'!

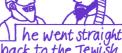


the temple.

Later, Jesus found the man in

You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus Was.



back to the Jewish leaders to tell them





Church Organ Music for May

'Jesus prays for us. He prays that we might be one, in a most exquisite unity: the unity that he shares with the Father, one in the love that is God. There are many challenges to this unity – our fears, our doubts, and our suspicions; nevertheless,

Jesus prays with confidence to the Father whose creative and revitalizing love can accomplish all things.'

Sunday 5th May 2019, The Third Sunday of Easter

Looking through the cross - Wisdom

BEFORE Biery Reflection on 'St. Fulbert'

My God, I love Thee

DURING Thalben-Ball Oriel

Love of Life, Prophetic Spirit

AFTER Lloyd Saffron Walden

Just as I am

Sunday 12th May 2019, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Looking through the cross - Evil

BEFORE James Voluntary in A Minor

DURING Bullard Meditation AFTER Bailey Hawkhurt

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Sunday 19th May 2019, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Looking through the cross - Power

BEFORE Moore Variations: Noël Nouvelet

Now the Green Blade riseth

DURING Thalben-Ball Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come Holy Spirit

AFTER Blackwell Our God reigns

Sunday 26th May 2019, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Looking through the cross - Identity

BEFORE Vann Blaenwern

Love divine, all loves excelling

DURING Beauvarlet-Charpentier Récit de Flûte

Narrative on the Flute

AFTER Bullard Vruechten









Faith Story from Nikki Kirkland

I'm so blessed that I can say God has been a part of my life since I was born. My strongest memory of my grandad is going to Mass with him. When I was 9 God really impacted my parents lives, that changed us as a family. Church was no longer just something I did when my grandad visited; It was a weekly thing, and we became part of a community, that weaved in and out of our day-to-day lives. I think for me, and my faith, that is the thing that has meant the most to me when growing up. I know God

loves me, and that was shown through the people in my life, who encouraged me to be who I am today. (It was my pastor's wife that encouraged me to have pink hair). But it wasn't just the people that encouraged me that helped me, it was those who helped me when I was pulled in other directions in my late teens, and those that taught me the bible. I truly believe that God has made sure that I know how much He loves me through all these people in my life, through the church community.

When I read the book of Acts, that shows the disciples starting the church community after Jesus left them, or when I read the letters that Paul writes to the church communities, I am so encouraged to see this essentially reflected in my life, and in the church still., today. The huge heart of hospitality, encouragement and teaching that goes in to the church communities that I have been a part of is exciting, not only to see God move in my life; but in that of those around me. And better still to know how that positively affects the communities around them.

God is so good! Nikki



If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for inclusion in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

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Wednesday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkqate 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: John Young

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

2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT) Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall

(Café open from 6.30pm)

Theme: He ascended into heaven ... (Romans 9.31-39)

Speaker: Jonny Clipston

6th & 7th May: CL19 at St Pauls and St Georges Church, York Place

Monday 6th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Tuesday 7th 2.00pm - service at Braeside House

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

9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 8th 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

3.30pm - Café Board meeting

8.00pm - Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 9th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

12th to 18th May - Christian Aid Week

Sunday 12th Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and 11am (with Sunday Clubs & Creche)

Theme: Looking through the Cross - Evil

Preacher: Jonny Clipston

10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome) 2.30pm - SEECAT planning meeting at the Cilmerton Hub

Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall

(Café open from 6.30pm)

Outreach Night with Nick Blair

Theme: Is there such a thing as 'fate'?

Monday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

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

Tuesday 14th 7.30am-7.30pm - Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

3.00pm - Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Wednesday 15th 9.00am-2.00pm and 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café 2.30pm - Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.00pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 8.00pm - Communications Team meeting Thursday 16th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 19th to 24th May: General Assembly Week Sunday 19th Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11am (with Sunday Clubs & Creche) Theme: Looking through the Cross - Power Preacher: Jonny Clipston 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome) 1pm-6pm - 'Heart & Soul' in Princes Street Gardens (Look out for the Liberton Kirk tent) Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open from 6.30pm) Theme: He will come to judge Speaker: John Young Monday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Tuesday 21st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkqate Café Wednesday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café 1100am - 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 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Saturday 25th 4.00pm - 6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Halls Sunday 26th Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11.00am (with Sunday Clubs & Creche) Theme: Looking through the Cross - Identity Preacher: John Young 10.20am - Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) 12.30pm - Sunday Club Parents BBQ 2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT) Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (Café open from 6.30pm) Theme: I believe in the Holy Spirit Speaker: Jonny Clipston Monday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Tuesday 28th 7.30am-7.30pm - Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkqate Café

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2.30pm - Service at *Guthrie House* 7.30pm - 'Thy Kingdom Come

(Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk)

Wednesday 29th 9.00am-2. Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.

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

Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

June 2019

Sunday 2nd Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion)

and 11am (with Sunday Buzz & Creche)

Theme: Looking through the Cross - Suffering

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: The resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians

15.20-33)

Speaker: John Young

Congregational News

I am delighted to welcome eight new members to Liberton Kirk over the last couple of months, and hope they are enjoying their Liberton connections

Mr Dennis Turner Ms Laura Skinner
Ms Mary-Louise Stone Ms Angela Deas
Mr Mel Goodall Mr Lewis Forgan
Mr Brian Watts Mrs Sheila Forgan

I am sorry to record the death of **Rev. Ron Stitt** on 7th April, and send my condolences to all his family and friends



Church Flowers rota

May convener - Vacancy

5th April Mrs Helen Whyman, Gracemount Avenue

Mrs Dorothy Parr, Buckstone Hill

in memory of Aileen and Jim Whyman

12th April Mrs Helen Hodgkinson, 56 Backlee

in memory of Janet McGregor

19th May Mrs Ann Weir, 37 Captains Road

in memory of Hamish Weir

26th May Mrs Jane Thomson, 88 Liberton Drive

In memory of Isabella and John Watt

Jean Gray, Convener, 0131 248 2081





Elder's Sunday Duties

9-30am		MAY	JUNE	
East door east		Rossie Carmichael	Eric Brown	JXC
West door west		Sturt Fleming	Pearl Kelly	
north door plate)	Chris Young	Fiona Knight	
11-00am West door extre	eme west	Mary Davidson	Bill Robb	
East door extre		D/H Colley	Chris Brandie	
North door cent		Brenda Lamb	Netta Rough	
front gate cent Gallery galle		Jacqui Tait Rink van Dijke	John Gill Alan Lonie	
,	west plate	KIIIK VAIT DIJKE	Alai Lonie	
	plate	David Lamb	Stewart Heney	

Any elder unable to attend must arrange a substitute. Alison Walker 664 3631

Guild News for Mau

Both the Afternoon and Evening Guilds have finished for this session.

Meetings restart on Monday 7th October 2019

The session finished with 24 members arriving at the Royal Botanic Garden on 3rd April for Afternoon Tea at the Gateway Restaurant. Despite the weather, members spent a most enjoyable afternoon

eating a great selection of sandwiches and cakes and drinking copious amounts of tea and coffee. Luckily, before we left, the sun came out for a short time and members were able to wander outside.

Gladys Montgomery (Convener) and the Guild Committee would like to reiterate their thanks to everyone – both members and friends – who supported both coffee mornings this session, as well as the fund raising concert by the Bo'ness Belles. Monies raised went to our two chosen projects.

Next session's theme is "Companions on the Road" and we hope that you will be on that journey with us.

Evelyn Ogilvie Secretary)





Money Matters

2018 Accounts

The signed and audited accounts for 2018 are now available on the Welcome Desks in the Church.

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



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

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

General Fund

In 2018, when compared to 2017, Offerings dropped by £1,000.

The refurbishment, and resulting closure of the Anderson and Small Halls for part of the year, resulted in the income from the use of the halls decreasing by £3,000. Donations towards the cost of the magazine were £1,500 less than in 2017, and income from weddings and funerals was down by £1,000.

Salaries were increased by 1.5% while the employer pension contributions also rose from 1% to 2%. Water charges are now applicable and cost £2,000. Some maintenance on the Church building and Offering House added another £3,000 while cleaning costs have also increased by £2,000. There were a number of outreach activities which incurred an additional £2,000.

As a result the total shortfall in the General Fund was £20,000 which had to be met from Reserves and other funds.

Legacies

A legacy of £2,000 was received from Miss Hetty Mustard's estate and has gone towards some of the refurbishment costs of the Anderson Hall.

Funded by the legacy received from Ms Helen Geddes' estate in 2016 the refurbishment of the Anderson and Small Halls continued, and was almost completed by the end of 2018.

The year ahead - 2019

Salaries will be further increased by 2% (in line with the percentage approved by the General Assembly for ministers' stipends) while our contribution to the central Ministries and Mission Fund is remaining at a similar level as in 2018. The pension scheme for locally employed staff (which requires an employer's



contribution of 2% in 2018) will see a mandatory increase in the employer's contribution to 3% on 1 April. There are still some costs incurred in the halls refurbishment which will be paid in this year.

The 2018 deficit is likely to rise in 2019 unless the level of income increases in all areas.

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

Judy Weston (Treasurer)

Welcome Desk Rota

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				
2nd June	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Grant Cook	664 1581
9th June	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	David Colley	663 3757
16th June	Evelyn Ogilvie	664 1171	Lindsay Young	664 3067
23rd June	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Jill Snowden	07823 335 584
30th June	Chris Young	664 1171	Jean Wilson	666 0368

11am West door welcomer for the month of June is Helen Colley

Fresh Start

This year Fresh Start celebrates its 20th anniversary of helping people who have been homeless make a home for themselves. Unfortunately 20 years on, homelessness is still an increasing problem with over



3000 people registering as homeless in Edinburgh last year alone.

You can help by signing up to their 20 for 20 campaign and fundraising so they can continue to deliver their vital service. They are asking for individuals, teams or organisations to join them in their 20th year to help raise £20,000.

There are many ways to get involved, create a fundraising challenge or sign up to join in the kilt walk.

I will be putting a poster up on the notice board in the church cafe with information on how to take part.

If you would like to become involved with Fresh Start or would like further information on their services please email admin@freshstartweb.org.uk

Svlvia Bennett 664 3189

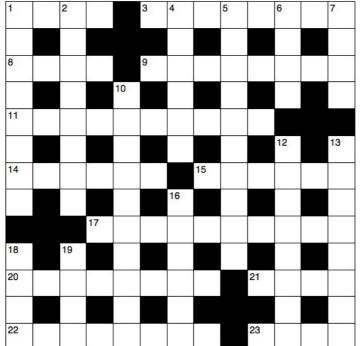
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Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like '(Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, "— here and keep watch" (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are -?' (Romans 10:15) (4)



- 10 Favourable reception v 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5.3)

Crossword

- 16 'About midnight the sailors they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

1/2/10

'Our Father in heaven...may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...'

Matthew 6 verses 9 and 10

During 2019 we are looking at various *Bible characters* and their relationship with God, and with each other – as well as a couple of *Psalms* each weekend - pausing in prayer at our times of *Midday Devotion* for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time of the year.

In May we continue to journey with *David* and welcome *Elijah*, *Elisha* and the start of the *ThyKingdomCome* prayer venture.



These Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday, in the evening ... to pray with Him continually through the day and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover. The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. However it all follows the pattern below into which the information provided fits, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

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

Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet - Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR MAY

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Wed 1 st	Morning	2 SAMUEL 11 - consider these particular events today.
		What is God saying to you this morning? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Nigeria.
-ı ond	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect then pray at the end of your day.
Thu 2 nd	Morning	2 SAMUEL 12 vs 1-25 – take time and carefully consider this
		passage today. How would you describe God's relationship with
		David? – then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of Nigeria.
Fri 3 rd	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
Fri 5	Morning	2 SAMUEL 13 vs 23-39 – take time to consider this passage.
	Mininia	What is your response to what you read? and then pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those being persecuted for their faith in Jesus.
Sat 4 th	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray.
5at 4	Morning	PSALM 52 – take time to consider these words this morning. What is
	Midday	God saying to you today about judgment? Pray in response to Him
	Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today. read the words again – reflect on the truths here and pray in response.
Sun 5 th	Morning	PSALM 53- take time and consider these words this morning. What is
Juli J	Morring	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
	Lvcriiig	Including praying for our world in these days.
Mon 6 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 14 vs 25-33 – take time to carefully consider this passage
101011 0	Wichining	today. What is God saying to you today? Then take time to pause and
		pray in response – is there a step of reconciliation you need to take?
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Pakistan.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray to our God in response.
Tue 7 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 15 vs 13-37 – consider what happens here. What do the
	, and the second	words mean for you today? then pray in response to what you read.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read this passage again – reflect then pray in response to our God.
Wed 8 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 16 vs 15-23 - consider these particular words today
		What is God saying to you today? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Pakistan.
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect then pray at the end of your day.
Thu 9 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 18 – take time and carefully consider this passage today
		How would you describe David's relationship with Absalom? – then
		pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of Pakistan.
th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
Fri 10 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 19 vs 18-39 – consider these words today. Why did
		David show kindness to these men? then pray to his God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who are feeling alone at this time.
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect and pray to our God.

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR MAY

Sat 11 th	Morning	PSALM 56 – take time to consider the verses written here. What is God saying to you today about trusting Him? Then take time to
		Pray to Him in response to what you read.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling in life at this time.
Sun 12 th	Evening Morning	read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read. PSALM 57 - consider these particular words for help today. What
Juli 12	Morring	words stay with you? pray in response to the Lord, the Merciful One.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those preaching in our land today.
th	Evening	read these verses again reflect on their meaning for you then pray.
Mon 13"	Morning	2 SAMUEL 22 – take time to consider these verses. What words
		stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to our God, the God of help and victory.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the lands and peoples in Central Asia.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect then humbly pray in response.
Tue 14 th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 23 vs 1-7 – consider these few verses this morning.
	Midday	What is God saying to you today? – and then pray in response. 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 15 th	Morning	1 KINGS 17 – consider all that happens here. What words stay
		with you? And then pray to this God of Elijah.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the persecuted Church in parts of Central Asia
Thu 16 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our LORD God 1 KINGS 18 – take time to consider all that happens here! How
1110 10	Morring	would you describe Elijah's relationship with his God? And then pray
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the leaders and governments in Central Asia
= =th	Evening	read the words again – reflect on all that happens - pray to our God
Fri 17 th	Morning	1 KINGS 19 vs 1-18 – take time to consider these verses as your day
	Midday	starts. What is God saying to you? And then pray in response. pray God's blessing on the MOPS group at Liberton.
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God.
Sat 18 th	Morning	PSALM 60 – take time to consider these verses this morning.
		What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those seeking to know God better. read the words again – reflect then pray in response to this God.
Sun 19 th	Morning	PSALM 61 – consider this prayer for protection as your
		day starts. What words stay with you? Then pray in response.
	Midday	pray for your church family to know God's Sunday blessings!
Mon 20 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray to the LORD our God.
101011 20	WOITHING	2 KINGS 1 – take time to consider this passage this morning. 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.
at.	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and pray to our God as your day closes.
Tue 21 st	Morning	2 KINGS 2 vs 1-18 – consider this particular passage today. What is
		God saying to you today? and then take time to pray to this God.

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Tue 21 st	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
Wed 22 nd	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God 2 KINGS 2 vs 19-25 - prayerfully consider these few verses. What
Wed 22	MOLLING	words stay with you? What is God saying to you? Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Ireland
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray at the end of your day
Thu 23 rd	Morning	2 KINGS 3 – take time and consider these events. What do they
	_	say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Church in Ireland
th	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 24 th	Morning	2 KINGS 4 vs 1-7 – consider all that happens here as Elisha helps
		this widow. What is God saying to you today? then pray to Him
	Middox	in response
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on the leaders and government of Ireland read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 25 th	Morning	Messy Church! PSALM 63 – take time to consider these words.
Jat 25	Wichining	What is God saying to you today? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 26 th	Morning	PSALM 65 – take time to consider this psalm of praise this morning
		What does it mean for you today? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on someone you prayed for this past week
th	Evening	read these verses again reflect and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 27 th	Morning	2 KINGS 5 – take time to consider these words and events!
	Midday	What is God saying to you today? then pray in response to this God.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Wales read the passage again – reflect then pray to our God in response
Tue 28 th	Morning	Gathering for Prayer – 2 KINGS 6 vs 8-23 – consider this passage
1 40 20		this morning. What is God saying to you today? then pray in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect. Pray in response – for our world
Wed 29 th	Morning	2 KINGS 9 vs 1-13 – consider what these verses teach about
		God's relationship with Israel. And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Church in Wales
Thu 30 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to the LORD God
111u 50	Morning	ThyKingdomCome – consider the theme of TO JESUS this morning as you consider JOHN 1 vs 35-42 and then pause to pray
		for others known to you – that they would meet with Jesus
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those new in their Christian discipleship
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 31 st	Morning	ThyKingdomCome – consider the theme of PRAISE this morning as
		you consider EPHESIANS 1 vs 1-14 then pray your prayers of praise!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our worship group at Liberton
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.

Christian Aid Week - Reminder

This year Christian Aid Week is from 12 to 18 May.

In Liberton, we have had a long and honourable history of involvement with Christian Aid, for most of its 50 years of existence, Please generously support our efforts again this year.

Christian Aid is one of the leading relief and development agencies, dealing with needs irrespective of race or faith. The usual house-to-house collection will take place. Our thanks go to the group of volunteers who have helped over many years, but additional collectors would be most welcome. If you can help, please contact me.

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Messy Church

Saturday 25th May 4pm to 6pm is our last Messy Church, before the summer really begins. It will be held in the Kirk Centre and gardens, and we will be hearing about the Big. Picnic, when a huge crowd of people came together to hear Jesus' stories.



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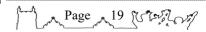
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MOVIE Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share **MOMENTS** thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Celebrating difference?

'The message in this film is one of inclusion, not just accepting difference but celebrating difference' said the actor Colin Farrell at the world premiere of Disney's new film Dumbo.

In the opening scenes his character, Holt Farrier, returns from the war without one arm, which shocks his children. 'It's still me' he says, and that is perfectly true. But his follow-on 'everything is going to be just like it was before' is more wishful



thinking than reality. He can no longer perform on his beloved circus horses, so is assigned to dressing as a clown and cleaning up the elephants' dung.

And it is in their cage that he discovers the newborn baby elephant with big ears. The ringmaster who had hoped for a 'precious bundle of joy' calls Dumbo 'a monster... damaged goods' and tries to cover up the ears with a special bonnet, in the same way that he tries to cover up Holt's missing arm with a fake one.

Dumbo is the quintessential outsider who is rejected and ridiculed just because of his looks, whilst Holt also faces his own rejection because of his disability. Tim Burton, who directed the film, not only brings to it his well-known talent for the fantastical but also his skill in provoking the audience to think about the value of the outsider – those who don't fit the popular mould. And as the film progresses, Dumbo's large ears enable him to



rescue others in a dramatic scene in which Holt also plays a key role, regardless of his disability.

So, we are caused to think about the value of 'difference'. If others make us feel unhappy with how we look, or if we face sudden changes to our bodies, do we feel pressured to cover up and try to continue just like we were before? Or can we celebrate the

differences and embrace the changes, bringing them out into the open and using them for the good of others?



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LIFE WORK for May

Parliament and the Church. As the Scottish Parliament reaches its 20th anniversary, politicians and church officials remember the official opening in the Church of Scotland Assembly Hall

General Assembly 2019

- Interview with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Colin Sinclair
- Comment from the Rev Dr Doug Gay and the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers
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Christian Aid Week. Interview with Christian Aid's country manager for Sierra Leone, focus of this year's appeal

'One of the Success Stories of the Church'. The 50th anniversary of the Housing and Loan Fund

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

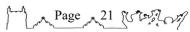
You are invited to come along! You are encouraged to bring someone with you! We are called to prayerfully support each event

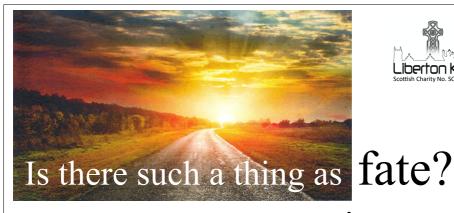
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An evening with Nick Blair

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The deadline for the September (parish-wide) edition is Sunday 11th August

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John Young if you have a special request.

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

Appointments can be made by telephone to see him at other times, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.

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