

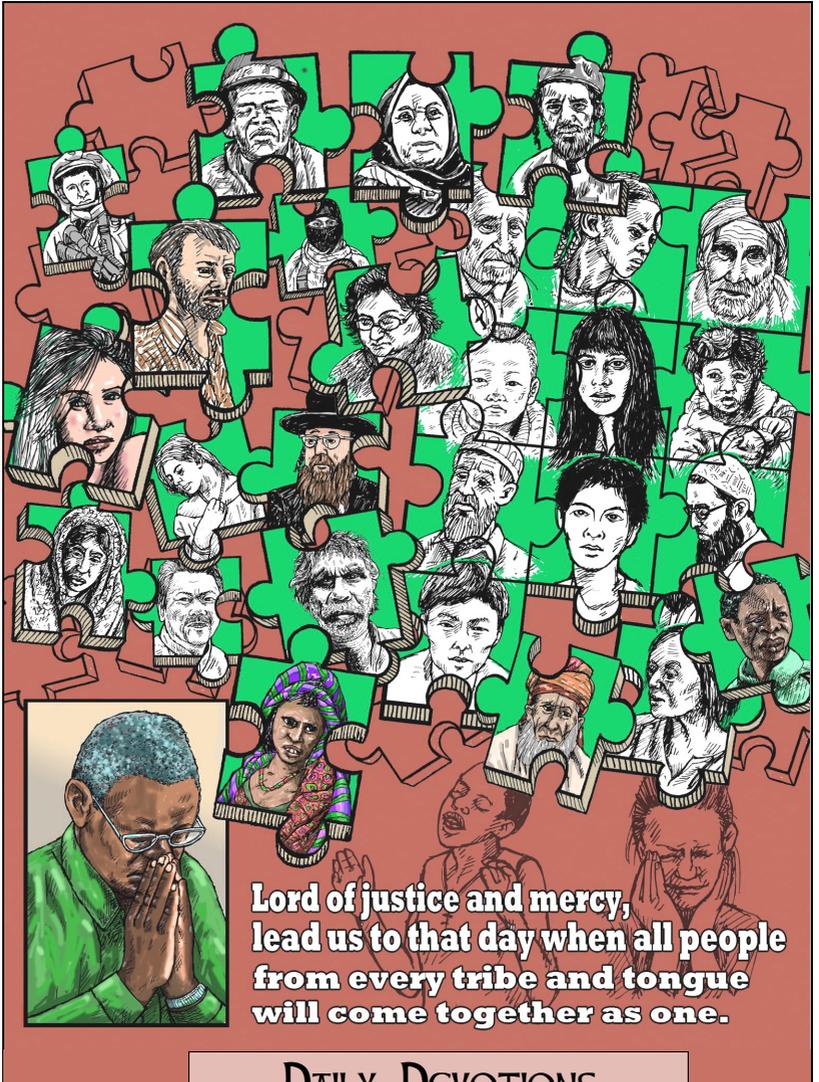
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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

Vision Statement



**Lord of justice and mercy,
lead us to that day when all people
from every tribe and tongue
will come together as one.**



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A prayer for November

*O God
Of James and John
Of yesterday
Today and tomorrow
We believe and trust in
You
And in Your written Word
We seek to please You
O Help us
Forgive us*

*Guide us
Use us
As we seek to see
Thy Kingdom Come afresh
In our families
In our land
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

Letter from Jonny

As you read this, I'll have already had my last Sunday at Liberton Kirk, which means I can say more or less whatever I want, and get away with it. I sincerely hope, therefore, that you believe me when I say, I could not have wished for a better final placement in my training for the ministry. I have been richly blessed by my time here in so many ways.

It has been a great learning opportunity, John has been an excellent supervisor and I've been part of a wonderful staff team. But whenever people ask me about my probationary year, one phrase is never far from my mouth, "What makes Liberton so good is its people."

One of the nice things at evening worship is that we have started to have a regular time of thanksgiving. On one evening someone who was new to the church stood up and remarked on how friendly and welcoming the congregation was, only for someone else to stand up and say the same thing.

Only a few months later someone else stands up and says the same thing yet again.



Although pleasing to hear, its not something that any church can afford to be complacent



"I have called you friends"

about. Like all such things, it requires continued input and effort. If I can encourage you to take something you are good at, and make it even better, it would be this: knowing that each one of us individually can make a difference, and have a role to play towards the character of our Church family.



If I could leave you with a challenge, then my question would be, how do we future proof the church so that it continues to be a beacon of welcome and friendship that shares the light and the love of Christ for many generations to come?

M.L. and I wish you all the very best with all our love, and we thank you for your love and support shown to us over this last year.

"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever."
(Ps 86:12)

With love, Jonny

LIBERTON KIRK GUILD
★ CHRISTMAS ★
COFFEE MORNING

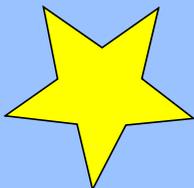
In Liberton Kirk Centre

Saturday 23 November 2019
10.00 am - 12.00 Noon

**HOME
BAKING**

Entrance
Adults £3.50
Children £1.00

**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16-22

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



If You are really going to help me, tomorrow this wool will be wet but the ground be dry.

God did as Gideon had asked.



But Gideon was still worried.

Could you show me again, but with the wool dry and the ground wet?



And God did.

God said

The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran



The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.



Church Organ Music for November

'In moments of joy, we see all the beauty in the world, and they bring us closer to God. In moments of despair, all that was once beautiful crumbles around us. In these moments, does our faith remain firm? Christ tells us to endure through these troubles because, by our endurance, we will gain our souls.'

Sunday 3rd November 2019, The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Faith and Feelings: Uncertainty. **All Saints' Day**

BEFORE Anon Voluntary in A Minor
DURING Tambling Brother James's Air, The Lord's my Shepherd
AFTER Leddington Wright Sine Nomine: Postlude
For all the saints, who from their labours rest

Sunday 10th November 2019, The Third Sunday before Advent

Faith and Feelings: Anger. **Remembrance Sunday**

BEFORE Albinoni Adagio
DURING Green Diapason Movement
AFTER Walch Funeral March

Sunday 17th November 2019, The Second Sunday before Advent

Faith and Feelings: Fear

BEFORE Vierne Élegie
DURING Travers Adagio
AFTER Mawby Stillness

Sunday 24th November 2019, The Sunday next before Advent

Faith and Feelings: Regret. **Christ the King Sunday**

BEFORE Dubois Cantilène Religieuse
DURING Keeble Diapason Movement
AFTER Briggs Ricercar: Llanfair Calum Gubby

Annual Memorial Service

This is an advance notice that our annual memorial service will be held on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm.

This service is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died, or for those whose memories of long-lost loved ones are particularly sharp at this time of year.

There will be flyers available from mid-November to give to anyone you know who might find this service comforting. **Everyone is welcome.**

There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.



trypraying stories of Faith from David Hill

It can be a little surprising, but when we pray, someone listens!

For me, it all started when I was a student studying maths at university. After nine months arguing with a Christian I began to see there was evidence for a reasonable faith. That came to a climax one night when I prayed and said, 'God if you are there, and I'm not sure you are, but if you are I want to get to know you.' Two weeks later, through an amazing experience, I knew there was a God and he was at work in my life. That was the start of a life-long adventure.

But here is a different story. A church in Dunfermline has a trypraying banner outside and a small Perspex box with trypraying booklets in it for people to help themselves. Mary, a woman from that church, regularly helps the homeless, drug addicts and alcoholics who hang out in a local park. She has been doing this for years.

One day, while there, she overheard a girl and a mother talking. The girl was saying that she wanted to spend the money she had saved on a birthday present. The mother, however, had to explain that the money was needed to pay bills and buy food. Mary joined their conversation and asked if she could help some way.

Thus began a process in which they were being helped in very practical ways: she took them to Tesco, paid the electricity bill, bought groceries, gave the girl some money for her birthday as well as an ice cream, and bought the mother a coffee. As they were sitting talking the woman asked Mary, 'Are you from that church?' She said, 'Yes I am.' Then, to her amazement, the woman said, 'Well two days ago I picked up a trypraying booklet from the Perspex box outside the church, and, for the first time in my life, prayed that God would send someone to help me. And here you are helping me!'

When we pray, someone listens and wants us to come to know him.

David

trypraying.

trypraying.



November 2019

Friday 1st 7.00pm – *Kirkgate Trust* Quiz Night - see page 15

Sunday 3rd **Morning Worship @ 9.30am** (with Scots Communion)
and **11am** (with Sunday Buzz, Family Communion & *Creche*)
Theme: Faith and Feelings – Uncertainty!
Preacher: John Young
10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
11.00am – Sunday Buzz in the Kirk Halls
2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (tea/coffee
from 6.30pm)

Service led by our Young people

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

7.30pm – *Guild* meets in the Anderson Hall

Tuesday 5th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

2.00pm – Service at *Braeside House*

Wednesday 6th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

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

8.00pm - *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk

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

7.00pm - *Alpha Course* in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and **10.50am** (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)

Theme: Faith and Feelings – Anger!

Preacher: John Young

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

Evening Worship @ 7.00pm (tea/coffee from 6.30pm)

Theme: Brief and to the point – the 2nd letter of John

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

10.45am – Armistice Day prayers and act of Remembrance in the Kirk

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

9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.45-9.15pm – ***Lessons and Carols Community Choir*** – first rehearsal in the Wilson Hall

Wednesday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

11.00am - *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

2.15 – *Guild* meets in the Small Hall

7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.00pm - *Alpha Course* in the Wilson Hall



Friday 15th 7.30pm - Concert with *Bruce Davies* in the Anderson Hall

Sunday 17th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am**
and **11.00am** (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC*)
Theme: Faith and Feelings – Fear!
Preacher: John Young
Sale of Christmas Cards & Fairtrade gifts in Foyer after services
10.20am - *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
2.30pm – SEECAT planning meeting at St Gregory’s
Evening Worship @ 7.00pm (tea/coffee from 6.30pm)
Alpha night – What about the church and telling others?

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

7.30pm – *Guild* meets in the Anderson Hall

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

9.00am - 8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

3pm – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

Wednesday 20th 9.00am - 2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

9.30am - *BIG Idea* planning meeting

2.30pm - Service at *Braid Hills Care Home*

8.00pm - *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk

Thursday 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.00-9.00pm – *Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees* evening
in the Halls

7.00 – *Alpha* closing party

Saturday 23rd 10am-12noon – *Guild* Christmas Coffee Morning - see page 4

Sunday 24th **Morning Worship @ 9.30am**
and **11.00am** (with *Creche, Sunday Club, CC, & BBC*)
Theme: Faith and Feelings – Regret!
Preacher: tbc
10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)
2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
Evening Worship @ 7.00pm (tea/coffee from 6.30pm)
Brief and to the point – the 3rd letter of John

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

Tuesday 26th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

2.30pm - Service at *Guthrie House*

7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk

Wednesday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

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

Thursday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Saturday 30th 10.15am – 1.15pm Quiet Morning (SEECAT) at Liberton
Northfield Church

2.00-4.00pm – MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Centre

December diary

Sunday 1st

ADVENT SUNDAY

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

Theme: Faith and Feelings – Hope!

Preacher: John Young

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

11.00am – *Sunday Buzz* in the Kirk Halls.

2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT)

Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in the Anderson Hall (tea/coffee from 6.30pm)

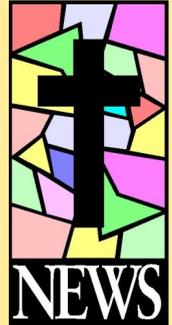
Service led by our Young people.

Congregational News

I am sorry to have to record the death of **Mr John (Jack) Cowan** on 8th October, and **Mrs Fay Manson**, on 22nd July, in Guthrie Court, and of **Mrs Isobel Monk** on 21st September, I send my condolences to all their families and friends.

A disjunction certificate has been issued to **Mrs Lynn Richards**, and I wish her well in her new congregation.

I am delighted to welcome **Mrs Patricia Darlington**, **Mr Boris Rogatchevski**, and **Mrs Gillian Rogatchevski** as new members at Liberton Kirk, and trust they will enjoy their time with us.



Church Flowers rota for November

Convener for November **Mrs Margaret Burns, 13 Yewlands Crescent
664 2927**

3rd November **Mrs Gladys Montgomery, 78 Lasswade Road**
in memory of Robert and Ethel Hamilton,
and their son Robert

10th November *Remembrance Sunday*

17th November **Mr Wm. Penman, 9 Alnwickhill View**
in memory of Isobel Penman

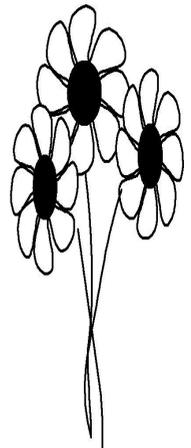
24th November **Ms Rosemary Leask, 22 Howdenhall Drive**
in memory of Laura Leask

The Flower Group wish to thank **Ian Sutherland** for his sterling contribution as Honorary Treasurer, and is very indebted to him, especially since he continued to give this service through illness. Many thanks Ian and Helen for your support.

We are pleased to welcome Kim Denholm as our new treasurer, and request that all donations should be by cheque, made out to **Liberton Kirk Flower Fund**, and be sent to her at 58 Gilmerton Dykes Ave, EH17 8LR, tel 258 2321.

Jean Gray, Convener

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Elder's Sunday Duties

9-30am	November	December 19	January 20
East door east area	Rosie Carmichael	Tom Baxendale	Eric Brown
West door west area	Eric Brown	Sally Cuthbert	Pearl Kelly
north door plate	Chris Young	Fiona Knight	Stuart Fleming
11-00am			
West door extreme west	Bill Robb	Eleanor Grieve	Linda Skinner
East door extreme east	David/Helen Colley	Jacqui Tait	Chris Brandie
North door centre west	Christine Johnson	Janice Wilson	Sylvia Bennett
front gate centre east	John Gill	Ali Reza Aghdam	Netta Rough
Gallery gallery & west plate	Chris Boyle	Rink van Dijke	Kim Denholm
banker east plate	Jean Wilson	Alan Carmichael	Stewart Heney
Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. <i>Alison Walker 664 3631</i>			

Guild News for November

ALL WELCOME!

Theme: Companions on the Road

(Monday) Evening Guild at 7.30pm

(Wednesday) Afternoon Guild at 2.15pm

On **Monday 4th November**, **Frank Hay** will be our speaker, his subject being **"The Briggers"** (the building of the **Forth Rail Bridge**). This promises to be a very interesting talk.

The Afternoon Guild meets on **Wednesday 13th November** when **Katie Swann** will enlighten us about the **Eden Project**. This is **not** the one in Cornwall; but is an organisation that focuses on loneliness.

Each session the Guild chooses to raise money to support two National Guild Projects.

The first one chosen this year by Liberton Kirk Guild is **Crossreach – Join up the Dots: tackling the problems of loneliness**. (Crossreach is the social arm of the Church of Scotland.) On **Monday 18th November** we are delighted that **Christine Johnston** will be with us to talk about this subject. There will also be a **Bring and Buy stall** that evening to raise money for the project.

A date for your Diary!

On **Saturday 23rd November** we will be holding our annual Christmas Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon in Liberton Kirk Centre. Please put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy the fellowship. (see page 4. ED)

All monies raised go to support our two chosen projects this session, **Crossreach – Join up the Dots** and **The Free to Live Trust – Seema's Project, building homes for abandoned children in India**.
Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)





Count ME In!

The Count ME In! meals at the beginning of October were really special. After a warm welcome, there was time to mingle, with background music from Calum. Then a wonderful meal laid on by Norma and café volunteers



As we go to print, the last Count ME In! meal (lunch on Sunday before the Special Communion) is taking place, and we hope everybody who is there enjoys it too!

Be part of the adventure!



Before our closing worship we heard from people who are part of Liberton Kirk- young people who haven't been here long, and people who've been here a good number of years.



We hope that everybody who was at the meals, and everybody who has received the hand-outs since then, will want to be part of the adventure which is Liberton Kirk today, moving into the future. Now is the time to do something about it! Time to think, to bring your thoughts before God, to consider how you can play your part. Everything the church is doing, and could do in the future, needs prayer, and most things need money, and people's time and talents, to make them happen.

Will you say "Count ME In!"

Cameron Toll Chaplaincy



The Cameron Toll Chaplaincy is managed by Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland, but supported by our local SEECAT churches jointly with Newington Churches Together. It is holding its A.G.M. at Priestfield Church (Dalkeith Road/ Marchhall Place) on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm and all are welcome to come along and hear about the work of the chaplains.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Fresh Start

Fresh Starts desperately need the following items:

Toiletries

- ◆ Shampoo and conditioner.
- ◆ Toothbrushes.
- ◆ Shower gel.

Household

- ◆ Washing up liquid, toilet cleaner
- ◆ Toilet rolls, dusters,
- ◆ Laundry tabs, and towels all sizes.

Particularly short on these items. (Single bedding/duvet covers)

Thank you again to all who continue to contribute. Sylvia Bennett: 664 3189.

Fresh Start

helping people make a home for themselves

Blythswood Shoebox Collection

There is a table in the foyer outside the café where filled shoeboxes can be left for collection before November.

There will also be patterns, wool and empty shoeboxes and other information about what is needed. The boxes will then be taken to the Burdiehouse Food Bank.

There will not be any sorting at Craigmillar Park Church this year.

For further information, please telephone Veronica Craig at 0131 664 5115



Christian care for
body and soul



In aid of
The Kirkgate Trust
Scottish Charity Number SCO40494



BIG Fun Quiz Night!

Friday 1st November @ 7pm
Anderson Hall, Liberton Kirk

Join us for a fun Quiz Night
Unbelievable Prizes!!

Tickets £3, £10 for family of 4

Further details contact Jill Snowdon on 07823 335 585



1st November
7pm-9pm

Across

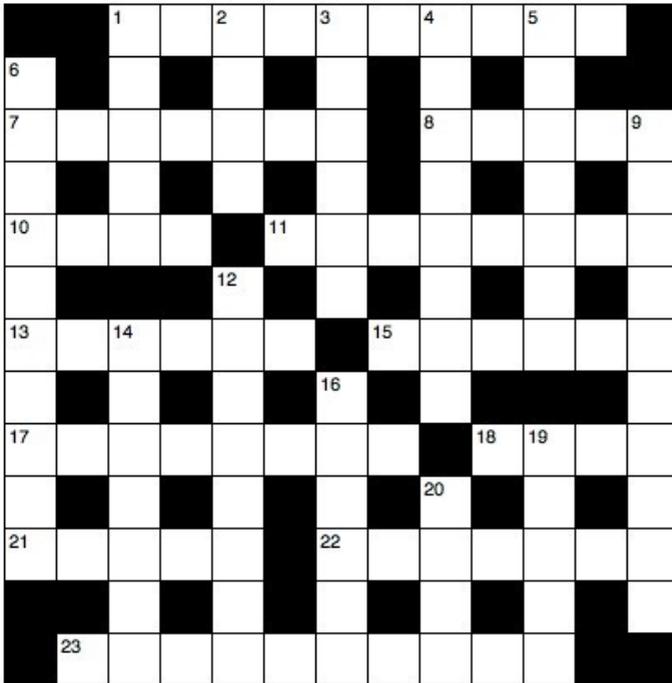
- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 & 20 *Down* 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her —' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Crossword

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 *See 18 Across*



LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

NOVEMBER 19

***'How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God'***

1 John 3 verse 1

During 2019 we are looking at various *Bible characters* and their relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as well as dipping into the *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 November we journey with *JAMES and JOHN* – followers of Jesus and letter writers!

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



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

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

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

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

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

- Fri 1st Morning JAMES chapter 1 v 1 – take time to consider this verse today.
What is your response to what you read? and then pray to our God
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who work in the media sector
Evening read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray
- Sat 2nd Morning PSALM 121 – take time to consider these familiar words today. What
is God saying to you from this psalm? 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 3rd Morning PSALM 123 - take time and consider these words.
What is God saying to you from them today? then pray to this God
Midday pray for a church in another city or town to know Sunday blessings
Evening read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God
Including praying for our world in these days
- Mon 4th Morning JAMES 1 vs 2-18 – take time to carefully consider this passage. What is
God saying to you today? Take time to pause and pray in response
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who work in the emergency services
Evening read the words again – reflect ... and pray to our God in response
- Tue 5th Morning JAMES 1 vs 19-27 – consider what is said here. What do the words
mean for you today? and then pray in response to what you read
Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening read this passage again – reflect...then pray in response to our God
- Wed 6th Morning JAMES 2 vs 1-13 - consider these particular words today.
What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God.
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who work in the hospitals in our city
Evening read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day.
- Thu 7th Morning JAMES 3 vs 1-12 – carefully consider this passage today.
What does it mean for you? – then pray in response to Him.
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who drive our city buses.
Evening read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
- Fri 8th Morning JAMES 4 vs 1-12 – consider these words from James today. What
is God saying to you from them? Then pray to this God, our God.
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who work in funeral parlours.
Evening read these words again take time to reflect and pray to our God.
- Sat 9th Morning PSALM 125 – take time to consider these verses. What is God saying
to you today from His Word? Take time to Pray to Him in response to
what you read.
Midday pray God’s blessing on those who work in your local supermarket.
Evening read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
- Sun 10th Morning PSALM 127 - consider this passage this morning. What words stay with
you? then pray in response to the LORD who reigns!
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
- Mon 11th Morning JAMES 4 vs 13-17 – take time to consider these verses. What words

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- stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to this God of ours.
- Tue 12th Midday pray God's blessing on those who work in shops near your home
Evening read the verses again – reflect...then humbly pray in response
Morning JAMES 5 vs 13-20 – consider these few verses this morning. What is God saying to you today from them? – 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, pray in response as your day ends.
- Wed 13th Morning 1 JOHN chapter 1 – consider all that is said here.
What words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.
Midday pray a blessing on your postman/woman
Evening read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our LORD God
- Thu 14th Morning 1 JOHN 2 vs 1-14 – take time to consider what is said here. What do these words mean for you today? Pray to this God of ours.
Midday pray God's blessing on those who are moving home today
Evening read the words again, reflect on all that is said, then pray to our God
- Fri 15th Morning 1 JOHN 2 vs 15-17 – 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 who have become recently unemployed
Evening read these verses again, reflect on the words and then pray to God
- Sat 16th Morning PSALM 130 – take time to consider these verses today. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in response....
Midday pray God's blessing on those who are hospital chaplains
Evening read the words again, reflect, and then pray in response to this God
- Sun 17th Morning PSALM 131 – consider these words today. What words stay with? Then praise and pray in response.
Midday pray for your church family to know God's Sunday blessings!
Evening read the words again – reflect ... then pray to the LORD our God
- Mon 18th Morning 1 JOHN 2 vs 18-27 – take time to consider this passage today. What is God saying to you today? Pray to Him humbly and honestly
Midday pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening read the words again, reflect, and pray to our God as your day closes
- Tue 19th Morning 1 JOHN 2 v28- 3 v10 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you today? and then take time to pray to this God
Midday take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
Evening read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
- Wed 20th Morning 1 JOHN 3 vs 11-24 - prayerfully consider these verses. What words stay with you? Then Pray to our God...for others
Midday pray God's blessing on your neighbours
Evening read the words again – reflect, then pray at the end of your day
- Thu 21st Morning 1 JOHN 4 vs 1-6 – consider these words today. What do they say to you? – then pray in response as your day starts.
Midday pray God's blessing on your family at this time.

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- Fri 22nd Evening read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Morning 1 JOHN 4 vs 7-21 – consider all that John says here. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response
Midday pray God's blessing on those who live in your street.
- Sat 23rd Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
Morning PSALM 133 – take time to consider these words today.
What do they mean for you? Then 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 24th Morning PSALM 134 – take time to consider these verses today.
What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response.
Midday pray God's blessing on someone you prayed for this past week.
Evening read these verses again...reflect .. and then pray with thanksgiving.
- Mon 25th Morning 1 JOHN 5 vs 1-12 – take time to consider these words.
written by John. What is God saying to you today? then pray in response.
Midday pray God's blessing on those who are work-place chaplains.
Evening read the passage again – reflect, then pray to our God in response.
- Tue 26th Morning Gathering for Prayer – 1 JOHN 5 vs 13-21 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you? 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 our world.
- Wed 27th Morning 2 JOHN – consider what John is saying here. What is God saying to you from His Word? And then pray to God in response.
Midday pray a blessing on the Edinburgh City Council.
Evening read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 28th Morning 3 JOHN - consider this chapter today and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
Midday pray God's blessing on the Liberton Community Council.
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray .
- Fri 29th Morning REVELATION chapter 1 – consider all that is written here.
What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response.
Midday pray God's blessing on those who live close to the Kirk.
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our majestic God.
- Sat 30th Morning PSALM 136 – take time to consider these words today.
What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray to this God.
Midday pray God's blessing on those enjoying a day off from work.
Evening read the psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.

Welcome Desk Rota

	09-30 am service	11-00 am service
3rd November	Chris Young 664 6615	Mary Lonie 664 4052
10th November	Fiona Knight 672 1014	John Gooday 664 6792
17th November	Bill Mercer 664 2151	Maureen Horn 666 0080
24th November	Tom Baxendale 666 1317	Jessie Burns 664 4193
11am West door welcomer for the month of November is	Linda Haggerty	
1st December	Tom Baxendale 666 1371	Grant Cook 664 1581
8th December	Sally Cuthbert 664 3479	David Colley 663 3757
15th December	Margaret Goldie 258 1996	Lindsay Young 664 3067
22nd December	Evelyn Ogilvie 664 1171	Jill Snowden 07823 335 585
29th December	Chris Young 664 6615	Jean Wilson 6666 0368
11am West door welcomer for the month of December is	Helen Colley	

Messy Church

We'll be celebrating the coming of Christmas on 30th November, our last Messy Church of 2019! It will be held from 4pm to 6pm, in the Kirk Centre, when we'll be travelling towards Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph, and the wise men.

All children are welcome to join in the crafts, games, songs, stories, food and other fun, so long as you are aged 11 or under, and bring an adult (of any age) with you!

Please contact me on 6661004 or by e-mail at fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk if you would like more information about anything to do with Messy Church.

Fiona Devoy



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SEECAT quiet morning

A chance for some "time out" from all the Christmas rush – a Quiet Morning on Saturday 30th November. This will be held at Liberton Northfield Church, Gilmerton Road, starting at 10.15am, and is open to anybody who would like to come. This year it will be led by Janet McKenzie, recently appointed as the new Chair of SEECAT. Janet is an Ordained

Local Minister at Tron Kirk (Gilmerton and Moredun).

The morning will end with lunch together – tea and coffee etc. will be provided; but you should bring your own packed lunch – the close should be around 1.15pm. Flyers with more information will be available on the Welcome Desks or in the halls entrance nearer the time.

This is the first event in the SEECAT programme for 2019/20. Please pick up a programme card (green) from the Welcome Desks or the halls entrance, and see what's happening in conjunction with the other churches, in South East Edinburgh. Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Remembrance



On Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, please note that the second service begins at 10.50am. There will be an Act of Remembrance and the 2 minute silence at 11.

On the following day, Armistice Day, Monday 11th November, there will be a short time of reflection and prayer in the church at 10.45am, and this will also include the two-minute silence at 11 am.



IT Clinic

Runs every 2nd Wednesday night in the Café.

We have been able to resolve the IT headaches of quite a number of folks since we started out in January.

If you are having trouble with your digital world, printers that won't print, tablets that won't talk to your computer, phones that won't talk to your e-mail account, perhaps we can help?

We will be running sessions till Christmas as follows:

November 6th, 20th and December 4th

It might also be helpful if you let us know in advance what the issue you would like help with is at: davidgdevoy57@gmail.com

Food Bank Donations

A big thank you - to all who continue to support the Food Bank. Donations of tins, dried food, UHT milk, etc., can be left in the boxes in the Offering House, at the Church Gate.

Anyone requiring donations uplifted from their home can contact me to make suitable arrangements. David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, EH16 6NN; 0131 664 3059; email david@dlamb.co.uk



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If you have a letter to write (perhaps to ask for information, or make a complaint); or if you have a complicated form to fill in - and would like some help, please contact "The Letters Lady" for free assistance

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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.

Tearfund

This advent season, Tearfund Scotland are coming to Liberton Kirk with the **New Scottish Hymn Band**, as part of their annual Christmas Concert tour.

An evening of festive cheer with beautiful acoustic carols and original songs is in



store for you. So don't forget to save the date

> Friday **20th December** <

and join in the celebration!

Further details in next month's magazine.

The New Scottish Hymns Band is a gospel-hearted music ministry, influenced by Scottish folk melodies and the best of traditional hymn-writing.

Their passion is for the church

to have more songs that help people from different backgrounds and cultures unite under a common theme: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency. It works in around 50 countries, with a primary focus on supporting those in poverty and providing disaster relief for disadvantaged communities.

World Mission

Learn how to integrate and support refugee communities in our area, during an evening of talk and workshops hosted by Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees.

The event will be held in the church halls on Thursday 21st November from 7-9pm, and there will be a chance to taste some Syrian baking.

All are welcome. *World Mission Team*



Stamps & Spectacles

Collection boxes for your donations of used postage stamps and spectacles are situated in the Offering House, at the church gate, and on the window ledge in the Kirk Centre Foyer. Thank you



To a dead Tommy on November 11th

I can't speak for you.
How did it feel?
What did you see?
Who did you hurt?
I can't speak for you.
You were only 18.
I can't speak for you.
I can never be old enough.



Anger today,
not because it would be unseemly.
Because,
I just don't have the words.
Shame on those politicians today.
I see through your sharp suits and dress.
I see through your designer poppies.
I see your hypocrisy,
and I hear your silence.
Silent for all the wrong reasons.



Kenny Wilson

Senior Citz. Club

The programme for Thursday meetings in November is as follows :

- 7th IAN RINTOUL
- 14th BETTY POTTINGER, and a raffle
- 21st ROSE MCBEATH, and our Marie Curie Christmas sale
- 28th *A surprise!!*

All meetings run from 2 to 4pm (doors open from 1pm)

Louise



Bruce Davies Concert

Friday 15th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Kirk Centre

A reminder that Bruce Davies will be making a welcome return to Liberton Kirk on Friday 15th November. Tickets, with suggested donation of £8, will be available after services or by contacting Mary Davidson on 664 6789.

The proceeds from the concert will go towards purchasing mosquito nets, to be distributed to families in Siakago sub-county in Kenya, where malaria continues to be a significant health challenge, especially to children and young people. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause while enjoying an entertaining evening of wonderful music.

Mary Davidson, World Mission Team

Cross Reach

CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Catalogue 2019

The CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Catalogue is now available with the online shop open at 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Look out for videos and read how you can make a difference to social isolation and to loneliness. Visit shop.crossreach.org.uk to order online, or ring the hotline on 0131 454 4374

Thirty Years Ago

It is 30 years ago this month, that the Berlin Wall was demolished, and I thought it a good opportunity to republish (with the Author's permission) an article that first appeared in the December 1989 Kirk Magazine. ED

Berlin

Sunday 14th October was a beautiful, sunny, great to be alive autumn day. Below us stretched a patchwork of trees in glorious colours. We could see between them from our position far above the ground, at the top of the Victory Tower. Between the trees stretched a ten lane highway; but cars could only travel so far, then turn and come back, because the road was in Berlin and it led to the famous Brandenburg Gate. On the observation platform many people stood, some with rosary beads, some just standing silent, eyes closed, lips moving, facing their families, locked in the east, only yards away

We walked to the notorious ten foot high wall, covered in Graffiti, including names and pictures of those killed trying to cross it. Large white letters proclaimed *'It should be easier to see your neighbour than to fly to the moon'*. Next to it was *'Don't worry Berlin, Baldrick has a cunning plan'*. Platforms had been build so that westerners could see over the wall to the green strip of No Man's Land dotted with Watchtowers. The wall on the eastern side was painted white - easier to see escapees and shoot them. This wasn't a film, or a Len Deighton book. This was real, and people just like us had to live in this atmosphere. We were only 1½ hours by plane from home!

We boarded a bus conspicuously labelled in English "foreigners". Passport details were noted and we were given a number, and told not to lose it. Checkpoint Charlie appeared unexpectedly - places are rarely what you expect - a row of shops and cafes just suddenly stopped, and we were in a floodlit concrete enclosure. No photograph allowed. German guards came on and scrutinised us closely. Glasses had to be removed. A family giggled nervously, and the driver told them to cool it, and not antagonise the guards. Our East German guide arrived and took us on a whistle stop tour of the beautiful buildings on Unter den Linden - no stopping allowed. Then we were decanted at her pride and joy, the gigantic Soviet War Memorial.

It was the Soviet, not East German, influence that struck me most. Cars were Soviet built, Soviet money had built the multi storey flats, Soviet flags flew on buildings, Soviet guards stood at the eternal flame.

The highlight was a visit to the purpose built archaeological museum which housed the temple of Pergammon, and the mind blowing gates of the city of Babylon. Originally build at the time of Nebuchadnezzar, the arches were several stories high in deep blue ceramic bricks with gold bas relief animals adorning them. We also walked down the reconstructed street of Babylon.

The return journey through the checkpoint brought us back to reality again. Total silence and bright searchlights. Guards and dogs searched the bus. While a minibus beside us had all its seats removed. Large cases were opened. A gantry was run along the roof of our bus, and mirrors were put under it. We had to identify ourselves to expressionless guards - They were taking no chances. One could almost touch the feeling of fear in the air.

We could not have dreamed, three weeks later, the scenes on TV. Not one person on our bus would have believed it possible. A peaceful revolution, and families have been re-united. Freedom is not just a word anymore.

Dorothy Morrison.

Your chance to be in a choir

Once a year we invite anybody who would like to sing to join our four-part choir for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which this year is on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm.

Rehearsals take place on the six preceding Tuesdays, starting on Tuesday 12th November, from 7.45pm to 9.15pm. The first four rehearsals will be held in the Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre). If you would like to sing please come along on 12th November and join in – nobody has to audition! Being able to read music is, however, a big help, particularly

if you want to sing the alto, tenor or bass parts. If you can't come on the 12th; but would like to join the choir the following week please let me know.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



Sale of Christmas Cards and Fairtrade Gifts

Sunday 17th November in the Kirk Centre Foyer after the 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services



Why not take this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at our annual sale of cards and gifts? The fairtrade range of gifts is sourced from different companies such as Asha and Noah's Ark in India, Manos Amigos in Peru and jute works in Bangladesh. So do come along and support a good cause while making a start on your Christmas shopping. The stall will be set up in the Kirk Centre Foyer so you can shop while relaxing over a cup of coffee. Every sale is of real benefit to artisans from developing countries who are working their way out of poverty and into a more stable life.

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Editors note

Material for the **December/January** issue, can be sent to me at any time; but should be in my hands

by Sunday 10th November

The deadline for the February 2020 edition is Sunday 12th January

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

Sunday Sermons

A CD of Sunday Sermons is available from the Church Office.

Please contact the office on 664 8264 if you would like further information

Sermons are also available to download from our web site at **www.libertonkirk.net**

Change of Address

If you have moved house recently, or are about to move, please fill in the address slip below and either hand it to your elder, or mail it to the Roll Keeper, Gary Ross, Liberton Kirk Office, 30 Kirkgate, Edinburgh, EH16 6RY

Thanks very much

Name (s)

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9-30 service sound rota

November	Roslin Wilson
December	Ken Logan
January	George Thom
February	Colin Maclean
March	Pearl Kelly
April	Ronnie Shaw
May	Stuart Fleming
June	Ken Logan



If anyone cannot make a Sunday, Please ask someone on the list to fill in for you
Ken Logan

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

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Weekly Groups

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Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

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

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders - Tuesday evening at 7pm

5 Stennis Gardens

Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128

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Pilgrims Link Group - Tuesday evening

45 Mortonhall Park View

Francis Watts - 07757 084 064

New Habits - 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Kirk Centre - 7pm to 9pm

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

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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)