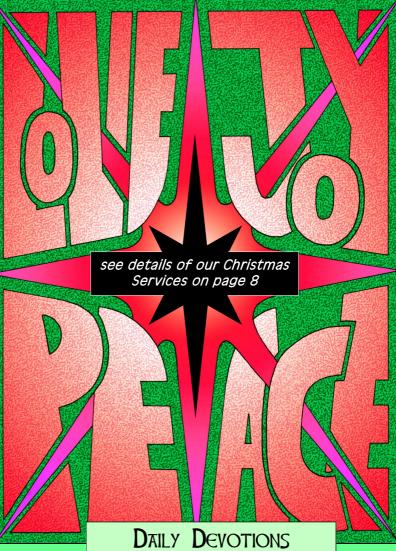
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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus' Vision Statement





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A prayer for December

and for January

O God Who sent Jesus From heaven to earth We believe and trust in You We seek to please You O Help us Guide us Surprise us As we seek to see Thy Kingdom Come afresh In our families In our land In your Church This month of Advent This season of Christmas! In Jesus' name Amen

O Faithful and Living Cod Make us a People Of Promised Land living We call out

Standing on your promises O LORD Make us strong Building on your promises O God Send us out Resting in your promises O Lord Keep us safe

> In Jesus' name Amen

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Your Word is a lamp

It has been said that the Bible is the most purchased and least read book in the world! Back in 2004, when the *Kirk 4 All* renovations were underway, we had to clear our pews of all their abandoned Bibles. These were Bibles whose owners were deceased, but who, when they were alive, had always kept their Bibles in their pew at church – the implication being that the accepted wisdom of the day was to only actually open it once a week*.

Here at Liberton Kirk, we have a theme verse for each calendar year, and our verse for 2020 is going to be *Psalm 119.105 – "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"*. Our plan is to make 2020 a year when we focus on the Bible and explore its relevance for every single day of our lives.

This will have an impact on **Sunday morning services**. Between Christmas and Easter, our theme will be '**Knowing God's Word'**, focussing on the first few chapters of John's Gospel. At the same time, families with younger children will be encouraged to read the *Message Children's Bible*, which has a set daily reading for them to explore together each day.

After Easter our theme will be **'Living God's Word'** focussing on the Bible, the Holy Spirit and the Church. Discussions are also underway to organise a joint midweek gathering at this time, to study NT Wright's course – *"The New Testament you never knew"*. This will be led by Rev. Jared Hay, and will be in a similar format to the course on Revelation which he ran last Summer.

As we head into Autumn our

theme will be 'Spreading God's Word', when we will be focussing on different evangelists in the



Bible, (both Old Testament and New), finishing with a study of the writers of the four Gospels.

Throughout the year at **Sunday Evening Worship**, we will be working our way through *Essential 100* '- a collection of the 100 most significant Bible passages, beginning this January with the stories of Creation, the Fall, and the Flood. Evening Worship will continue to meet in the Kirk Centre until the evenings get lighter.

Our theme for the year will be introduced to us at our Annual Congregational Focus Day, held in the church on the morning of Saturday 18 January. Our guest speaker that day will be Mike Parker, a well-known face in South East Edinburgh, and it will be an opportunity for us to start the year together.

Our intention throughout the year is to make the Bible more accessible and easily understood. We hope that by the end of 2020 we will all be able to look upon the Bible, not as a book we seldom read, but as a 'manual for life'.

In the meantime, I wish you God's blessing as we anticipate and celebrate the advent of *'The*

Word who became flesh, and lived among (us' (John 1.14). Much love

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* (We collected several dozen of these precious books, and, where ownership couldn't be traced, we made sure they were given good homes.)

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Youth Report from kenny

"About that simple Nativity ..."

When pondering the original Christmas story, one cannot imagine a more amazing narrative. I hope you consider the Biblical accounts of Matthew and Luke to be factual, and yet could you imagine such a story if you tried?!

Angel Gabriel appears to a shocked virgin Mary, telling her that she will give birth to the Messiah, and Joseph is compelled by an angel of the Lord not to react rashly to the news. The tiny baby is born in a small town, and placed in a lowly manger, while a host of heavenly angels make the big reveal of the birth of the son of God to socially-outcast shepherds nearby.

Jesus is visited by pagan astrologers who bring him fantastic gifts, while forces of worldly evil conspire to kill all the newborns in the region. Even while Jesus is but a helpless infant, his family become refugees in Egypt, fleeing to safety. And that's just some of the highlights!

If you're reading this church magazine, it is likely that the above will not be news to you. But for many young people in and around our parish, this breath-taking story, of how humanity meets the Saviour of the world, will be at best a vague background to the ever-increasing noise which surrounds the season.

Please pray for young people across our city, that the awe they sense will be replaced with a longing for more. Please be pray for your youth workers as we share this story, and what it means at school assemblies, Nativityland, peace light services, and even in the middle of our own children's Nativity preparations.

Your Story of Faith

'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.' ... 1 Peter 3 verse 15 Sounds scary doesn't it?!

But Jesus has promised to be with us. He also promised the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. *What is your story of faith? Who have you shared it with recently?* Would you be willing to share it with others who read the church magazine? I hope if you are asked in this coming year you will say 'Yes'. *Thanks in anticipation! Alastair Cameron*





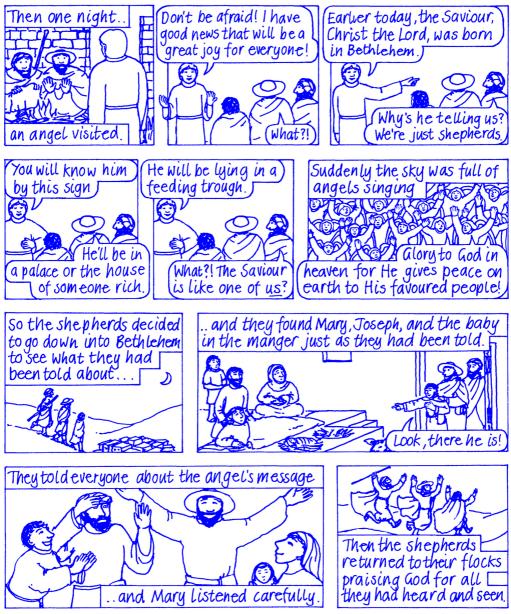


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It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20 A short story from the Bible

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



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My Faith Journey from Audrey Hunter

"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing: but of reflection" – Winston Churchill

My faith journey began at the age of 12 when I was attracted to the Salvation Army in Penicuik and accepted Jesus as my Saviour in Sunday School.

From an unchurched family and one of 7 children I chose a path that led me to hear God calling me to follow Him. That pathway has not been straightforward or easy and after several years in Christian ministry my direction changed.

I fell in love, married, lived in London with my husband and daughter and served within the NHS for 25 years.

We worshipped and served God within The Salvation Army in London and life was



good. In late 2013 we relocated and 'made it home' to Scotland. This allowed me additional family support when Robert was ill and I was widowed within a few months of arriving here.

Retirement was not meant to look or feel like this but I have embraced various voluntary opportunities for service as well as working night shift for a period within homelessness services.

Although I experience days when I have to process questions, feelings and grief (it goes on) I am glad that Jesus is real to me and His spirit still brings me a deep peace that passes human understanding.

I don't know what lies ahead but I do know that worshipping and getting to know Christians at Liberton Kirk has helped strengthen me and encourages my faith. This is a vibrant, community facing Church with a place for everyone, including you!

This Christmas time I re-appreciate all that Christ means to me with His joy, His love and His peace, deep within. Like Mary, Mother of Jesus, I will 'keep and ponder all these things in my heart' Audrey

Shoebox appeal

30 shoeboxes are on their way to Eastern Europe from Liberton Kirk. Thanks to all who took part.



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TEARFUND SCOTLAND CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

This advent season, Tearfund are coming to town with the New Scottish Hymns Band for our annual Christmas Concerts tour. Come, all ye faithful, and join the celebration in an evening of festive cheer with beautiful acoustic carols and original songs.

DATE:

7.30pm Friday 20th December 2019

VENUE: Liberton Kirk, Edinburgh

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Memorial Service for the Bereaved

This service will be held on *Wednesday 11th December, at 7pm* in the church, and is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. This traditional service is on *Wednesday* 18th *December at 7.30pm*, and is followed as usual by seasonal refreshments!

Service with Sunday Club and other Young People

The second morning service on *Sunday 22nd December, starting at 11am,* will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family involved. We can all join in the celebration, led by our Youth and Children's Workers, Kenny McCartney and Emily Kerrigan.

Big Carol Sing

Also on *Sunday 22nd December*, at 7pm, we are in the Anderson Hall for the "Big Carol Sing". Informal, good fun, lots of favourite carols, and mince pies and shortbread afterwards. *Ask your friends and neighbours along!*

Christingle Service

This service, at 4 o'clock on Christmas Eve, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. If you want to make a Christingle, **please bring an orange with you** (a reasonable size, not a tiny one). Don't be late – it's very busy!

Watchnight Service

Later on Christmas Eve, we'll sing carols together from 11.15pm and the **service will start at 11.30pm**, leading up to the very first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born. At midnight, it's Christmas Day!

Christmas Day

Our **Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30am**, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys with them.

Sunday 29th December and Sunday 5th January There will be one all-age morning service at 10.30am.

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Sunday 1 st	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 – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)				
	11.00am – <i>Sunday Buzz</i> in the Kirk Centre				
	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 Youth Workers				
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	7.30pm – <i>Guild</i> meets in the Anderson Hall				
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	9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>				
	2.00pm – Service at <i>Braeside House</i>				
	3.00pm – Christmas <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall				
41-	7.45-9.15pm – <i>Lessons and Carols Choir</i> – rehearsal in the Wilson Hall				
Wednesday 4 th	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>				
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	7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i>				
	8.00pm - <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk				
Thursday 5 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Caf</i> é				
46	2.00pm – <i>Senior Citizens Club</i> Christmas Party				
Saturday 7 th	7.00pm – Origin Christmas Concert in the Usher Hall (with				
	J.John) – free tickets from 541 0117 / <u>www.originscotland.org</u>				
Sunday 8 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am				
	and 11.00am (with Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)				
	Theme: John the Baptist				
	Preacher: John Young				
	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)				
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	Theme: God's promises – Jesus is praying for you Speaker: tbc				
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Thursday 12 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
Sunday 15 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	and 11.00am (with Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)
	Theme: Mary
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am - <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
	Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in Kirk Centre (tea/coffee from 6.30pm)
	Theme: God's promises – No condemnation! <i>Speaker: tbc</i>
Monday 16 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm – <i>Cuild Christmas Social</i> in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 17 th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	2.30pm – Carol Service at <i>Guthrie House</i>
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	2.30pm – Carol Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i>
	7.30pm - SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
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Sunday 5 th	Joint Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with <i>Creche)</i> Theme: The Word of God (John 1.1-18) Preacher: John Young 2.30pm - Service at Ellen's Glen House (SEECAT) 7.00pm Joint Evening Worship with <i>BIC</i> idea churches @ Liberton Northfield
Monday 6 th Tuesday 7 th	Speaker: Brad Laing 9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café restarts</i> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i> 9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 2.00pm – Service at <i>Braeside House</i> 7.00-7.30pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.30pm – Kirkgate Trust
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Wednesday 15 th	3pm – <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 9.30am – <i>BIC</i> idea planning meeting
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Thursday 16 th	2.30pm – Service at <i>Braid Hills Care Home</i> 8.00pm - <i>Cathering for Praise</i> in the Kirk 9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Caf</i> é
	2.00pm – Senior Citizens' Club restarts 7.00 – <i>Alpha</i> Reunion
Saturday 18 th	9.30am - 12noon - <i>"Thy Word is a lamp to my feet"</i> Congregational Focus Day - Guest Speaker: Mike Parker
WEEK OF PRA	YER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU): 19-26 JANUARY
Sunday 19 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	and 11.00am (with <i>Creche,</i> Sunday Club, CC, & BBC) Theme: The Word as the Joy-bringer (John 2.1-11)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome) Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in Kirk Centre (tea/coffee from
	6.30pm) - Theme: Essentials 2 – The Fall
Monday 20 th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	2.00pm – WPCU Service at St Barnabas', Moredun 7.30pm – <i>Cuild</i> meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 21 st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
Wednesday 22 nd	9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
wednesday 22	9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i> 11.00am – <i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
	7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe
Thursday 23 rd	8.00pm – Communications Team
Thursday 25	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.00pm – Joint WPCU Service at the Gilmerton Hub
Saturday 25 th	4.00pm-6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 26 th	Morning Worship @ 9.30am
	and 11.00am (with <i>Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)</i> Theme: The Word cleanses (John 2.12-25)
SOUPER SUNDAY	Preacher: John Young
see p.29	10.00am – <i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders Room (All welcome)
L	12.30pm – Bread and soup lunch in the Kirk Centre 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)
	Evening Worship @ 7.00pm in Kirk Centre (tea/coffee from
Manaday Ozth	6.30pm) - Theme: Essentials 3 – The Flood
Monday 27 th Tuesday 28 th	9.00am-2.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the <i>Upper Room</i>
	9.00am-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i>
	2.30pm - Service at <i>Cuthrie House</i>
Wednesday 29 th	7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – <i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the <i>Kirkgate Cafe</i>
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8.00pm - Cathering for Praise in the Kirk Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

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Sundav 2nd Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion and 11am (with Sunday Buzz & Creche) Theme: The Word heals heart, mind and soul (John 3.1-21) Preacher: John Young 10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome) 11.00am - Sunday Buzz in the Kirk Centre 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 Youth Workers

Kirkqate Cafe Thank You to Everyone

During the four weeks from October 20th until November 18th, while Norma was in Laos with Liz, the cafe was run by our volunteers. A special thanks from the cafe board is extended to them for all their help during this time. Many were so willing to put in extra hours to keep everything ticking over.

As Christmas is just around the corner, please note that the cafe will close at noon on Christmas Eve (we will be serving free hot drinks and mince pies that morning) and reopen on January 6th 2020.

The cafe will be 5 years old on the 2nd February, so watch out for our special celebrations to mark this event.

Thank you all for your generous support as volunteers, customers and maintenance people over the years. Collectively you have made our cafe a great place to be. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jill Niven

Messy Church

Our very first Messy church activity of the New Year will have a fishy start on Saturday 25th January 2020, when we will be hearing the story of Jonah and the whale.



Messy Church is held from 4pm to 6pm. in the Kirk Centre, and all children are welcome to join in the crafts, games, food and other fun,. You have to be aged 11 or under, and bring an adult (of any age) with you!

If you are interested, in coming along, or in volunteering to help, please contact Fiona Devoy on 666 1004, or check out details on the church website.







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Sunday 15th December 2019, The Third Sunday of ABEFOREFoxSimple GiftsDURINGMawbyVisionsAFTERFoxGood King Wenceslas	dvent
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Happy Holidays from the Organ, and from me. Calum Gubby

Guild News for December - ALL WELCOME! EVENING CUILD

The next meeting is on **Monday 2nd December** when **Pamela Black** will take as her subject **"Galapagos Islands".** This promises to be a most interesting talk.

Monday 16th December is our Christmas Social Evening, when we will welcome back lan and Margo Dunn, whose programme of musical entertainment and anecdotes is not to be missed. Do come along and enjoy some pre-Christmas fellowship.

AFTERNOON GUILD

The Afternoon Guild meets on **Wednesday 11th December** when we will be entertained once again by pupils from **Liberton Primary School**. Please note that this meeting begins at **1.45pm**.

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The **Evening Guild** will meet on **Monday 20th January**, and that evening's talk is entitled, **"Trauma Teddies"**. A member of the Police Force will join us to explain how these teddies are used in police and ambulance situations. There is no **Afternoon Guild** meeting in January

A future date for your Diary

The Guild is holding a fund raising event on **Monday 3rd February 2020**, entitled **"Bannocks and Blood" by Ann Cleeves**, of "Shetland" and "Vera Stanhope" fame. You are cordially invited to this **Murder Mystery Tea Party**. Will you be able to work out who the guilty party is? Tickets for this event will be available in January. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

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SEECAT Events

The full programme for South East Edinburgh Churches for the year up to summer 2020 is on a pale green card, available for anyone interested from the Welcome Desks in church, or the halls entrance. Events coming up in December and January are:

Carol Singing

We sing carols to shoppers in Morrisons, Gilmerton Road, on Saturday, 21st December from 12 noon to 1pm. Come and join in !

Liberton Hospital

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday, 22nd December, at 2.30pm. Please join patients, visitors and staff that afternoon.

Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January. This year we have two services:

Monday 20th January (short service)

2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View Thursday 23rd January (main service followed by refreshments)

7pm at The Hub, Ravenscroft Street

If you can't go to the services, please pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Desks in January and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is *"They showed us unusual kindness"* (Acts 28) and this challenges us to do the same. Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)

Fresh Start

The latest news letter from Fresh Start can be found on the shelves at either side of the church along with their 2020 calendars.

There is a request for small electricals in good working order i.e. toasters, irons, kettles. The items will be PAT tested before going to clients. Electric cookers and microwaves are always in demand too.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Joyous time over the festive period, and a Big Thank You for your continued support for a very worthy cause. Sylvia Bennett, 664 3189.

Pram Praise

Pram Praise will celebrate Christmas (quite early!) on Tuesday 3rd December at 3pm and on Wednesday 4th December at 11am. The flyers with the dates for January-June 2020 will be available at the Christmas Pram Praise.

The dates will also be on Church notice boards, and flyers will be on the welcome desks in Church, and in the entrance to the Kirk Centre during December.

Advance notice - the dates in January are Tuesday 14th at 3pm and Wednesday 22nd at 11am. Pram Praise is very popular with toddlers (and their carers) so don't miss it! Mary Davidson 664 6789







LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS



'The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told." Luke 2 verse 20

During 2019 we have been looking at various *Bible characters* and their relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as well as dipping into *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 December we journey through ADVENT in the company of Isaiah, Luke, Hebrews and Revelation. We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion'.

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 which the information provided fits into, 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 theme Prayer of response to the Word Midday Prayer – mostly for others Evening Verse(s) from the morning reading Reflection on the day Prayer

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Sun 1 st		ISAIAH 7 v 14 – take time to consider this verse today. What
Juli	worning	does it mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of TEARFUND
	Evening	read these words again, reflect, and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 2 nd	Morning	LUKE 1 vs $1-4$ – take time to consider these words today.
	Worring	What is God saying to you this morning? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Open Doors
	Evening	read the passage again, reflect, then pray to our God in response
Tue 3 rd	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 5-26 – consider what is said here. What do the 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 4 th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 27-38 - consider these particular words today.
		What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Operation Mobilisation.
th	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of day
Thu 5 th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 39-56 – take time and carefully consider this passage.
		What are you encouraged and challenged by? – pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Christian Aid.
Fri 6 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words hereand then pray.
Fri 6	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 57-80 – take time to consider this passage. What
	Midday	is your response to what you read? and then pray to our God pray God's blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read – then pray
Sat 7 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – take time to consider these words today. What
Sat 7	worning	is God saying to you from these words? 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, pray in response
Sun 8 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 - 'Wonderful Counsellor' - take time and consider
	-	these particular 2 words this morning. Pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray for a church near your home to know Sunday blessings.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to our
		LORD God Including praying for those in need known to you.
Mon 9 th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – 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 the persecuted Church in India.
th	Evening	read the words again – reflect, pray to our God in response.
Tue 10 th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-20 – consider what is said here. What do the 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!
Wod 14th	Evening Morning	read this passage again – reflect then pray in response to our God.
wed TT	worning	LUKE 2 vs 21-40 - consider these particular words today.

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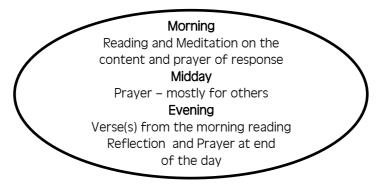
JAMMARS 20 'I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings ... That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings." Genesis 9 verses 15 and 17



During 2020 we are looking at *standing on the promises of Cod* - as well as dipping into *Psalm 119* some weekends - pausing in praver at our times of *Midday Devotion* for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time of the year.

In January and most of February we consider some of the Promises of God in His written Word. We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion'

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Wed 1 st	Morning	GENESIS 9 v 11- consider these particular words today
		What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on someone in need known to you
Thu 2 nd	Evening Morning	read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day GENESIS 12 vs 2+3 – take time and carefully consider these
TTIU Z	worning	verses today. What do they mean for you this morning?
		And then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on your family at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here, and then pray.
Fri 3 rd	Morning	EXODUS 4 v12 – 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 someone known to you in need of guidance
e i sth	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray
Sat 4 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 1 – take time to consider these words today. What is
	Midday	God saying to you from these verses? Pray in response to Him
	Midday 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
	Lverning	response
Sun 5 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 2 \cdot take time and consider these words. What is
	0	God saying to you from them today? then pray to this God
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD
		God Including praying for our world in these days
Mon 6 th	Morning	EXODUS 6 vs 6-8 – take time to carefully consider this passage.
		What is God saying to you this morning? Then take time to pause
	Midday	and pray in response to this God pray God's blessing on the churches in Big Idea group
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand pray to our God in response
Tue 7 th	Morning	EXODUS 33 v 14 – 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!
th	Evening	read this verse again – reflectthen pray in response to our God
Wed 8 th	Morning	LEVITICUS 4 vs 13-21 - consider these particular words today
	Malalay	What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Kirkgate Cafe read the words again – slowly reflect then pray at the end of your day
Thu 9 th	Evening Morning	DEUTERONOMY 6 v 3 – carefully consider this verse. What do
THU J	worning	they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Link Groups
	Evening	read the verse again - reflect on the words hereand then pray.
Fri 10 th	Morning	JOSHUA 1 vs1-5 - consider these words to Joshua today. What is
		God saying to you this morning? Then pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Gracemount Church family
Sat 11 th	Evening	read these words againtake time to reflectand pray to our God
	Morning	PSALM 119 v 10 – take time to consider this verse. What is

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		Midday	God saying to you today from His Word? Take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read
	cur 40 th	Midday Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Sun 12 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 15 - consider this verse this morning. What words
	Mon 13 th	Midday Evening Morning	stay with you? then pray in response to the LORD our God. pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and pray PSALM 19 v 7 – take time to consider this verse. What words
			stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to this God of Psalm 19
	Tue 14 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those who live near the Kirk read the verse again – reflect then humbly pray in response. PSALM 32 v 8 – consider these words this morning. What is God
,	Wed 15 th	Midday Evening Morping	saying to you today from them? – and then pray in response. take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear! read the words again, reflect, then pray in response as your day ends. PSALM 33 v 11 – consider what is said here today. What
	weu 15	WUTTINg	words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.
		Midday	pray a blessing on the churches of SEECAT
	Thu 16 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect - and pray to our LORD God PSALM 41 vs 1-3 – take time to consider what is said here.
			What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this God of ours.
		Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of a promise from God
		Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - pray to our God
	Fri 17 th	Morning	PROVERBS 3 vs 5-6 – take time to consider these verses as your
		Midday	day starts. What is God saying to you? Then pray in response pray God's blessing on the Liberton Northfield church family
		Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words, then pray to God
1	Sat 18 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 17– take time to consider these words today What
		Middov	is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in response
		Midday Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read the words again – reflect, and then pray in response to this God
	Sun 19 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 18 $-$ consider this verse this morning.
			What words stay with you? Then praise and pray in response!
		Midday Evening	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the words again – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God
	Mon 20 th		ISAIAH 7 v 14 – take time to consider this verse this morning. What is God saying to you today? Pray to Him humbly and honestly
		Midday	pray God's blessing on our children and young people
	Tue 21 st	Evening	read the words again – reflectand pray to our God as your day closes ISAIAH 9 v 7 – consider this particular verse today. What is God saying to you today? and then take time to pray to this God.

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LIBERTON KIRK DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 20

Thu 21 st	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
Wed 22 nd	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God ISAIAH 40 v 8 - prayerfully consider these words today. Which words stay with you? Then Pray to our Godfor others
Thu 23 rd	Midday Evening Morning	pray Cod's blessing on those in need of knowing God's forgiveness. read the words again – reflect, then pray at the end of your day. ISAIAH 40 vs 25-31 – consider these words this morning. What do they say to you today? – then pray in response as your day starts.
Fri 24 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those who walk through the cemetery land. read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray. ISAIAH 53 vs 10-12 – consider all that is said here. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response.
Sat 25 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those grieving at this time. read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God. PSALM 119 v 26 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.
Sun 26 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today. read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read. PSALM 119 v 27 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response.
Mon 27 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer. read this verse againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving. JEREMIAH 33 v $3 -$ take time to consider these words today What do they mean for you this morning? Pray in response.
Tue 28 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates. read the verse again – reflectthen pray to our God in response. Gathering for Prayer – EZEKIEL 36 vs 22-27 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you? Pray in response.
Wed 29 th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world. JOEL 2 vs 28-32 – consider what Joel is saying here. And then pray to God in response using these words.
Thu 30 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray a blessing on the work of Safe Families. read the words again – reflect and then pray to the LORD our God. MATTHEW 1 vs 22+23 - consider these verses today and pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
Fri 31 st	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on new families in our community read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray MATTHEW 4 v 19 – consider what is said here. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray in response
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on someone you spoke with this week read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.

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	Middov	What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the persecuted Church in Sri Lanka.
Thu 12 th	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day
Thu 12	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 1-12 – carefully consider this passage.
		What does it mean for you? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Open Doors workers in Bangladesh.
– · · – th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here, then pray.
Fri 13 th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 13-23 – consider these words today. What is
		God saying to you from them? Then pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Open Doors work in Nigeria.
e i seth	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect, and pray to our God
Sat 14 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – 'Mighty God' – take time to consider these
		two words this morning. What do they mean for you? Then
		take time to Pray to Him in response to what you considered.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling in life at this time
a , −th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 15 th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – 'Everlasting Father' - consider these two words this
	N Al al al a s	morning. What do they mean for you? pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray a blessing on dads and grandads in our church family.
Mon 16th	Evening Morning	read these words again reflect on their meaning for you and pray.
	worning	HEBREWS chapter 1 – take time to consider these words.
		What words stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? then pray in response to this Jesus of Hebrews 1.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the small Church in Laos.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect then humbly pray in response.
Tues 17 th	Morning	HEBREWS chapter 2 – consider this chapter this morning. What is
		God saying to you today from it? – 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 18 th	Morning	HEBREWS 3 vs 1-6 – consider what is said here. What words
		stay with you? And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the few believers in Yemen.
Thursoth	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our LORD God
Thu 19 th	Morning	HEBREWS 4 vs 1-13 – take time to consider what is said here. What
	Midday	do these words mean for you today? Then pray to this God of ours. pray God's blessing on the uniting Church in Syria.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 20 th	Morning	HEBREWS 4 v14 -ch.5 v 10 – take time to consider these verses as
		your day starts. What is God saying to you? And then pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the persecuted Church in Iraq.
	Evening	read these verses again - reflect on the words and pray to God.
Sat 21 st	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – 'Prince of peace' - take time to consider these
		particular words this morning. Then pray to Him in response.

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Sat 21 st	Midday	pray God's blessing on those facing an unsettled Christmas.
	Evening	read the words again - reflect, and pray in response to this God
Sun 22 nd	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – consider these words again today. What words
	-	stay with you? 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 23 rd	Morning	REVELATION 1 – take time to consider this chapter today.
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	Midday	What is God saying to you? Pray to Him humbly and honestly
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
T o th	Evening	read the words again. Reflect, and pray to this God as your day closes
Tue 24 th	Morning	REVELATION 4 – consider this particular chapter today. What is
		Cod saying to you? and then take time to pray to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Wed 25 th	Morning	REVELATION chapter 5 - prayerfully consider these verses.
		What words stay with you? Then Pray to our Godin worship.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on your family on this day.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray at the end of your day
Thu 26 th	Morning	REVELATION 19 vs 1-10 – 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 neighbours at this time
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and pray.
Fri 27 th	Morning	REVELATION 19 vs 11-21 – consider all that is said here. What is God
		saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Royal Family.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 28 th	Morning	REVELATION 20 – take time to consider these words. What do
	-	What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the chapter again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 29 th	Morning	REVELATION 21 – take time to consider these verses today.
-		What do they mean for you this morning? – pray in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family.
	Evening	read these verses again, reflect, and then pray with thanksgiving.
Mon 30 th		REVELATION 22 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these words
Morr 50	worning	written by John. What is God saying to you today? pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tue 31 st	Morning	REVELATION 22 vs 7-21 – consider these verses today as your
Tue JT	worning	
	Midday	year ends. 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 – on this evening.

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December Convener > Mrs Ann Weir 137 Captain's Road, 664 3349 1st December Mrs Margaret Burns, 13 Yewlands Crescent				
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8th December	Mrs Helen Whyman 37 Gracemount Avenue	- Cont		
	and Mrs Dorothy Parr, 41 Buckstone Hill	-0		
	in memory of Grandma G & James Whyman			
15th December	Mrs Ann Morgan and family. 15 Southhouse Road			
	in memory of Margaret Barrow			
22nd December	Flower Group			
29th December	free			
January Convene	r > Jill Snowdon 29/3 Green Park, 07823 335 585			
5th January	vacant			
12th January	Mrs Katie Harrison, 60 Liberton Drive			
	in memory of David Harrison			
19th January	Mrs Caroline Barlee, 21 Swanston Grove			
,	in memory of David C B Maitland			
26th January	Mrs Judy Weston, 28 Longformacus Road			
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Guest Speaker: Mike Parker All Welcome!

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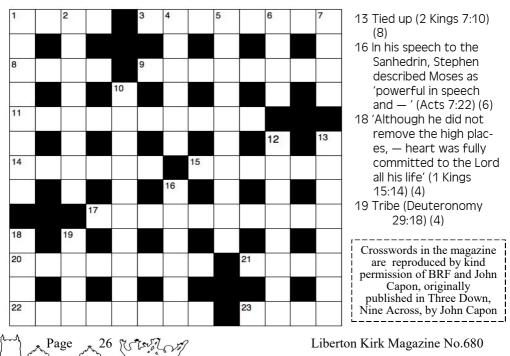
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- 1 'The blind receive sight, the walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)





Congregational News

I am sorry to have to record the deaths of **Mr Andrew More**, on 11th October; and **Mrs Dorothy Speirs** on 12th October. I send my sympathies to all their relatives and friends. ED

Welcome Desk Rota



	09-30 am servic	e	11-00 am service	!
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 th	e month of De	ecember is Helen	Colley
5th January	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Netta Rough	664 6504
12th January	Bill Mercer	664 3479	Margot Brandie	664 1637
19th January	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Mary Lonie	664 4052
26th January	Margaret Goldie	258 1996	John Gooday	664 6792
11am West door	welcomer for th	e month of Ja	nuary is Eleanor	Grieve

Elder's Sunday Duties

9-30am East door West door north door	west area	December 19 Tom Baxendal Sally Cuthbert Fiona Knight		February 2020 Tom Baxendale Rossie Carmichael Chris Young
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		Brown Denholm	North door	Jill Niven Pink van Diiko
		Ross	Banker	Rink van Dijke David Lamb
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Any elder unable to attend must arrange a substitute. <i>Alison Walker 664 3631</i>				

Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Morag on 664 1458, who will try to find someone to help

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Kirkgate Trust

Thank you to all those who supported our two recent fund raising events.

The Jumble Sale raised £887.78 and the Quiz raised £177.95.

We are very grateful for this boost to our funds!



I would also like to thank all members of the Trust team for

their time and efforts and a very special "thank you" to all the others who gave of their time on the day $\mbox{-}$

Margaret B., Olivia, Keith, Grant, Moira, Margaret C., Kenny, Emily, M. L., Lindsay, Helen, Jacqui, Brian; and, in addition, Jill and Lyn,

who provided the refreshments. Claire Mayberry

Experience the Joy of Advent

'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.' Luke 2:10

Advent starts on the 4th Sunday before Christmas. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Sometimes called 'Little Lent', it's a time to prepare our hearts for the future Second Coming, as well as for the birth of Christ. We celebrate the season with advent calendars, candles and evergreen wreaths - symbolising Christ as Light of the world, bringing new and everlasting life.

Here are seven simple tips to help you experience and share the joy of Advent!

- 1. Connect with your inner child: Think back to the time when you were a child, on the simple things that made you happy at Christmas. Focus only on the good, and feel the joy of Christmas come flooding back!
- 2. Keep it simple: This year, go for gifts and cards that share the meaning of the season, shop early and stay within your budget.
- 3. Be people focused: Remember the story of Mary and Martha keep meals simple and allow yourself time and space to focus on enjoying the company of your guests.
- 4. Make Room for Jesus: Take some time at the beginning of each day to read your Bible, meditate on Scripture and pray. Focus on giving thanks to God for His gift of Christ to the world and for all He has done for us.
- 5. Me Time: God wants us to prosper in body, soul and spirit, so try to eat healthy, don't overindulge, take time for long walks and enjoy the good and simple things in life!
- 6. Wear a smile and share the Joy! Finally, being joyful is a choice, it's not about your circumstances. So, decide to be thankful this season. Wear a smile, act and talk positively, do small things with great love, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good to people. Give to the homeless, visit the sick, or take gifts to lonely neighbours.

If people ask you about your joy, don't be afraid to share your faith. Simply explain to them that 'Christ lives in my heart, and He can live in yours too.'

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