



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.

Sunday 15th December 2019

Theme: Mary – Mother of God
Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (p.1026)
Preacher: John Young

Call We light the third candle for Mary, who sang for joy that God had chosen her to bear his Son,
As we wait for Jesus to come, may we be joyful that God sent him to be our saviour.

Morning Worship 9.30am Service

287 No wind at the window (t:132)
290 The race that long in darkness pined
314 Child in a manger
286 Tell out, my soul

11am Service (with Sunday Clubs and Crèche)

Sheet Come and light the candles
Sheet From the squalor of a borrowed stable
Sheet Mary, did you know?
Sheet Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Sheet Star Child
(offering) 286 Tell out, my soul
294 On Christmas night
Dresden Amen ('Amen means 'let it be so')

- *Children are welcome throughout the services. Sound is also piped into the church vestry (toys available).*
- *We have a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.*
- *Please check that your mobile phone is switched off.*
- *Large print Bibles, hymnbooks & hymn sheets are available on welcome desks.*

Teas and coffees will be served in the Halls Foyer after both services.

Evening Worship at 7pm in the Anderson Hall (Refreshments from 6.30pm)

Theme: God's promises – No condemnation!
Preacher: Douglas Reid

Prayer Changes Things

If you would like someone to pray with you at the end of the service, please make your way to the Prayer Corner at the East Door or to the back of church. Also please use the Prayer Tree, or the boxes provided, for your prayer needs and requests.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 16th December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
7.30pm Anderson Hall Guild – Christmas Party

Ian and Margo Dunn have had to cancel due to illness. we will be entertained by members and friends of the Guild.

Tuesday 17th December

7.30am – 7.30pm Upper Room Time (see below)
9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
2.30pm Guthrie House Carol Service
7.30pm Kirk Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 18th December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
2.30pm Braid Hills Care Home Carol Service
7.30pm Kirk Service of Lessons and Carols– Flyers on
Welcome Desks – please pass on to anyone who might be interested in coming.

Thursday 19th December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
7pm Anderson Hall Peace Light Service (see church notices)

Friday 20th December

7.30pm Kirk Tearfund Concert (see today notices)

Saturday 21st December

12noon – 1pm Morrisons Gilmerton Road, Carol Singing (SEECAT)

Sunday 22nd December

**Morning Worship at 9.30am – Theme: Jesus. Preacher: John Young
and 11am All-Age Nativity Service (with Crèche)**

10.20am *Prayer Time* in the Elders' Room (All welcome)
2.30pm Carol Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)

7pm Anderson Hall Big Carol Sing followed by refreshments
Informal, fun, a great sing-song. Flyers available – please pass on to neighbours and friends.

Upper Room Time (Tuesday 7.30am – 7.30pm)

A quiet place for anyone who wants to spend some time with God. Includes the following times together: Morning Prayers 7.30-8am, Midday Prayers 12.00 noon-12.30pm, Contemplation 2.45-3.45pm, Evening Prayers - 7.00pm - 7.15pm.

TODAY

Lunchtime concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh, Saturday 28th December at 1.00 p.m. in the Church. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. A concert of popular classics for the festive season. Tickets available after both services or by contacting Mary Davidson (tel. 664 6789), with a suggested donation of £8 to support the World Mission Team programme for 2019-20.

Tearfund Scotland Christmas Concert, Friday 20th December in Liberton Kirk – tickets £6 via sign-up sheet on West Door Welcome Desk or pay at the door. Stewards are required please speak to Alastair Cameron if you can help or email him on alastairfree@googlemail.com

Nativity Land at Gracemount Church Land on Monday 16th December. 600-700 school pupils have been invited to visit so help is needed. Are you free from 10am-12noon, 1pm-3pm or 5pm-8pm Brad would love to hear from you? Brad can be contacted on 07960 260137 or email bradlaing10@hotmail.com

Christingle Service, 24th December in the Kirk at 4pm. Flyers on Welcome Desks – please pass on to anyone who might be interested in coming.

Jonny's Ordination at New Hills, Thursday 16th January. Sign-up sheet available on the West Welcome Desk for seats on a coach.

Weekly Freewill Envelopes (WFO) 2020 - Envelopes are ready for collection by members, laid out alphabetically by the east door. Please collect your own and if you can deliver to neighbours as well that would be great. If you would like envelopes or a standing order form please contact Eric 664 5008.

News Extras and Life & Work – ready for uplift from the Offering House.

Flowers in church are in memory of Margaret Barrow.

Christmas Greetings for Church Friends – a large card is at both Welcome Desks. Donation in aid of Christian Aid would be welcome.

Sermon CD – Downloads – available from www.libertonkirk.net or contact the church office.

CHURCH NOTICES

Kirkgate Café – Christmas Lunches, Monday 16th – Thursday 19th from 12 noon. Soup, turkey, stuffing and chipolata sandwich, mince pie and cream, filter coffee or tea and a Christmas cracker £7. To reserve a table ask at the cafe. Monday 23rd open as usual, Tuesday 24th from 9am – 12noon, free mince pies and a hot drink. Café closes at 12 noon and reopens on Monday 6th January at 9am.

Peace Light Service - 7pm on Thursday 19th December in Anderson Hall. Join the 162nd Braid Scouts and bring a lantern or candle and share the light carried by Scouts and Guides all the way from Bethlehem.

Fresh Start – leave goods in Offering House as marked.

Spectacles /Stamps – boxes in the Offering House and Halls Foyer.

South East Edinburgh Food Banks – boxes in Offering House. Further information, such as special arrangements for uplifting, available from David Lamb - 0131 664 3059 or email david@dlamb.co.uk

Sermon Notes

1. What were the four stages identified by JNY in Mary's journey of faith?

2. What event is each of these four stages characterized by?

3. How much can you identify with these stages in your own journey of faith?

4. What do you feel God is saying to you today, and what are you going to do about it?

Our theme for 2019 – (John 15:14). *"I have called you Friends"*

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To include anything in the Notice Sheet please contact Jacqui Tait (by Thursday) on jacqui.tait1@btinternet.com or text 07743478468.

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Office hours Tuesday closed, Thursday closed, Friday closed

To book halls, etc. contact Chris Aitcheson (Facilities Manager) on Mobile: 07960644206 Office: 0131 664 8264 or email libertonkirkfm@gmail.com

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