



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 8th December 2019

Theme: John the Baptist – greatest of the prophets
Reading: Luke 7:18-38 (p.1035)
Preacher: John Young

Call We light the second candle for John the Baptist, who called on people to be ready for Jesus.
As we wait for Jesus to come, may we prepare ourselves to greet him.

Morning Worship

9.30am Service

334 On Jordan's bank
273 O come, O come, Emmanuel
598 Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
303 It came upon a midnight clear

11am Service (with Sunday Clubs and Crèche)

Sheet Come and light the candles
Sheet These are the days of Elijah
Sheet Light of the world
Sheet Like a candle flame
Sheet How can this be?
(offering) 598 Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
235 God is working his purpose out
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 – Jesus is praying for you
Preacher: Nikki Kirkland

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 9th December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
8pm	McD. Rm	Mission Leaders' Huddle

Tuesday 10th December

7.30am – 7.30pm	Upper Room Time (see below)	
9am-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7.30pm	Kirk	Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 11th December

9am-2pm, 6-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
1.45pm	Small Hall	Guild Christmas Party with pupils from Liberton Primary
7pm	Kirk	Annual Memorial Service – Flyers on Welcome Desks – please pass on to anyone who might be interested in coming.

Thursday 12th December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
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Friday 13th December

11am-2pm	Foyer	Friday Fellowship
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(For details of other link groups take a leaflet from the side tables)

Saturday 14th December

9.30am	Kirk	Decorate Kirk and Christmas Tree (Helpers needed)
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Sunday 15th December

Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11am (with Sunday Clubs and Crèche)

Theme:	Mary
Preacher:	John Young
10.20am	<i>Prayer Time</i> in the Elders' Room (All welcome)

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

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

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.

Service of Lessons and Carols - Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm. Flyers available – please pass on to people who would enjoy this traditional service with a choir.

Big Carol Sing – Sunday 22nd December at 7pm. Informal, fun, a great sing-song. Flyers available – please pass on to neighbours and friends.

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

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.

Flowers in church are in memory of Grandma G and James Whyman.

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

CHURCH NOTICES

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

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

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. Invites are available from the entrance into the halls.

Guild Quiz –congratulations to winner Alison Meehan. Answers on notice board in Foyer.

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. How much do you know about John the Baptist. Can you list some of the main differences between John the Baptist and Jesus?

2. Why is John the Baptist puzzled about Jesus' ministry?

3. The two marks of a prophet are an o_____ to the v_____ of God and a w_____ to be his m_____ in both w____ and d____? Why do both matter?

4. Have you ever acted as a prophet?

5. How much do you think we value prophecy as a church, and is there a need to do something about it?

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

Church website www.libertonkirk.net
Follow our Youth Work at <https://twitter.com/YouthKirk>

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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