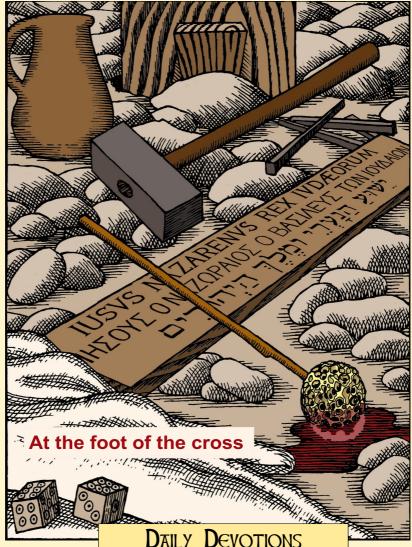
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and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'

Vision Statement



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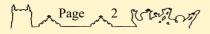
#### A prauer for April

Father, As we reflect on the promises and prophecies in your Word, we pray that you will give us wisdom and understanding, to see the relevance of these, and apply them in our times.

Thank you that all these promises and prophesies are fulfilled in Christ Jesus, our High Priest, who ever intercedes for us. Amen.

Our Theme for 2020 is "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"





#### Time will tell

Have you noticed that, after several vears of scepticism and accusations of 'fake news', we have more recently seen the return of the 'Expert'?

I sit and write this having just watched the Prime minister, flanked by the Government's Chief Science Adviser and the Chief Medical Officer. give a detailed press briefing on what to expect from the Corona virus, and what steps to take in order to reduce its impact.

We were told bluntly to expect to lose loved ones, and of the need to delay the period of maximum impact. and reduce its spike, so as to enable the Health Service to cope. By the time you read this, we will have a much better idea how accurate their predictions and how good their advice will have been.

Here at Liberton, our approach throughout the crisis has been to listen well to what we have been advised to do, and exercise as much care as we can to avoid those who are elderly or vulnerable being put at any additional risk.

Again, by the time you read this we will all have a better idea of how well we are managing to do this.

Throughout these weeks of uncertainty, however, a couple of principles still remain unchanged. The most expert advice of all

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is advice that has stood the test of time, and in this case it has stood for more than a couple. of thousand years ...



... an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this auestion : 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "I ove the I ord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all vour mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22.35-38)

Virus or no virus, as followers of Jesus we are called to put God's love first and the needs of others before those of our own. Even within government guidelines, there will always be scope for us to continue to look after our vulnerable and isolated neighbours. whether by helping them out with their shopping, or simply phoning to reassure them they are not forgotten and are in our prayers. I hope that, by the time you read this, we will all know what it means to be a part of a community with God's love at its heart.

Much love

#### Who is a (Youth) Minister?

On a recent visit to Liberton High School library I found youth ministry happening in full swing without an "official" youth worker in sight. There was Jill, Helen, and Graham patiently teaching pupils how to read effectively - I observed for half an hour like a ghost, invisible to the pupils, while they laughed with and engaged with their mentors. While helping them learn to read and grow in confidence, they have been developing a real rapport with the young people.

Christine Babbs, an amazing school librarian, boldly asked in October if anyone in the Kirk would be willing to assist S1's with reading proficiency.

Those who responded have been hard at work since the beginning of the year, tutoring pupils, reading books with them, and growing in relationship one week at a time. Christine says that a few of the pupils need a bit of



extra TLC, and that our LK volunteers have responded in kind.

At one point, the Deputy Head walked in and commented what we were all thinking: "This is one of the loveliest things you'll see." Talk about a ringing endorsement!

I'm reminded of 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 where Paul says that being reconciled to God through Christ makes each of us a minister of reconciliation, an ambassador.

Even without going to New College or wearing a dog collar - we're all ministers of the Gospel, "as though God were making his appeal through us." Jill, Helen, and Graham have responded in love to a tangible need, demonstrating God's Kingdom here and now. Ambassadorship through Biblical servanthood - this is being modelled week on week in the LHS library by some very lovely folk named above. It's a real example of how any one of us can use our talents to minister to anyone anytime; even young people.

Join them there if you dare! Join us, too, in prayer for all of our children and teenagers, that the love shown to them through our actions would make them receptive to the name of Jesus. kenny

#### 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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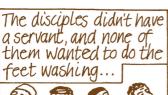
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17 Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

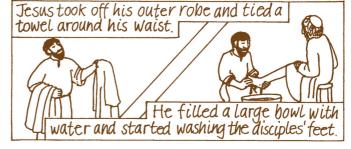


There was a reason whu no-one wanted to be the least important-the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.













to wash mufeet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my) disciple)



If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand whyl, your teacher, did this? I am setting

you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.



#### Church Organ Music for April

'In the Palm Sunday Gospel, the crowds play a significant role: they acclaim Jesus as the Son of David, the one who comes in the name of the Lord; then they shout for his condemnation and execution. As we enter into Holy Week, we do so not merely as witnesses, but as participants, given a voice to 'say what we see' and to testify who Jesus is. Our responses will also testify to who we are.'

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020, *Palm Sunday* 

Passion Sunday

BEFORE Thalben-Ball Elegy

All glory, laud, and honour DURING Tescher AFTER Tambling Postlude on 'Sing Hosanna!'

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

BEFORE **Bedford** Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen To-Day

DURING S.S. Wesley Blessed be the God and Father AFTER Guilmant Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus

Thine by the Glory

Sunday 19th April 2020. The Second Sunday of Easter

Livina God's Word

BEFORE Berthier Variations on 'Mit freuden Zart'

Sing the praise to God who reigns

DURING Haugen We walk by faith Slow Movement AFTER Lemmens

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020, The Third Sunday of Easter

The Bible - a manual for life

BEFORE Biery St. Fulbert, Full Thou my life, O Lord my God

DURING Gibbs Most glorious Lord of Lyfe

AFTER Moore Easter Hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen To-Day



Music for Holy Week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Good Friday BEFORE Vann An Evening Meditation DURING W.S. Lloyd Webber O Sacred Head

AFTER Silence

Calum Gubby

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Faith Story from Alison Macleod

I have been a Christian since my late teens - a long time now! There have been ups and downs in life and sometimes God has felt very close and at other times far away.

His love however has always been constant. In 2016 I faced a new low point when I became very ill with Lyme Disease. I had only negative NHS blood tests but I had seen the tick and become unwell shortly after.

The symptoms were debilitating and I couldn't work for some time. With no positive result, I was tested for other things with no conclusion. I fell into a state of despair and darkness, and I barely

left the house for three months—I lost over a stone in weight.

Where was my faith now? Could I trust God in the medical confusion, the unknowing and ill health? I struggled to find Him.

He, however, had not forgotten me and he reached out and held me. He showed me his amazing love through the love of my family, through Christian friends who reached out and held me in the darkness, and through strangers that He brought into my life, who helped and guided me back to health. John held a lovely service of healing in our house where, surrounded by friends, I was prayed for and anointed with oil. It was a very special experience. It felt like I had been wrapped in a blanket of God's love.

Looking back now, after a long road through finding treatment and slowly regaining my health, I realise that my time in the 'fire' was a time of important learning for me. It has changed me and my faith. God's love is all around. It's just that I was often too busy to notice or to allow it to alter my path or who I was.

My experience is one I never wish to repeat but it has taught me the importance of always giving thanks to God and remembering that He never leaves or forsakes us. My experience has allowed me the huge privilege of reaching out to others who are unwell. Hopefully I can be part of 'God's blanket' for them.

Romans 8 v38-39 '.. nothing can separate us from the love of God'
Alison

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The Church Diary for April and for the start of May is listed below.

As we go to press, all church services, and Kirk Centre activities, are continuing. The situation will be monitored in line with Government advice, in view of the rapidly evolving Covid-19 situation. *Please check our website for updates* 

#### April 2020 Diary

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY

Morning Worship @ 9.30am and 11.00am (with *Creche*)

Preacher: John Young

10.00am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)

11.00am – Sunday Buzz in the Kirk Centre 2.30pm – Service at Ellens Glen House (SEECAT) Joint Evening Worship @ 7.00pm at the Faith Mission

Speaker: David Hill

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

7.00pm - Passover Meal @ Kirk Centre (Tickets essential)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 2.00pm – Service at *Braeside House* 

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

7.30pm - Stations of the Cross Service at St John Vianney's

RC Church (SEECAT)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Cafe* 

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am – SEECAT Prayer walk leaves from the Kirk

11.00am - SEECAT Open Air Service at Morrisons

(Gilmerton Road)

3.00pm – Joint SEECAT Service at Gracemount High

School (Lasswade Rd)

7.30pm - Good Friday evening reflection at Liberton Kirk

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

#### EASTER DAY

**9.30am Early Morning service with 'Agape'** (breakfast)

& 11am Family Service

Preacher: John Young

(Remember to bring a daffodil to both services)







10.20am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room

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

Theme: Easter Celebration

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

No Kirkgate Café

2.30pm - Service at *Braid Hills Care Home* 

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and 11.00am (with Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)

Theme: Encounter on the Emmaus Road

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)

2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)

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

Theme: Essentials 11 – Joseph: Prison and Promotion

Speaker: tbc

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

8.00pm - Mission Leaders' huddle

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 

9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – *Kirkgate Trust* 

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

11.00am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the Kirkgate Café

8.00pm - Gathering for Praise in the Kirk

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-1.00pm – INTERNAL LEARNING COMMUNITY 4.00pm-6.00pm - MESSY CHURCH in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship @ 9.30am

and 11.00am (with Creche, Sunday Club, CC & BBC)

Theme: The Bible – a manual for life (1 Timothy 3.10-17)

Preacher: John Young

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

2.30pm - Service at Liberton Hospital (SEECAT)

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

Theme: Essentials 12 – Joseph: the 10 go to Egypt

Speaker: tbc

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* 

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room* 

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-8.00pm - Kirkgate Café

2.30pm - Service at *Guthrie House.* 3.00pm - *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall.

7.30pm - Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

9.00am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*7.00-7.45pm - Minister available in the *Kirkgate Café*7.00pm – SEECAT Justice and Peace evening – *'A Christian response to Climate change'* – at St Catherine's RC Church.

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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

#### May 2020

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with communion)

and 11.00am (with Sunday Buzz & Creche)

Preacher: John Young

10.00am – *Prayer Time* in the Elders Room (All welcome)

**12noon - Sunday Club Open Day with stalls and food** 2.30pm - Service at Ellens Glen House (SEECAT)

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

6.30pm)

#### Congregational News

I am sorry to record the deaths of **Mrs Nancy Black** on 7th February; **Mrs Fiona Dempster** on 22nd February, **Mrs Ursula Walker** on 29th February, and Mrs **Doris Paton**, an 13th March. I send by sympathies and condolences to all their families and friends.





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#### Elder's Sunday Duties

9-30am service East door east a West door west a		<b>May</b> Rossie Carmichael Fiona Knight	<b>June</b> Eric Brown Pearl Kelly	
11-00am service				
East door extrem North door centre front gate centre Gallery gallery	east Claire Maybery	Mary Davidson D/H Colley Brenda Lamb Bill Robb Rink van Dijke	David Devoy Chris Brandie Eleanor Grieve John Gill Kim Denholm	
banker east pl	•	David Lamb	Stewart Heney	
Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. Alison Walker 664 3631				

#### Guild News for April

Both the Afternoon and Evening Guilds have finished for this session; but will restart again at the beginning of October.

The Guild Committee would like to thank the members and friends who supported our fund raising events - the Christmas and Spring Coffee Mornings, and "Bannocks and Blood".



Both our chosen projects have benefited greatly from your generosity. It is much appreciated.

#### **GUILD OUTING**



Our Afternoon Tea Outing this year takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We will be travelling to Leith for the 'Orient Express Experience' at The Queen Charlotte Rooms. Tea is being served at 2.30pm.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

#### The Upper Room

The upper room, in Kirk Centre, is a quiet place for anyone who wants to spend some time with God. It includes the following times together:

Morning Prayers from 7-30 to 8-00 am
Midday Prayers from 12 noon to 12-30 pm
Contemplation from 2-45 to 3-45 pm
Evening prayers from 7-00 to 7-15 pm

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#### PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Journey through Holy Week with Jesus, as he enters Jerusalem, celebrates the Passover with his disciples, is betrayed, arrested, tried, flogged and finally crucified and laid in a tomb.

and then celebrate his rising from death to life on Easter Day!

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April there is joint evening worship with other BIC Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium at 7pm. The speaker will be our own David Hill (Try Praying).



#### **HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

The first joint event is a Passover Meal on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at Liberton Kirk Centre, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets (£5) are essential (and much in demand) for this event, as numbers are limited. Then there's a Stations of the Cross Service on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at St. John Vianney's, 40 Fernieside Gardens, followed by light refreshments. We follow the journey of Jesus towards

#### GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY (10th April)

the cross and it is a very moving service.

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a Prayer Walk, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church, and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. On the walk we stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community.



SEECAT

In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an Open-air Service.

We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' and St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service.

Morrisons café is a good place for after-service refreshments!

On Good Friday afternoon there is a Joint Service at Gracemount High School at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all. The speaker this year will be Cammy Mackenzie, the Minister at Tron Kirk (Gilmerton and Moredun).

There is tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see very often.

If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a Service of Worship and Reflection at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

#### EASTER DAY (12th April)

Great opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead!

Our first service at 9.30am includes a shared breakfast (Agape), and you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross.

Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock service, at which all ages are welcome.

There will also be Evening Worship at 7pm (with refreshments from 6.30pm).



Please come and take part in some of the wonderful services and events in this most important week in church life

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#### Fresh Start



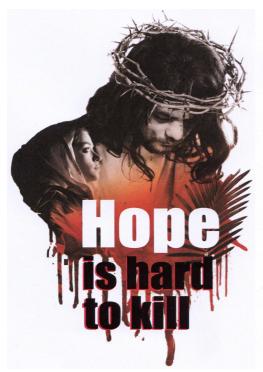
Thank you again to all who continue to contribute. Goods to Fresh Start.

Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Offering House - kindly note, however, that we are unable to accept donations of furniture.

Sylvia Bennett: 664 3189



### The Edinburgh Easter Play 2020



The Edinburgh Easter Play 2020

# **Saturday**

Saturday 11th April 2pm Princes Street Gardens West The Easter story told in a new way in the centre of Edinburgh

"The quintessential one-off theatre event"

Free & unticketed

The play will be performed outdoors and the audience will be standing - please come prepared!

For more info visit www.easterplay.org

This year's Easter Play is part of a weekend-long city-wide project For 2020. For more information see www.edinburghpassion.com PASSION

reer Easter Play Trust - Ree. Charity SC 035033

#### Christian Aid Week 2020 - 10th to 16th May 2020

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This year, Christian Aid Week is from 10th to 16th May.

In the past, we have been able, with a number of volunteer collectors, to cover some parts of the Parish, and we would like to encourage all who are willing and able, to volunteer to take part, so that we can

maintain, and, if possible, extend our cover.

Please advise me if you will be able to help. To those who have helped in the past, and who have already volunteered for this year, I express my heartfelt gratitude. This year there will be collection boxes as usual in the Kirkgate Café and in Scotmid Funeral Directors, 143 Liberton Brae, for those not in the house-to-house collection areas

I specially invite volunteers who may be able <u>only to deliver</u> the usual Christian Aid envelopes at the very beginning of the week. This would be on the basis that other volunteers will be able to do the house-to-house collection, being assured that the envelopes have been delivered.

This is an important service, in which our church can be seen to promote one of the most important Charities, assisting in development, and in the relief of poverty in disaster-stricken parts of our world - underscoring our Christian commitment to the life of the world.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, 0131 664 3059 email <a href="mailto:david@dlamb.co.uk">david@dlamb.co.uk</a>



With every gift, we help Rose stop this climate crisis In Kenya. The rains haven't come, again. For villagers who farm the land, that means life is getting even harder. Rivers are bone dry, and crops wither in the fields. The drought is starving people of food, water and the chance to earn a living.

At 67 years of age, Rose walks for six hours to fetch water for her grandchildren. She tries hard to give them the kind of life she remembers from when she was a girl: when the rivers flowed with water and the crops bore fruit.

Grandmother Rose shouldn't have to go hungry. A simple earth dam, built with the help of Christian Aid's partners and your donations, could completely change her life. This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray to stop the climate crisis driving people like Rose to hunger

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#### Across

#### Crossword

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry (7)
- 11 'Look, here is . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 6 8 11 10 12 13 15 16 17 18 19 20 22 21 23 24
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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## LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

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Jesus said ... "Don't let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God, and trust also in me."

John 14 verse 1



During 2020 we are looking at *standing on the promises of God*– as well as dipping into *Psalm 119* some weekends - 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 April we consider parts of John's Gospel as well as dipping into the book of Hebrews over the Easter weekend.

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

#### Morning

Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

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 APRIL

		ON KINK COLING DOVOTIONS FOR MEINE
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	JOHN 10 vs 11-13- consider these particular words today
	· ·	What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on someone in need known to you
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect then pray at the end of today
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	JOHN 10 vs 14-21 – take time and carefully consider these. Words oft
IIIu Z	Worring	Jesus today. What do they mean for you this morning? then pray in
	Middox	response to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on your neighbours at this time
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
Fri 5	Morning	JOHN 10 vs 22-39 - take time to consider these verses today.
		What is your response to what you read? and then pray to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on someone in need known to you.
+h	Evening	read the words again – reflect on what you read - then pray
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	
		is God saying to you from these verses? Then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect on the truths here, and pray in response
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 11 vs 17-37 - take time and consider these words. What is
		God saying to you from them today? then pray to this God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to our LORD God
		Including praying for our world in these days
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 11 vs 38-44 – take time to carefully consider this passage.
		What is God saying to you this morning? Take time to pause and pray
		in response to this Jesus – for others as well as yourself at this time
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those attending funerals at Mortonhall today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray to our God in response
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 12 vs 12-19 – 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 these verses again – reflect then pray in response to our God
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		JOHN 12 vs 20-36- consider these particular words today.
Wedo	Worring	What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Liberton Northfield church family
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read the words again, slowly reflect then pray at the end of your day
mu 9	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 1-7 – carefully consider these words of Jesus. What do
	NA! -L-L	they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Gracemount Church family
E : 40th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here and then pray.
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	GOOD FRIDAY - HEBREWS chapter 8 – consider these words on this
		particular Friday. What is God saying to you this morning?
		Then pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Ferniehill Church family

## LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect and pray to our
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	HEBREWS 10 vs 1-18 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying to you today from His Word? Then take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read
	Midday Evening	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	EASTER SUNDAY - HEBREWS 10 vs 19-25 - consider this verse on this particular morning. What words stay with you? Then pray in response to the LORD our God on this Day.
Man 47th	Midday Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today. read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>		HEBREWS 10 vs 35-39 – take time to consider these verses.  What words stay with you? What is your response to God's Word today? And then pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those who work near the Kirk. read the verses again – reflect then humbly pray in response.
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response as your day ends.  JOHN 14 vs 22-24 – consider what is said here today.
	Midday	What words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.  pray a blessing on the City Council in our city
TI 4 oth	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to this Jesus.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 25-27 – 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 Evening	pray God's blessing on those who work in the Scottish Parliament read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 28-31 – 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 preparing the CofS Assembly this year
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Morning	read these verses again – reflect on the words and pray to God JOHN 15 vs 1-4 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in response
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Midday Evening	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to this God
Sull 19	Morning Midday	JOHN 15 vs 5-8 – consider these verses this morning.  What words stay with you? Then praise to this Jesus in response.  pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray to the LORD our God

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## LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 15 vs 9-17 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him humbly and honestly
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our children and young people
04St	Evening	
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 5-11 – consider this particular passage 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 words again, reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 12-16 - prayerfully consider these verses today.
		Which words stay with you? Then Pray to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of knowing God's comfort
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray at the end of your day JOHN 17 vs 1-5 – consider these words this morning. What do they
1110 25	Morring	say to you today? then pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who walk through the cemetery land
+h	Evening	read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 6-19 – consider all that is said here. What is God
	Midday	saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response pray God's blessing on those preparing for marriage in 2020
	Midday Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 20-26 – 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
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 26"	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 1-9 – take time to consider these words today.  What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again reflect and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 10-18 – take time to consider these words today
		What do they mean for you this morning? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response Gathering for Prayer – JOHN 20 vs 19-23 – consider these verses
1 uc 20	Morring	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	
Wed 29 <sup>t</sup>	<sup>n</sup> Morning	JOHN 20 vs 24-31 – consider all that happens here. And then pray
	Midda	to this Jesus as you step into today.
	Midday Evening	pray a blessing on our Leadership Ministry Team. read the words again, reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	•	JOHN 21 vs 15-25 - consider these verses today and pause to pray
		for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those moving home at this time.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.

#### Welcome Desk Rota

	09-30 am service	)	11-00 am service	
5th April	Fiona Knight	672 1041	Mary Lonie	664 4052
12th April	Bill Mercer	664 2152	John Gooday	664 6792
19th April	Tom Baxendale	666 1371	Maureen Horn	666 0080
26th April	Margaret Goldie	664 6792	Grant Cook	664 1581

West Door Welcomer for April is Eleanor Crieve

#### Food Bank Donations

Your donations for the food bank are welcome, and should be places in the boxes in the Offering House. Further information, and arrangements for special arrangements for uplifting items, are available from David Lamb on 0131 664 3059, or at David@dlamb.co.uk



#### Messy Church

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, we'll be meeting for Messy Church activities, when we'll hear the story of the farmer who sowed seeds in his fields, hoping for a good crop! It'll be held from 4pm to 6pm, in the Kirkgate Centre.



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

NOTE – Please check the church website to see if this event is going ahead.

If you are interested, in coming along, or in volunteering to help, contact me on 666-1004, or check out the church website.

Fiona Devoy

#### The IT Clinic

Is your Wi-Fi misbehaving at home? Or maybe you are just thinking about buying a tablet computer for the first time.

Whatever your IT issue, is it always helps to talk. So come along to the IT Clinic for a chat from 7 to 8:30pm, alternate Wednesdays, in Liberton Kirk Café



April 22<sup>nd</sup>
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>
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#### Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at Faith Mission 7pm JOINT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Liberton Kirk Centre 7-8pm Prayers for STAGE'N'SLAM

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June LAUNCH SERVICE FOR STAGE'N'SLAM

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September BIG IDEA WEEKEND Teaching and Prayer together on 5<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am-12 Joint Evening Service of Celebration on 6<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

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





### 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



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

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#### Church Flowers rota for April

Conveners for April Joan Strachan 07879 283 559 and Mrs Ann Weir 664 3349

Sunday 5th April Jackie Switzer, Ravensdean Gardens, Penicuik

in memory of Edith Jones

Sunday 12th April Mrs Veronica Craig, Liberton Park

in memory of Geoffrey Craig

Sunday 19th April Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captains Road

in memory of Alison Weir

Sunday 28th April David Robertson, 8 Park Grove

in memory of Margot Robertson

Please consider volunteering to be a convener, or to deliver flowers. Phone 664 3349 to chat to Ann.

Jean Gray, Convener 0131 258 2081



#### Senior Citizens Club

Our programme for April is as follows:-

2<sup>nd</sup> AGM with entertainment from Kirk James

9<sup>th</sup> Stevie Quinn

16<sup>th</sup> Dougle McQ

23<sup>rd</sup> visit from Rev. John Young + raffle

30<sup>th</sup> Closing Afternoon Tea, with entertainment

from Dod and Pete Lo







## Spring has sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where . . . . ?

If you google this, you will find it is not only "where the birdies is"!

Anyway, spring has indeed sprung in the Kirk Garden, and the small team of volunteers, who first meet in The Kirk Cafe at 10.00 o'clock on a Monday morning, is now busy. The raised vegetable beds have been planted, and will supply the Kirkgate Café. The tubs, large and small, are beginning to flower, and the borders are looking good.

The benches, including a new one purchased by the volunteers in memory of Gerald Dawson, an Artisan and Garden volunteer, have still to been treated. The weeds too are being treated; yet they will fight back! This, for example is where simple help would be appreciated, as the paths and mono blocks need to be cleared of winter growth, and then kept tidy.

The Scouts will give the grass its first cut, and will look after it throughout the year. So, there is much happening, and much more to be done, and we would very much appreciate offers of help, for an hour any Monday (from 10am). As you read this, please give some thought as to whether you know of someone who might enjoy the banter and helping in the garden. It might even be you! No need to bring tools.

Another phrase I like when there is big task ahead, is . . . *Mony a mickle maks a muckle.* Come join us, even occasionally.

Grant Cook 664 1581, Supporter/Encourager





Evening

## "A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE"

Wednesday 29th April
7pm at St. Catherine's Church Hall
Gracemount Drive

### Rev. David Coleman

(URC Minister and Environmental Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland)

There will also be an update on what our churches are doing

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#### 9-30 service sound rota



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Prayer from the Rt Rev Colin Sinclair

**Children and Communion** The experiences of churches actively involving children in their communion services

**From D'oyly Carte to Dunfermline** Interview with opera singer and church elder Frances McCafferty

A Celtic Pilgrimage Gemma King describes her walk on the Columba Experience, a week-long pilgrimage for young adults.

**Under Par** The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers reflects on the importance of good mental health

**No Short Cuts** In his final column, the Moderator of the General Assembly explains why Jesus is still worth following

The Cruellest Month Ron Ferguson reflects on the gift of April

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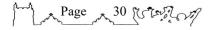
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#### Editors note

Material for the **May** issue, can be sent to me at any time; but should be in my hands by **Sunday 12th April** 

The deadline for the June (Summer) edition is Sunday 17th May

Information can be left in my box in the Offering House, or sent to me at 8 Fairmile Avenue, phone 477 9156. email to

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### 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

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## Hours of Services: 9-30am, 11am & 6-30 pm

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John Young if you have a special request.

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

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

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Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls
Ruth Davies - r.davies335@btinternet.com 664 3608

#### **Fortnightly Groups**

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Pathfinders - Tuesday evening at 7pm 5 Stennis Gardens Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128 mail@pearlkelly.plus.com

**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

Rink van Dijke - rink@talktalk.net 664 2178

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) or the Group nearest you

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