

LIBERTON KIRK NEWS EXTRA

16th April 2020



Dear Friends,

Easter greetings to you all.



Many folk were able to come along to the church yard and place daffodils on the cross. Some folk sent someone else to do it on their behalf. Some of us also met via zoom and enjoyed Easter together. I painted an egg with a rainbow and went up a hill near my home for exercise and rolled my egg. Although I was on my own I reminisced of a time when I used to do this with my brothers and sister. I don't know about you but I am missing seeing my family. Easter was particularly poignant as we would normally all get together. However I am thankful to be able to stay in touch by phone and WhatsApp.

When we turn on the news we hear a mixture of extremely sad stories of families losing their loved ones and of amazing people doing their bit for the community. I think the most striking story this week is of Captain Tom who will be a hundred this month walking round his garden until he completes 100 laps before his 100th birthday. To date he has raised over £16,000,000 and counting! An incredible achievement.

The good news for us locally is Dennis Seater is now home but very weak and Morag Fowlie is recovering and feeling a bit better. Lucy and Niv Bull continue to recover but Niv still feeling very weak. Sadly we are also hearing of the loss of some of our Kirk family. Last week Margaret Cowan (late of the Spinney) in Guthrie House sadly passed away. Another lady who used to come to seniors club from time to time Moira Wallace also died this week. We think of their families and friends at this time.

I would also like us to remember the many unsung heroes who quietly go about helping others and never look for reward or praise for their efforts. There are many members of Liberton who fall into this category. I won't start to name them as I would miss someone important out but I think many of you can think of some of them. Can I encourage you to lift the phone if you can and say hello to any that you know.

I think all of us are having a new appreciation of what it is like to be at home and isolated. We are all in this together. I was listening to Fiona Devoy talking about Julian of Norwich who lived through the bubonic plague. Almost half the population of Europe were wiped out. She had a great faith through this and believed strongly in the power of God's great love to heal and overcome all evil. When we are faced with this current affliction or difficulties in life we can question the existence of God. I hope and pray that we can be like Julian and remember the greatness of our God. May your hope and faith be strengthened at this time. If you need help please call us.

With much love

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