

LIBERTON KIRK NEWS EXTRA

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Dear Friends,

Today is St Georges day and I am reminded of a few facts about the real man as opposed to the legend of the Dragon Slayer. He was born in Turkey and lived in the 3rd century. His parents were Christians and he became a Roman soldier at the age of 17. He became well known for his bravery. When the pagan Roman emperor of the time started persecuting Christians, George pleaded for them. The emperor tried to get George to deny his faith by imprisoning and torturing him but he stayed true to his faith. He was beheaded in Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April 303.



In the news we continue to hear stories of heroes particularly in relation to the NHS and other frontline workers. People potentially risking their own health for the sake of others. Our nursing homes need our prayers just now due to the number of people who are dying there. Please pray for anyone you know in a nursing home or a nursing home near you. Liberton Kirk provide spiritual care for Braidhills, Braeside and Guthrie house.

In difficult times saints shine and there are many saints around in Liberton. People doing shopping, looking out for neighbours, quietly caring for others and we are very grateful to all of them.

I enjoyed going out for a walk on Sunday and at a distance saw families out enjoying the sun. I don't know if the birds are singing louder and the air is clearer than before or I am just noticing things more as I am not in such a rush! There are reports that pollution is clearing in many places and people can see further and noticing positive signs in nature too. These are encouragements to try and maintain the pollution reduction when life return to normal.

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and not finding the restrictions too difficult. Please contact us if you need help or just someone to chat too.

With much love

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