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in your local
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Autumn*

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The middle pages of this magazine, "What's On in Liberton", are designed for you to pull out and keep for future reference.

Likewise we hope you will keep the Daily Devotions pages, which give you guidance on daily bible readings and prayers.



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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

What makes a wedding?

There is no denying the fact that we are living through interesting times! Unusually, given current restrictions, the kirk itself has been a rather busy place during the last few weeks. The reason for this has been weddings. Having been forced to postpone their big celebration until next year, three couples, asked if they could still go ahead with their wedding service.

As you can imagine, these services have been a bit different to what would have originally been intended.



no singing (although hymns and songs have been played, with the congregation having the option of humming along!)

Another big difference, and something which might well become a practice in the years to come, has been the 'virtual' presence of family and friends.



- Numbers have had to be limited to a maximum of 20 (including the minister)
- Social distancing has had to be observed (with families staying within their own bubble, and, on one occasion, with the bride being led up the aisle holding a ribbon pulled by her socially distanced bridesmaid)



- There has been

- At one wedding we were joined online by the groom's mother and father in the Isle of Wight
- At another we were joined on-line by a number of relatives, the furthest away being the bride's sister and her family in Paraguay.
- At the third, a number of the bride's family joined us from Italy, with her mother and father actually taking part in the service by offering beautiful prayers for their daughter and son-in-law from a monitor at the front of the church.

Looking back over these three very

special services, I've been surprised by how moving I have found them, often 'welling up' when I have least expected it.



I've been struck by the lengths people go to make sure that their bride and groom have a happy and joyful day. I've

also been struck by the simplicity of a wedding. That, when we have to pare back all our wedding traditions to a minimum, what is left is what really matters – declaring your love and making vows to one another before God and in the presence (virtual or otherwise) of the people who love you. What I often say at wedding is that love is a gift from God, or, in the words of the Bible, that we love, because God first loved us. My prayer is that we would all experience this love – demonstrated through the love of our family, our friends and our neighbours, both near and far, in the months to come.

Much love

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 27th September. Along with Sunday Club members, you are all invited to contribute tinned and dried goods for those in need in our city. All donations will be passed on to local charitable organisations.

As we are not back in the church building at present, donations can be left in the Kirk Centre foyer from Monday 21st to Friday 25th September, 8am - 2pm prior to the service on 27th. Donations can also be made outside these times with prior arrangement with the Facilities Manager - see p41 for details [Ed]

Many thanks, Margaret Brandie

Alternatively (or as well as this) we can support

Self Help Africa, a small charity which works with local people in nine African countries to enable them to produce enough food to feed themselves, earn a living and support their families. Have a look at their website www.selfhelpafrica.org for more details. Like other charities, they are struggling with a loss of income at this time, and their work is vital when the corona crisis is hitting African communities which are ill-equipped to cope.



**Self Help
Africa**

You can give in one of two ways (and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able)

- on their website, under "Harvest Donation", where there is a space for the name of the church,
- or in a donation envelope obtainable from mid-September from the Kirk Centre Entrance (or the Offering House) and returnable either to the manse, 7 Kirk Park, or to me at 4 Hawkhead Grove.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Youth news from kenny

Surely during a pandemic, church youth ministry just *ceases* to happen, right? *Naw!*

Since the end of March we have had the immense privilege of having more regular (virtual) contact with teenagers than normal. We've edified each other, we've laughed together, and we've continued praying and studying scripture together (currently working through Revelation). Twice a week, these Zooms have been the highlight of our weeks. To God be the glory!

It's worth remembering back to all of our Sunday Worship Zoom services and thinking about how many of our young people of all ages have boldly taken roles. Emma and Hannah singing for us on more than one occasion, Thomas leading us in prayers, Helen doing our reading, Robert sharing testimony, and many, many more. And let's not forget to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Euan Robertson, who took on the immense challenge of leading our technology in worship every week. We thank the Lord for his leadership!



Finally, **Summer BUZZ tv** - the culmination of work from *so many* people dedicated to producing a means of telling children about Jesus however we possibly could. Everyone involved rose to the challenge of sharing the Good News from friendly faces so that children could be reminded of Jesus' saving grace from the

comfort of their own homes. Thanks too to the many families who took time out of their week to engage and interact.

Dozens of Liberton Kirk folk were involved in the production, to whom we are grateful and enjoyed working alongside. A few very special mentions are friends of LK, and without their generous help we couldn't have done SBTv. Alex Richards gave up countless hours of his time and sacrificed his equipment lets from his business in order that we could film; on top of which he stars in our actions for our worship songs!

David Topping edited our many videos from the last 40 days into 5 episodes - a monumental effort, and we are thankful for his talents. Of course, our very own Emily is the brains of the whole operation - we are thankful for her vision and passion.

God continues to provide and work among us in challenging times, and we have seen his faithfulness in our young people. Please continue to keep them in prayer as they go back to school, and some onward to university. Best and blessings,

kenny & Emily

Faith story from Fidelis Muturi

The slopes of Mount Kenya are green all year round with the precipitation from the highest point, 5199 metres above sea level, delivering plentiful rainfall. This is the place where Nelson was born and God, the author of his life story, continued His handiwork. Ninety miles away from Embu in a place called Kiambu, on the eastern slopes of the Aberdare's ranges, a family was blessed with a baby girl who they named Fidelis (Faithful).

Nelson was brought up in an Anglican church and Fidelis in a Catholic church. For most of our young lives, everything was rooted in family, education and church community. We followed these three objectives faithfully while God was doing His miracles to mould us into young adults.

God continued His work in our lives, and after high school He ordered our steps to the same University in the great rift valley of Kenya. It is while there, that a meeting to discuss a tutorial topic (none of us remembers which subject), our friendship, relationship began and subsequent marriage of 28 years blessed with Lynn and Mel. Our trust and relying in God has been the anchor to facing life challenges and recognising the moments of joy. Over the years we have seen God's faithfulness and His Grace has been sufficient. Our hearts rejoice and declare God's lovingkindness in the morning and His faithfulness by night (Psalms 92:2).

Since responding to God's call to move to Scotland over 20 years ago, our faith journey has continued to be shaped and moulded. The last five years have been particularly a time of growth after we joined our church family in Liberton Kirk.

As we continue to trust God for our future we stand in awe in thanksgiving for Jesus our saviour, His blessings and faithfulness. Amen.

Fidelis



.. and from Gary Ross

I was brought up in the catholic faith from birth, and attended catholic school which was heavily integrated with the local chapel. There was no real choice about learning about Jesus; but very much in a child-like fashion. Glasgow 1960's religious tribalism was, in those days, a key factor in how you saw others and how they saw you, including within a 'mixed' catholic/protestant family like mine, so the actual 'faith' part of my education was often somewhat secondary.

However, when I was nearing the end of primary school, I felt called to be a priest. I went to catholic seminary from the ages of 11 to 16, which was certainly an experience, but one that I treasure. My faith grew into a more mature understanding, but so did the doubts, and I decided that the priesthood was no longer for me.

My experience of a semi-closed almost monastic community at that age imparted a sort of religion-overload onto me. As a result, I quickly drifted away from practicing faith after leaving school, although I always felt some connection.



This was really the case until my second daughter came to be baptized at Liberton Kirk. By this stage I was feeling that there was something calling me; but just didn't know what it was, or how to express it. John suggested attending an Alpha course, and it was a revelation! I felt like a veil had been lifted from me in a 'Damascus Moment', and I rediscovered Jesus again; but in a much more meaningful and deeper way than I had ever experienced before.

Since then my faith has been stronger at some moments than others, but I keep being reminded that Jesus is with me through thick and thin, than He will always be my companion on the road, and will always be there when I look for Him.

Gary

... and from Aileen Deas

Gerry and I moved to Liberton Gardens in March 2001, just as two little girls, were placed with us for adoption. Then Angie (age 3) and Alana (age 4) joined us in our new home in mid-April 2001. On the advice of a friend, the girls joined Sunday club later that year.

In 2003, for my 40th birthday, we found out we were expecting a baby! The girls were still attending Sunday club and I do remember John Young inviting me to attend the Kirk while they were there. In the early stages I was so sick that I broke a rib and I remember clearly, Maggie Gray telling me she was overjoyed I was just pregnant as she feared I was really seriously ill, so I always declined John's invitations (I hope politely).

In October 2003, our son Calum joined our newly formed family – 3 kids in 2 years!

Some months later, the girls asked if Calum and they could be baptised. I approached John who agreed to the job lot and suggested I did the Alpha course.

The children's baptism was special in so many ways. Sarah Heney was baptism co-ordinator, and so I got to meet her and Stewart for the first time, Chris and Margaret were involved in helping us understand what it would mean for us as parents, Fiona, Celia and Tom all had their eldest niece/grandchild in the gang of 7 children to be baptised and one child had chickenpox on the day!

I attended the Alpha course which initially to my dismay was 10 weeks of Thursday evenings and to start with I didn't feel that I fit in at all but then suddenly, in the week of How and Why should I pray, everything fell into place and I felt as if I truly belonged in the church family.

I went on to be involved in Alpha courses, I joined the Scout movement and joined the Kirk. My faith took me to give up working at Standard Life to take a maternity leave contract at Bethany Christian Trust, through losing my job at Thistle Foundation, back into Financial Services.

Most recently, with absolutely no thought or plan, I found myself volunteering to become a Street Pastor following the visit of one of their number to the Kirk. I'm now almost fully trained and have been out on Patrol just once before lockdown. I have one more supervised patrol and one more training module to complete before my passing out ceremony which will, hopefully take place in the Autumn.

This path we tread can bring such peace and joy; but it is the most difficult journey I've ever faced into.

Aileen



The Kirk Garden A Hidden Gem that needs Volunteers

Behind the Kirk Halls we have a lovely open space.



The large grassy area which is a 'playground' in the summer, be it Messy Church or Summer Buzz (although not this year as it was replaced with the fantastic Summer BUZZ tv !)

A children's play area with toys, all accessed down the side of the Halls, towards the bowling green.

There are paths and Monoblock areas that help the residents of Kirkland Court. The whole garden

space was an approval requirement of the Kirkland Court developer McCarthy & Stone, and they set out the garden.

Now the paths, of course, need to be constantly weeded, and this where the garden volunteers are so valued. Just one of the needs. We meet for an hour or so on Monday mornings at 10.00, a time to catch up while tending the garden.

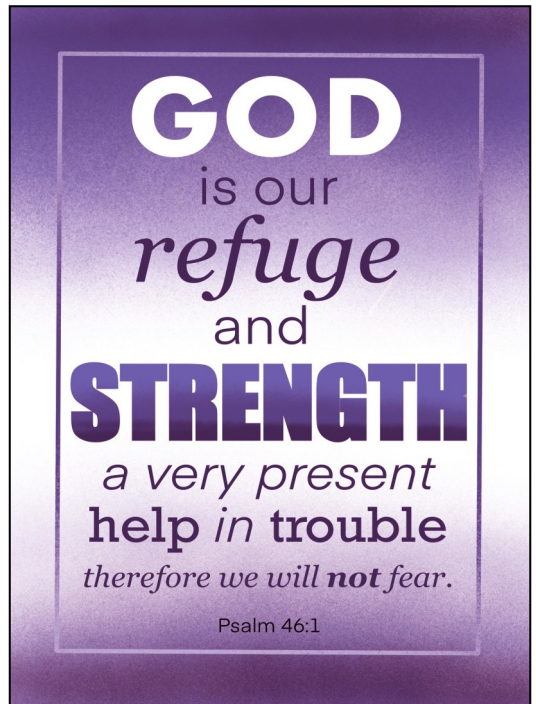
There is though, much more than the open space. There are beautiful flower beds and pots tended by the 'experts in residence', Ian and Peter. The large raised vegetable beds provide cabbages, onions, leeks, kale etc. for the Kirk Café.

This year, rhubarb, gooseberries and strawberries too.

As you read this, if you can think of anyone who might enjoy being a volunteer, then please tell them about the garden - It might even be you! Either way, I would be very happy to hear from you; or you can simply come along to the garden, and ask for me.

All the tools than you need are provided.

Grant Cook tel 664 1581



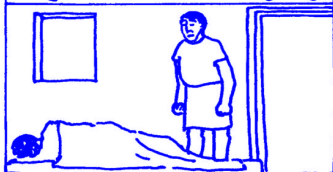
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 7: 1-10, Matthew 8: 5-13

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.



When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.

The leaders told Jesus..



This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

He has even built us a meeting place!



This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.



But Jesus said..

I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed



Jesus was amazed!



I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

He said to the friends...



You may go now. What he has believed has happened.

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!



Special Communion Service

Special Communion is a shortened Communion Service, which normally takes place on the 2nd Sunday in October, March and June.

This short service takes place in the Anderson Hall from 3pm to 4pm, with a singer. There are 2 hymns, a reading, a short sermon, and a service of Communion.

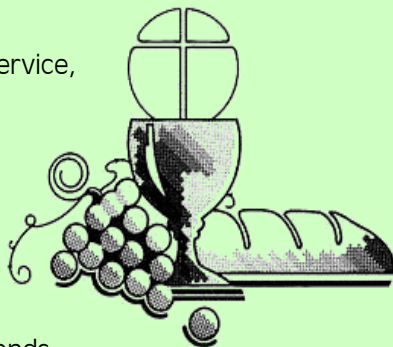
The Service is followed by refreshments, usually tea/coffee and cakes, and with time for fellowship and chat, and catching up with friends.

The Special Communion Service is principally for people who cannot manage the normal Communion Service; whether because they cannot sit in the church, or are just unable to *get* to church, however **everyone** is welcome. Transport can be arranged if needed. If you wish to attend, please contact . .

Linda Wright lscwright@hotmail.com 07850 411 596
or Rev John Young jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk 0131 664 3067
or Eleanor Grieve ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

Please take note that, because of the present conditions, there will NOT be a service this October. Further information regarding the March Service will be available on the Church Website under "Care Team", in the February Church Magazine, and in the Church Intimations. It would be lovely to see you then.

Eleanor Grieve



Pram Praise

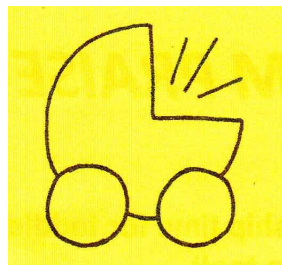
Twice a month the under-threes have a chance to come along to their very own special time together called Pram Praise.

This is normally held each month, once on a Tuesday at 3pm and once on a Wednesday at 11am – these times fit in with the Toddlers' Groups held in the Halls. The 20minute very informal service is great fun, with action

songs, a bible story with drama or things to look at, something to make to take home, a prayer, and sometimes quite a lot of noise! If you're under three you'll be very welcome – and please bring grown-ups along too, because they are sure to enjoy it.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation we don't have a definite start date; but are currently looking into how the Toddlers Groups and Pram Praise can safely restart – perhaps on Zoom? Please check the Liberton Kirk Facebook page, and the Liberton Kirk website, at www.libertonkirk.net for up-to-date information.

Mary Davidson 664 6789



‘Read your Bible, Pray every day, and you’ll grow .. grow .. grow!’

As a Church **the Bible** and **Prayer** are central to our life and work.
During the ups and downs of 2020 we have put this into practice
in ways we never imagined!

There are many ways we have shared in the journey of prayer together ...

- ◆ Placing *trypraying* booklets in a Perspex box at the Kirkgate Centre
- ◆ The weekly Prayer List
- ◆ The prayer time in the Elders Room on a Sunday morning
- ◆ The Prayer Tree and the Prayer Ministry Team each Sunday
- ◆ Prayers in our times of worship together
- ◆ Link Group times of sharing and praying together
- ◆ Upper Room space each Tuesday – time out with God
- ◆ The monthly Gathering for Prayer as a church family – even on Zoom !
- ◆ And other times of prayer in meetings and huddles in our life and work

Is Praying part of your daily life as you journey with God?

Have you tried “trypraying”?

Is there somewhere you can join deeper in this journey?

Do you subscribe to the Prayer List?

Do you visit the Upper Room?

*Could you become part of the Sunday morning prayer time or the monthly
Gathering for Prayer? Together let’s grow, grow, grow in our prayer lives!*

from the Prayer Ministry Team



September Diary

Tuesday 1 st	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 2.00pm – History Group
Wednesday 2 nd	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Thursday 3 rd	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 4 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 5 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 6th 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

All-age 'Zoom' Service @ 11am (with Guild)

(or, subject to the lifting of restrictions, we may be permitted to hold services in the church at 9.30am and 11am, and also to hold Sunday Buzz at 11am)*

Theme: The case of Jonah – part 1

Preacher: John Young

7.00pm – Joint 'Drive-in' service at Morrisons Car Park -
"Come by car & stay in the car".

Guest Speaker: Mike Parker

(Organised by the *BIG*idea churches – All welcome!)



Monday 7 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 8 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wednesday 9 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm – Kirk Session Executive
Thursday 10 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 11 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 12 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 13th 9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

All-age 'Zoom' Service @ 11am

(or, subject to the lifting of restrictions, we may be permitted to hold services in the church at 9.30am and 11am, and also to hold Sunday Buzz at 11am)*

Theme: The case of Jonah – part 2

Preacher: John Young

2.30pm – SEECAT planning meeting

Monday 14 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 15 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wednesday 16 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Thursday 17 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 18 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 19 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 20 th	9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 20th

All-age 'Zoom' Service @ 11am

(or, subject to the lifting of restrictions, we may be permitted to hold services in the church at 9.30am and 11am, and also to hold Sunday Buzz at 11am)*

Theme: The case of Jonah – part 3

Preacher: John Young

Monday 21st

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Tuesday 22nd

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Wednesday 23rd

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

7.30pm – Kirk Session Executive

Thursday 24th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Friday 25th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Saturday 26th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 27th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

All-age 'Zoom' Service @ 11am

(or, subject to the lifting of restrictions, we may be permitted to hold services in the church at 9.30am and 11am, and also to hold Sunday Buzz at 11am)*

Theme: The case of Jonah – part 4

Preacher: John Young

Monday 28th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Tuesday 29th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Night (zoom)

Wednesday 30th

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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Thursday 1st

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Friday 2nd

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Saturday 3rd

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 4th

COMMUNION SUNDAY

9.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

All-age 'Zoom' Service @ 11am

(or, subject to the lifting of restrictions, we may be permitted to hold services in the church at 9.30am and 11am, and also to hold Sunday Buzz at 11am)*

Theme: Sharing the word - John the Baptist

Preacher: John Young

*** Please check website for any changes to this diary which may occur if lockdown restrictions are eased libertonkirk.net/calendar**

To join in with the zoom on-line services, listed above, you will need to install "Zoom Cloud Meeting" software on your device (PC, laptop, phone or tablet)
This is available on Apple App store; or on Google Play, for Android devices; or from the ZOOM web site at <http://zoom.us>

Church open on Sundays!

While our 'virtual' Sunday morning services continue on Zoom, we have opened up the church building for those who struggle to join us on-line.

Numbers are restricted, however, so if you know of anyone who would like to come, please get in touch with John first, to check that there will be room for them.

tel 664 3067; email jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk

A prayer for September - Promised Land living

In Joshua we see Israel in the wilderness and the lesson that fullness of your will in us is through Jesus, and not the law.

Lord, just as your people Israel experienced swollen rivers and walled cities, so do we today with viruses and sickness, people lost in darkness, man's inhumanity to man, poverty and hardship close to home.

Equip us in your strength to overcome. Bring us into your fullness; deliverance, healing and abundant living; and plant in us the fruit of your Spirit.

Lord, your people had to wait faithfully and patiently to enter the promised land; they suffered the loss of Moses, but you met them in their loss, and provided for them a new leader to take them through.

When we become impatient in waiting for you to act, we need to remember that you operate on a different level to our understanding. Please help us to trust, and feel your presence with us, as we wait on you.

Thank you for your promise that you will never leave us alone. Amen

Audrey Hunter

South East Edinburgh Churches

In this area we have four Church of Scotland churches, three Roman Catholic and one Scottish Episcopal, which all meet and work together under the banner of SEECAT. Have a look at their website www.seecat.org to see what goes on. You can pick up a copy of the latest newsletter **Crosstalk** from the Liberton Kirk Centre Entrance (or read it on the website) to find out what has been going on in lockdown. Our programme of joint events in 2020/21 would usually be available in October (in print and on the website) but this year is likely to be delayed until we know exactly what sort of gatherings we can have.

Watch out for its appearance!

Ruth Davies, tel 664 3608





Church Flower dedications

6th September Mrs Jessie Burns, in memory of **James Burns**
13th September Mrs Margaret Thomson, in memory
of **Ivy Jameson**
20th September Ms Carol Anderson

In place of putting flowers into the Kirk at present time, and then giving them to members of the church, it has been agreed that the donations received would instead go to sending 'well wishes' cards, during Covid-19 restrictions, in place of giving out the flowers..

The Letters Lady - free service for anyone needing help

Letters

- Do you have letters to write to ask for information, make a complaint or voice an opinion
- Unsure how to word it or just need something typed up?

Forms

- Have you got a complicated form to fill in?
- Would you like some help sending an email or setting up a free email account?

Contact 'The Letters Lady' at Liberton Kirk

email lettersladyatlibertonkirk@yahoo.co.uk; phone Kim on 07986 581 931

Website Reflections

At the start of lockdown a new feature appeared on Liberton Kirk's website in the top right-hand corner.

The daily reflection was a life-saver in the early days of lockdown when on-line food orders were unobtainable, supermarket shelves were empty of basic goods, everything was closed, life wasn't easy, and panic wasn't far away.

Now that things have calmed down somewhat, although life is nowhere near normal (even a new normal), the

daily reflection is a life-enhancer. It points us to something beyond ourselves. It grounds us in what really matters. It reminds us we are loved.

Every day is different. We've had so many different faces and voices – initially a regular weekly team; but in July, a wide assortment of people from our church family, all anchored by John on Sundays.

What a blessing the Daily Reflection is! To all the contributors a very big "thank-you".

Join Girlguiding IN SOUTH EDINBURGH



Spaces available for GIRLS age 5-18...

- Adventure, fun and friendship start here!

VOLUNTEERS also needed. Have fun while...

- Empowering girls to realise their potential
- Trying new things & making new friends



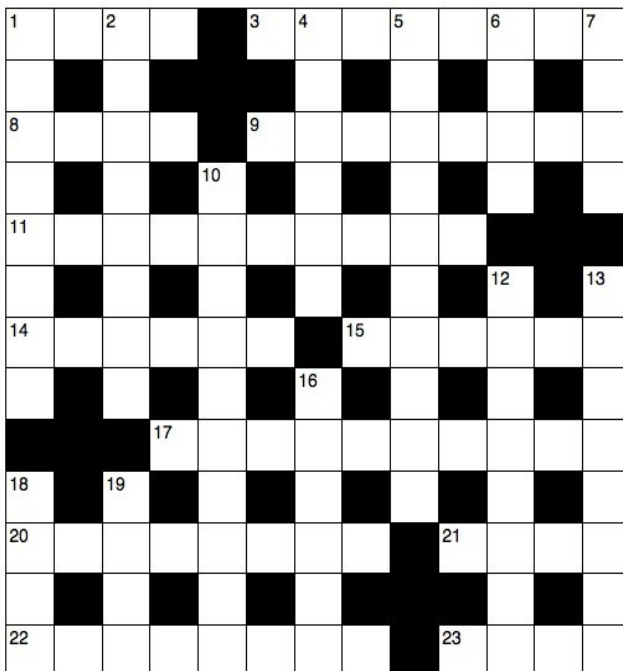
Email us on edincounty.recruitment@gmail.com
Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
 3 See 1 Across
 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)



- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Foodbank Donations

We continue to support the efforts at Tron Kirk, in connection with the Food Bank which they operate from their kirk premises. Deliveries to Tron are usually made on a weekly basis.

This is an important service in which the people of Liberton Kirk can assist, to promote service to our community.

Donations may be left at this time in the boxes in the Foyer of Kirk Centre, or, alternatively, they can be left at 36 Liberton Drive at any suitable time. If any special arrangement for uplift is required, or if you wish to make a cash or cheque donations (payable to Tron Kirk), please contact me. Thank you.

David Lamb tel 0131 664 3059 email david@dlamb.co.uk



Congregation News

I am sorry to record the deaths of **Mrs Pamela (Pam) Shaw** on 22nd May; **Mrs Elizabeth Meikle** on 18th May, **Mr Ian Sutherland** on 5th June, and **Mr Graeme Reid** on 30th June. I send my condolences to all their families and friends. [ED]



From Helen Sutherland

Helen and family would like to thank everyone at Liberton Kirk for all the kind messages of support, cards and flowers that they have received following the death of Ian on 5th June.

Helen would particularly like to thank Linda for all her pastoral support during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness has given much comfort to us all.

Memorial Service



Sadly, it seems increasingly unlikely that we will be able to hold the annual memorial service on the second Wednesday in December, not long before Christmas.

This service gives people who have been bereaved, a chance to remember their loved ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed, and others a

chance to come in support.

This year there will be those who have not been able to hold normal funerals for loved ones, and those who have lost people in the pandemic without being able to visit them.

Most of us have been touched by the death of someone in the past few months, even if they were not known to us personally.

Be assured that there will be a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for all those lost as soon as we are able to hold a big service once again, where we can be closer to one another than we can be just now.



LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

SEPTEMBER 20

**Praise the LORD, O my soul;
All my inmost being, praise his holy name.
*Psalm 103 verse 1***



During 2020 we have been 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.

In September we consider PROMISED LAND LIVING in JOSHUA and JUDGES – as well as words from Psalm 119 each weekend. We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion' during this interesting year of 2020.

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 into which the information provided fits, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

Morning

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 SEPTEMBER

Tue 1 st	Morning	Upper Room – DEUTERONOMY 32.39-52 – consider what is said here before we enter the Promised Land with Joshua. What do the words mean for you? and then pray in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read this verse again – reflect ... then pray in response to our God.
Wed 2 nd	Morning	JOSHUA 1 vs1-9 - consider these particular words today. What is God saying to you from them? Then Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those starting a new job at this time
	Evening	read the words again – slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day
Thu 3 rd	Morning	JOSHUA 1.10-18 – carefully consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those struggling with unemployment
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words here ... and then pray.
Fri 4 th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 2– consider these words about Rahab. What is God saying to you this morning? Pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in nursing homes near the Kirk
	Evening	read these words again take time to reflect....and pray to our God.
Sat 5 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 89 – 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	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 6 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 90 - consider this verse on this Sunday. What does it mean for you in your life at this time? Then pray in response to the LORD our God on this Sunday.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
Mon 7 th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 3 – take time to consider these verses. Crossing the Jordan! What is your response to God's Word to day? And then pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of South Sudan
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect ... then humbly pray in response
Tue 8 th	Morning	Upper Room – JOSHUA chapter 6 – consider these words. What is God saying to you today from them? – and then pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response as your day ends.
Wed 9 th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 7 – consider what is said here today. Which words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the land and people of Bangladesh at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.
Thu 10 th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 12 – take time to consider what is said here. What has God conquered in your life? Then pray to this God of ours.



What's
on in
2020/21 at
Liberton
Kirk

Scottish Charity No. 011602
www.libertonkirk.net

In these strange times, perhaps there should be a question mark after the heading above! Our usual activities are surrounded by uncertainty and await further Government guidelines. We hope and pray for a return soon. Watch the website and notice boards for details.

Sunday Morning Worship **9.30am and 11am**

For the moment we have one service on Zoom at 10.30 in August and 11am in September and onwards. Contact our minister if you would like to join in. When we can meet in the church in large numbers (and sing!) we will return, possibly with one service initially. The aim is to return when possible to our two services, the first traditional, the second contemporary family worship

Children and Young People

Children are an important part of our church from when they are born, and parents with children are welcome in church for the services. Details of the usual programmes for crèche, children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside. Our Youth and Children's Worker, Kenny McCartney, is currently keeping in touch with young families weekly, and meets virtually with the teenagers.

His email is youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net

Sunday Evening Worship at 7pm ***(refreshments from 6.30pm)***

Sunday evening worship is informal, and provides an opportunity to go deeper into the Christian faith, exploring topics more fully. It is held in the Kirk or the Kirk Centre. Watch the website and notice boards for a starting date and location.



Minister

JOHN YOUNG, 7 KIRK PARK, Tel 664 3067
jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk

A Typical Week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

Abbreviations AH - Anderson Hall; EP - Ewen Pavilion; ER - Elders' Room in the Church; F - Foyer; GR - George McDonald Room (Committee Room); RH - Recreation Hall; SH - Small Hall; WH - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

SUNDAY

- 09-30 to 10-15 Morning Service - Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month (except July & August)
- 10-20 to 10-50 Prayer Group (except July and August)
- 10-00 to 10-20 Prayer Group (July & August only)
- 11-00 to 12-15 Morning Service (except July and August)
- 10-30 to 11-30 Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club (July & August Only)
- 10-50 to 12-15 Crèche, up to age 3
- 10-45 to 12-15 Crazy Crosses - P7 to S2
- 10-30 to 12-15 BBC - S3 to S6
- 10-45 to 12-15 Sunday Club (Sunday BUZZ on first Sunday of the month) age 3 to P6 (AH,RH,SH)
- 18-30 to 20-00 Evening Worship

MONDAY

- 09-15 to 12-30 Art Group (RH)
- 09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Cafe (F)
- 14-00 to 16-00 Ladies Badminton (RH)
- 18-00 to 21-00 Young Life Club (WH)
- 19-30 to 22-00 Guild (1st and 3rd Mondays of each month) (AH)

TUESDAY

- 07-30 to 19-30 'Upper Room' Prayer Space (WH)
- 09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Cafe (F)
- 14-00 to 15-30 Carer and toddlers group (RH)
- 15.00 to 15-30 Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
- 17-15 to 18-15 93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
- 18-30 to 20-10 93rd Brownie Pack (RH)
- 18-30 to 20-00 93rd A Brownies (SH)
- 18-00 to 21-45 Boys Brigade, all sections (AH)
- 20-00 to 22-00 Scottish Dance Group (RH) (October to March)

WEDNESDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
10-00 to 12-00	Carer and toddlers group (RH)
11-00 to 11-30	Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
14-15 to 16-15	Guild - once a month (SH)
18-00 to 19-10	162nd Beavers (AH)
18-30 to 19-45	93rd C Brownies (SH)
18-30 to 20-00	162nd Cub Scouts (RH)
19-00 to 19-45	Minister's Consulting Hour (The Kirkgate Café)
19-00 to 21-00	'New Habits' Link Group (McD)
19-15 to 21-00	93rd A Guides (AH)
20-00 to 21-30	Gathering for Praise (alternate weeks) (Church)



THURSDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
14.00 to 16-00	Senior Citizens Club (AH) (Doors open 13:00)
19-00 to 20-30	93rd Guides (AH)
19-30 to 21-00	162nd Scouts (RH)

FRIDAY

9-30 to 12-30	MOPS Group (alternate weeks) (SH)
10-15 to 12-00	Friday Fellowship Link Group (McD)
17-30 to 18-30	93rdB Rainbow Unit (SH)

SATURDAY

16-00 to 18-00	Messy Church (monthly except June, July & December (AH, RH, SH, F)
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Please contact the Church Office on 0131 664 8264,
or email churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net,
or facilitiesmanager@libertonkirk.net
if you would like any more information about any of the above.

Various other groups and organisations meet in our buildings
throughout the year, please contact us for specific details

Many of the organisations would welcome new people to join them

Please be aware that in view of the ongoing COVID19 situation, some of
the listed meetings may have to be altered. Please check on our web page
www.libertonkirk.net for up to date information.

Other Worship Opportunities

Pram Praise for Toddlers & their Carers

Twice a month, once on Tuesday at 3pm and once on Wednesday at 11am, both in the Small Hall, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. Dates will be on notice boards.

Messy Church

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually held on the last Saturday of the month (except June, July and December) in the Kirk Centre from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, worship and food.

Watch website and notice boards for starting date

Gathering for Praise

The church musicians and singers meet on alternate Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the Kirk in normal times. When it is possible to sing together to worship God, they will return!

Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals

Not possible at the moment; but we would hope to resume these services at some point (Guthrie House – Last Tuesday, 2.30pm, Braid Hills – Third or Fourth Wednesday, 2.30pm, Braeside House – First Tuesday, 2pm, Liberton Hospital – Fourth Sunday, 2.30pm and Ellen's Glen House - First Sunday, 2.30pm (both joint with other churches)

A Praying Church

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church. Prayer requests can be left in the box in the halls entrance and will be prayed for by the Prayer Team. On the last Tuesday evening of most months we meet as a church community (currently on Zoom) for a time of prayer.

The Upper Room

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is normally open to all for prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays. We hope to make a space available – please watch the notice boards for details.

Link Groups

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. Some are currently meeting on Zoom. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, and support for the church's outreach programme. Group details and contacts are elsewhere in the magazine.

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	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Bolivia.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - pray to our God.
Fri 11 th	Morning	JOSHUA 13 vs1-7– take time to consider these verses as your day starts. What is God wanting to do in your life? And then pray.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Burundi.
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God.
Sat 12 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 92 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you this morning? Pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to this God.
Sun 13 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 94 – consider this verse this morning. What does it mean for you in your life? Then praise to our God in response.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... then pray to the LORD our God.
Mon 14 th	Morning	JOSHUA 18 vs1-10 - Consider this passage as your day starts. What is God saying to you? Then pray to Him humbly and honestly.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Cambodia.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, and pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 15 th	Morning	Upper Room – JOSHUA 20 – consider this 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 16 th	Morning	JOSHUA 21.43-45 - prayerfully consider these verses today. Is this how your life looks at this time? Then Pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Iraq at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... then pray at the end of your day.
Thu 17 th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 23 – consider these words this morning. What do they mean for you today? – pray in response as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Ethiopia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 18 th	Morning	JOSHUA 24.1-28 – consider what is said here in these verses. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Rwanda.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 19 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 96 – take time to consider these words. What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 20 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 97 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this verse again ... reflect .. and then pray with thanksgiving

LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon 21 st	Morning	JUDGES 1.27-36 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you in your life? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect, then pray to our God in response
Tue 22 nd	Morning	Upper Room – JUDGES 2 vs1-10 – consider these verses. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray in response
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, pray in response – for our world
Wed 23 rd	Morning	JUDGES 2.11-23 – consider what is said here. God at work! What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Leadership Ministry Team at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
Thu 24 th	Morning	UDGES 3 vs 1-6 - consider these verses today and then pause to pray for others in our church family at this time.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of God's help at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here then pray to God.
Fri 25 th	Morning	JUDGES chapter 6 – consider what is said here about Gideon. What is God saying to you today from His Word? pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of God's wisdom at this time.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 26 th	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 98 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.
Sun 27 th	Morning	PSALM 119 v 101 – take time to consider these words. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer.
	Evening	read this verse again ... reflect .. and then pray to our God.
Mon 28 th	Morning	JUDGES chapter 13 – take time to consider these words about Samson. What is God saying to you at this time? then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on members of your family at this time.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 29 th	Morning	Gathering for Prayer – JUDGES 16.4-22 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them? Pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response – for your family.
Wed 30 th	Morning	JUDGES 16 vs 23-31 – consider all that happens here. The death of Samson. What is God saying to you from His Word? And then pray to God as you step into this day.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those grieving at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ... and then pray to the LORD our God.

Fresh Start

Staff at FS have been working so hard, packing and delivering food for those in need now that the premises have been closed to volunteers due to lack of space for distancing.

They will ONLY be accepting HARD goods that can be easily cleaned such as small electrical items, pots, pans, crockery, food, sealed toiletries and cleaning items. ONLY items that are in good condition and clean should be donated.

They are NOT accepting soft furnishings such as bedding, towels, curtains and soft furnishings due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Anyone with goods to donate, please contact me on 664 3189. Sylvia Bennett.

FreshStart
helping people make a home for themselves

Messy Church

Have you heard about Messy Church for young families?

It's a monthly event for children aged 0-11, based on a variety of activities. It meets on the last Saturday of every month (except June, July and December) **from 4.00 - 6.00pm, in the Kirk Centre** opposite the church.

For the first hour, we meet together for different crafts and games.

The children can choose what to do, and any adults they bring with them can have a cup of tea and a chat with the volunteers and the other carers.

Then we all meet together for some songs and a Bible story, followed by a meal together, such as pizza or baked potatoes. There are always lots of lovely cakes for dessert. And it's all free! No need to book in advance!

Because of COVID 19 restrictions, we are unsure when we will be starting up again, but we hope to see you soon! Contact me on 666-1004 for more information, or see the church website for updates.



(Messy Church logo
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Fiona Devoy

Scottish Country Dancing

The Scottish Country Dance class normally meets every Tuesday evening in the Recreation Hall from 8.00 pm – 9.45 pm, starting in October and finishing at the end of March.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation we have had to take the difficult decision to postpone the start of the classes until at least the start of January 2021.

We will keep the situation under review and hopefully we will be able to restart in the New Year. Please check the Liberton Kirk website for up-to-date information – www.ibertonkirk.net.

When we do recommence we would be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced – the class is very informal and we all help one another. We learn some new dances but we also enjoy some of the old favourites. The most important thing is that we enjoy ourselves, while giving our bodies (and our brains!) a bit of a workout.

If you wish any further information please contact Mary Davidson on 664 6789 or email: marydavidson77@hotmail.com.



RAKE, CAKE, GIFT - Kirkgate Café - Refigured and restarted

The Café Board hope that you have managed the lockdown and are keeping well.

If you have read the summer magazine you will already know that, although the café was completely shut for business during lockdown, we were in partnership with Bridgend farm café, as their hub, to distribute 400 meals a week. By the time our partnership ended on 4th July we were supplying 500 meals to our community who were isolating or struggling in some way. Liberton Kirk enhanced the meals with bread, butter, fruit and a cake.

From 6th July until 8th August we provided 100 meals a week to our parish and Gracemount church to those who still need this kind of support. All of these meals were completely prepared from our café as our café manager, Norma Brown, returned to work from furlough from 1st July part time and now full time from 1st August. During this time we were also able to open up the café to do take away meals and allow customers to use our outside seating in the courtyard for meals.

As this article is being written our plan is to open the café from the 10th August to indoor customers and we sincerely hope that that will be the situation when you receive your magazine. As with all other businesses, faced with new rules and guidelines as a result of covid19, we have made many changes.

As well as cash, we are now able to take contactless payments, and our tables are arranged to adhere to regulations. Sanitising agents are in use, and clear signage have been installed to show the one way system etc. We hope that these arrangements will help you to feel comfortable when you come in.

Thankfully we still have a vibrant team of volunteers to help Norma, and they have taken the new rules on board with enthusiasm. The success of the café is due to their dedication and team work, and a huge thank you is due to them from all of us.

And so we look forward to welcoming back all our customers, along with our artisan gardeners who **RAKE**, to come in for coffee and **CAKE**. and enjoy the **GIFT** of good company and a friendly space to be in.

Jill Niven, Café Board Convener



The Café in your Community

Spectacles

Up to this time, we have been collecting old spectacles for re-cycling.

Originally these were sent to Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, who now no longer undertake this work. The recent collections have been passed to Specsavers, at Cameron Toll, who undertake recycling in a suitable manner.

In future, those with old spectacles may wish to pass these direct to Specsavers at Cameron Toll.

Thank you. David Lamb

Guild News for September

ALL WELCOME!

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ, and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

With around 17000 members, the Guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations. Although attended mainly by women, increasingly men are becoming members and taking active roles in the Guild, as is the case here at Liberton Kirk Guild, where we now have a male member on the committee.

The Guild at Liberton Kirk would normally begin in October and finish at the end of March. It meets at 7.30pm on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Kirk Centre and on the second Wednesday of each month, apart from January, at 2.15pm, again in the Kirk Centre. Each meeting usually has a speaker, followed by a time to socialise afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee. We hold two coffee mornings during each session to raise money for the Guild Projects that we are supporting and we enjoy an Afternoon Tea outing in April.

Due to the current circumstances, however, the Guild will only have three meetings from October to December (via Zoom). Our first meeting will be on Monday 19th October, then Monday 2nd November and Monday 7th December. We are hoping that we will be able to resume normal meetings in January.

Please note that there will be no Afternoon Guild meetings until February.

Our new syllabus is based on the National Guild Strategy for this session -

One Journey, Many Roads – "The Extra Mile".

You can uplift a copy of this syllabus from the shelf just inside the entrance to the Kirk Centre. Guild information can also be found on the church's website, and in the monthly magazine.

More details of the first meeting (via Zoom) will be given in the October magazine. Alternatively, please phone the Guild Secretary for more details.

The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild on its journey this session.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) tel 664 1171



Senior Citizens Club

Senior citizens: always look on the bright side!

We haven't been together, listening to our bands, having our tea and cakes and biscuits, and enjoying each other's company, for many months now, but we're very much together in mind and spirit!

Jenni and her wonderful team of helpers have been phoning round every 2 or 3 weeks, and they're all reporting back with the same message: you're all doing really well in these troubled times, hanging on in there and getting on with it. Even in times like this you are all a joy and an inspiration.

Bryan has been in touch with all our entertainers to sympathise, and thank them for their great music and loyalty. They all send their love and best wishes and can't wait to get back. We are very popular, you know!

Sadly, but inevitably, we've lost members as the months have passed by - our lovely treasurer, **Ian Sutherland**, passed away in June, a tremendous man in so many ways and a true giant in the club. Love to Helen and all their family.

We have also lost **Jessie Hines**, a real bright spark in the club, and Joyce **Gadsbey**, a very genteel lady who always had a beautiful smile. We miss them all.

I can't wait for us all to be back together again. What a great celebration we'll have.
Jenni Ryalls, President

Our Senior Citizens Club is like an extended family and normally runs every year from January to April, then August to December and celebrates our wonderful seniors. We have up to 90 members but even though there's so many people we are still a friendly crowd! You will be made very welcome by Jenni Ryalls and her teams.

We meet in the Anderson Hall within the Kirk Centre on the Thursdays from 2pm-4pm although the hall is open from 1pm. Each week we have different entertainers, from a choir to solo folks, to in-house entertainers. Once a month we have a raffle, with a variety of prizes to be won. We also normally have Marie Curie visiting us with their Christmas gifts in early November.

Like any family we celebrate milestones in every single members life whether that be birthday or the birth of a grandchild or engagement & on the week of their birthday every member gets a handmade birthday card!

We have afternoon teas. At our last meeting before Christmas Santa always manages to call into the club before his marathon delivery round the world.

If you need it, transport can be provided, just ask and we'll see what we can do!

Should you need to contact us for any reason at all please phone

President Jenni Ryalls – 0741 533 5889

Pastoral Support Worker Linda Wright – 0785 041 1596

For further details about the Senior Citizens meeting including info about

All our members will be contacted to inform them of club opening details,
but to find out when we're going to start up again, please keep an eye
on the Kirk Magazine, or on the Kirk's website at www.libertonkirk.net

Thought & Trot

After a few months of enforced walking in solitude, I'm delighted to announce that the 2nd Saturday of each month is Thought & Trot day again!

I am looking forward to *Thought & Trot* Saturdays, as it means taking a few hours out of my usually hectic life to tank up fresh energy in a nature walk, with good company. We trotters meet in the morning or early afternoon at Liberton Kirk to venture out for a 2-3.5 hours walk in the woodlands or hills around Edinburgh, the Lothians or the Borders. We usually crown our outing with a well-deserved drink in a pub. Apart from the day out in nature, one of the things I like most about *Thought & Trot* is its wonderfully fluid and welcoming spirit. The group consists of a small core group of 'regulars', not all of whom are church goers, and a wider group of people who join occasionally. This prevents the group from becoming cliquey. The walks are a great opportunity to get to know people from the Liberton Kirk community better. They are also a perfect opportunity to invite friends who are reluctant to join Christian activities. Ricardo, one of my work colleagues from Mexico, who visited Scotland for a few months, and joined some of the walks, wrote in his leaving note:

"The Thought & Trot walks were one of the highlights of my stay and completely changed my opinion of Christians – they made me feel welcome and accepted despite our difference in belief. A nice bunch of people."

Inspired by the walks, Ricardo and I had some very good discussions about Christian faith at work. He did not become a Christian (yet), but I hope to think that we have both become less judgemental and open minded. Why not treat yourself to a *Thought & Trot* adventure on one of the upcoming Saturdays?

For more info see the Liberton Kirk website libertonkirk.net/thought-trot or contact me (mobile or WhatsApp 07910 471 174, email: andrea.doeschl@gmail.com)
Andrea Wilson



Bethany Care Van and Night Shelter.



**Bethany
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Based in Edinburgh, Bethany is a Scottish Christian charity to relieve the suffering, and to meet the long term needs of homeless and vulnerable people.

Bethany provide hot drinks, soup and rolls 364 days a year at lunch time and in the evening from the Care Van. The Care Van is manned with volunteers from churches in the Lothian area of which Liberton Kirk is one. The team from Liberton go out every second

Wednesday in the month with a driver and 2-3 other volunteers. There are various stops in the city centre, where soup etc are given out, as well as any clothes which have been handed in.

Any donations of new socks, men's boxers and ladies' underwear are always welcome. Also jackets, sleeping bags and blankets. They can be left in the Offering House.

We are always need volunteers especially anyone who is willing to drive the Care Van. On the job training is given. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Eleanor Grieve at ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk



Care Van.

Night Shelter

Bethany also run a Night Shelter from September to April (approx.) situated in various churches. The long term plan is that the Night Shelter will be based in Diadem which will have beds, showers and washing facilities.

Teams from the Lothian wide churches go in and provide a 2 course meal for the users of the service. Bethany staff are also present and stay overnight. Liberton usually provide a team of 7-8 people on 2 occasions during the 7 months that the Shelter is open.

1 person may be required to drive the mini bus which is used to pick up the clients but will be accompanied by a member of Bethany Staff.

If you wish any more information re the Night Shelter please contact Neil Hay at neilhay@me.com

Thank you.



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Lockdown thoughts



During lockdown many people are trying different activities, so I thought I would give painting a go. I had looked at paint by numbers before; but this time when I had the intention of buying, this picture popped up on my screen. It's not the usually colourful kitten, or artistic Paris street scene; but it got me thinking about 'nudges'.

This painting is the story of one of the characters in my book - a book

that has been a series of nudges about a soldier killed in combat who comes back as an angel.

I don't remember the initial nudge that prompted me to start writing it -the old manuscript just fell out of a box when we were moving house.

Just before it was published I went into my office one day to be confronted by a large picture on a hoarding outside which looked so much like a character from the book that I stopped in my tracks, and I had to check out who this person was.

It turns out that it was a researcher in the building next door, and that his research was exactly what we needed for an inaugural event being organized at the anatomical museum. This 'nudge' led to the researcher become a guest speaker at the event, which is now in its third year of running; because that first event was so popular.

That researcher also introduced me to the team that are currently supervising my PhD. I'm only 6 months in but I have already met so many amazing people that I would never have encountered if it hadn't been for that first nudge.

Once the book was published, a friend from my yoga class read it. She then got her two book groups to read it, and she told me that she had returned to church as a consequence of reading it - she had stopped attending following the death of her husband a few years ago.

That was not the intention of the book, and I am still not sure why it would have that effect; but it is scary to think that it had changed someone's life in that way.

I kept getting the nagging feeling that I needed to tell our minister, John Young about this event. Eventually an email was sent, 'something is telling me I need to let you read this book . . ." John read it. He laughed and enjoyed it, asked for the sequel.

When covid struck and I had the possibility of redirecting the profits from the book to the church for the provision of the meals. It didn't raise a great amount but, as they say, every little helps.

As I start my painting I'm waiting to see where the next nudge takes me.

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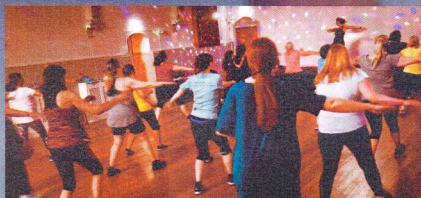
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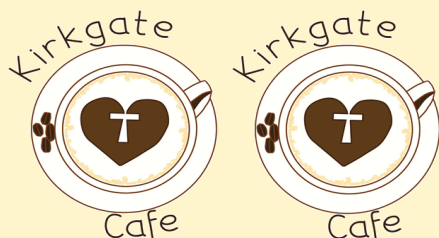
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All being well we hope to have restarted table service inside by the time you receive this magazine



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Monday 9am – 2pm

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Articles can also be left in my box in the Offering House, or sent to me at 8 Fairmile Avenue
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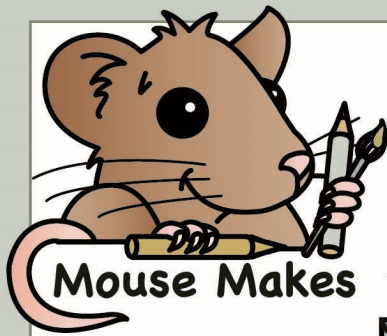
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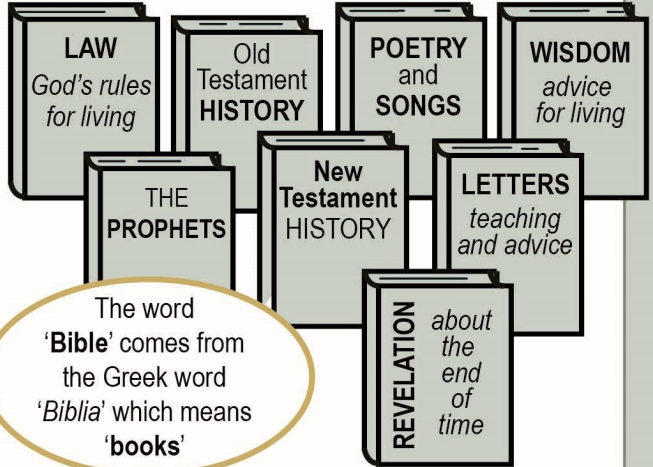
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