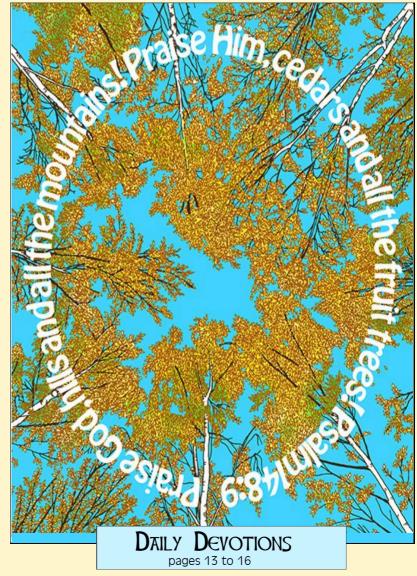
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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus' Vision Statement



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### Prayer for October



O Great King of kings, Your kingdom come. We say Your will be done, In our lives, In your Church, In this world, As it is in heaven. For yours is the eternal kingdom, All the power and heavenly glory. Amen





### **Congregational News**

I am sorry to record the death of **Mrs Maureen Bisset** on 10th August, **Lillian Baxter**, on 17th August, and **Mrs Audrey Parks** on 6th September and send my sympathies to all her relatives and friends [Ed.].



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### Are you having a corona day?

One of the things I have found to be really supportive in the current pandemic, has been the weekly Team Prayer times. For the last six months the members of the Gracemount and Liberton staff team have continued to meet up on Zoom every Tuesday morning, to share what's going on in our lives and pray for each other.

We always begin our time together with someone sharing a 'thought for the day', and a few weeks ago, when it was the turn of Kenny, our Youth Worker, he used a new phrase. 'I've been having a corona day', he said.

What is a 'corona day'? It's that feeling of being out of sorts with yourself and the world. A feeling caused by having to deal simultaneously with that urgent sense that you should be doing something, and the frustration of not being quite sure what can be done.

It's a feeling compounded by the uncertainty generated by an everchanging situation and a constant revision of the rules as to what is and is not allowed. Here at Liberton, for example, we are living with half an eye on the latest guidelines about the easing of lockdown, and half an eye on the daily news bulletins, with their talk of hotspots and a second wave.

Are you having a corona day today? If so, here are a couple of quotes that I find helpful just now. The first are some timeless words of Jesus, recorded in his Sermon on the Mount –

So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the godless run after all these things, and your heavenly Father already knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own .(Matthew 6.31-34)

The second is from the chorus of an old Albarn / Delnaja song which was inspired by this passage and made popular by Lena Martell:

One day at a time sweet Jesus that's all I'm asking from you Give me the strength to do every day what I have to do Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine So for my sake teach me to take one day at a time.

Much Love,

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



### Faith Story from David and Fiona Devoy

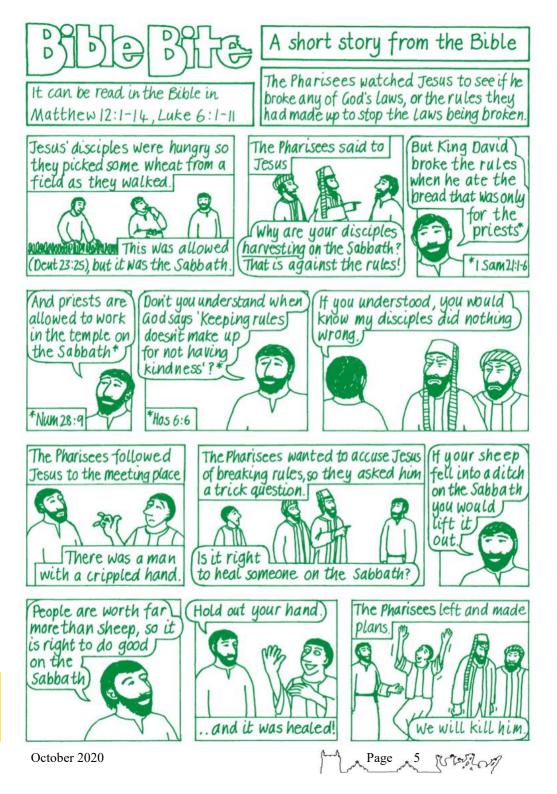
David's story - When I was 5 years old, I used to go to a Christian meeting every Friday night with my friends in Kilmarnock, called the Cross Mission. Now, with nearly 60 years of hindsight I have to say that I would not have been an easy child to work with. I was noisy and disruptive, but the strange thing is that despite that, the message the leaders were teaching was planted in my heart. It has stuck with me all through my life -all through adolescence and

my science studies at university, (when I discovered the mysteries of the cosmos can all be 'explained' through quantum mechanics), right up until I met Fiona, and we joined North Leith Church. When I was relating this story to a friend one day, she said, "One of the leaders must have been praying for you". And in that moment I knew she was right. And the message that I took from this, is that someone did not give up on me so I have no right to ever give up on anybody else.

Fiona's story – I was born in the west of Scotland, with all its religious and cultural divisions. My father was RC, and my mother was Baptist, but dad must have 'renounced the faith', because my siblings and I were sent to Baptist Sunday School. As a teenager, a young trendy minister came to a school assembly one day, and invited us to his youth fellowship group. My sister and I went along and I was baptised at the age of 17, and became part of the Church of Scotland branch of the church universal, for better or for worse. I would love to say that my Christian path has been steady and serene, but that would not be honest!- I think I have always had a sense of what is called God, felt more in absence, than in presence. My faith story is strewn with failure and wanderings, rather than walking a straight line or any race-running towards the goal. My relationship with the Creator is about hope and anger. stillness and discovery, joy and curiosity, and gratitude and doubt. I think our faith is about the messiness of our humanity, meeting with the holiness and mystery of the eternal, through Christ who is the meeting place between our humanity and his divinity. Grand words, I suppose, but our faith isn't really about theology, but the meeting with God we do tentatively and hopefully. every day of our lives on earth.

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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### Food donation to Rutune Village

In June, a donation from the World Mission Team's funds enabled the purchase of vital foodstuffs for 16 of the elderly women of Rutune Village in Embu, Kenya.

The village had been adversely affected by locust invasions as well as Covid-19, and Nelson Muturi's parents **\*\*** were able to use the money to buy and distribute maize meal, rice, bread, cooking oil, salt and sugar. After the video footage from Rutune was shown at our weekly 'zoom' service, a further £950.00 was donated by members of the congregation.

Thankyou to these kind donors for their great generosity. We'll keep you updated on the situation and how the money is being used.



\*\* Loading car for trip to village

For details of the World Mission Team's activities please contact roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk



Neighbourhood Scheme If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Linda Wright on 07850 411596, who will try to find someone to help

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### October 2020 Diary

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

| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |  |  |  |
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| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |  |  |  |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | COMMUNION SUNDAY   |  |  |  |
|   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>9.30am</b> – <b>Short service in the Kirk</b><br>(until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book<br>your place due to restrictions on numbers)  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>11am – Zoom service online</b><br>(with opportunities for families with children to worship together<br>in the Kirk – Contact Kenny to book your place)           |  |  |  |
|   | Theme for both services: Sharing the word – John the Baptist<br>Preacher: John Young   |  |  |  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>   | <sup>1</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café<br><b>10.30am-12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom</b> |  |  |  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |  |  |  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 8.0  | 00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |  |  |  |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> (10.10.20) – <b>Area wide prayer walk based on John 10.10</b> (see Website for details) |  |  |  |  |
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| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |  |  |  |
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|   | Theme for both services: Sharing the word – Andrew & Philip<br>Preacher: John Young  |
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| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe   |
| Wednesday 14  | <sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe<br><b>2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom<br/>7.30pm – Kirkgate Trust (on Zoom)</b>   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe<br><b>7.30pm –Sharing God's Word in the Early Church 1 (on</b><br><b>Zoom)</b>  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook  |
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|                           | <b>11am – Zoom service online</b><br>(with opportunities for families with children to worship together<br>in the Kirk – Contact Kenny to book your place)  |
|                           | Theme for both services: Sharing the word – Philip the Deacon Preacher: John Young  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe<br><b>7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)</b>  |
| Wednesday 28              | <sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café<br><b>2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom</b>  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook<br>9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe<br><b>7.30pm – Sharing God's Word in the Early Church 2</b> (on<br>Zoom)   |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook   |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook   |

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

**9.30am** – **Short service in the Kirk** (*until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers*)

### 11am – Zoom service online

(with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny to book your place)

Theme for both services: Sharing the word – Lydia Preacher: John Young

To join in with the zoom on-line services and meeting, 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

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### Reflections from the Bench - from Calum Gubby

Benjamin Franklin observed that if one fails to plan, then one ought to plan to fail; yet we have all, in some way, had our excellent and established plans thwarted, cancelled, or postponed due to the emergence of COVID-19.

In previous years, I would receive the themes for each Sunday a couple of months in advance, which allowed me to prepare my organ music on a month-by-month basis; however, in late 2019, I was sent the themes for all services in 2020. The ability to consider a varied repertoire over an entire year at once filled me with such pleasure that I duly spent the first Saturday of the year planning my music for the next fifty-two Sundays.

I had great ambitions, such as providing a special arrangement of 'The Star-Spangled Banner' for our American visitors at the morning service before the launch of Stage 'n' Slam, or performing the twelve -minute 'Scène Pastorale' by Lefébure-Wély for Harvest Thanksgiving. Alas, these plans all fell by the wayside after lockdown.

Since my appointment to Liberton Kirk in 2013, it has been my objective to host a special musical item each year, and I have attempted to provide alternatives to the traditional organ recital: for example, I performed the 'Partridge Pie' piano recital to close our Bicentenary Celebrations in 2015, the 'Fifteen for 15' organ voluntaries performed during the five Sunday services in May 2016 to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the Wyvern organ; and the ambient piano music at the 'Count Me In!' meals in 2019. Whilst preparing the music for 2020. I discovered a cycle of piano pieces by the American composer Edward Alexander MacDowell entitled 'Sea Pieces'. It was my intention to use these piano pieces as special voluntaries to accompany the theme of Jonah in September 2020. MacDowell's compositions are rich with literary of pictorial associations with the sea – one can almost smell the ocean in these pieces. I hope to eventually be able to share 'Sea Pieces' with you all one day at a future event when the occasion allows.

By the time you read this, Liberton Kirk will have returned to holding a 9.30 a.m. service (from September), and it has been a great honour to be recalled to the organ for these. This would normally be where I listed forthcoming music for the month; but, as I write this message in August, these services are yet to resume. Perhaps it is a lesson I have learned from COVID-19, but I have decided to 'play it by ear' and select my music on a week-by-week basis; life within a pandemic makes next week an uncertainty, let alone planning for two months hence.

I have, however, determined that the organ music for September and October will all be soft voluntaries to reflect the shorter and quieter nature of the new 9.30 a.m. service, and they will be generally be well-known pieces by the great masters. Calum

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### Youth News from Kenny

Back in December, Kirk Session agreed to appoint a team to complete a training programme called Growing Young alongside  $\sim$  20 other parish churches.

The programme is an export of Fuller Theological Seminary in Los Angeles which is being taken up by a group of Church of Scotland congregations. If you were at Kirk Session, you'll remember that I gave John a hard time for sending a few of us to Kinross on a cold winter night to hear from a bunch of bubbly Californians. And yet on that dark return journey back across the Queensferry Crossing I could only admit that it was then and is now worth both my attention and yours.

Your appointed team has formally started the course of study for the next full year. We have begun a listening exercise to hear from our young people first, and the Link Group leaders have also been consulted. All of this is especially challenging in the era of COVID and yet we have many others to involve. One of the core statements of the programme is the following: "Growing Young isn't about changing youth ministry. It's about changing church culture." We believe it is worth finding some space outside of the busyness of regular ministry to reflect and craft a plan that equips the whole church to better minister to young people.

The real tension I feel as I write this article is that I might mistakenly insinuate that the members of Liberton Kirk aren't ministering to young people already or historically. Or that we are failing our young people and we must do better. Or we must "grow young" to survive. Or, or, or... I am keen to dispel any notion that our participation in the programme is about. Rather we are choosing to listen to other members of Christ's church with humility, in hopes that we might learn something to share within our own family in order to edify the whole body in our pursuit of making followers of Jesus.

Paul reminds us in 2 Cor. 5 the tall task for which we are charged. "[God] has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

It's pretty humbling to think that each of us as believers are an ambassador which has been entrusted with the message of reconciliation. At that meeting in Kinross there were a handful of church leaders I spotted which oversee impressive reputations of healthy and vibrant congregations full of young people, and yet they too were seeking to listen and learn. I marvelled - these were ministers and ambassadors who I admire as much as our own leaders here. So perhaps this is an opportunity for us to listen and learn as well. We've got it really good at Liberton Kirk and there's a lot to be thankful for; the Lord has blessed our church family in countless ways. In our gratitude to God for all that we have, we hope you will join with us as we endeavour to be the best ambassadors we can be.

Kenny McCartney, Youth Worker

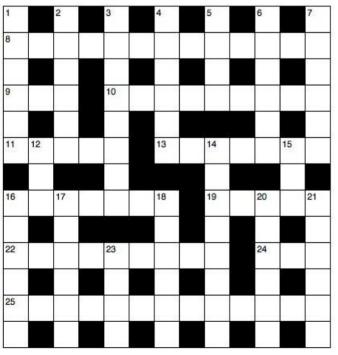
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### Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under the ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

### Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)



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14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

Crossword

- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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### LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

OCTOBER 20 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe Hebrews 12 verse 28

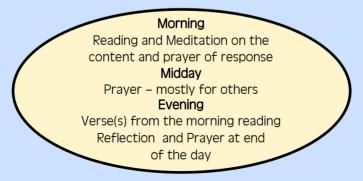


During 2020 we have been looking at *standing on the promises of God* - as well as dipping into *Psalm 119* some weekends - pausing in praver at our times of *Midday Devotion* for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time.

In October we consider Bible words on the KINGDOM OF GOD – including the words of 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 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.



Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet -Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

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| Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Morning | 1 SAMUEL 8 – carefully consider these words this morning. What             |
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|                      |         | do they mean for you this morning? – pray in response to God.              |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on the staff of a local shop near your home            |
|                      | Evening | read the verses again – reflect on the words here, and then pray.          |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Morning | 1 SAMUEL 16 1-13 – consider these words on this Friday. What               |
|                      |         | is God saying to you this morning? Pray to this God, our God.              |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on the staff who work on our buses                     |
|                      | Evening | read these words again, take time to reflect, and pray to our God          |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 119 verse 103 – 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 Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer                    |
|                      | Evening | read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read       |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 119 verse 104 - consider this verse this Sunday morning.             |
|                      |         | 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 words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today               |
|                      | Evening | read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and               |
|                      |         | then pray  |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 93 – 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  | pray God's blessing on those who live near the Kirk                        |
|                      | Evening | read the verses again – reflect then humbly pray in response               |
| Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 95 – consider these words on this morning. 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 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 96 – consider what is said here today.                               |
|                      |         | What words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours.              |
|                      | Midday  | pray a blessing on the City Council in our city at this time.              |
| 41-                  | Evening | read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.                 |
| Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 97 – take time to consider what is said here. What do                |
|                      |         | these words mean for you today? Then pray to this God of ours.             |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on those who work in the NHS.                          |
| th.                  | Evening | read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning | PSALM 99 – 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 who work in the emergency services.           |
| th                   | Evening | read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God.       |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | PSALM 119 verse 105 – take time to consider these words                    |
|                      |         | today. What is God saying to you this morning? Pray to Him in              |
|                      |         | response.  |
|                      | Midday  | pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer.                   |
|                      | Evening | read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to this God.         |

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| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> | Morning                                | PSALM 119 v108 – consider this verse this morning. What do they mean for you today? Praise to our God in response.   |
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| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning           | pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today<br>read the words again – reflect, pray to the LORD our God.<br>MATTHEW 4 vs 23-30 - Consider this passage as your day<br>starts today. What is God saying to you? Then pray to Him   |
| Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning<br>Midday | humbly and honestly.<br>pray God's blessing on our children and young people.<br>read the words again – reflect, and pray to our God as your day closes.<br>MATTHEW 5 vs 1-12 – consider this passage today. What is<br>God saying to you today? then take time to pray to this God<br>take time to listen for God to speak with you – |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> | Evening<br>Morning                     | 'Thy Kingdom Come'<br>read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God<br>MATTHEW 6 vs 5-15 - prayerfully consider these verses.<br>Which words stay with you? Then Pray to this God, our God.  |
| Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning           | pray God's blessing on those in need of knowing God's peace today<br>read the words again – reflectthen pray at the end of your day<br>MATTHEW 7 vs 21-23– consider these words this morning. What<br>do they say to you today? – pray in response as your day starts.   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning           | pray God's blessing on those who walk through the cemetery land<br>read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.<br>MATTHEW 10 vs 5-15– consider what is said here by Jesus.<br>What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to  |
|                      | Midday<br>Evening                      | Him in response.<br>pray God's blessing on those preparing to teach God's Word.<br>read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our<br>God.  |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> | Morning                                | PSALM 119 verse 111 – take time to consider these words.<br>What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray to this<br>God.  |
|                      | Midday<br>Evening                      | pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer<br>read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what<br>you read.  |
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> | Morning                                | PSALM 119 v 112 – take time to consider these words today.<br>What do they mean for you this morning? – pray in response   |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning           | pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today<br>read this verse again, reflect and then pray with thanksgiving<br>MATTHEW 13 vs 1-23 – take time to consider these words.<br>What do they mean for you this morning? pray in response.   |
| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> | Midday<br>Evening<br>Morning           | pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates<br>read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response<br>MATTHEW 13 vs 24-30 – consider these verses today.<br>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!  |

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| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> | Evening | read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world     |
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| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> | Morning | MATTHEW 13 vs 31+32 – consider what is said here. What do                |
|                      |         | the words mean for you? Pray to God as you step into today.              |
|                      | Middov  |  |
|                      | Midday  | pray a blessing on our Leadership Ministry Team                          |
|                      | Evening | read the words again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God            |
| Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Morning | MATTHEW 13 vs 33-35 - consider these verses today and                    |
|                      |         | then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.          |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on those in need of God's guidance at this time      |
|                      | Evening | read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray       |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Morning | MATTHEW 25 vs 1-13 – consider what is said here. What is God             |
| 11125                | Worning | saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him                      |
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|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on those in need of God's strength at this time      |
| th                   | Evening | read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God         |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | PSALM 119 verse 114 – take time to consider these words to               |
|                      |         | day. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to this God.           |
|                      | Midday  | pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer                  |
|                      | Evening | read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read     |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | PSALM 119 v 116 – take time to consider these words. 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 |  |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> | Evening | read this verse again, reflect, and then pray with thanksgiving          |
| IVION 20             | Morning | ACTS 1 vs 1-11 – take time to consider these words today.                |
|                      |         | What do they mean for you this morning? Pray in response.                |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on your neighbours                                   |
| 46                   | Evening | read the verses again – reflect, then pray to our God in response        |
| Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | Gathering for Prayer - COLOSSIANS 1.1-14 – consider these verses         |
|                      |         | today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray to Him.            |
|                      | 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 our world    |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | HEBREWS 12 vs 28+29 – consider what is said here. What do the            |
| 1100 20              | Werning | words mean for you? Then pray to God as you step into today.             |
|                      | Midday  | pray a blessing on members of your family at this time.                  |
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| Thu ooth             | Evening | read the words again – reflect and then pray to the LORD our God.        |
| Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | JAMES 2 vs 1-13 - consider these verses today and then pause             |
|                      |         | to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.                     |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on those in need of God's comfort at this time.      |
|                      | Evening | read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.      |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> | Morning | REVELATION 5 – consider all that is said here today. What is             |
|                      | -       | God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him.                 |
|                      | Midday  | pray God's blessing on those in need of seeing God as King at this time. |
|                      | Evening | read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God         |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> | Morning | PSALM 119 verse 117 – take time to consider these words this             |
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|                      | Malalar | morning. What do they mean for you? Take time to Pray to God.            |
|                      | Midday  | pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer.                 |
|                      | Evening | read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read.    |
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### The Word For Today

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House at the gate. In September it was Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd), and in the early weeks of October it will be part of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's Gospel, changing to a passage from Isaiah later in the month. On each verse there's a short comment to think about and a suggested prayer. Enjoy getting to know God's word better, and encourage others to do the same!

**Ruth Davies** 

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### Guild News for October

### Theme 2020 - 2021: The Extra Mile

Our first meeting of the new session will be on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, via Zoom. Log-in details will be sent to Guild members before this meeting. If you are not a member, but are interested in joining us, please get in touch with the secretary. (Phone details below.)

The first part of the meeting will take the form of a Dedication Service led by our minister, Rev. John Young.

This will be followed by a talk by Ken Logan on his visit last year to India, to see the work undertaken by Rotary International for its "End Polio Now" campaign. When a child gets immunised, blue dye is put on one finger to show that he or she has been treated. We are reminded of this at Liberton Kirk in Springtime, when the grass in front of the church is a sea of over 5000 purple crocuses, which were planted a few years ago by Ken himself, aided by some volunteers.

After his visit to India, Ken flew on to Tanzania to see the Rotary Club of Braids' projects there. Liberton Guild donated pencils and other stationery for distribution in schools in Ukerewe, so we look forward to hearing about how this scheme is progressing. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) Tel: 664 1171

### Cross Reach

This past year has certainly been a year like **CROSS** no other; but the good news is that ...

### ... Christmas IS happening!

Like you, we will be especially enthusiastic to reach out to friends and family this year. With this in mind, it's a good time to let you know that the CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Collection will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, with new, exciting, bright cards, and ever popular traditional cards. There really is something for everyone! From 1<sup>st</sup> September you can see and order the Christmas Cards and Calendars on-line at shop.crossreach.org.uk

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# CROSS REACH

### World Polio Dau

Once again our church and many other buildings in Edinburgh and around the UK will be bathed in purple during the week 17th - 25th October 2020. World Polio Day celebrates the birth on the 24th October of Jonas Sark, who introduced the first polio vaccine. I experienced earlier this year the reason why we have purple4polio. It is to track children who have been immunised in areas of large immunisations eg the latest figure of a mass immunisation in Pakistan was 32(million)100,802 children between 6 and 59 months who were immunised by a total of 225,000 vaccinators in less than a week

Polio cases in the world have been reduced significantly since Rotary took on the challenge, in 1985, of eradicating the polio virus in the world. The figure then was 350.000 cases world wide. Today there are just over 100 cases of the wild polio virus in only two countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan. August saw Nigeria and thus the African continent celebrating being wild polio virus free. It is Rotary's primary aim to eradicate the polio virus and rid the world of this terrible disease. I often get asked why continue to spend millions of pounds when there are so few cases of polio in the world in two countries so far away. We all know what happened in Wuhan, Hubei, China in December 2019. Afghanistan and Pakistan are only a plane ride away. Enjoy seeing our Church in a new light. Kenneth Logan., Polio Coordinator,

Rotary District 1020, Tel: 0131 664 4165, Mob. 07800 5100 67

### Flower dedications for October

Convener for October: Volunteer needed, please phone Jean Gray, 258 2081

| 4th October  | Mrs Joan Lynch, Flat 2/2 Talla Street, in memory of Alice and |
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|              | Jim Robbie  |
| 11th October | Mrs Sheila McBryde, 15 Alnwickhill Drive, in memory of Violet |
|              | Campbell  |
| 18th October | Ms Jean R Wilson ,12/6 Craigend Park, in memory of Minnie     |
|              | Brown   |
| 25th October | The Guild, in memory of all past Guild members                |

### Elder's Sundau Duties

### Stewarding duties for the 9-30am service

October: Clair Maybury, Kim Denholm

November: David Lamb, Fiona Knight

December: Chris Young, Eric Brown

Any elder unable to attend <u>must</u> arrange a substitute. *Alison Walker* 664 3631

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### Editors note

Material for the November issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT <u>no later</u> than Sunday 11th October

The deadline for the December/ January 2021 magazine is 15th November

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Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact John Young if you have a special request.

Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.

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# Link Groups

### Weekly Groups

Thrive - Wednesdav evening Kirk House, 30 Kirkgate Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk 01968 670752 or 07952 949 062

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

### **Fortnightly Groups**

Pathfinders - Tuesdav evening at 7pm 5 Stennis Gardens Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128 mail@pearlkellv.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@iardineclan.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 Diike - 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@bluevonder.co.uk)

Actual meetings in leader's houses are currently suspended, however some groups are continuing, 'meeting' using ZOOM. Contact the group leader for information, if you are interested in any particular link group

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