

LIBERTON KIRK NEWS EXTRA
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Dear Friends,



On Tuesday evening we had a thunder and lightening storm that I had not experienced since working in Africa 35 years ago. Watching and listening from my flat it sounded quite scary, it sounded how I imagine it might be in a war zone. In Africa I was in a mud hut with a thatched roof and

remember how scary it felt there too. The following morning the news had accounts of flooding in Falkirk, Perth and a few other spots where cars were awash and roads impassable. This photo was taken by John Gill our magazine editor on the morning after the storm.



It reminded me of the disciples when they were in the boat with Jesus and a storm rose up and the disciples were scared, they worried they were going to die and Jesus slept. They woke him and he calmed the storm. The photograph shows day light breaking through the remnant of the stormy sky. Jesus cares for each of you and the storms you have faced and may yet face. There is hope in him. The disciples were afraid as we are too at times but Jesus is our strength and hope in difficulties.

We hear so much on the news deaths, recession, wars, and storms and we could be forgiven for being afraid of the future not only for us but for our children, grandchildren and for some even great grandchildren. However Jesus is our hope.

There are glimmers of hope around us amongst the gloom and starkness of life. Today, two of my friends had granddaughters starting school, full of hope and big smiles from the children. Children and young people are going back to school, I am sure with a mixture of emotions. Some loving the idea and others who enjoyed being at home might find it a bit more challenging. Instead of the usual Summer Buzz Kenny McCartney and his team ran TV Buzz for P1-P7 children and I believe it was a lot of fun.

The café is in operation and it was lovely on Monday to see some familiar faces tucking into their cheese scones and coffee. John is back in the Kirk on a Sunday while most of us are tuning in by zoom some who do not have the technology available are joining John in church. This has to be limited as only 50 people can be in the building at the moment. There are also the restrictions of having to wear masks and not sing.



Jacqui our administrator has a new grandchild and he is a wee stunner. Photo on left is Joseph, Modou, Nancy, Robbie and Baby Essa. Photo



on right is Modou and Nancy looking lovingly at Essa.

So amongst our challenges at this time there are signs of hope. There is nothing more hopeful than a new life. Jesus came to give us new life and hope through faith in him.

We hope that the news letter finds you well. Please contact us if you have any news you would like to share or there is anything we can help with.

With Love

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