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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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## Prauer for November

Heavenly Father — You know us better than we know ourselves.

We are conscious of our own limitations, and the weakness of our faith and witness.

Give us your Strength and Power – show us how to find the right way - in the footsteps of your Son.

Let the re-assurance of your forgiveness be with us always. We think of your promises given to your people over the ages -- to Abraham, -- to David, -- to Solomon,

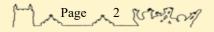
-- to the Virgin Mary, -- to the Apostles and Saints,

-- and to us in our generation.

Help us to live out these Promises, with the help of your Holy Spirit. Enable us to follow in the path of our Saviour, your Son Jesus Christ. Make us more fully able to love You, to love our neighbours, and to love ourselves in due measure.

Give life in all its fullness, to our communities and to us, so that in this way we may be agents in the advancement of your Kirk, in our World.

**AMEN** 



## Have a go!

Something I heard said last week made me stop and think –

"The church should be celebrating faithfulness, rather than celebrating success"

In other words, if the only time we make a fuss of someone is when they have done something successful, then we are unintentionally encouraging a culture of perfection. A much healthier culture to have is one which encourages people to take a risk and have a go.

Jesus makes the same point when he tells his parables about the talents. It's not the success of the first two servants that is rewarded by the master, it is the fact that they were willing to have a go. The third servant is called to account, not because he failed, but because he did nothing.

At the beginning of September, the leaders of local churches felt we needed to do something, so we went ahead and organised our first 'drive-in' service at Morrison's Car Park. Had we added up all the things that could have gone wrong, the whole enterprise could easily have been labelled 'fool-hardy' - But we felt it was what God wanted us to do, and impact of the event itself exceeded our wildest dreams.

We are now planning two more 'drive-ins' at Morrisons – on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The risks are still there – bad weather, increased restrictions, and darker, colder nights, to name but four(!!); but we are still going to have a go.

The current situation is the ideal climate for growing our faith. We are living through a time of uncertainty. We make plans, only to have them changed at the last minute. The temptation, therefore, is to just sit tight and do nothing. But spiritually speaking, that approach is not good for us. If we are not willing to take risks with our faith, it will never grow.

One of the things I love about Liberton Kirk, is the number of people willing to have a go. So, if you feel God is nudging you to do something for the glory of his name, don't just sit there – get on with it. It may or may not be a success, but God will honour you for your faithfulness.

Let me finish with these words of wisdom from *Ecclesiastes 11* 

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

Much love

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



Faith Story from Barbara Cameron

I was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith attending Catholic schools and going to Mass every Sunday. This continued for most of my early life.

After leaving school I drifted in and out of church never really feeling comfortable.

It wasn't until I started working at
Bethany Christian Trust that I heard people
openly talking about their faith and talking
directly to God. At first I found this very
intimidating as this was not something I was used to, but
gradually I began to feel more at ease with this.

I realised then I had felt for some time something was missing in my life. It was only after coming to Liberton Kirk and doing my 2nd Alpha course (I was very overwhelmed at the first one) I realised that although I knew of God, I had

never really had a personal relationship with him.

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Since then my story of faith has meant a more meaningful walk with God, a longing to read and understand the Bible better. My prayer life is now a more open conversation with God.

Barbara

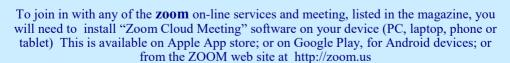
## From the Editor

After editing the magazine for the last 16 years, I have decided that it is time to pass on the baton, to allow someone, with perhaps some fresh ideas about the magazine, to take charge, and, as the 'best' politicians would say, to allow me to spend more time with my family.

I have enjoyed working on the magazine, and thank all who have helped and contributed over the years.

I am grateful to David Devoy who has volunteered to take on the editorship in the New Year, and I wish him well. I will be working with David over the next few issues as he gets to grip with the job, but will be grateful if your will send any submission for the December issue to him at magazine@libertonkirk.net

John Gill



#### 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





## 'Zoom' Church Services

During the current period, church Sunday Worship, and other events are being made available via the zoom platform, for members to join remotely, Access details are sent to members prior to all such events.

If you would like to be included in the notification list, please send your email address to the kirk Roll Keeper at

rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net Please note that you do NOT need to be a member of the church to join us in these events. ED

## Cuild News for November

ALL WELCOME! Theme 2020 - 2021: The Extra Mile Please note that there is no Afternoon Guild meeting in November, and only one Evening Meeting.

The Guild meets again on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**, via Zoom. You will be able to join the meeting from 7.15pm onwards. Details of the Zoom link will be emailed to Guild members beforehand.

If you are a non-member, but are interested in joining the meeting, please get in touch with the Guild secretary for the link details.

The topic this evening is the **Sailors' Society – A chaplain for our Ports** and the speaker is **Pauline Robertson**. This is the first of our two chosen Guild projects for this session.

The Sailors' Society is an international Christian charity, working in ports across the world.

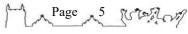
Together with the support of the Church of Scotland Guilds, the Sailors' Society in Scotland is aiming to transform lives, through bringing hope and comfort to seafarers arriving at our ports. The chaplains help seafarers and their families, from all faiths and none, with welfare and practical support. This promises to be a most interesting meeting.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) 664 1171 email theguild@libertonkirk.net

### Liberton Kirk in Autumn colours







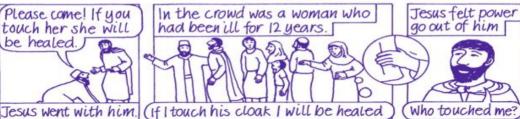
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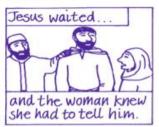
It can be read in the Bible in Lk 8:40.56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

## A short story from the Bible

Jairus, a town leader, had a12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet.



















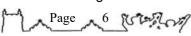




## SEECAT Ouiet Mornina

The Quiet Morning this year is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. and will be on 700m - access details will be available nearer the time This is a chance for some "time out" from the run-up to Christmas – a Christmas which promises to be very different from other years.

More information will be available nearer the time on the SEECAT website www.seecat.org and on the church notice boards. Ruth Davies, 664 3608



SEECAT

## November 2020 Diary

Please check website for any changes to this diary which may occur if lockdown restrictions are changed.

(libertonkirk.net/calendar)

**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: Good news bringers – Lydia

Preacher: John Young

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – Guild meeting (on zoom)

8.00pm - Sapiens Discussion Group (on zoom) - 'To Kill a Mocking Bird'

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am - 2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am - 2.000pm - Kirkgate Café \*\* see article of page 19

10.30am -12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



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)

10.45am - Zoom service online

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

Theme for both services: Good news tellers - Matthew

Preacher: John Young

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Communications Team (on Zoom)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

2.00pm -3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

10.45-11.10 – Act of Remembrance live-streamed from the Church

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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm – Sharing God's Word in the Early Church III on Zoom 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 15 <sup>th</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: Good news tellers - Mark Preacher: John Young
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm - SEECAT business meeting (on zoom) 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.00am-12.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa)</b> on Zoom 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</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: <b>Good news tellers - Luke</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Preacher: John Young 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cafe 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom) 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 7.30pm - Sharing God's Word in the Early Church IV on Zoom
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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.000am - Guild Coffee Morning (on zoom)

10.30am - SEECAT Quiet Morning (on zoom) - see page 10

Sunday 29th

**ADVENT SUNDAY** 

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: Good news tellers - John

Preacher: John Young

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

December 2020

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

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am -2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 6<sup>th</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)

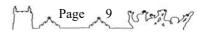
Theme for both services: Hope – from the past Preacher: John Young

### Remembrance

On Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, please note that the second service (via Zoom as usual) begins at **10.45am**, and there will an Act of Remembrance and the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day, there will be a short time of reflection and prayer live-streamed on YouTube from the church at 10.45am, and this will also include the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. For links to both, contact Gary Ross at rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net





## Memorial Service

Sadly, we will not be able to hold the annual memorial service on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, although this year many of us have been touched by the death of someone in the past few months. Many have not been able to hold normal funerals and some have felt acutely the pain



of not being able to visit loved ones in their last days. For others, lockdown has been a sharp reminder of people they are missing.

Whilst we will hold a big service once restrictions are lifted, we do hope that it will be possible to invite people into the church to light a candle and just remember before God for a short time. We will of course need to keep to all the regulations in place at the time, and details will be posted on our website and on the church notice boards. Please watch out for the details.



#### "Continue to remember the poor" (Galatians 2: 10)

We continue to pray for the refugee and asylum-seeking families in Edinburgh who might be isolated and struggling financially, or in poor housing conditions. May God provide for their needs.

Please pray for those that we are helping who need to reduce their methadone so that they can go into rehab.

We have provided a fridge-freezer for one of our Guests and a bed for a family who we have been helping deal with food poverty. Praise God that the provision of the bed prompted them to ask our Mission Strengthener all about their faith.

Please pray for those who have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and other illnesses, and for their families and other loved ones.

We are providing support to an increasing number of people who have lost their jobs, some of whom have large families.

Please pray for those who have been struggling with loneliness and isolation since lockdown started in March. Many people have not kept well, their health and wellbeing has suffered.

Thank God for a new Clothes Bank + that Central Church in Tollcross are opening in partnership with Edinburgh City Mission. It will be open from 10:30am - 12:30pm on Mondays, from 19th October (website referrals only).

We give thanks for believers who have been healthy and determined to serve the poor in and around Edinburgh, during the pandemic.

Thank you for your love and prayers, Charity, Natalia, Miles, Sarah, Andy, Katie, Sarah, Fiona, Maria, Maisie and Duncan - (Edinburgh City Mission)

"May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance." 2 Thessalonians 3: 5

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## Ceneral Assembly Report 2020

It was my privilege to represent Liberton Kirk at the General Assembly this year.

As the Church of Scotland's website says .....

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Church of Scotland's annual General Assembly was held online the evening of Friday 2 October and all day Saturday 3 October.

The Commissioners, Youth Representatives and Corresponding Members took part remotely — from congregations and presbyteries around the country and indeed the world.

All discussions, voting and amendments were done online, with Commissioners and Youth Representatives signing in through the Church of Scotland's website to a new Assembly Hub, where they could ask questions and put forward amendments, and new ideas. Corresponding Members were also be able to sign in to the Assembly Hub through the website.

In accordance with government advice, only a small number of people were in the Assembly Hall: those running the proceedings, those reporting to the Assembly and those livestreaming and recording the event. There was no Lord High Commissioner, although the Queen wrote a letter to the Assembly expressing her support and encouragement.

In addition, there was prayer and worship led by the Moderator, and the Commissioners made important decisions to enable the Church can move forward. Under consideration were reports from the **Assembly Trustees, the Faith Impact Forum** and the **Faith Nurture Forum**. All the reports and speeches are now available on our **Reports, Speeches and Additional Documents page**.'

I would encourage you to visit <a href="www.churchofscotland.org.uk">www.churchofscotland.org.uk</a> or the special Assembly supplement at <a href="www.lifeandwork.org">www.lifeandwork.org</a> (resources section) and read more!

It was a challenging time to keep focussed via Zoom!

It was an encouraging time however as the Moderator inspired and led us to restructure within the Church so that, by God's grace and enabling, we might do mission in our world to bring about more followers of Jesus. *Alastair Cameron* 

## Congregational News

Congratulations to Gordon Macfarlane and Nikki Fullwood who were married at Liberton Kirk on 10th October



I am sorry to record the deaths of Mr Robert McLeod on 17th September, and Mr Jim Duncan on 8th October, and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends..

We have also recently been notified of the death, in September 2019, of **Miss Margaret Allen**, and again send our sympathies to all who knew her.



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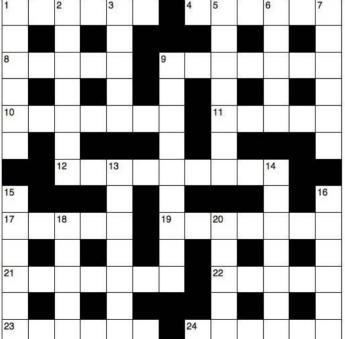
1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)



- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as -, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep to his voice' (John10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)



- 6 &16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6) 9 Athenian council ad-
- dressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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## LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

November 30 God also said to Moses. "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name. my name to remember for all generations." Exodus 3 verse 15



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 November we are considering standing on the PROMISES OF THE NAMES OF GOD – 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 challenging vear 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 NOVEMBER

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 119 - consider this verse on this Sunday.
		What does it mean for you in your life at this time?
	Midday	Then pray in response to the LORD our God on this Sunday. pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer.
	Evening	read these words again reflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	EXODUS 20 verse 7 – take time to consider this verse today. What
	J	is your response to God's Word this morning? And then pause to
		pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of the Scottish Bible Society.
rd	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then humbly pray in response
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	Upper Room – PSALM 8 v 1 – consider what is said here about
		the Name of our God. What do the words mean for you?  And then pray in response to Him with praise!
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read this verse again – reflectthen pray in response to our God
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PROVERBS 18 v 10 - 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 in need of God's protection at this time.
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read the words again, slowly reflect, then pray at the end of your day
IIIu 5	Morning	MATTHEW 1 v 23 – carefully consider these words today.  'Immanuel' – then pray in response to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those doubting God at this time.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on the words hereand then pray.
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	ACTS 4 vs 10-12 – consider these words about the name of Jesus.
		What is God saying to you this morning? Pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Try Praying booklets at our gates.
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	read these words againtake time to reflect and pray to our God PSALM 119 verse 123 – take time to consider these words.
Sal /	Morning	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
41.	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 125 - consider this verse on this Sunday.
		What does it mean for you in your life at this time?
	Midday	Then pray in response to the LORD our God on this Sunday. pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read these words againreflect on their meaning for you then pray
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	GENESIS 14 vs17-22 – take time to consider these verses.
		El-Elyon the God Most High. Pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who walk through the cemetery land.
- 4 offi	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen humbly pray in response
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Upper Room – GENESIS 17 v 1 – consider these words today.
	Midday	El Shaddai, the All Sufficient One, and then pray in response to Him. 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 our day ends.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	GENESIS 21 v1 – consider what is said here today.
		El OlamThe Eternal God. And then pray to this God of ours.

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	pray a blessing on those mourning at this time.
Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.
Morning	EXODUS 3 verses 14+15 – take time to consider what is said
	here about the Name of God. And then pray to this God of ours.
Midday	pray God's blessing on those seeking to know God at this time.
•	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to
Lvcillig	our God
Mornina	PSALM 24 v 10 – take time to consider these words today.
	Jehovah-Sabaoth - The LORD of Heaven's Armies And then
	pray to Him.
Midday	pray God's blessing on those who serve as Chaplains and Pastors in
wiidday	the armed services in these days.
Evening	read these words again – reflect on the words and then pray to God
•	PSALM 119 verse 127 – take time to consider these words today.
Morring	
	What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in
Midday	response. pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
•	read the words again - reflect, and then pray in response to this God
•	PSALM 119 verse 129 – consider this verse this morning.
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	What does it mean for you in your life? Then praise to our God in
Middelay	response.
	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God
Morning	ROMANS 8 vs12-17 - Consider this passage as your day starts.
	Father God, Abba Then pray to Him humbly and honestly.
	pray God's blessing on fathers in our Church and community.
Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray to our God as your day
	closes
Morning	Upper Room – JOHN 1 vs 29-34 – consider these words today.
	Jesus is the Son of God, take time to pray to this God of ours.
•	take time to listen for God to speak with you 'Thy Kingdom Come'
	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Morning	MARK 8 v31- ch 9 v1 - prayerfully consider these verses today.
	Jesus is the Son of Man Then Pray to this God, our God.
Midday	pray God's blessing on the staff and patients at Liberton Hospital.
Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray at the end of your day
Morning	JOHN 1 vs 19-28 consider these words this morning. Jesus is the
	promised Messiah, the Christ, then pray in response to Him.
Midday	pray God's blessing on those just starting on their Christian
	journey.
Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Morning	JOHN 14 v 16 – consider what is said here in this verse. The
	Holy Spirt, the Counsellor, Helper, then pray to Him in response
Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in the legal profession in our city.
Everiling	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
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Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 verse 132 – 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 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 v 137 – take time to consider these words.
3011 ZZ	Wichining	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
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning	GENESIS 22 vs 13+14 – take time to consider these words.
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	Middov	Jehovah-Jireh our Provider God Pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in financial need at this time.
T 0 4th	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Upper Room – EXODUS 15 vs22-26 – consider these verses.
		Jehovah-Raphathe God who heals Pray in response to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you, ask, seek, knock – hear!
th	Evening	read the words again, reflect. then pray in response for those in need.
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PSALM 33 v20 – consider what is said here this morning.
		Jehovah-Magen the LORD my Shield And then pray to this God.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Leadership Ministry Team at this time.
th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray to the LORD our God
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	JOHN 1 verse 1 - consider these words today about Jesus.
		The Logos, the Eternal Word is Godand then Pray to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of God's nearness at this time
41-	Evening	read the verse again, reflect on what is said here and then pray to God.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	ISAIAH 9 v 6 – consider all that is said here about the
		Names for Jesus. And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those in need of God's comfort at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 v 143 – take the time to consider these words
		this morning. What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray
		to 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 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PSALM 119 vs 169-176 – 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 passage again reflect and then pray to our God.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 2 vs 5-11 – take time to consider these words about
		Jesus. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him.
	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.

### Cod in the Sciences

#### How can a Christian be a scientist?

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination.

Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is "possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both



worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation." So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don't affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be 'very good' (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

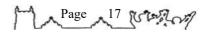
Some people don't want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

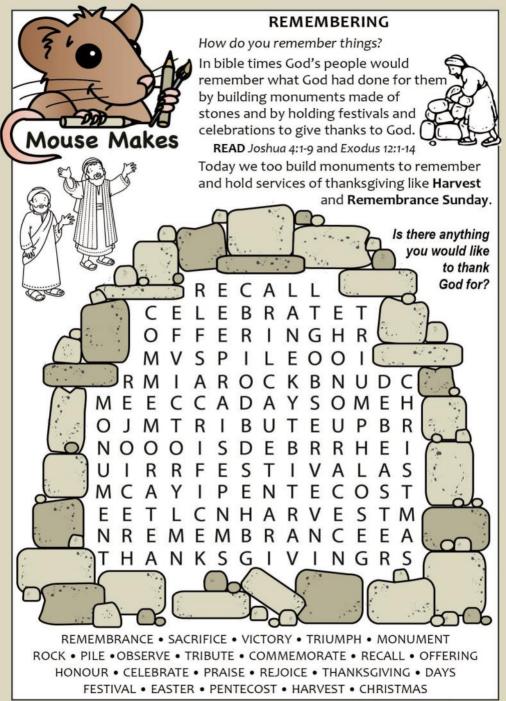
Organisations such as Christians in Science, and the Faraday Institute, gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways.

What they have in common is the conviction that you don't have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let's encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz

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### Church Flower dedications

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8th November Remembrance Sunday

15th November Mr Wm Penman, 9 Alnwickhill View

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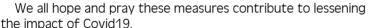
22nd November Mrs Rosemary Leask, 22 Howdenhall Drive

in memory of Laura Leask

29th November *free* Jean Gray , Convener, 0131 258 2081

## Kirkgate Café update

In these challenging times during the nation's battle against Covid19, the café has been open from the middle of August, and also, very recently on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8pm (to provide a space for people to meet who currently cannot do so in their own homes) Sadly that has had to stop this week, when the regulations were tightened, and hospitality venues are required to shut at 6pm for at least 16 days in October.



As the government is likely to change the rules every 3 weeks or so, we would encourage you to visit the Kirk's website [ www.libertonkirk.net] for up to date information of opening hours of the café, which are currently from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday.

It has to be said that Norma Brown, the café manager, has done a superb job in gradually bringing the café back to almost full service over the last few weeks, as the number of volunteers has reduced due to isolating and other covid factors which is understandable.

We would therefore welcome new volunteers and I can assure you that we are a happy group and it is a great opportunity to meet many people. In the meantime we hope everyone remains safe and well.

## The word for todau

There's a well-known Bible passage to read and think about on panels round the church building (starting at the Offering House at the gate). This changes every two or three weeks, so in your walks through the Kirkyard check if there's been a change. Please recommend these panels to others who might not know about them and are looking for something different on their walks.



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## Elder's Sunday Stewarding Duties 9-30 service

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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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### **Weekly Groups**

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