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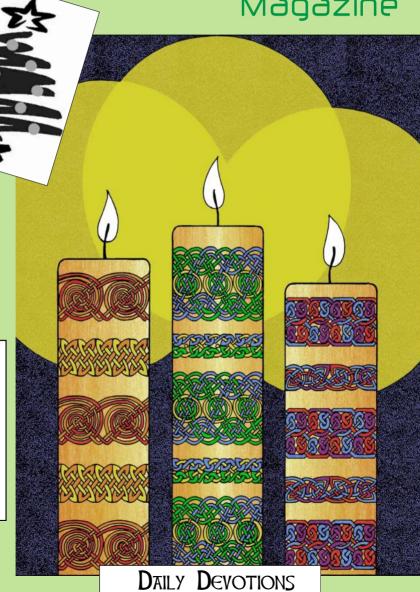


'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

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Prayer for December

Father God

You are preparing us for the coming of the new Heaven and the new Earth

The old will disappear

The new will come

Alpha and Omega

Beginning and End

You are our God and we are your children

Amen



What would you wish for 2021?

There is a general feeling around at the moment that 2020 was the year that never happened. Of course, that is not true - a lot has happened this year. What people actually mean is that most of the things we would have looked forward to happening have had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic – festivals, sporting events, travel plans and celebrations, to name but a few.

As Christians, this past year has been lacking in one of the key dimensions of church life. We have been able to continue to look upwards to God, and outwards in serving our community, but our ability to look inwards towards each other has been severely restricted. 2020 has been the year when we have been reminded, through their absence, of the value of some of the things that really matter – the value of human contact, of social gatherings, and of collective worship.

Our theme for 2020 was 'God's word', and we have spent our Sundays focussing on the God who speaks to us through creation, through scripture, and, most clearly, through Jesus. Our theme for 2021 will be 'the God who listens'.

When it comes to prayer, Jesus made the following well-known promise

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7.7-8)

Clearly, when it comes to prayer, Jesus expects us to be more active than passive. If we need something, we should ask for it. If we are missing something in our lives, we should search for it. If we think we should be somewhere, we should knock on the door. In other words, our God may well be a listening God, but he also wants us to make our wishes known, both individually and collectively, through prayer.

So, what would we like to wish for in 2021? My prayer is that God would enable us to restore the balance in Church life by enabling us to meet together again without all the restrictions of social distancing. Meeting together is not just good for us, it strengthens our faith in the God we believe in, and it energises us in our mission to serve others.

Much love

Our Theme for 2021 is "The God who listens"



Faith Story from Dougle Robertson

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Dougie Roberson, Church Leader of Gracemount Church, and I was asked to write a short faith story. Well, I was born in Glasgow (it's not all that bad) in the early 1970s. I had a close family, both parents, and a sister who was a year older than me. I had a good home and privileged upbringing. But to me, it was just normal. Mum sometimes went to church, and she sent us to Sunday school. But it was really boring, and we'd look for any excuse not to go. After a few years, we were finally allowed to give up. Dad, though, didn't believe in God.

In the summer, just before I went to high school, we went abroad for the first time. A few years previously we'd bought a caravan, but that year we took it on the ferry across to



France. It was a proper adventure. Our first night, my sister and I were sleeping outside under the awning. She told me about a meeting she'd been to a few weeks before where she said she'd become a Christian. I hadn't thought much about God; I neither believed, nor disbelieved, and I didn't even know what a Christian was. She explained that Jesus had died in my place because of the wrong stuff I'd done. It's not like I'd done anything crazy bad but it just seemed to make sense. She also told me about the devil, and honestly I was kind of scared. But I thought, if Jesus died for me, then I need to live for him. And it really was as simple as that. I became a Christian.

I started going to the S.U. group in my school. I didn't go to church though, at least not for a couple of years. The church I did eventually go to was packed with young people; I had good friends, and I learned a lot. As I got older, things weren't so good under the surface. I believed God had dealt me a pretty rubbish hand. Night after night I cried out, begging him to intervene. But nothing. In my mind, there were two possible reasons for God's failure to act. Number one, he wasn't able to change my situation (in which case he's not the God of the Bible). Either that, or he doesn't exist at all. But that didn't wash; I had known him, I had encountered him. Number two, he wasn't willing. He chose not to answer my prayers, he understood how much I was hurting, and yet, still he did nothing...

I didn't turn away from God overnight; I pleaded with him for years, but with every unanswered prayer my hope dwindled. I began to resent him. My life started to spiral out of control – not so much on the outside, at least not at first. But inside, inside I was a mess. I turned to drugs and alcohol, anything to escape my life. I hated myself as much as I hated God. In truth, perhaps even more.

Don't get me wrong, I had good times too. In my early twenties I was offered a job in Monaco, so I lived in the sun for a couple of years. I had good friends, and have some great memories. But that's where drink took hold, and started to drag me down.

I returned to Scotland in 1998, and I was excited to be coming back. It was great to see my friends, but something had changed. I found myself in a relationship, hoping that might be the answer. But nothing changed; I was still conflicted.

Let me jump forward to June 2000. Pentecost Sunday was the day my life changed forever. God allowed me to see the harsh spiritual reality of my situation. I choose

not to dwell on what happened that night. But it was the start of my journey back to God. At first, it was because I had no option; I felt like I was being blackmailed back into relationship with him. But now I love God with all my heart.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. I realise now my logic had been flawed. I was so self-absorbed, so pre-occupied, so consumed with my problems that I couldn't see past them. I thought God did nothing, I forgot that he gave everything. He didn't work to my agenda; he didn't set things right when I was hurting. But I hadn't understood: in order to share in his glory, we must also share in his sufferings (Romans 8:17). God doesn't promise us an easy life, and sometimes the Christian life can be really difficult. The psalmist, David, knew that well. His personal journey was beset with challenges and failures. Perhaps that's why he urged his soul not to forget all his benefits (Psalm 103). Your story will be different. And you'll have had your share of challenges and failures. But let me encourage you to bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits.

Stories of Faith in Prayer 2021

We have been encouraged and challenged over the last couple of years to read in the magazines of other people's stories of faith.

We have been nervous in case Alastair asks us!

In 2021 the stories will be slightly different. They will marry with our Daily Devotions theme of Prayer.

We will be hearing from other people – inside and outside of Liberton Kirk – about how Prayer is a meaningful part of their lives.

If you were asked - I wonder what would be your story about Prayer??







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Youth News from Kennu

Even though chaplains and youth workers aren't allowed into local high schools this year, we are still running lunchtime quizzes, time for reflections, and other things via online video link. We've been really encouraged that these video links bring a sense of normality and fun for the pupils. Please pray that we'll be able to continue and that God will use our efforts in ways we can't imagine.





Are you also longing for the camaraderie of a Quiz? The Kirkgate Trust is pleased to bring these back into our Kirk life even if we are locked down! The first of which is Friday 4 December starting at 7:00. Make sure your team is logged on for a firm 7pm start. We also look forward to more Quiz nights on 5 February and 7 May, so put that in your diaries too. There will be laughter and there will be prizes; hope to see you all there!

-Kenny

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Scottish Charity Numbers: SC040494



Prayer for January

Thank you,
our Lord and God most high,
for your constant love every morning
and your faithfulness each night,
for all you have done that rejoices our hearts:
you have taught us your wisdom,
you have blessed us in our worship,
you have given us happiness,
you have kept us safe,
you have strengthened us through the passing years.
Lord, we trust in your mercy and protection:
thank you, Lord.
Amen

(Michael Perry – based on the words of Psalm 92)

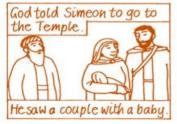


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It can be read in the Bible in Luke 2 vers es 22-38

A short story from the Bible

God promised the Jews that when times were bad, He would send a leader to save them. He told Simeon it would happen in his life time.



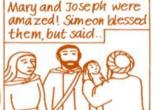














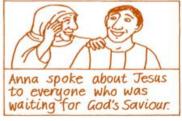




and she was very old.













CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020

Join us on Zoom* (contact rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net for access)
or on Liberton Kirk's YouTube Channel as appropriate
or in the Kirk (numbers limited – speak to John first
on 664 3067 or JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Memorial Services for the Bereaved

This year there will be two services on *Wednesday 9th December, at 6.30pm and 8pm* in the church. These are especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome, but because numbers are limited at each service you need to speak to John before you come.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in at home singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir in past years, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. A more homely version of the traditional service will be streamed on YouTube on *Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm*. Why not have your mince pie and mulled wine to hand as you listen!

Nativity Service

The second morning service on *Sunday 20th December, 11am* on Zoom* as usual, will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family involved. Our Youth and Children's Workers, Kenny McCartney and Emily Kerrigan, invite us all to be part of this celebration of the coming of Jesus.

Christingle Service

This service, streamed on YouTube at *4 o'clock on Christmas Eve*, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. Please see page 27 of this magazine for full details - if you want to make a Christingle, you need to get ready!

Watchnight Service

Later on *Christmas Eve, at 11.30pm*, there will be a Watchnight Service on YouTube, leading up to the first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born.

Christmas Day

Our *Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30am*, on Zoom*, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys with them.

Sunday 27th December and Sunday 3th January

On *the two Sundays after Christmas* there will be one all-age morning service at 10.30am on Zoom*.

Watchnight Service for the New Year

On *Hogmanay at 11.30pm* there will be a watchnight service on YouTube leading up to the first moments of 2021.



December2020 Diary

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

(libertonkirk.net/calendar)

Tuesday 1st 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/

Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 2nd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website

Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm Kirkgate Café

10.30pm-12noon BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

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

9.00am-2.00pm Kirkgate Cafe

Friday 4th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 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

Monday 7th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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

Tuesday 8th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 9th 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

6.30pm & 8.00pm – Memorial Services in the church

(Contact John to say you are coming)

Thursday 10th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Sharing God's Word in the Early Church (on Zoom)

Friday 11th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 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 for the future

Preacher: John Young

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7.00 pm – BIG Idea drive-in Service at Morrison's Car Park (Coronavirus permitting) 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Monday 14th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Tuesday 15th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe Wednesday 16th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 10.30pm-12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom 7.30pm – Service of Lessons and Carols – (on YouTube) 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Thursday 17th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe Friday 18th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Saturday 19th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Sunday 20th 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 - Nativity 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 for the present Preacher: John Young Monday 21st 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe Tuesday 22nd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Wed'sday 23rd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 10.30pm-12noon - BYOCAWCJ for Bethany (Bring your own cuppa and wear a Christmas jumper) on Zoom Thursday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.00am-12.noon - Kirkgate Café 4.00pm - Christingle Service on YouTube 11.30pm - Watchnight Service on YouTube CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30pm - Short Family Service on Zoom Theme: Hope for the world Saturday 26th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Sunday 27th 10.30am - Joint Zoom service Preacher: Jared Hav 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Monday 28th Tuesday 29th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Wed'sday 30th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 1.00pm - World Mission Team Concert on YouTube



Thursday 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/

Facebook

11.45pm - Watchnight Service on YouTube

January 2021 Diary

Friday 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/

Facebook

Saturday 2nd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 3rd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am - Joint Zoom service

Theme: I am the vine Preacher: John Young

7.00pm - BIG Idea New Year Service on Facebook

Monday 4th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 5th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Wednesday 6th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

10.30pm-12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

Thursday 7th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Friday 8th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook Sunday 10th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook 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: A time to be tested (Mark 1.1-13)

Preacher: John Young

Monday 11th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – Kirk Session (Zoom)

Tuesday 12th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

2.00pm – History Resource Group meeting (zoom)

Wed'sday 13th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

10.30pm-12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

Thursday 14th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Friday 15th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Saturday 16th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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Saturday 16th

10.30am-12noon – Annual Focus Day (zoom)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU)

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: A time for action (Mark 1.14-28)

Preacher: John Young

Monday 18th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café **2.00PM – WPCU Service** on zoom

Tuesday 19th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – Kirkgate Trust on zoom

Wed'sday 20th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/

Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

10.30pm-12noon - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

3.00pm - Kirkgate Café Board Meeting

Thursday 21st 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm - WPCU Service on zoom

Friday 22nd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 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: A time to abide (Mark 1.29-39)

Preacher: John Young

Monday 25th 8.00am – Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 26th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)

Wed'sday 27th 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 28th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Friday 29th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 31st 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Face

book

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: A time to heal (Mark 1.40-45)

Preacher: John Young

February 2021

Monday 1st 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Cafe

Tuesday 2nd 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 3rd 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 4th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 5th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

7.00pm – Kirkgate Trust Quiz Night

Saturday 6th 8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook Sunday 7th 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: Jesus on Prayer (Matthew 6.5-14)

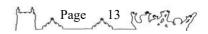
Preacher: tbc

Eddie Campbell: A Thankyou

In the course of assembling material for this month's Magazine I had a call from Eddie Campbell who many of you may remember used to serve as an elder on the session here

at Liberton Kirk. For health reasons Eddie is unable to join us for Sunday services these days. However, he wanted to say a big thanks to many people from the Kirk for staying in touch and for the support they have given him. He mentioned Grant Cook, Chris Boyle and Linda Wright and particularly singled out John and Lindsay for thanks for visiting him and taking communion with him. He values all these contacts with his church family.

Editor.





Congregational Focus Day

Saturday 16th January 2021 10.30am-12noon (on Zoom)

Theme: The God who listens!

"I am the vine and you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15.5)



All Welcome!

For Zoom link contact Gary Ross on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

Cuild News for December (ALL WELCOME!)

Theme 2020 - 2021: The Extra Mile

Please note that there is no Afternoon Guild meeting in December and only one Evening Meeting.

The Guild meets on **Monday 7th December 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 login details.

The speaker for the evening is **Simon Fairnie** and his subject is **"Fisherrow Fisherwomen"**. These fishwives from Fisherrow in Musselburgh were known for their distinctive striped skirts and aprons. They form an incredibly important part of East Lothian's heritage. The women worked long hours in physically demanding jobs and cared for their families, whilst their husbands were at sea for long periods of time.

Do join us to hear more about their lives

GUILD NEWS for JANUARY 2021

There is only one Guild meeting in January.

On Monday 18th January at 7.30pm, we will be joined by Margaret Barr, whose

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talk is entitled, "Confessions of a Moderator's Wife". Margaret is the wife of the Very Rev. Dr. Russell Barr, who was Moderator of the Church of Scotland from May 2016 – May 2017 and has recently retired as minister of Cramond Kirk.

This meeting will again be via Zoom, with the same login details as for the meeting in December. Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) Tel: 664 1171

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day Music

I had so many questions about the Remembrance music that I thought I'd answer them here,
Calum N. Gubby

BEFORE: ALBINONI ADAGIO, DURING: SCHUBERT IMPROMPTU, AFTER: WALCH FUNERAL MARCH

Silent Movie Magic

On Wednesday December 30th The World Mission Team invites you to a YouTube screening of two silent movies from the magical days of early cinema.

Join us for laugh-out-loud comedic drama with musical accompaniment from Lawrence Dunn and Pam Brown of Philomusica of Edinburgh. A donation of £8 per person is suggested in aid of the Liberton Kirk World Mission Fund. A link to the concert will be sent out to registered participants on the day of the concert.

Go to https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/ and search for Liberton Kirk



Scottish Country Dancing Class

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation we regret we are unable to resume classes in January 2021. All being well we will be able to start our new session next year on Tuesday 5th October and we look forward to welcoming old and new members then.

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

Congregational News

Mrs Eleanor Stewart has transferred her lines out of the parish roll. I am also sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Joyce Rennie on 8th October, Mrs Helen Wallace, on 17th October, Mrs Connie White on 15th October and Mrs Kath Moir on 10th November and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.

Editor



SEECAT EVENTS

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January. This year we have two services for South East Edinburgh Churches:

Monday 18th January (short service) 2pm on Zoom, led by Liberton Kirk Thursday 21st January (main service) 7pm on Zoom, led by Tron Kirk (Gilmerton & Moredun)

Links will be available nearer the time, unless of course Government guidelines have changed and we are able to meet in the churches mentioned. Please watch out for information in Liberton Kirk's weekly notice sheets (on the website) or on the notice boards.

The theme for the week is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:1-17) and hopefully scripture readings and prayers to follow through the week will also be available in some form.

Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)

Fresh Start

Fresh Start are still delivering food and cleaning products to families in need. The FS Pantry next door is now open and helping local people by supplying



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affordable food on a weekly basis. The Pantry has been a great success. The warehouse is now open to volunteers. We have been sorting goods which have been quarantined and can now be given out.

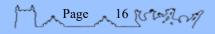
Donations of dishes, cutlery, pots and pans and small electrical are accepted now. Some soft goods are welcome now ie. towels and bedding but Not (duvets or pillows unless they are new) also No cushions. Anyone wishing to deliver goods to FS must first of all phone the premises to make an appointment. Tel. 476 7741. Appointments will be available between 9am-3.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I have left a few FS information sheets plus calendars on the shelf at the entrance to the Kirk halls. Please help yourselves.

The "Cookers for Christmas" appeal forms are there too.

Sylvia Bennett





LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS

December 20 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say. "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

Revelation 22 verse 17



During 2020 we have been looking at standing on the promises of God - as well as dipping into the *Psalms* 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 December we consider standing on the Promises in the Bible of A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW FARTH

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LIBERTON KIRK CELTIC DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Tues 1 st	Morning	DANIEL 12 – consider these words on this morning. What is God
	Midday	saying to you today from them? – and then pray in response. take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 2 nd	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray in response to our God MATTHEW 22 vs1-14 – consider what is said here today.
	Midday	What words stays with you? And then pray to this God of ours. pray a blessing on the work of the Christian Institute at this time
Thu 3 rd	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God. MATTHEW 22 vs 23-33 – carefully consider these words. What do they mean for you this morning? – pray in response to God.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on the work of Christian Aid at this time of year read the verses again – reflect on the words hereand then pray.
Fri 4 th	Morning	MATTHEW 24 vs 1-8 – consider these words on this Friday. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Open Doors in our world read these words againtake time to reflectand pray to our God
Sat 5 th	Evening Morning	MATTHEW 24 vs 9-14 - take time to consider these words. What
		is God saying to you today from His Word? Take time to Pray to Him in response to what you read.
	Midday Evening	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 6 th	Morning	MATTHEW 24 vs15-31 - consider these verses this 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
Mon 7 th	Evening Morning	read these words againreflect on their meaning for you and then pray MATTHEW 24 vs 32-35 – 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 getting married at this time of the year
Tue 8 th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflectthen humbly pray in response MATTHEW 24 vs 36-51 – consider these words this morning. What
	Midday	is God saying to you today from them? – then pray in response. 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	MATTHEW 25 vs 1-13 – 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 families in our Church Family
TI 40th	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.
Thu 10 th	Morning	MATTHEW 25 vs 31-46 – take time to consider these words. What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this
	Midday	God of ours. pray God's blessing on those wrestling with medical ethics at this time
μ.	Evening	read the verses again - reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 11 th	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs17-30 – take time to consider these verses as your day starts. What is God saying to you? And then pray in response

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 33 verse 3

During 2020 we were looking at *standing on the promises of God in the Bible*. In 2021 we will look daily at the theme of PRAYER, and pause at our times of *Midday Devotion* to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time.

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	Fri 1 st	Morning	JEREMIAH 33 verse 1 – consider these words on this Friday. What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to this God, our God.
		Midday	pray God's blessing on our Church Family as we step into 2021.
		Evening	read these words againtake time to reflectand pray to our God
	Sat 2 nd	Morning	
	54t Z	wiching	What is God saying to you today from His Word about Himself?
			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 3 rd	Morning	JEREMIAH 33 verse 3 - consider this verse this morning. What does
	Juli J	WOITHING	it mean for you in your life at this time? Pray in response to the
			LORD our God on this Sunday. Call on Him.
		Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Mon 4 th	Evening	read these words again, reflect on their meaning for you and then pray
	MON 4	Morning	
			The God of Covenant promise. What is your response to God's Word
		N 4: -1 -1	today? And then pray in response to this God of ours.
		Midday	pray God's blessing on our community at this time of the year.
	Tues 5 th	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen humbly pray in response
	rues 5	Morning	GENESIS 12 vs 1-9 – consider these words this morning. What is
		N 4: -1 -1	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!
	Wed 6 th	Evening	read the words again – reflect, then pray in response as your day ends.
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		A C I I	The God of the Burning Bush. And then pray to this God of ours.
		Midday	pray a blessing on the Church of Scotland as the year begins.
	-th	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.
	Thu 7 th	Morning	EXODUS 20 vs 1-21 – take time to consider these words.
			What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this God of ours.
		Midday	pray God's blessing on those wrestling with decisions at this time
		Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our
	41-		God
	Fri 8 th	Morning	NUMBERS 6 vs 22-27 – take time to consider these verses as
			your day starts. The God of Blessing. And then pray in response to
			Him.
		Midday	pray God's blessing on our City Council at this time of the year.
		Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to
			God
	Sat 9 th	Morning	PSALM 5 – take the time to consider these words this morning.
			What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in
			response.
		Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
		Evening	read the Psalm again – reflect and then pray in response to this
	**		God
	Sun 10 th	Morning	PSALM 24 – consider this passage today about our God.
			What does it mean for you today? Then pray to this God in
			response.
		Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
		Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God

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Mon 11 th	Morning	PSALM 46 - Consider this passage as your day starts. What is God saying to you about Himself today? Then pray to Him humbly and honestly.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on refugees and asylum seekers in our city read the words again – reflectand pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 12 th	Morning	PSALM 55 – consider this passage today. What is God saying to you today about Himself? And then take time to pray to
	Midday Evening	this God take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome' read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD
Wed 13 th	Morning	God PSALM 61 - prayerfully consider these words today about our God. Which words stay with you? Then Pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust at this time
Thu 14 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray at the end of your day PSALM 62 – consider these words today. What do they mean for you today? – then pray in response to God as your day starts.
Fri 15 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission in 2021. read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray. PSALM 103 – consider what is said here this morning about God. What is He saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in
	Midday	response pray God's blessing on the work of Fresh Start at this time of the year.
Sat 16 th	Evening Morning	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God ISAIAH 6 vs 1-13 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 17 th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 25-31 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response to this God.
Mon 18 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read this verses againreflect and then pray to this God, our God. MATTHEW 1 vs 18-25 – take time to consider these words. What
Wen 16	Midday	do they tell you about our God? Then pray in response to Him. pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates
Tue 19 th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response MATTHEW 11 vs 25-30 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them about Himself? Then pray in response.
Wed 20 th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world MARK 4 vs 35-41 – consider what is said here today. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on your family members in 2021
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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 21

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Thu 21 st	Evening Morning	LUKE 11 vs 1-13 - consider these verses today as your day
Fri 22 nd	Midday Evening Morning	starts and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself today. pray God's blessing on those who work near to the Kirk. read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray JOHN 3 vs 1-21 – consider what is said by Jesus as your day starts What is God saying to you today from His Word about Himself? And then pray to Him in response, for our world, for others, for yourself
	Midday	pray with thanksgiving for the Gift of a Saviour to the world!
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 23 rd	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 15-31 – take time to consider these words today.
		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
Sun 24 th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read ROMANS 5 vs 1-11 – take time to consider these words. What do
Juli 24	Worring	they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
th	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 25 th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 26-30 – take time to consider these words today. What
	Midday	do they tell you about our God? And then pray in response to Him. pray God's blessing on your neighbours at this time of the year
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect then pray to our God in response
Tue 26 th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 25-27 – 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!
Wed 27 th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world 2 CORINTHIANS 1 vs 3-11 – consider what is said here.
weu 27	WOTTING	What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God as you
		step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those needing to be comforted at this time
The ooth	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray to the LORD our God
Thu 28 th	Morning	2 CORINTHIANS 13 v 14 - consider these words today and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Chris and Ruth Aitchison at this time
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to
41-		our God as the day ends.
Fri 29 th	Morning	EPHESIANS 1 vs 15-23 – consider what is said here today from the
		Bible about God. What is God saying to you this morning?
	Midday	What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts. pray a blessing on someone you have met or heard from this week
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 30 th	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 4 vs4-7 – take time to consider these words today. What
		do they mean for you this morning? Take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Sun 31 st	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read HEBREWS 4 vs 14-16 – take time to consider these words.
Juli 3 I	IVIOI I III IG	What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
		to God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage again reflect and then pray with thanksgiving

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	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in Education at this time
	Evening	read these verses again - reflect on the words and then pray to God
Sat 12 th	Morning	MATTHEW 28 vs 16-20 – take the time to consider these words.
	· ·	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, and pray in response to this God
Sun 13 th	Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 1-11 – consider this passage this
3uii 13	Morring	morning. What does it mean for you today? Then pray to our
		God in response.
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	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Mon 14 th	Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God
Mon 14	Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 12-34 - Consider this passage as your
		day starts today. What is God saying to you? Then pray to Him
		humbly and honestly.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on refugees and asylum seekers in our city
th	Evening	read the words again – reflectand pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 15 th	Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 35-58 – consider this passage today. What
		is God saying to you today? then take time to pray to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you –
		'Thy Kingdom Come'
41-	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Wed 16 th	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 4 vs 13-18 - prayerfully consider these verses
		today. Which words stay with you? Pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray at the end of your day
Thu 17 th	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 5 vs1-11 – consider these words today.
		What do they mean for you today? – then pray in response as
		your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 18 th	Morning	2 PETER 3 vs 1-10 – consider what is said here this morning.
		What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to
		Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of Fresh Start at this time of year
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 19 th	Morning	2 PETER 3 vs 11-18 – take time to consider these words.
		What do they mean for you? Then 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 20 th	Morning	REVELATION 1 vs 9-20 – take time to consider these words
3011 20	Morring	today. 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	read this verse againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 21 st	Morning	REVELATION chapter 4 – take time to consider these words.
IVIOLIZI	Morning	What do they mean for you this morning? pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the materials in Perspex boxes at our gates
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Tue 22 nd	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response REVELATION chapter 5– consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray in response.
Wed 23 rd	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world REVELATION chapter 6 – consider what is said here. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to God as you step into today.
Thu 24 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray a blessing on John and Lindsay and their family at this time read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God CHRISTMAS Eve - REVELATION 7 vs 9-17- consider these verses today and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself today
Fri 25 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on those giving birth in our community at this time read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray Christmasmas Day - REVELATION 11 vs 15-19 – consider what is said here on this special day. What is God saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him
Sat 26 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray with thanksgiving for the Gift of a Saviour to the world! read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God REVELATION 16- take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you? Then take time to Pray to this God.
Sun 27 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read REVELATION 19 – take time to consider these words. What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
Mon 28 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read this passage againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving REVELATION 20 vs 7-15 – take time to consider these words. What do they mean for you this morning? then pray in response.
Tue 29 th	Midday Evening Morning	pray God's blessing on your neighbours at this time of the year read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response REVELATION chapter 21– consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray to Him.
	Midday Evening	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear! read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our world
Wed 30 th	Morning	REVELATION 22 vs 1-6 – consider what is said here. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to God as you step into today.
Thu 31 st	Midday Evening Morning	pray a blessing on members of your family at this time read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God REVELATION 22 vs 7-21 - consider these verses today and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday Evening	pray God's blessing on those in need of hope at this time read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to our God as the year ends.

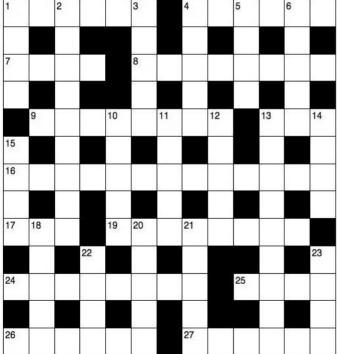
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- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a-, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve. Auld (4.4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)



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Corinthians 8:7) (5) 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2.3) 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5) 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4) 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4) 18 Narnia's Lion (5) 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5) 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5) 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1.1.1.1)

23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis

10 Be outstandingly good (2)

29:23) (4)

KIRKGATE CAFÉ – A jar of clau

This year has reminded me of our Church theme a few years ago: But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us: 2 Corinthians 4:7.

Liberton Kirk has shown, especially in 2020, that we are blessed with many treasures from a wide variety of people with many skills and time and energy during this challenging time.

Kirkgate Café is one of those treasures, which under Norma's (the café manager) guidance for over 5 years, has proved to be a real oasis where people have been able to come along for company and meet their people (especially during covid restrictions) in a friendly and safe place. It was a joy to see some people emerging from shielding and choosing the café as their first place to venture out safely.

As the Government's recommended guidance for good safe hygiene practice is well documented, we expect our customers to be aware of the Guidelines. The café staff and volunteers make every effort to ensure that we operate in a safe environment. During the last three months we have been incredibly busy and, due to extra spacing required between tables, have occasionally had to use the Anderson Hall, which cannot be booked out for other groups just now, to allow more tables.

We have been very fortunate to have new volunteers join us, and welcome Brad from Gracemount Church on a Monday and Charlie from Young Life on a Wednesday. A massive thank you should also be given to all our volunteers who have really stepped up when it was clear that many could not come in due to shielding. We hope to welcome those back when it is safe to do so.

Sadly there will not be a panto this year, as we know and love, but keep your eye on the notices for a café event before Christmas – at the moment it's top secret...! Also in

the run up to Christmas there will be an opportunity to purchase festive fair trade goods such as advent calendars.

As in previous years the café will serve free hot drinks and mince pies until noon on Christmas Eve and then we will shut for a week, reopening on Monday 4th January 2021.

All in the cafe wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful and good new year. Like everyone else we wish for some return to normal in 2021 but safety remains the priority.

Jill Niven Café Board Convener

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THE WORD FOR TODAY

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). On view until 5th December is Isaiah 9, verses 2 and 6.





From 5th December things change as we remember that at Christmas "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). You will find in the churchyard a different sort of presentation entitled "On Christmas Night...". Please come and explore, and encourage others to come too. The starting point is the Offering House.

Preschool Children and Families:

Things in the Preschool world have been going pretty slowly, however I am very happy to say Toddlers is back! We are running a weekly Toddlers Online or 'Zoom Toddlers' on a Wednesday morning at 10am. We are running a short program of songs, a story, a craft and B.Y.O.S (bring your own snack), with plenty of time for the parents to have a chat and a catch up. If you want to know more, please get in touch. (email: laura@libertonkirk.net or phone: 07305651592).

More happy news is that, despite not being able to have many people in the church building, we are still able to do **Christingle!** It will be a little different this year (like most things). We are well under way with plans for a 'virtual' Christingle that will be available to watch on our YouTube channel at the usual time of 4pm on Christmas Eve. There will be songs, a nativity staring some of Liberton Kirk's Sunday Club and of course the making of the Christingle. The usual packs with the Christingle components will be available to pick up from the Kirk Centre the week beginning 14th December. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Don't forget your oranges!

Digital Media:

We have been working hard on improving how we use our Social Media platforms and website. We now have a YouTube channel where you can watch our Daily Reflections from members of Liberton Kirk's congregation, with the occasional special guest appearance. These videos are also linked on our Facebook page and our website. We also post the sermons from our Sunday services on YouTube as well so you can re-watch or catch up on previous weeks.

To find the channel go to <u>youtube.com</u> then search for Liberton Kirk or follow the link on our website. Having a more than 100 subscribers to our channel increases our options on how we can use the YouTube platform, so if you are able to subscribe please do (it's free).

Several of our regular Christmas events and services will be online this year so please keep a look out for them. If you would like anymore information about anything mentioned please don't hesitate to get in touch (email: online@libertonkirk.net). Your prayers for continued momentum with both Toddlers and our online ministry would be very welcome.

Laura, Preschool Children and Families Worker & Digital Media Manager

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Church Flower dedications

Convener: for December Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captain's Road. 664 3349

6th Dec 2020 Mrs Margaret Burns, 13 Yewlands Crescent. 13th December Mrs Helen Whyman, 37 Gracemount Ave,

Mrs Dorothy Parr. 41 Buckstone Hill, in memory of:

Grandma G & James Whyman

20th December Mrs Ann Morgan and family, 15 Southouse Road, in

memory of Margaret Barrow

27th December Flower Group

Convener: for January Jill Snowdon, 29/3 Green Park, 07823 335583

Ms Claire Mayberry, 57 Malbet Wynd, In memory of my 3rd Jan 2021

parents Grace and Vic Willshire

10th January Mrs Katy Harrison, 60 Liberton Drive, in memory of

David Harrison

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David C B Maitland

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A Word from the Organist

With the easing of restrictions, we were able to return to a 9.30 a.m. service from September with organ music. As referenced in the October magazine, the voluntaries have generally been transcriptions of popular orchestral pieces. But for those who attend the 9.30 a.m. service, by this time this magazine is printed, it will be nine months since you last heard the Liberton Kirk organ in person.

I thus realized the opportunity to hold a recital of 'The Lockdown Sessions' featuring the best pieces performed between September and November. Considerable thought is usually required to compile an effective programme, but this one has almost written itself. What does remain a complete unknown, though, is when the day will come for organ recitals to be permitted again.

As Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us, the organ music for the Sundays in December (and the last Sunday of November) will naturally herald a return to more seasonal music. After the success of the Armistice Day Service, which premiered on the Liberton Kirk YouTube channel using material we recorded the previous week, it is our intention to also record some other services for you over Christmastide to be broadcast via YouTube and to hold a Memorial Service for the Bereaved in the church, subject to the latest Government Advice, which will not be broadcast online, on the second Wednesday of December.

I hope you will have the opportunity to join at least one of our services in December and to enjoy some of the varied music.

The organ will also be played as part of the New Year's Lunchtime Concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh this year on December $30^{\rm th}$.

Calum Gubby

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Spain, Switzerland 16th December

◆ Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Ireland 18th December

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Read your Bible Pray every day, Pray every day And you'll grow, grow, grow!

In 2020 the Daily Devotions were focussed on *Standing on the Promises of God in the Bible.*

In 2021 we will be looking daily at the next part of the song above – PRAYER.

We will be considering aspects of this big topic such as

- ** The God we Pray to
- ** People in Prayer
- ** Thy Kingdom Come and the Lord's Prayer
- ** The rhythm and pattern of Jesus
- ** A C T S
- ** Advent Prayers

You are invited to journey with us on this pilgrimage of daily devotion
Bible verses to consider as the day starts – from 7am
Someone or Something to pray for at Midday
An evening revisit

As you continue or start this pattern of daily devotion you may find it helpful to have a note book by your side somewhere to make notessomewhere to write down what God is saying somewhere to make a prayer list.

You are encouraged to pray with others afresh in 2021

** A Link Group ** A Prayer Partner

** Part of a Prayer Triplet ** The Church monthly Gathering for Prayer

** Prayer partnership with an organisation

If we can help with anything – please ask! Alastair Cameron, Prayer Team



The BIG IDEA Group of Churches

Well, 2020 was not the year we had planned. We guess that God had other ideas!! However, the **Drive-In service in September** happened and as well as a sell-out of car spaces we have over 2,000 online views at present!!

Sadly, the November event did not happen.

However.....something may be allowed to take place on 13th December!

So watch and listen....

Andsomething will be happening online on Sunday evening 3rd January.

SO PLEASE DEFINITELY WATCH AND LISTEN!

Keep on praying for all the churches in the Big Idea Group!

Keep on telling the Big idea - it's all about JESUS!!



Elder's Sunday Stewarding Duties 9-30 service

November 2020
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David Lamb and Fiona Knight
Chris Young and Eric Brown
Alan Horne and Kim Denholm
Christine Johnston and Ken Logan

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

Christmas Bumper BYOC for Bethany

Wednesday 23rd December

Online 10.30-12 (see December 2020 Diary for details)

Alistair Cameron

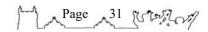




A Merry Christmas to all our Messy Church families, and to our wonderful volunteers and bakers!

I hope you all have a blessed and happy Christmas, and that we'll see each other again soon, in the New Year!

Fiona



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The deadline for the March magazine is Sunday 14th February Information should be sent to the editor, David Devoy at magazine@libertonkirk.net tel 0131 666 1004

Please note change in email

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Normal Hours of Services: 9-30am, 11am & 6-30pm Please see diary pages for details of our services during the

Please see diary pages for details of our services during the current pandemic period

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 - Wednesday 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 - Tuesday evening at 7pm

5 Stennis Gardens

Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128

mail@pearlkelly.plus.com

New Habits - 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Kirk Centre - 7pm to 9pm

Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090

Home & Away - Thursday evening

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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