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



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Prayer for February

God of the journey, You call us to follow you Without fear of stumbling, Your hand held out To steady the weakest soul.

Grant us faith strong enough To take you at your word And, should we struggle, To know you're with us along the way.



Through Christ our Saviour Amen.

Prayer is not magic!

One of the most common misunderstandings about prayer is that it's like magic. Magic is a 'mechanical' thing – if you can just find the right 'spell' you have the power to get what you want. Prayer is not mechanical at all – it's more like having a conversation with a friend. It's not based on power, but on trust.

Listen to these words of Jesus -

"When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6.7-8)

Cod already knows what we need, but he still wants us to spend time in conversation with him.

I remember an old man once sharing his experience of prayer with me. He said that when he was a young man, he had desperately wanted to be offered a particular job. He prayed about it, and then felt certain he was going to get. He didn't get it, however, and so he felt very angry and confused. Then, not long after that, he got offered another job somewhere else, and it was in the same village where he went on to meet his wife, and make most of his really good friends. having a conversation with a friend, trusting that he cares about you, and that he will answer in his own way. Is there something in your life you need to talk to God about just now?

Here is a good prayer to start any day with –

Christ as a light, illumine and guide me

Christ as a shield overshadow me Christ under me, Christ over me, Christ

beside me on my left and my right This day be within and without me Lowly and meek, yet all powerful Be in the heart of each to whom I speak

In the mouth of each who speaks unto me

This day be within and without me Lowly and meek, yet all powerful Christ as a light, Christ as a shield, Christ

beside me on my left and my right (Northumbrian Community)

Much Love

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Prayer is not magic, it's more like

Our Theme for 2021 is "The God Who Listens"



Faith Story from Lindsay Young

"Pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what Cod wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5 vs 17-18)

I remember learning to pray at bedtime with my Gran. However, for most of my childhood and teenage years, I would only pray at times of crisis. (That was because I did not have any real faith at that stage.)



When I became a Christian in my early twenties, my pray-

er life changed gradually at first - I would only pray quietly and when alone. However, I began to see that prayer really changed attitudes and situations, and conversations with God were important.

It was when we were first in Pakistan, as a newly married couple, that my prayer life changed dramatically. I'm not exaggerating when I say that we witnessed miraculous answers to prayer. God was visibly at work when his people depended on Him totally, having no other resources at their disposal. It was there that I was encouraged by mature Christians to pray out loud as part of a believing group – to pray for others for their healing, strength and encouragement. The more you pray, the more you build up your relationship with Jesus, and are able to tune into His guidance and message for both your own life and the lives of those you are praying for.

Prayer has always been an important part of my life within Liberton Kirk too. I value and am constantly thankful for the support of other members of the prayer team and the wider church.

Prayer is an important part of our life as a couple, and as a family. It is amazing how much we have been blessed as a family by countless answers to prayer – both in small things and in really major ones.

Especially through the challenges of covid 19, which has given us a year like no other, I don't know how I would have coped without the companionship and hope that prayer brings.



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Youth News from Kenny: The God Who Listens

I could write a book, let alone a magazine article, for the numerous reasons we had to be proud of our young people in 2020. They were resilient and patient with their circumstances, caring and neighbourly with others, thoughtful and growing in maturity. They drew together rather than apart even through virtual gatherings. All of them gave of themselves in one way or another: some volunteering with meal prep and distributions, some looking out for loved ones, and one dedicating himself to a key role in ensuring our church was able to worship every Sunday morning. Despite the challenges, every occasion they gathered was filled with side-splitting laughter (especially in person!). The love among them and for their church is palpable, but so has been their growing desire to study and understand the Bible.

So it is good that in 2020 our focus for LK was on the Bible as one of the ways which he speaks to us as his followers. Our teenagers dove into that with a study of Revelation which we finished on 18th of December. It's not the most jovial of the Scriptures, but our teenagers discovered more of Cod through every word and letter. An unexpected lesson for them was that when we read the hard parts of the Bible we discover so much more about who our God is. His mercy and love is displayed in a much more profound sense when it is framed within his wrath and justice.

Onward to a new year, we focus on The God Who Listens. Today (8 Jan) we'll begin our study of Daniel - a man known for spending a great deal of time in prayer and seeking God. Beyond learning about his great example as a believer, pray that we might glean from this study even more of who God is. Please pray that we notice through Daniel's life how God is intimately involved along the way, and how he is not only blessing Daniel through good times and bad but using him mightily for his glory. My prayer is that we might discover Daniel as a simple man who really knows that his mighty God listens and allow that to inform our worship this year.

We finished the year contemplating Revelation 22:4 and what it means that "they will see his face". Please pray for our young people that we might spend the year in the spirit of Daniel seeking to do just that through prayer, and that through the inevitable challenges of 2021 they grow closer to the God who loves them and loves to listen to them.

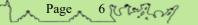
-Kenny



Friday February 5th and Friday 7th May.

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February 2021 Diary

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

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		11am – Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details) Theme: Jesus on Prayer (Matthew 6.5-14) Preacher: Jared Hay
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		11am-12.15pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom 3.00pm – Kirkgate Café Board Meeting
Th	ursday 18th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
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Saturday 20th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 21st	8.00am – Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 11am – Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details) Theme: Prayer in the valley (Matthew 17.14-23)
	Preacher: John Young
Monday 22nd	 2.30pm – SEECAT Planning Meeting (zoom) 8.00am – Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook 7.30pm – Communications Team meeting on Zoom
Tuesday 23rd	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm – Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)
Wed'day 24th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/ Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 25th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 26th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 27th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 28th	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
-	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am – Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details)
	Theme: Partners in Mission
	Guest Preacher: Normal Liddle (Scottish Bible Society)

March 2021 Diary

Monday 1st	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm - Guild Zoom meeting
Tuesday 2nd	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wed'day 3rd	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am-12.15pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 4th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 5th	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (details of local events later)
	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 6th	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	10.00am – Guild Spring Coffee Morning (BYOC) on zoom
Sunday 7th	COMMUNION SUNDAY
	8.00am - Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	All-age 'Zoom' Communion Service @ 11am
	Theme: Prophetic Prayer (Mark 14.12-26)
	Preacher: John Young

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World Mission Update: Christmas Hampers

At the beginning of December the World Mission Team were involved in sponsoring Christmas hampers to refugee families in our surrounding area. We sponsored three hampers, costing £40 each, that were made up by staff from Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees at Central Church. Brenda and David Lamb, Ali and Sheri Aghdam and Helen and Alan Campbell along with myself, delivered one each to families in Gracemount and Niddrie. We all received warm welcomes as well as baklava and savoury pancakes, and we hope that contact can be maintained with these families in the future. (see pictures of Helen, Alan and Roslyn with the Attar family)





Silent Movie Magic

We would like to thanks everyone who bought a ticket for our Silent Movie showing over Youtube. We raised an amazing £770; which will go towards the vital projects our mission partners are involved in. Thankyou for your great support and generosity.

Roslyn Wilson World MissionTeam



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Kirkgate Cafe in January 2021 and Going Forward

Who would have thought 12 months ago, that at the start 2021, the café would be closed for an indefinite period of time? The escalating covid virus pandemic must be overcome, and we all must take the necessary steps to restrict every communal activity.

Currently the plan is for our manager, Norma to work two days a week along with the pastoral team to provide meals, delivered twice a week, for our shielding and most vulnerable parishioners. This period of part time furlough will be under review in line with changing circumstances. We will do our best to keep you informed through our face book page, Kirk website and the outward facing tv in the cafe window which displays the current Kirk news.

The café's 6th anniversary falls on 2nd February and, though it is unlikely we will be open then, we shall have a belated anniversary cake to share in the first week of trading. The buzz, laughter and fellowship will be back and be assured we will employ all the guidelines for a safe environment in which we can enjoy the company of friends again. We pray that everyone manages to stay safe and healthy and the team of volunteers look forward to seeing you all later in the year.

Jill Niven Café Convener



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Guild News for February (ALL WELCOME!)

Theme 2020 - 2021: The Extra Mile

Please note that the Afternoon Guild meeting this month has been cancelled, due to current Government restrictions.

The Guild meets on **Monday 1**^e **February 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 topic this evening is **Journeying Together (World Mission Council) – Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia**, the second of our two chosen Guild projects for this session. The speaker is **Jenni Chinembiri** who will bring us up to date with the work being undertaken with the girls.

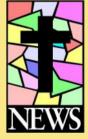
The talk by Graeme Gainey on **Monday 15th February** has had to be cancelled. However, we are very grateful to Mike Parker, who has agreed to speak to the Guild that evening,

<u>Date for your diary in March</u> Saturday 6th March, 10am, via Zoom – Guild Spring Coffee Morning

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) Tel: 664 1171



Mrs Eleanor Stewart has transferred her lines out of the parish roll. I am also sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Morag Fowlie on 28th December, Dr Catherine Strang on 1st January, Mrs Phyllis Brown on 7th January and Mrs Jane Meikle on 12th January, and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.



Editor

If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor at: magazine@libertonkirk.net or call 0131 6661004,

for inclusion in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.





Digital Media: An update from Laura

If you follow the Liberton Kirk YouTube channel (youtube.com/libertonkirk if you want to check it out) you will have noticed that over Christmas it was very busy. We hosted alot of our usual Christmas services on YouTube: 9 lessons and Carols, Christingle, Watchnight for Christmas, and, a new service for us at Liberton Kirk, Watchnight for the New Year. I would like to say a massive thank you to all who contributed and watched. Special mentions go to Olaf for putting together the Nativity video whilst doing his prelims and to Kate for willingly taking photos of her newborn in a manger.

We are continuing our Daily reflections on youtube and are fast approaching a full year of reflections. I am hoping to put the first bunch that are on Facebook on to YouTube in the coming months so all 365 are in the one place.

Preschool and Families

In November we trialled Toddlers Online where we ran a short programme once a week with crafts, stories, songs and time for the parents/grandparents/carers to have a chat and a catch up. We are hoping to restart this in the next few weeks, so if you would like to join us please get in touch.

The online Christingle event went incredibly well, we (my Mum and Dad) made approximately 180 packs and almost all were used. 64 families watched the video as it went out and many more watched it later with the current view count sitting at 306 views, which is amazing! A huge thank you to everyone for watching and especially to Oliver and Noah for showing us how to put the Christingle together.

Finally I would like to say thank you to every one for you continued prayer and support over the last year, engaging preschoolers is not an easy task when you have to do most of it online and I very much appreciate all the ideas you've sent my way and all your prayers. I hope and pray that this year is an improvement on last year and that you are all staying as safe and as healthy as you can.

Laura. laura@libertonkirk.net



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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

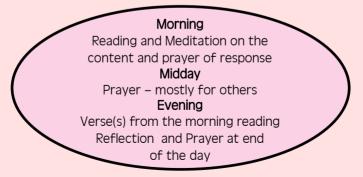
K CBRUTTRY VI Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; Listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer, *Psalm 17 verse 1*

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

In February we consider therefore some of the PEOPLE IN PRAYER FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT. "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 new year of 2021.



These Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday, in the evening ... to pray with Him continually through the day and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover. The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. However it all follows the pattern below into which the information provided fits, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.



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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 21

Mon 1st Morning		CENESIS 12 vs 1-9 – take time to consider these verses.
	lidday vening	Abram pauses to worship. What is your response to these events today? And then pray in response to this God of ours. pray God's blessing on the land and people of Colombia. read the verses again – reflectthen humbly pray in response
	lorning	GENESIS 18 vs 16-33 – consider these words this morning. Abraham pleads for Sodom. What is God saying to you today?
М	lidday	And then pray in response for our city at this time. take time to listen for God to speak with you - ask, seek, knock - hear!
Ev	vening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response as your day ends.
Wed 3rd Mo	•	GENESIS 28 vs10-22 – consider what is said here today. Jacob's dream. And then pray to this God of ours.
М	lidday	pray a blessing on the land and people of Bangladesh.
	vening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to our God.
	lorning	GENESIS 46 vs $1-4$ – take time to consider these words.
	J	God speaks with Jacob. What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this God of ours.
Μ	lidday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Iran at this time
E١	vening	read the verses again - reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 5th M	lorning	EXODUS 33 vs 7-11 – take time to consider these verses as
		your day starts. The Tent of the LORD'S Presence.
		And then pray in response to Him.
Μ	lidday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of China.
E١	vening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God
Sat 6th M	lorning	PSALM 18 vs 1-6 – take the time to consider these words today.
		What is God saying to you this morning? Then pray to Him in response
Μ	lidday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	vening	read the Psalm again - reflect and then pray in response to this God
Sun 7th M	lorning	PSALM 18 vs7-19 – consider this passage this morning.
		What does it mean for you today? Then pray to this God in response.
	lidday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	vening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to the LORD our God
Mon 8th M	lorning	NUMBERS 6 vs 22-27 - Consider this passage as your day starts.
		A Priestly Blessing. What is God teaching you today?
		Then pray these words for others known to you at this time.
	lidday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Yemen at this time.
Ev	vening	read the words again – reflectand pray to our God as your day closes
Tue 9th M	lorning	1 SAMUEL 1 – consider this passage today. What is God
		saying to you today about Prayer? And then take time to pray to this God
Μ	lidday	take time to listen for God to speak with you - 'Thy Kingdom Come'
Ev	vening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to the LORD God
Wed 10th M	lorning	1 SAMUEL 2 v1-11 - consider these words today

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		Hannah's Prayer. Which words stay with you? Then Pray to this
		God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of India at this time.
	Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray at the end of your day
Thu 11th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 3 – consider these words today. Samuel hears
		God speak to him. What do they mean for you today? - then pray
		in response to this God as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of North Korea.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 12th	Morning	2 SAMUEL 7 vs1-17 – consider what is said here this morning.
	0	What is He saying to you today from His Word? then pray to Him in
		response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Laos at this time.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 13th	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 20-24 – take time to consider these words today.
Sac TStill	worning	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 verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you
		read the verses again – reflect and pray innesponse to what you
Sun 14th		PSALM 18 vs 25-29 – take time to consider these words today.
Juli 14th	MOLITING	What do they mean for you this morning? – then pray in response
		to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	
Map 15th	0	read this verses againreflect and then pray to this God, our God.
Mon 15th	worning	2 SAMUEL 7 vs 18-29 – take time to consider these words.
	N Alialata a	David's prayer of thanksgiving. Then pray in response to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Eritrea at this time.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tue 16th	Morning	PSALM 3 – consider these verses today. A Prayer for Help.
		What is God saying to you today about Himself? Then pray in
		response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock –
		hear!
	Evening	read the words again - reflect then pray in response – for our
		world
Wed 17th	Morning	PSALM 17 – 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 the land and people of Tunisia.
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thu 18th	Morning	1 KINGS 3 vs1-15 - consider these verses today as your day
		starts and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself today.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Morocco.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19th	Morning	1 KINCS 8 vs 22-53 – consider what is said here today.
		Solomon's Prayer. What is God saying to you today from His Word?
		And then pray to Him in response – for our world – for others – for
		yourself
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Libya
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
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Sat 20th	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 30-36 – 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you
		read
Sun 21st	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 37-45 – 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 againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving
Mon 22nd	Morning	1 KINGS 19 vs 1-18 – take time to consider these words today.
		What do they tell you about our God? And then pray in response to
		Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Algeria.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tue 23rd	Morning	2 CHRONICLES 20 vs 1-30 – consider these verses today.
		The king in prayer. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray
		to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you - ask, seek, knock - hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response – for our
	Lverning	world
Wed 24th	Morning	NEHEMIAH 1 – consider what is said here. Nehemiah – a man of
	U U	prayer. And then pray to this God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the land and people of South Africa in these days.
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thu 25th	Morning	NEHEMIAH 2 vs 1-10 - consider these words today
		and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the land and people of Malawi.
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to
		our God as the day ends.
Fri 26th	Morning	JOB 42 vs 7-17 – consider what is said here today from the Bible
		about prayer. Pause to pray for 3 friends at this time.
	Midday	pray a blessing on your family and neighbours in these days.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 27th	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 46-50 – take time to consider these words today.
		What do they mean for you this morning? Then take time to Pray
	Malalavi	to this God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 28th	Mornina	PSALM 18 – take time to consider these words. What has God been
2001		saying to you from this psalm of David? What words will you hold on
		to? And then pause to pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray with thanksgiving
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8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9.4)

Down

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1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3) 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

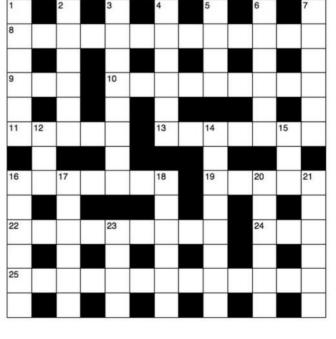
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4.2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to - (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)





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SEECAT Churches Acting Together

This year the study groups which are usually held in Lent will take place on line. They will run for five weeks beginning in week commencing 22nd February. This is a good opportunity to meet with people from other churches in the area and study together something related to our common faith. Full details of the groups available and the study material will be circulated as soon as available.



If you do not receive details and would like to join a group please contact me,

Ruth Davies (664 3608), or Fiona Devoy (666 1004).

Editors note: at the time of going to press it is not certain whether the above Lent study groups will take place or not) Please keep an eye on church websites and social media.

Foodbank

This is just a reminder, that during the lockdown of the Kirk Halls, donations for the Food Bank can be delivered to us at:

36 Liberton Drive.

Any special arrangement can be made :

phone 01316643059, or email david@dlamb.co.uk

There is a box at our garage door, suitably labelled and with a lid. If we are out, donations can be left there.

The latest list of requested items is as follows:

Tins - meat/fruit/veg/tuna; Packet soup UHT Milk

Best regards for 2021 - Keep safe **David Lamb**



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Church Flower dedications

No flowers will be put in the church this month because of the Covid restrictions. The 'card service' is still in operation in place of 'the giving of flowers.'

Convener : for February : Mrs Lyn Maxwell 0131 476 6428

7th February 2021	Vacant
14th February	Ms Margaret Thomson, 9/7 Mt Alvernia, in
	memory of Ivy and William Jameson
21st February	Vacant
28th February	Flower Group, Liberton Kirk, in memory of all past Flower Conveners

Elder's Sunday Stewarding Duties 9-30 service

Because of Covid restrictions there are currently no 9-30 services planned until further notice.

If you have any queries about Elder's duties contact Alison Walker 664 3631

Neighbourhood Scheme

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

If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor at: magazine@libertonkirk.net or call 0131 6661004,

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Let me help you improve your core strength, posture and overall flexibility. Classes cost £8.00, payable on attendance. Why not come along and give one of my classes a try? Call or email 07968 862 755, nickypender@icloud.com if you have any queries.



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- Gracemount Church
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Material for the March issue can be sent at any time; BUT <u>no later than</u> Sunday 14th February

The deadline for the April magazine is Sunday 14th March

Information should be sent to the editor, David Devoy at magazine@libertonkirk.net

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

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

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Link Groups

Weekly Groups

Thrive - 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@pearlkellv.plus.com New Habits - 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month Kirk Centre - 7pm to 9pm Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090 Home & Away - Thursday evening **10 Mortonhall Park Gardens** Susan Jardine - susan@iardineclan.org.uk 664 7112 The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening 21 Swanston Grove Caroline & Roger Barlee - barlee@blueyonder.co.uk 445 5918 Vista Group - Thursday evening 21 Kirk Park

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If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk)

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

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