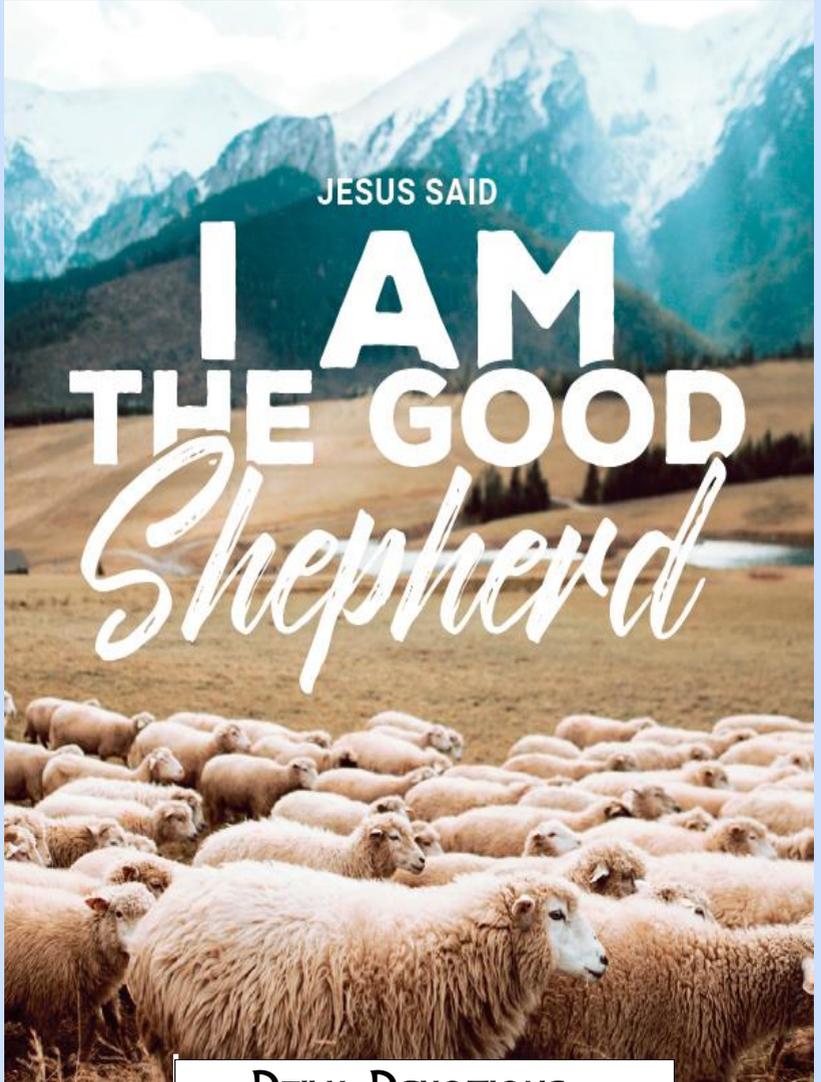


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A Prayer for the Month of March

Jesus, Saviour and Friend, bearer of our sins and griefs,
Bring God's perfect peace

Jesus, Lord and Friend, faithful in our storms,
Help us - we call out

Jesus, Our Strong Friend, carry and shield us,
As we pray to You

Amen

Never Alone!

There are times when who you think you are really matters. I remember receiving a letter once from someone in the USA whose great grandfather was born in Liberton on 1st July, 1815. He wanted me to check the records to see if he had been baptised in Liberton Kirk on 6th August 1815*. Clearly, who his great grandfather was and where he was from really mattered to him – it said something about who he, himself, was.

When I was twenty years old, I spent some time in Melbourne, Australia, and I'd just been there a month when there was a knock on the door. It turned out to be a second cousin of mine called Sally, who was absolutely delighted to see me. My own mother had four sisters, and my father had three brothers, and as a result I have dozens of relatives, especially up in the north east of Scotland. Not Sally. It mattered to her that she was not alone, but part of a bigger family she could connect with.

It can be all too easy, sometimes, to get the feeling that we are all alone. When our own children grow up and leave home, or when our brothers or sisters live abroad and we don't see them as often as we used to. When our mother and fa-

ther's generation have all gone, and we are the last of our own generation. And especially during these difficult days, when we are unable to visit each other as much.

Whenever we get that feeling of being left on our own, it's good remind ourselves that there is one family that we will always be part of. Listen to these words of Paul...

The Spirit you received doesn't make you slaves. Otherwise you would live in fear again. Instead, the Holy Spirit you received made you God's adopted child. By the Spirit's power we call God Abba. Abba means Father. The Spirit himself joins with our spirits. Together they tell us that we are God's children. (Romans 8.15, 16 – NIV Reader's Version)

As followers of Jesus we have received the seal of his Holy Spirit upon our lives. This means that he will always be with us, and that we will always be part of his family – one whose membership stretches round the world and back in time, and will continue beyond our present life to life eternal. One day we will have a massive family reunion, and I am really looking forward to it!

Much love



Our Theme for 2021 is
"The God Who Listens"



Prayer life story from

When I read accounts of those who have been thought of as 'prayer giants', I confess I'm left with the thought that I'm very much a 'prayer mouse'. It's said that the great reformer, Martin Luther, declared, 'I find myself to be so busy that I can't do with less than three hours of prayer a day'. Wow! My prayer life pales in comparison.

But it's there nonetheless.

Being raised within a Christian family, my introduction to prayer was in both Church and home. In a traditional way, my mum had me recite bedtime prayers and in Church and Sunday school, I learnt the basic pattern of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication - though of course I wouldn't have been able to articulate it in such a way then.

But in all the years that have followed, I've come to appreciate the breadth of prayer; that is that there are so many ways to pray, each valid.

I pray when I'm walking, whether through a local park, high in the mountains or along the sea shore. Words are almost redundant; the prayer is in the form of deep appreciation of the creation, and thus of the Creator.

During visits to the Taizé Community in France, I discovered prayer in the form of repetitive chants and, even more importantly, through silence and contemplation.

When visiting Christian communities in Cambodia, I was exposed to the practice of everyone praying at once - with considerable gusto and no little volume! The polar opposite of monastic silence and contemplation and yet equally enriching.

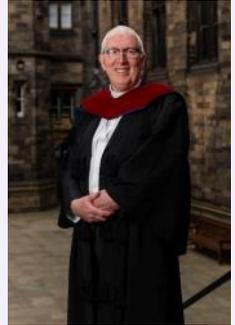
In more recent times I've come to value praying with other people, much more so than once I did. Prayer meetings, yes (though without great care being taken, these can become very clichéd) but more so, prayer walking with a friend. I have two brothers in Christ with whom I meet regularly and we head off; hail, rail or shine, usually very early in the morning, and together we pray.

Yes, Jesus said, 'when you pray, go off to your room...' but he also said, 'where two or three gather...'. Prayer life, for me, is striking the balance between the two.

Rt Revd Dr W Martin Fair

Moderator

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 14 verses 15-24

Jesus was at a dinner when one guest said how good it would be to be at God's feast for His people at the end of time.

So Jesus told a story -

A man once gave a great feast.



He sent his servant to invite his guests.



When everything was ready, he sent his servant to tell his guests.



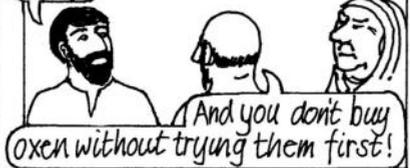
But they all made excuses.



One said, 'I've bought some land and I need to see it. Sorry!'



The next said, 'I've bought some oxen and I need to try them out. Sorry!'



And another said, 'I got married so I'm not coming!'



The master was very angry.



He told his servant to go to every street in the town and fetch everyone who was poor or disabled.



His servant did that and there was still room.



He told his servant to search outside the town and fill the house.



The master of the feast said, 'None of those I invited but who wouldn't come will get even the leftovers!'



Guild News for March (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 1st March 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 talk by **Kathy Crawford Hay** on March 1st has had to be cancelled. However, we are grateful to **Jared Hay**, who has agreed to speak to the Guild that evening. The subject of Jared's talk will be the **Taize Community in France**, which he has visited on more than one occasion.

Monday 15th March is our **AGM** and the final meeting for this session. The **Beetle Drive**, which was due to take place after the AGM, has been cancelled. Please note that this meeting will start at **7.30pm** and not at **7pm**, as printed in the syllabus.

The **World Day of Prayer** is on **Friday 5th March, via Zoom, from St Augustine's Church at 2pm**. Login details will be available nearer the time. The service material this year has been written by the Christian women of Vanuatu and the theme is "Build on a strong Foundation".

The **Guild Spring Coffee Morning** is on **Saturday 6th March at 10am, via Zoom**. We extend a warm welcome to both members and friends to join us that morning. Login details for non-members can be obtained from Gary Ross.



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March 2021 Diary

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

occur

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	
	7.30pm	Alpha Course (on zoom)
Thursday 4th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 5th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer service from Augustine United Church (on Zoom)
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: Adventurous Prayer (Mark 6.30-44)
		Preacher: John Young
Monday 8th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Kirk Session (Zoom)
Tuesday 9th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wed'day 10th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom	
	7.30pm	Alpha Course (on zoom)
Thursday 11th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 12th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 13th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am	Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details)
		Theme: Dynamic Prayer (Mark 6.45-56)
		Preacher: John Young
Monday 15th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Guild Zoom meeting
Tuesday 16th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Kirkgate Trust on zoom
Wed'day 17th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am-12.15pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom	
	3.00pm	Kirkgate Café Board Meeting
	7.30pm	Alpha Course (on zoom)
Thursday 18th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 19th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
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: Prophetic Prayer (Mark 14.12-26)

Preacher: John Young

Monday 22nd 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Tuesday 23rd 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Wed'day 24th 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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

7.30pm Alpha Course (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 PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

11am **Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details)**

Theme: Desperate Prayer (Mark 14.32-42)

Preacher: John Young

7.00pm Joint 'Drive-in' service at Morrison's Car Park - "come by car & stay in the car".

(Organised by the BIG Idea churches – All welcome!)

Monday 29th 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Tuesday 30th 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

7.30pm Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)

Wed'day 31st 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

11am-12.15pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom

7.30pm Stations of the Cross service (SEECAT – on line)

7.30pm – Alpha Course (on zoom)

April 2021 Diary

Thursday 1st 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Friday 2nd GOOD FRIDAY

8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

3.00pm Joint Good Friday Service (SEECAT – on zoom)

Saturday 3rd 8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 4th EASTER DAY

8.00am Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

11am **Zoom service online (contact Rollkeeper for details)**

Theme: Trusting Prayer (Mark 15.33-41)

Preacher: John Young

A Serving of Daily Bread

The Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair explains why not all habits are bad ones.
This article first appeared in the March 2021 edition of Life and Work.

AMONG the hundred-and-one things that have been different about my year as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is that my time has been split between Edinburgh and Arbroath – my home for the last twenty-nine years.



With the various lockdowns that we've been faced with, it made no sense for me to be living in the Moderator's Residence in Edinburgh when I couldn't fulfil a single 'in-person' commitment, welcome visitors to the flat or engage in any travel. Being at home has meant that I've been part of our family bubble and, given our good broadband connection, my work – which has been 99% online – hasn't been curtailed in any way.

During these 'at home' spells I've been able to resume my normal practice of walking the dog each morning. Apart from rare occasions, it's the first thing I do each day; hail, rain or shine. And just as I ready myself to step out the door, having found the dog lead and put a couple of dog biscuits in my pocket, I pop my Air Pods in and turn on my 'Bible in One Year' app.

So I'm ticking several boxes at once; exercising the dog, exercising myself and starting the day with portions of the Psalms and Old and New Testaments. When I think back to childhood years, my understanding of 'habits' was that they were essentially bad in nature. Whether it was biting my fingernails or picking my nose, my mum left me in no doubt that these were 'filthy habits' to be discontinued forthwith! And no doubt she was right! But it took me until a little later in life to see that habits can be entirely positive. In my first year at secondary school – others of you will remember the same – members of the Gideon's Society attended an assembly and at the end of the session, presented us each with a New Testament.

The parting shot was an encouragement that we read a part of it every day. Being a conscientious kid, I did! And so, for me, began the habit of a lifetime.

I can't pretend it's always been easy.

I can't say that there weren't days that I missed. I can't say that there weren't spells when I was simply going through the motions. But by and large, it's been a habit that's been crucial to my journey of faith.

There's no reason to be surprised by such a conclusion. Jesus said, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' Just as my body benefits from a healthy bowl of granola and fresh berries and natural yogurt, so my inner-self benefits from 'words that come from the mouth of God – daily bread.' Of course, there are a great many ways to engage in this timeless spiritual discipline – never more so than in these times when electronic options abound.

..... Various Christian organisations produce daily Bible reading notes – carefully chosen passages with explanatory paragraphs and short prayers. And as I indicated earlier, in terms of my own preference at this juncture on my journey, there are loads of apps that offer Bible readings, reflective music, prayers, illustrations etc. While walking the dog, I'm listening to the passages rather than reading them and though it amounts to the same thing, I personally enjoy the experience of hearing the words being read.

So much for me. I trust that you'll have, or will find, a pattern that suits you and ensures a healthy serving of daily bread.

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BIG IDEA PALM SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE

You are invited to join with the churches of the BIG Idea group in SE Edinburgh.

***Palm Sunday 28th March at 7pm
BIG Idea Youtube channel***



WHO IS THIS JESUS??

***Music from Celtic Worship
Chats and prayers and readings***

Brief message from David Hart, trypraying

WHO IS THIS JESUS??

Kirk Garden....Watch this Space



On this bright, yet bitterly cold February morning with deep snow blanketing the garden, I'd like to assure you that there is much to look forward to in our Kirk Garden, come the spring, come the summer.

Little is growing right now, not even the eternal weeds which, I'm told, must be growing before any weed treatment can be successfully applied. Last year a

team of volunteers met one Monday morning to remove the weeds from the paths – a project for end March / April? We also plan to invite volunteers to bring edging tools to trim the extensive lawn one morning. ALL Covid rules permitting of course.

Our aim this year is to have a neat, safe, colourful garden, so that more of our members, friends and community can enjoy sharing this wonderful space. Of course vegetables will continue to be grown in the raised beds, All to be used by the Kirk Café.

At the January Kirk Session meeting, the following plans were approved (To be funded by a small portion of a generous legacy):-

Four new benches to replace those 'dangerous' and beyond safe repair

A new fence between the children's' area and the border, to replace the broken trellises

A new lining with replacement bark, where our wee children play

A conduit laid to take both electrical and water supplies to the shed / seating area

A lean-to extension to the large shed, providing sheltered work space

All this because there is scope to use the garden for events and summer activities. gathering together again safely. Yes, much to look forward to and of course, importantly that the Kirk Café is open so that garden volunteers can meet for coffee and chat, before an hour or so tending the garden on a Monday morning! Please spread the word.... are there folks who would enjoy the company too? Not necessarily with 'green fingers' or even to be church members.

Happy to hear from you.

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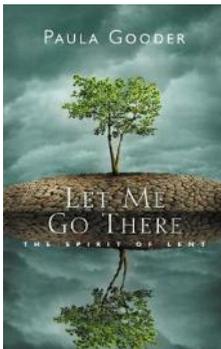
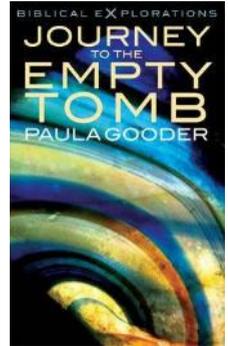


Book Suggestions for Lent

If you are still thinking about which Christian book to read this Lent, you might want to try a title by the author **Paula Gooder**. She is Theologian in Residence for the Bible Society, and a lecturer and writer in Biblical Studies.

Perhaps that all sounds very grand, but she writes many books for the intelligent general reader, and has the strong belief 'that deeper understanding of the Bible inspires and invigorates discipleship' (quoted from the jacket of one of her books). In other words, understanding our Bibles better, helps us become better Christians!

I first came across her writing in Lent last year, when I read *Journey to the Empty Tomb*, which explores the events leading up to the first Easter. I found it gave me a lot of useful background to Jesus' last days, as well as being very helpful in my faith. It has devotional reflections at the end of each chapter, and is very straightforward to read. Highly recommended!



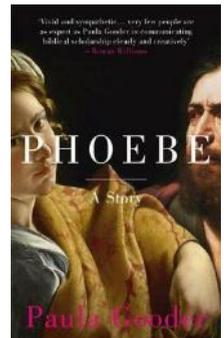
For Lent this year, I am reading her book *Let Me Go There: The Spirit of Lent*, which focuses on the themes of the wilderness experience and our calling as disciples. It's quite a short book, 6 chapters with only 125 pages, but it is also based on the author's thorough knowledge of the biblical material, with plenty of points for reflection.

If you would like something very easy to read, based on the Bible, you might want to try her book *Phoebe: A Story*, which is a creative account of the life of Phoebe, the deacon, listed in Romans chapter 16, with many other early Christians. It was Rev

Jared Hay who drew my attention to this book after his 'Lockdown Learning' series on the Early Church, last year.

Based on events in Acts, Paula Gooder uses her imagination to flesh out the story of the early church, and very successfully gives us a flavour of the challenges and joys that the early believers faced. Like all soundly researched historical fiction, it leaves the reader feeling they have enjoyed a good story, but have learned a lot, with very little effort!

All these titles and many others by Paula Gooder, are available on-line at www.aslanchristianbooks.com, the Christian bookseller.



Fiona Devoy

Do **YOU** have a Christian book review you would like to share with our magazine readers? Then forward it to me at magazine@libertonkirk.net (Editor)

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

MARCH 2021

Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it.

Hebrews 4 verse 16

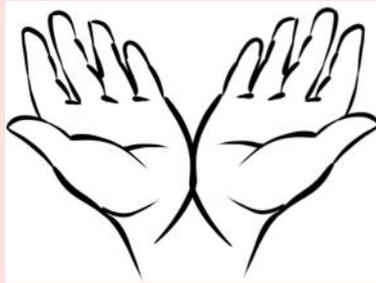
During 2021 we are looking daily at the theme of PRAYER

- and pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time.

* In March as we continue towards Easter we consider therefore
WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS. *

We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion'

During this year of 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.

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer - mostly for others

Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading

Reflection and Prayer at end of the day

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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 21

Mon 1st	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 5-15 – take time to consider these verses. Jesus' model Prayer. What is your response to His words today? And then pray in response to this Father God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of TEARFUND in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then humbly pray in response
Tue 2nd	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 7-12 – consider these words this morning. What is God asking you to do today? - and then pray in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you ask, seek, knock hear!
	Evening	read the words again - reflect. then pray in response as your day ends.
Wed 3rd	Morning	MATTHEW 8 vs 23-27 – consider what is said here today. Is there a storm you want Jesus to calm? And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Democratic Republic of Congo
	Evening	read the words again – reflect - and then pray to this Jesus.
Thur 4th	Morning	MATTHEW 11 vs 25-30 – take time to consider these words. What do these words mean for you today? And then pray to this Jesus.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on TEARFUND staff based in Glasgow
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 5th	Morning	MATTHEW 14 vs 22+23 – take time to ponder these verses as your day starts. and consider this Jesus! And then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on TEARFUND at work in Nepal at this time
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God
Sat 6th	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs 36-46 – take the time to consider these words. Jesus in Prayer to His Father. Then pray to Him in response....
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect..... and then pray in response to this God
Sun 7th	Morning	MATTHEW 28 vs 16-20 – consider this passage this morning. What does it mean for you today? Then pray to this Jesus in response.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ...then pray to this Risen Jesus.
Mon 8th	Morning	MARK 5 vs 21-43 - Consider these events as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him for others in need.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of CHRISTIAN AID in our world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to this Jesus as your day closes
Tue 9th	Morning	MARK 9 vs 2-13 – consider this passage today. What is God saying to you today about Himself? And then take time to pray to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'ThyKingdomCome'
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to this Jesus.
Wed 10th	Morning	MARK 10 vs 13-16 - prayerfully consider these words today. Which words stay with you? Then Pray to this God of blessing
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of BRITISH RED CROSS at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 11th	Morning	MARK 11 vs 15-19 – consider these words today. What do they tell you about Jesus? – then pray in response to God as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of the CYRENIANS in 2021.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 21

	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 12th	Morning	MARK 14 vs 32-42 – consider what is said here this morning. What do these words teach you about Prayer? then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on the work of FRESH START in our city
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 13th	Morning	LUKE 4 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	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 14th	Morning	LUKE 4 vs 38-41 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to pray in response for others in need of healing to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this verses again...reflect.. and then pray to our God who heals.
Mon 15th	Morning	LUKE 6 vs 12-16 – take time to consider these words. What do they tell you about Prayer? Then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in Syria at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this Jesus in response
Tue 16th	Morning	LUKE 6 vs 20-26 – consider these words of Jesus today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray in response for others.
	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 others
Wed 17th	Morning	LUKE 12 vs 22-31 – consider what is said here today. What is Jesus saying to you? And then pray to God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on TEARFUND at work in Jordan at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 18th	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 1-7 - consider these verses today as your day starts and then pause to pray for others in our world
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in Venezuela at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19th	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 8-10 – consider what is said by Jesus as your day starts. 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 TEARFUND’s work in Columbia at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 20th	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 11-32 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to Pray to Father God for others known to you.
	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	LUKE 19 vs 1-10 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying to you about your friends? then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Jesus.
Mon 22nd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 1-18 – take time to consider these words today.

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		What do they tell you about Jesus? And then pray in response to Him. Midday – pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in Pakistan in these days
Tue 23rd	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 16+17 – consider these verses today. Then pray to this God of Love for our world.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 24th	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response – for our world
	Morning	JOHN 5 vs 19-29 – consider what is said here by Jesus. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God as you step into today.
	Midday	– pray a blessing on TEARFUND at work in Nigeria in these days
Thur 25th	Morning	Evening – read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this Jesus. JOHN 6 vs 60-71 - consider these words today about Jesus and then pause to pray to Him for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in Uganda
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to our God as the day ends.
Fri 26th	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 1-14 – consider what is said here today. What is God saying to you this morning about Jesus? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing TEARFUND at work in South Sudan at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 27th	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 15-31 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean for you in your life? 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 28th	Morning	PALM SUNDAY - HEBREWS 3 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these words this particular Sunday. What do they mean for you in your life? – 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 to this God of ours.
Mon 29th	Morning	HEBREWS 3 vs 7-19 – take time to consider these words today. What do they teach you about our God? And then pray in response to Him.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in Brazil in these days
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 30th	Morning	HEBREWS 4 vs 1-13 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to this God
Wed 31st	Morning	HEBREWS 4 v14 – ch5 v10 – consider what is said here. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this Jesus as you step into today.
	Midday	– pray a blessing on TEARFUND at work in South Africa in these days
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God

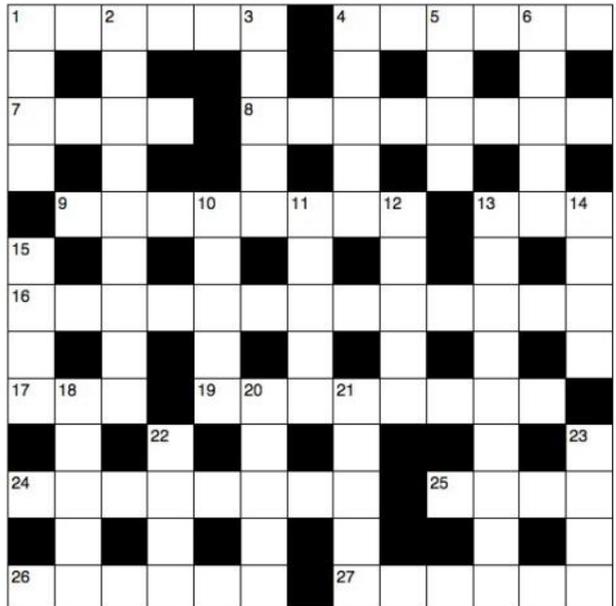
Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

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Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)





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

Congregational News

I am sorry to record the death of Mrs Anne Urquhart on 29th 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.

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 March Joan Strachan 07879 283 559

7th March 2021 Mrs Helen Sutherland, 124 Tryst Park, in memory of Grace Moss

14th March Mrs Mary Lonie, 78 The Murrays Brae , in memory of Bert Lonie

21st March Mrs Karen Ross, 22 Liberton Place

28th March Veronica Craig, 41 Liberton Place, in memory of Geoffrey Craig

Joan has intimated that she will no longer be able to convene the Month of March so we wish to thank her for her valuable service given to Liberton Kirk Flower Group.

When Covid Restrictions have ceased we desperately need more conveners and would welcome volunteers. Flower arranging skills are not necessary, giving time to put flowers [donated by others for a dedication] in a vase and deliver them after the 11am service on four Sundays in the year would be a wonderful help. Please consider offering your services.

If you think you could help please contact **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081:.

Neighbourhood Scheme

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

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Although our Senior Citz club has been closed for nearly a year, we're sorry but it's still going to be closed for the foreseeable future. But we want you to know that we still think about our club and each person. We miss you all so much we can't wait to see you all as soon as we can!

Our birthday for the month of March are ...

2nd Patrick Brock

5th Our lovely pastoral worker, Linda Wright

10th Dot Nobbs and Billie Reid

11th Mary Anderson

20th Calbert Phillips

21st Freda Forbes

26th Sheila Graham

28th Marion Alexander

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email to magazine@libertonkirk.net

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

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It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis -
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Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number,
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