## LIBERTON KIRK NEWS EXTRA February-March 2021



## Dear Friends,



What an amazing amount of snow we have had over the last couple of weeks. Last week it came at the right time for the school holidays and I think the children and even the adults have enjoyed snowy walks, sledging, building snow figures and perhaps even snow ball fights! Great for those who have been able to get outdoors. I hope you have enjoyed

seeing the snow while keeping cosy inside. The snow disappeared as quickly as it fell with the temperatures warming up.

The first signs of spring are becoming evident with snowdrops appearing. I love this time of year as bulbs begin to push through the earth. Friends of mine were walking down at Portobello beach recently and saw two people swimming with their wooly hats on! So on one hand signs of spring and the other brave people swimming in winter!

We have a new photographer this month I wanted to share two of his photos



The phone boxes covered in snow remind us of old technology, with so many people having mobile phones, phone boxes are no longer so necessary. Maybe we can feel like we are no longer of use, as we get older and feel we cannot contribute. I think as long as we have breath we are of use, it might be phoning someone to chat or saying a prayer for someone in need, or just being there for the people you love who love you.

This picture of the castle with closed doors made me think of this lockdown we have been experiencing. They really say no entry don't they. I remember once visitng the castle and someone accidentally touched the case the crown jewels were held in. An alarm sounded and the doors closed we could neither get in or out. It did not feel good being locked in and wondering what was going on. I am guessing for some of us lockdown has been a bit like that.

Good news of the vaccine programme and many people now having received their first vaccine gives us hope that life might get a bit more relaxed and we can eventually have people to visit our homes. It might be a month or two yet but the hope of it is so important. We have a God in whom we can hope, who walks with us and is with us wherever we are.



For those with access to the internet it has been possible to keep in touch with worship on Sundays and other things happening in the Kirk. Two weeks ago an Alpha course started. Although different, with no chat over a meal before the course, it is great that it can still happen. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to keep you in touch with what is going on in the Kirk.

If you have news we can pass onto others please let us know.

With Love

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