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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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## A Prayer for the month of April

God of Peter, God of yesterday, Hear us, Answer us.

God of Paul, God of today, Lead us, Help us.

God of James and John, God of tomorrow, Guide us, Use us.

And may we be careful, To give You all the glory!  
In Jesus' name.

Amen

# Thank you !

Isn't it amazing what a difference a year can make? Fifty-two weeks ago today, we had to close the door of our building here at Liberton to public worship, and instead I had to broadcast my first online reflection.

I spoke a bit about the Church as a body, where everyone still matters, wherever they are, and all can play their part in making Jesus' love known. I spoke also of Easter to come, and the hope of resurrection, and I quoted from Psalm 30 (one of my favourite psalms) – 'Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.'

A lot has happened since that day, but looking back I simply want to say 'thank you'. I now know from experience that it is in times of real struggle that we see the church at her best.

**Thank you for your openness to change.** In the last year we've learned to become comfortable with new technologies. We've become familiar with words like 'zoom' and phrases like 'you'll have to unmute'. We've continued to have Coffee Mornings, Link Group meetings, Prayer Gatherings, Kirk Sessions, Guild meetings, Alpha courses and Burns nights. And we've continued to worship together in a socially distanced church building and on zoom.

The number of devices joining our Sunday gatherings on zoom so far this year have been consistently over the 130 mark, and we've also learned of the benefits of this, as we've been joined in our worship by people who would otherwise struggle to get to church – the housebound, to those with very young children, and those who are far away. (At our recent Mission Sunday service, we were joined by people from Malaysia, Uganda and Italy.)

We have also been able to reconnect with people we haven't seen for a while. Just this last week I was surprised by an email from someone who explained that he had gotten out of the habit of coming to church, however he had reconnected with our services online and was looking forward to joining us in person when restrictions are eased.

**Thank you, too, for your willingness to make sacrifices.** Thank you for all those who volunteered to take lunches to the folks stuck at home, or to deliver Christmas Cards. Thank you for all those who have helped with the cafe. Thank you for all the small acts of selfless kindness that have taken place – often unknown to anyone else. And thank you to all those who longed to join us in our 'socially distanced' church services, but stayed at home so that others, who were unable to use zoom, could come in their place.

Listen, once again, to the words of that Psalm –

*Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.*

*For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime;*

*weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30.4-5)*

I am looking forward to the days when we will be able to gather together as a church, without fear and without restriction. In the meantime, thank you and hang in there – it won't be long now.

Much love



**Our Theme for 2021 is**  
*"The God Who Listens"*



## Faith Story from Prof. Jason Leitch.

'God bless this food and make us good. For Jesus sake. Amen' is one of the first prayers I remember saying as a child. I have very early memories of saying grace with my parents before meals and also praying for my family before going to sleep every night. These prayers were childlike and simplistic but they taught me, at a young age, the importance of regularly talking with God in order to give thanks as well as to ask for help for others. Although my words are more sophisticated now, I suppose these early lessons have stuck, as I still try to express



gratitude and pray for people who are in need or are struggling with the many difficult circumstances that life can throw at us all. If I'm totally honest, I don't claim to understand prayer or how it works. At times, it can feel like talking into a void and I wonder if it'll have any effect. At other times, I know that people have prayed for me and this has helped me personally; particularly through the months of the global pandemic when I have keenly felt the huge responsibility, along with others, of trying to give advice that would keep people safe. All I know for sure is that prayer helps. It can bring comfort at times of grief; peace in times of stress; provision in times of need; healing in times of illness and hope in times of hopelessness.

Jason Leitch.



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35, Mark 14:17-21, 27-31  
Luke 22:22, 31-34, John 13:21-30, 36-38

The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus.  
One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, had  
accepted money from them to betray him.

As Jesus and his disciples ate the  
Passover meal, Jesus said



John was sitting  
next to Jesus, so  
Peter said



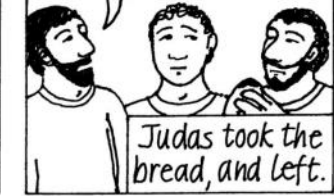
So John asked Jesus



It is the person I give  
this piece of bread to.



What you are about to  
do you must do quickly.



Why has Judas gone out?



They continued  
the Passover meal

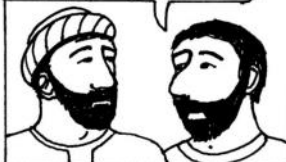


When the time  
comes, you will  
all run away.  
'When the shepherd is struck,  
the sheep scatter.\*' \* Zech 13:7

Peter said



Before tomorrow morning  
you will have denied you  
even know me 3 times.



And the  
others all  
said the same.



## Who Is A (Youth) Minister? ... Part Two

Last year's April edition posed the question above. It highlighted LK folk who were tutoring pupils at Liberton High School. More than an appeal, it was an acknowledgement of those who'd already given their time and were demonstrating Christ-like love in action. Give it a read if you can find an old copy, but the premise was based on 2 Cor 5 where Paul says that every Christian is an ambassador, or a "minister of reconciliation". Folk were sharing their time and wisdom with local pupils and it was meaningful for all involved.

By the time the article made it to print or online, schools were closed and we were in lockdown. Ooft. So why am I coming back to the same theme a year later? Because we still have young people who are meeting weekly to study the Bible together and I know they'd benefit from that same sort of time and wisdom from other generations.

Consider this an invitation to be a guest at Friday Bible Study with our LK teenagers. We want you to share your faith stories and experiences with us in the same environment where we study God's Word, edify one another, and have a load of laughs. No need to prepare a speech, it's an opportunity to join in with what's going on in their sphere and be the intergenerational church we all aspire to be. When schools return this April, we'll be back meeting in person in a socially distant way. We meet every Friday during term time, 4:30-6pm, so if you can join us for one of those Fridays, please let me or Emily know so we can put the kettle on. :)

**Kenny McCartney,**



Friday 7th May.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81130781650>

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# April 2021 Diary

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

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
		Due to the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, we hope to be able to hold services in the church (see below). We will also place the cross outside so that people who are unable to attend can decorate it with a daffodil.
	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk - please bring a daffodil (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	<b>Zoom service online - please bring a daffodil</b> (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme for both services: Trusting Prayer (Mark 15.33-41) Preacher: John Young
Monday 5th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 6th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wed'day 7th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
		<b>2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom</b>
Thursday 8th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 9th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 10th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 11th	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	<b>Zoom service online</b> (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny to book your place) Preacher: Fiona Devoy
Monday 12th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Sapiens Discussion Group (on Zoom)
Tuesday 13th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wed'day 14th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
		<b>11am-12.15pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom</b>
Thursday 15th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 16th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 17th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 18th	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	<b>Zoom service online</b> (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme for both services: Keychain leadership, Preacher: John Young
Monday 19th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 20th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Kirkgate Trust (on Zoom)
Wed'day 21st	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm	- BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 22nd	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 23rd	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 24th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 25th	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	<b>Zoom service online</b> (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place). Theme for both services: Empathy Today Preacher: John Young
Monday 26th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Tuesday 27th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)
Wedn'day 28th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am-12.15pm	- <b>BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom</b>
	7.30pm	Kirk Session Executive (on Zoom)
Thursday 29th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 30th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

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Saturday 1st	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 2nd	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	<b>Zoom service online</b> (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme for both services: Jesus' message Preacher: John Young



# APRIL 2021 EASTER SPECIAL



**Easter Around the World:** Church of Scotland ministers and partners from across the globe reflect on how they celebrate Easter  
**Surprised by Jesus:** Reflection from the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair  
**Easter Prayer**

## 'Every Action Really Does Count'

Interview with Helen Hughes, retired Church of Scotland Deacon and passionate Christian Aid supporter

## Dreaming Big

In this month's youth column, Rachel Macrae describes the influence of the Church in shaping her life and dreams

## A Season of Awakening

The Very Rev Albert Bogle asks whether the Covid-19 pandemic has created an opportunity to reset mission

## All in the Timing

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers reflects on death, loss and the importance of signs in the story of Lazarus

## God's 'Ministry of Recognition'

In the last in her series of studies, Ruth Harvey looks at Paul's letters as she reflects on the importance of reconciliation in the months to come

## Online

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## Prayer Course – Learning from the Lord's Prayer

Prayer is the major theme of life in Liberton Kirk this year and complementing our Sunday morning studies we have the opportunity to share together in The Prayer Course, produced by the 24/7 prayer movement founded some years ago. At the heart of Christian prayer is what we call the Lord's Prayer – the prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. The course is a series of explorations of the various parts of Lord's Prayer to help us understand and practise prayer on our pathway of following Jesus.

The course will be hosted by Jared Hay on Zoom, using TPC videos and study guides. It will run on **eight Monday evenings from 3 May until 21 June, 7.30pm – 9pm**. All are welcome to join us for as few or as many evenings as you can make. Link groups, should they wish, are invited to discuss the materials at greater length on their normal meeting night. .... PTO

.....prayer course continued

Gary Ross will, as usual, circulate the Zoom link for each evening together with a PDF of the study guide, which can be printed off. Those who want to dig a little deeper can order an accompanying book by Peter Greig, 'How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People' -240pp. around £10 on Amazon or £4 on Kindle. Like the first disciples, we too can come to Jesus and say to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' Come and join us if you can.

## THE WORD FOR TODAY



This picture of the lectern Bible in the church is the symbol of our "Word for Today" series. If you have been in the Kirkyard in the past six months you will know it well. It started after the Path of Peace around the Kirkyard in July/August, when it became apparent that many people were stopping in their daily walk to read the comments and prayers on the church walls.

The Word for Today takes passages from the Bible and invites people to read them and think about what they mean for them today. There are comments about the verses and a prayer which people can say if they wish. These ancient words, written centuries ago, are still relevant today, and in this time of pandemic many speak directly to us in our frustrations and disorientation. There is something special about reading God's Word in the open air, in the midst of his creation.

It's good too to recognise the special events of the Christian year, which is why we had a Nativity display at Christmas, and why the Word for Today until 3<sup>rd</sup> April is "Why Good Friday?" From 3<sup>rd</sup> April there will be a special Easter display.

The scripts from Christmas onwards are now on the website if you missed them, as is the current script for those who are unable to come to the Kirkyard.

Ruth Davies

## Guild News for April

The Guild has finished for this session but will restart again at the beginning of October. The meetings all took place via Zoom and although a few members are not online, the majority are and attendances were excellent for all our speakers. Zoom also enabled non-members to join the meetings from the comfort of their homes.



We were able to hold two virtual Coffee Mornings as well as promote two online shops and the Committee would like to thank everyone who supported these events.

From initially wondering how to continue with the Guild this session, we have been blessed by many gestures of goodwill. Our chosen projects will benefit greatly from this generosity.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

Tel: 664 1171

## KIRKGATE CAFÉ - EASING OF LOCKDOWN .....TAKE 2

A few days ago, on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, the Government announced that from 26<sup>th</sup> April, cafes, which did not sell alcohol, could open indoors. A limit has been set to 4 people at each table from no more than 2 households. As before contact details must be provided and also expect sanitising, distancing and mask regulations to be in place too.

This is exciting news, and Norma and the volunteers will be ready to welcome you into the café once more to enjoy the company of friends with a coffee inside. The courtyard, which benefits from its south facing aspect and is bright and sunny, will be available too. No more standing in car parks with a take away – though even that was a joy at times in the lockdown.

Until then the café will continue to operate on Mondays (**except Easter Monday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>**) and Wednesdays from 10am until 2pm for take away food and drinks.

In the meantime keep safe and well and hope that the planned re-opening date does not have to be delayed.

Jill Niven

Café Convener



Anyone needing an uplift please contact **Sylvia Bennett 664 3189**.

**F**or those who have been homeless, they have no belongings. When they move into a flat, they cannot make a cup of tea, light a lamp, shut their curtains or snuggle up under their duvet. **YOU** can help.

Below is a list of household items that can help make a house a home.



**Dishes and Cutlery** • Dinner Plates • Side Plates • Bowls • Cutlery  
• Glass Tumblers • Mugs • Tea-Towels



**Cleaning Items** • Washing Up Liquid • Toilet Cleaner • Toothbrushes  
• Toothpaste • Hand Soap • Toilet Rolls • Bin Bags & Liners  
• Dustpan & Brushes • All Purpose Cleaners • Laundry Tablets • J-Cloths



**Pots and Pans** • Soup Pots • Frying Pans • Milk Pans • Cooking Utensils  
• Can Openers • Potato Peelers • Wooden Spoons



**Bed Linen and Towels** • Single, Double & King • Sheets • ~~Duvets~~ • ~~Pillows~~  
• Duvet Covers • Pillow Cases • Blankets • Towels • Curtains • Face Cloths



**Small Household Electric Items** • Kettles • Toasters • Lamps • Irons  
• Vacuum Cleaners • Radios • DVD Player • Microwaves • Music Systems



**Long Lasting Food Products** • Tins & Jars of: Beans / Spaghetti / Soup /  
Vegetables / Meat / Fish • Cooking Sauces • Packets of Pasta • Rice • Cereal  
• Porridge • Biscuits • Sugar • Tea Bags • Instant Coffee • UHT Milk

We are an accredited Revolve organisation, meaning that the goods that we re-use must meet the required standard set out by Zero Waste Scotland. In order to reduce waste, please can all donated items be in a clean, reusable condition as we do not have the facilities available to wash items. We are charged for the disposal of all items that we are unable to use, which impacts on the services we are able to provide. Please can you also avoid hard plastics, such as buckets, as they cannot be used in our packs and end up in landfill.



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# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

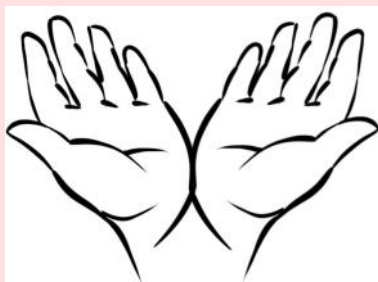
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Pray that I may be bold in speaking about the gospel as I should  
Ephesians 6 verse 20

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 April as we journey on from Easter we consider therefore  
PETER, PAUL and JAMES – the EARLY CHURCH IN PRAYER. \*

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 APRIL 21

Thur 1st	Morning	Maundy Thursday - EPHESIANS 1 verses 3-14. Take the time to consider these words of praise from Paul this morning. What do the words mean for you in your prayer life? And then pray to this God!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in North Korea
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on all that is said - then pray to our God
Fri 2nd	Morning	Good Friday – EPHESIANS 1 verses 15-23. Take the time to ponder these words of thanksgiving on this particular day.. And then pray in response to God – with thanksgiving – for Jesus – for others.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in China at this time
	Evening	read these verses again – reflect on the words and then pray to God
Sat 3rd	Morning	EPHESIANS 3 vs 14-21. Take the time to consider these words. Paul in prayer for other believers. Then pray to Him for others in response....
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect..... and then pray in response to this God
Sun 4th	Morning	EASTER SUNDAY! - EPHESIANS 6 verses 10-18. Consider this passage afresh this significant morning. What does it mean for you today? Then pray to this God in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ...then pray to our Risen Jesus.
Mon 5th	Morning	ACTS 2 vs 42-47 - Consider these events as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him for others in our Church.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of OPEN DOORS in Afghanistan
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to our Lord as your day closes
Tues 6th	Morning	ACTS 3 vs 1-8 – consider this passage today. Notice all that happens to Peter and John at 'the hour for prayer'. And then take time to pray in response to their God, our God.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – 'Thy Kingdom Come'
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and pray in response to this Jesus.
Wed 7th	Morning	ACTS 4 vs 23-31 - prayerfully consider these words today. The early believers at Prayer. Then Pray to this God for boldness.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of OPEN DOORS in UK and Ireland
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 8th	Morning	ACTS 12 vs 12-17 – consider these words today. What do they tell you about Prayer? Then pray in response to God as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the work of OPEN DOORS in Vietnam
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 9th	Morning	ACTS 13 vs 1-3 – 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 OPEN DOORS in Somalia
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 10th	Morning	ACTS 20 vs 32-38 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 11th	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 8-10 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to pray in response for others – with thanksgiving!
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this verses again...reflect.. and then pray to our God for others.

# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 21

- Mon 12th Morning ROMANS 8 vs 18-27 – take time to consider these words. What do they teach you about Prayer? Then pray in response to this God.  
Midday pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Libya at this time  
Evening read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
- Tues 13th Morning ROMANS 16 – consider these words of Paul’s today. Who is on your daily/weekly/monthly prayer list? Then turn to pray 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 by name
- Wed 14th Morning 1 CORINTHIANS 14 vs 26-40 – consider what is said by Paul. What is God saying to you? And then pray to God as you step into today.  
Midday pray a blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Pakistan at this time  
Evening read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 15th Morning 2 CORINTHIANS 1 vs 3-11 - consider these verses today as your day starts and then pause to pray for others in need of God’s comfort.  
Midday pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Eritrea at this time  
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 16th Morning 2 CORINTHIANS 13 vs 5-10 consider what is said by Paul here 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 OPEN DOORS at work in Yemen  
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
- Sat 17th Morning 2 CORINTHIANS 13 v 13 – take time to consider these words of blessing today. Then take time to Pray to this God for others known to you.  
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 have read
- Sun 18th Morning EPHESIANS 6 vs 19+20 – take time to consider these words. What is God saying to you about Prayer? – then pray in response  
Midday pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today  
Evening read this short passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Jesus.
- Mon 19th Morning PHILIPPIANS 1 vs 3-11 – take time to consider these words today. What do they tell you about Prayer? And then pray in response to God.  
Midday pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Nigeria in these days  
Evening read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
- Tue 20th Morning PHILIPPIANS 1 vs 18-21 – consider these verses today.  
Look at v 19 again as turn to pray for someone else today.  
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 another
- Wed 21st Morning PHILIPPIANS 4 vs 4-7 – consider what is said here today. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God as you step into today.  
Midday pray a blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Iran in these days  
Evening read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of peace
- Thur 22nd Morning COLOSSIANS 1 vs 3-14 - consider these words today  
and then pause to pray to this God with prayers of thanksgiving!

# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 21

	Midday	pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in India
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to our God as the day ends.
Fri 23rd	Morning	COLOSSIANS 4 vs 2-6 – consider what is said here today. What is God saying to you this morning about your prayer life? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing OPEN DOORS at work in Myanmar at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 24th	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 1 vs 2+3 – take time to consider these words What do they mean for you in your life? Then take time to Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 25th	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 5 vs 12-24 – take time to consider these words from Paul this particular Sunday. What do they mean for you in your life? – then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 26th	Morning	1 THESSALONIANS 5 vs 25-28 – take time to consider these words today. What do they teach you about our Paul and prayer and the Early Church? And then pray in response to God for others.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Laos in these days
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 27th	Morning	2 THESSALONIANS 3 vs 1-5 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from them? Then pray to Him for others
	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 28th	Morning	1 TIMOTHY 2 vs 1-8 – consider all that is said here. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Malaysia in these days
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 29th	Morning	PHILEMON - consider these words today in this short letter and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Nepal
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 30th	Morning	JAMES 5 vs 13-20 – consider what is said here today. What is God saying to you this morning about Prayer? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing OPEN DOORS staff at work in our world at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God



# Crossword

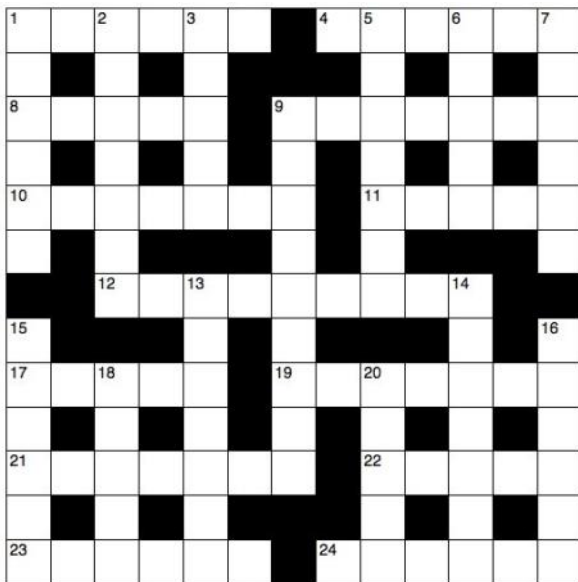
## Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

## Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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## Elder's Sunday Duties

Because of Covid restrictions there are currently no elders duties 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 Mr Pat McAllister on 14th February 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.'

<b>Convener :for April</b>	(A convener is needed for this month)
<b>4th April 2021</b>	Jackie Switzer, 4 Ravensdean Gardens, Penicuik, EH26 9HQ, in memory of Edith Jones
<b>11th April</b>	Mrs Veronica Craig, Liberton Park, in memory of Geoffrey Craig
<b>18th April</b>	Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captain's Road, in memory of Allison Weir
<b>25th April</b>	David Robertson, 8 Park Grove, in memory of Margot Robertson

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Our birthdays for the month of April are as follows ...

- 7th Christine Steven
- 12th Margo Crawford and Eddie Houlison
- 15th Margaret Boe
- 22nd Jessie Burns
- 27th Fiona Scott (celebrating her 70th)
- 29th Joan Bell
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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 -  
please contact John Young if you have a special request.

Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number,  
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