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

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Prayer for May

Our Father in Heaven, May your holy name be honoured,
In our lives, In your Church

Our Father in Heaven, May your kingdom rule be seen
In our lives, In our community

Our Father in Heaven, May your will be done
In our lives, In our nation

Our Father in Heaven, May your kingdom come
May your will be done, In our world

What are you longing for most?

If you were to ask me for one word that best sums up this last year, I think my answer might be 'uncertainty'. One of the features of our weekly Tuesday morning staff prayer meeting has been the gathering time at the beginning, and these days it almost inevitably involves a discussion of the latest changes to the Lockdown restrictions and what is and is not now possible.

Last Tuesday Chris, our facilities manager, was heard to say that there have been so many different changes to the rules recently it's hard to know anything for certain. The one thing that is certain, however, is that this last year has been a real test of our patience.

This is not a bad thing. When I was a wee boy, I remember my mother and father often teasing each other with these words – the last line of which could vary* depending on who was repeating it:

Patience is a virtue, possess it if you can

Seldom found in women, but never/always in a man*

In the New Testament, patience is seen as an essential part of our daily lives -

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3.12)

It is also described as one of the fruits of the presence of God's Holy Spirit within us -

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

A passage that speaks to me most, especially in these uncertain times, is in Paul's letter to the Romans -

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8.22-25)

To be patient in the present implies a longing for something to change in the future. What I am currently longing for desperately is for us to be able to open up our buildings and gather together so that we can share in the joys and struggles of life, as we once did. But here in this passage we are given a much bigger perspective. Even when things do eventually open up again, our world will still be far from perfect, and we will still be waiting in hope – longing for the day when our Lord will come and make all things new.

Much love



Our Theme for 2021 is
"The God Who Listens"



Faith Story : A short story of prayer in my life

I grew up in a house where prayer, like loading and unloading the dishwasher, was part of the daily routine. A prayer before each meal, a prayer 'for the day' before funnelling out the house to school, a prayer before bed, a prayer when something was going wrong. Each 'amen' felt like a starter's pistol: the preamble is over, the real business of eating, schooling, sleeping can begin. Prayer was laden with a sense of oughtness. We ought to thank God for what we eat, we ought to ask God for what we need, we ought to bring God into whatever crisis was unfolding.



I believed in God and had no issue with the idea that we could (and should) speak to God. There were times I prayed alone with God, without any audience, and no obvious carrot or stick. But there was a good deal more speaking at God or speaking as if I was talking to God, racing to the 'amen' with my fork hovering over the plate.

I still pray before meals, long journeys, and at the end of the day. No doubt it often sounds perfunctory and sometimes my prayers are impatient, forced out amid the clamour and chaos of family life. It is because of who I am speaking to when I pray, that I bother to pray at all. My prayers are not directed to some faceless fussy supervisor, who checks that I've prayed all that I ought to pray. It is not like that at all, because God is not like that.

When Andrew (aged 3) recounts the latest excitement or mishap from his nursery, thrilled to share and to be heard (if not immediately understood!) – it is no hardship to stoop down and make of it what I can. Likewise, my prayers are like words from a distracted child to a patient Father, who loves to hear and who is able and willing to give, forgive, lead and protect.

Timothy Sinclair

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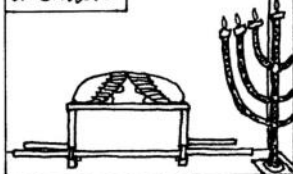
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 4:1-10, 5:1-7:1

God gave Moses two stone slabs with His laws for the Jews on them. They were kept in a special chest, the Ark, and carried with them

When the Jews got to Israel, the Ark was kept at Shiloh.



The Jews did not keep God's laws so He let the Philistines attack and defeat them.



The Jews took the Ark into battle with them to make God help them win.



But the Philistines won. They took the Ark to their city of Ashdod and put it in the temple of their god Dagon.



The next day they found Dagon's statue face down.



They put it back up.

The next day it was over again and its head and hands had broken off.



Then the people became covered in sores.



They moved the Ark to the city of Gath.



People began to have sores there too.

They were going to move the Ark to Ekron, but the people there wouldn't let them.



So they put the Ark on a new cart with a gift of gold.



God led the cows pulling the cart.

At Bethshemesh, people harvesting saw the Ark.



They celebrated its return.

But some treated it without respect and died.



So it was moved to Keriath Jearim for safe-keeping.

MAY 2021



The Privilege of Democracy

Thomas Baldwin explains why churches have a key role to play in this month's elections to the Scottish Parliament

'A Cherished Part of the Church's Tradition'

The Rt Hon Baron Wallace of Tankerness QC looks ahead to his year as Moderator-Designate to the 2021 General Assembly with Lynne McNeil, as he encourages elders to serve more widely in the Church of Scotland

Assembly 2021

Timetable and reports to this year's General Assembly, which will be held online

God's Table

The first in a new series of Bible studies by the Very Rev Dr Derek Browning, focusing on hospitality

Kirk Session Records Launched Online

More than a million pages of local Church of Scotland records have been published online for the first time

New Guild Partner Projects Unveiled

The six new three-year projects adopted by the Church of Scotland Guild

Our Planet is Changing

Val Brown of Christian Aid Scotland introduces the campaign for this year's Christian Aid Week

Online

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May 2021 Diary

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

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	Zoom service online (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme for both services: Growing Young III - Jesus' message Preacher: John Young
Monday 3rd	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.00am - 2.00pm	Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Prayer Course: 'Learning from the Lord's Prayer' (zoom)
Tuesday 4th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm	History Resource Group meeting (zoom)
Wed'day 5th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm	BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 6th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 7th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.00pm	Kirkgate Trust Quiz Night on Zoom
Saturday 8th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.15-11.30am	Christian Aid Breakfast in the Kirkgate Café -see page 12 (contact Roslyn Wilson by 2nd May to book in)
Sunday 9th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	Zoom service online (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme: Growing Young IV - Warm Relationships Preacher: John Young
Monday 10th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.00am - 2.00pm	Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Prayer Course: 'Learning from the Lord's Prayer' (zoom)
Tuesday 11th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	(7.00pm for)	7.30pm – Kirk Session (zoom)
Wed'day 12th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am-12.15pm	BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 13th		THY KINGDOM COME (Nationwide prayer initiative)
	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 14th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 15th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

Sunday 16th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	Zoom service online (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact or John to book your place) Theme: Prayer in the early church – ‘Expectant Prayer’ Preacher: John Young
	2.30pm	SEECAT business meeting (zoom)
Monday 17th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Prayer Course: ‘Learning from the Lord’s Prayer’ (zoom)
Tuesday 18th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Wed’d day 19th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm	- BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 20th	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 21st	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 22nd	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 23rd		PENTECOST
	8.00am	TKC Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	Zoom service online (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme: Prayer in the Early Church – ‘Courageous Prayer’ Preacher: John Young
Monday 24th	6.30pm	BIG Idea ‘drive-in’ service at Morrisons*
	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 25th	7.30pm	Prayer Course: ‘Learning from the Lord’s Prayer’ (zoom)
	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Congregational Prayer Gathering (zoom)
Wed’d day 26th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	11am-12.15pm	- BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom
Thursday 27th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 28th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 29th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 30th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	Zoom service online (with opportunities for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme: Growing Young V – Prioritise everywhere Preacher: John Young
Monday 31st	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Prayer Course: 'Learning from the Lord's Prayer' (zoom)

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Tuesday 1st	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	7.30pm	Kirkgate Trust (on Zoom)
Wed'day 2nd	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	2.00pm-3.30pm - BYOC (Bring your own cuppa) on Zoom	
Thursday 3rd	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Friday 4th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Saturday 5th	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
Sunday 6th		COMMUNION SUNDAY
	8.00am	Daily reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am	Short service in the Kirk (with communion) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers)
	11am	Zoom service online (with communion) (with opportunity for families with children to worship together in the Kirk – Contact Kenny or John to book your place) Theme: Growing Young VI – Best Neighbours Preacher: John Young

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Foodbank: A message from Cammy MacKenzie

Please pass on our massive thank you to all who have been supporting us over the time if the pandemic. Their kindness has meant more than just the food.

Cammy, Janet and the team

Annual Accounts - Liberton Kirk and Kirkgate Trust

Copies of the Annual Accounts for 2020 are now available in the church for both Liberton Kirk and the Kirkgate Trust.

If you would like a copy of either please contact me either by phone or email (details below).

Judy Weston (Treasurer) , 664-5684, treasurer@libertonkirk.net

World Mission : Leprosy - Stigmatises, Marginalises and Impoverishes

Hansen's disease or leprosy is an ancient disease caused by slow-growing bacteria which can affect nerves, skin, eyes and the lining of the nose. Damage to large nerves in the hands and feet can lead to wounds and ulcers, which if untreated can cause progressive and permanent damage, leaving a person disfigured through loss of fingers, toes and eventually limbs. Stigmatization means that sufferers are starved of touch, denied basic human rights and unable to live in family groups, pursue education or work. Moreover, fearing diagnosis many sufferers fail to seek treatment, attempting to hide their disease because of stigmatization and myths surrounding leprosy.

Although leprosy is not contagious and cannot be spread by touch, it is infectious, and is passed primarily through droplets from the mouth and nose. Ninety-five percent of us are immune as our immune systems are able to fight off the disease. However, there are currently 3 million people living with irreversible disabilities due to late treatment. Effective treatment has been available since 1982, when multi-drug therapy (MDT) was found to provide a cure for leprosy, and since 1995 15 million people have been successfully treated. Countries with the highest number of new leprosy diagnoses every year are Brazil, India and Indonesia, with more than half of all new leprosy cases diagnosed in India. The poorest and most vulnerable communities, living in over-crowded conditions, are most at risk. In 2018 120,334 or 57% of new cases were found there.

Kajari's story

Kajari's first symptoms of leprosy appeared when she was 10. But leprosy wasn't diagnosed for another 30 years. She comes from a colony of sweepers and cleans in a local school. Her life can seem over-whelming: 'Sometimes I feel it's better to go away. If God can take me away, that is good...I wanted to have a family. And a better job. But I lost hope of that ever happening when I lost my fingers'.

However, thanks to the DBLM Hospital in Nilphamari, Northern Bangladesh, 180 miles from her home, Kajari is now getting regular medical care and physiotherapy, making friendships and experiencing loving care.



Photo: Tom Bradley

World Mission : Leprosy - Who is helping?

The Leprosy Mission Scotland has been working in partnership with the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, an international Christian organisation, and alongside sister organisations around the world for 140 years. They have a global goal of zero leprosy transmission by 2035.

The Leprosy Mission Scotland supports leprosy sufferers in Nigeria, Tanzania, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Bangladesh. Since 1988, Purulia Hospital has treated an average of 7,200 leprosy sufferers yearly from surrounding West Bengal.

What can we do?

Gift Aid Envelopes will be available in church for donations when Covid restrictions allow.

Contact and donate to: Leprosy Mission Scotland @ leprosymission.scot

Please pray for an end to this terrible disease.

The World Mission Team are grateful to Leprosy Mission Scotland for data and image used.

Thy Kingdom Come,

A Global Prayer Venture, 13-23 May 2021

A daily theme. A daily video. By email or social media. An opportunity to pray for up to 5 friends to meet with Jesus. An opportunity to pray with other Christians in our city,

in our nation, in this world.

An opportunity to pray for the Kingdom of God to be experienced and evidenced afresh. You can sign up at www.thykingdomcome.global

"WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR
IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT
YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT,
AND IT WILL BE YOURS.."

Mark 11:24



More information will be available shortly from the Prayer Team.

Christian Aid Week, 2021, 10 to 16 May

This year, **Christian Aid Week** is from 10 to 16 May. In earlier years, we had been able, with a number of volunteer collectors, to cover some parts of the Parish, in a house-to-house collection. In the present circumstances, there will not be a house-to-house collection.

As last year, there will be available **Christian Aid Envelopes** in the Kirk Centre and in the boxes at the gates of the Kirk and the Kirk Centre. Contribution envelopes should be **returned**, not later than 16 May, to :

The Manse, 7 Kirk Park , or to The Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive.

In this way, we were able to raise over £2,000 for the work of Christian Aid in 2020. This is an important service in which our church can assist in promoting one of the most important Charities assisting in the development, and in the relief of poverty and disaster-stricken parts of our world - underscoring our Christian commitment to the life of the world.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, Tel. 0131.664.3059, Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

Big Breakfast You're invited to a Christian Aid Big Brekkie! **Saturday 8th May, 9.15-11.30am** in the Kirkgate Café. Contact Roslyn on roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk **by Sunday 2nd May** to book a space. Donations of cash or cheque will be accepted on the day."

Kirkgate Cafe News

It has been a long 4 months since we closed for Christmas....however, excitement is mounting as 26th April approaches!! Re-opening for business indoors and out, we look forward to serving you.

Cafe may have been closed, but we have still been busy - preparing and delivering meals for those who need, and recently opening for takeaway on Mondays and Wednesdays, offering limited menu.

As per government guidelines, restrictions will still be in place. Masks, distancing, sanitising etc will still be required indoors. Max 4 per table from 2 households. We will not be taking bookings, but will have 1 hour limit , and would appreciate cooperation with this. Our courtyard will also be open and available for use. The track and trace system will still operate..

Kirkgate cafe is a community cafe and though it is managed by a staff member, the entire team are volunteers. Your local cafe needs you!! New volunteers always welcome to join us, please drop in for a chat about what is involved , (and, coffee and cake, of course!).



Jill Niven
Café Convener

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

MAY 21

Our Father in heaven.....May your kingdom come; May your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Matthew 6 verses 9 and 10

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 May as we journey on towards PENTECOST we consider therefore the theme of
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE * We are all encouraged to listen for God's
voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion'.



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.

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Sat 1st	Morning	1 SAMUEL chapter 8 – take the time to consider these words. God's people want a king! Then pray to God for our nation 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 2nd	Morning	PSALM 24 - God is King! What does this mean for you in your daily living? Then pray to this God with your songs of praise!
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the words again – reflect ...then pray to our God the King.
Mon 3rd	Morning	PSALM 37 - Consider these words of trust as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who are anxious and worried at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to our Lord as your day closes
Tue 4th	Morning	PSALM 47 – consider this passage today about God, the Most High. What is God teaching you about Himself? And then take time to pray in response to this 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 God of ours
Wed 5th	Morning	PSALM 82 - prayerfully consider these words today. What is God teaching you today? Then Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who feel helpless in our society.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 6th	Morning	PSALM 94 – consider these words today. What do they tell you about our God? Then pray in response to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in our emergency services
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 7th	Morning	PSALM 97 – consider what is said here this morning. What do these words teach you about our God? then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Street Pastors in our city and nation
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 8th	Morning	PSALM 99 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you about Himself? 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 9th	Morning	PSALM 113 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to pray in response for our world leaders.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this psalm again...reflect.. and then pray to our God for others. What do they teach you this morning? Then pray in response to our God.
Mon 10th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 1-12 – take time to consider these words. What do they teach you this morning? Then pray in response to our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those seeking to know God in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 11th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 13-16 – consider these words of Jesus today. What do they mean to you at this time? Then turn to pray to shine for Jesus.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

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	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response to what you read.
Wed 12th	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 5-15 – consider what is said by Jesus. What is God saying to you? Then pray to Father God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Prayer Team at this time
	Evening	– read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 13th	Morning	TKC 'TO JESUS' - LUKE 5 vs 17-26 - consider these verses and all that happens here and then pause to pray for others to meet with Jesus today
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those starting to follow Jesus
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 14th	Morning	TKC 'PRAISE' – PSALM 103 – consider all that is said here as your day starts. What is God saying to you today from His Word?
		And then pray to Him in response – with words and songs of praise!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on worship leaders in our churches
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 15th	Morning	TKC 'THANKS' – PSALM 100 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to Pray to this God with thanksgiving!
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you have read
Sun 16th	Morning	TKC 'SORRY' – PSALM 51 – take time to slowly consider these words this morning – then pray in response to this God of mercy.
	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 17th	Morning	TKC 'OFFER' – GALATIANS 2 vs 19+20 – take time to consider these words today. What do they mean to you in your life? And then pray in response to God...offering Him all you are, all you have.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Ministry Staff Team at LK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 18th	Morning	TKC 'PRAYFOR' – EPHESIANS 6 vs 18-20 – consider these verses afresh today. Then 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 19th	Morning	TKC 'HELP' - PHILIPPIANS 1 vs 3-11 – consider what is said here to day by Paul. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God for someone in need at this time.
	Midday	pray a blessing on FOOD BANKS in our city at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God who helps
Thur 20th	Morning	TKC 'ADORE' – REVELATION 4+5 - consider these words today and then pause in adoration of our Living Lord!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the ARTISANS Group in our church
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then adore!!
Fri 21st	Morning	TKC 'CELEBRATE' - JOHN 2 vs 1-12 – consider what is

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		said here today. What reasons do you have to pray in celebration of God's gifts to you this past week? And then celebrate in prayer!
	Midday	pray a blessing on those preparing to get married this year
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this Jesus
Sat 22nd	Morning	TKC 'SILENCE' - PSALM 46 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to Pray to this God...waiting...listening...hearing...
	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 23rd	Morning	PENTECOST - ACTS 2 vs 1-42 – take time to consider these events and words this particular Sunday. What do they mean for you in your life? – then pray in response to God for a fresh out pouring
	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 24th	Morning	MATTHEW 18 vs 1-5 – take time to consider these words today. What do they teach you about Kingdom living? And then pray in response to God for others at this time.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who work in nurseries and schools
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 25th	Morning	MATTHEW 18 vs 21-35 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you about Kingdom living?? Then pray to Him take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Midday	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 26th	Morning	MATTHEW 20 vs 1-16 – consider all that is said here. What do the words teach you about the Kingdom? And then pray to this God.
	Midday	pray a blessing on all those who work in farms in our land at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 27th	Morning	MATTHEW 22 vs 1-14 – consider these words today about the Kingdom of God and then pause to pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those nearing the end of life at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 28th	Morning	MATTHEW 25 vs 1-13 – consider what is said here today. What is God saying to you this morning about His Kingdom? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those who work in funeral parlours in our city
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 29th	Morning	MATTHEW 25 vs 14-30 – take time to consider these words about the Kingdom of God. Then take time to Pray to this God of ours.
	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 30th	Morning	HEBREWS 12 vs 25-29 – take time to consider these words about the Kingdom of God on this Sunday. What do they mean for you in your life? – then pray in response to this God of ours.
	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 31st	Morning	REVELATION 19 vs 5-10 – take time to consider these words today. What is God saying to you today from His Word? And then pray in response to God...Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our world leaders in these days
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to our God in response

Crossword

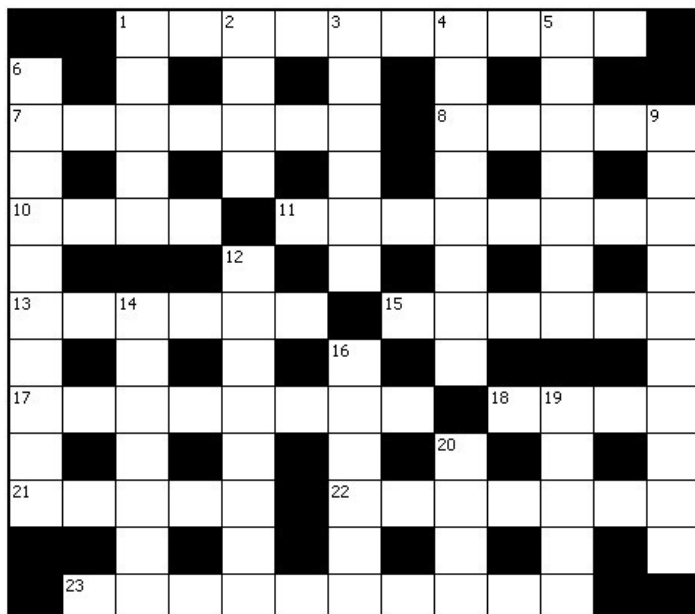
Across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (*1 Corinthians 8:7*)(10)
 7 Coming (*John 11:17*)(7)
 8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (*John 17:10*)(5)
 10 Smarten (*Acts 9:34*)(4)
 11 Hold back (*Job 9:13*)(8)
 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
 18 So be it (*Galatians 6:18*)(4)
 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. — (5)
 22 Empowers (*Philippians 3:21*)(7)
 23 Imposing (*1 Samuel 9:2*)(10)

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Down

- 1 Healed (*Luke 7:21*)(5)
 2 Central space in a church (4)
 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus 2:12*)(8)
 5 Bravery (*Acts 4:13*)(7)
 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (*Acts 16:26*)(10)
 9 Transgression (*Psalms 36:1*)(10)
 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (*Genesis 1:2*)(6)
 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
 20 Cab (4)



Growing Young

About 18 months ago, before the challenges of lockdown began, Kenny McCartney and I took a road trip to Kinross one winter's evening to find out about Growing Young, a programme for churches developed by the Fuller Youth Institute in California. We very much liked what we heard, and since then have been thinking hard about what the ideas could mean for Liberton Kirk.

The difficult circumstances of the last year have limited what we have been able to do so far, but we have had the opportunity to listen to members of the Liberton Kirk family, to talk to other churches, to dream and to begin to plan for the future.

Growing Young is about focusing on our church culture to make sure Liberton Kirk continues to be a place where people of all ages find a welcome and feel they belong. At a time of falling church membership across Scotland, this is more important now than ever. In spite of its name, Growing Young is not just about young people, but about all of us. As a church we need to grow young to ensure that in ten years time we will still have the vibrant worshipping community we value being part of today.

Thank you to everyone who completed the congregational survey earlier in the year. From the answers submitted by members of our community of all ages, we learned that our strengths are being good neighbours, building warm relationships with each other and with our community and putting the message of Jesus at the heart of everything we do. That gives us a fantastic foundation to build on in the months ahead as we work to get to know each other better. Keep an eye out for new things happening at Liberton Kirk over the next few months, get involved and help our congregation to Grow Young!

Chris Brandie



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 May	(A convener is needed for this month)
2nd May 2021	Mrs Helen Whyman and Mrs Dorothy Parr, Gracemount Avenue, in memory of Aileen and Jim Whyman
9th May	Mrs Helen Hodgkinson, 5 Backlee, in memory of Janet McGregor
16th May	Mrs Ann Weir, 137 Captain's Road, in memory of Hamish Weir
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30th May	Free

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

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



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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Congregational News

I am sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Elizabeth Laing on 1st April and Mrs Betty Hawley on 2nd April and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.

Editor



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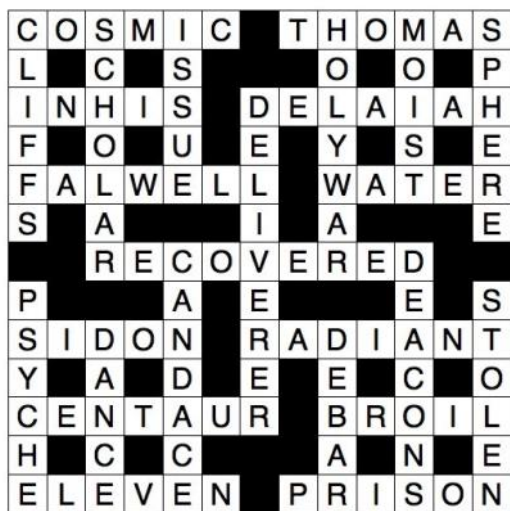
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