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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 June

O God of Isaiah, Holy Holy Holy, Is your name, In our midst

O God of Ezekiel, Spirit at work, All around, In our lives

O God of Jonah, Forgive us, When we your people,
Get it wrong

Have mercy, Show compassion, In Jesus' name, Amen

Lost and Found

As I write this I'm looking forward to the Christian Aid Book Sale at St Andrews and St Georges West Church this coming Saturday morning. Before the Covid 19 lockdown these sales were one of the highlights of the summer term.

We used to go there as a family and spend the whole morning rummaging around the books and toys and music and bric-a-brac stalls. And we would always finish up at a table in the Undercroft Café below, surveying all our purchases. Towards the end of the morning, I would be dispatched to the nearby multi-story car park to get the car so we could load up and head off home again, and usually I would take our bags full of newly purchased items with me.

One particular year we'd been even more successful than usual, and I ended up with SEVEN large shopping bags full of everyone's purchases, trudging my intrepid way back to the car. All seemed to go well until we got home, when, horror of horrors, we discovered one of the bags was missing. It was my son Liam's bag, full of all the toys and games and books his pocket money could buy.

He was devastated, and we could all feel his dismay. We searched all the other bags. We searched the car. We tried to think of where it could be. Eventually, in desperation, I phoned up St Andrew's and St George's to ask if, by any chance, it was still there somewhere. The phone was answered by a lovely lady, who listened carefully and then said she would go and see. Within a few minutes she was back at the phone. Yes, it had been

left at a table in the café and someone had handed it in.

Such joy and relief - and not just on the part of my son. The whole family shared in the celebration. Liam's bag had been found!

Jesus once told a similar story. It was about a woman who had ten coins and lost one of them, and of the great joy she felt when she found it again – a joy that she shared with all her friends and neighbours. He finishes his story with these words... "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15.10)

It's a good story to remember if ever we are lonely, or feel we have lost our way, or that our life doesn't matter all that much anyway. It reminds us that our life matters to God. He really misses us and longs for our company, and there is always great rejoicing when we find our way back to him.

Much love,



Prayer for July

O LORD God, God of David, And Asaph and Solomon, Hear us

O LORD God, In our valleys, And on our mountain tops, Hear us

O LORD God, With songs of praise, And cries for help, Hear us

In Jesus' name

Amen

Prayer for August

How good it is to give thanks to you, O LORD.

We sing and dance with joy!

How great are your ways, O LORD.

We sing and dance with joy!

You forgive my sin and cleanse me within

I sing and dance with joy!

You help me and guide me

I sing and dance with joy!

Praise the LORD all His people

We sing and dance with joy!

Praise the LORD all His creatures

We sing and dance with joy!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Amen and Amen!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

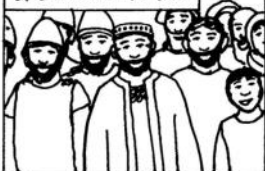
It can be read in the Bible in
2 Sam 6: 1-10, 2 Chron 13, 15: 1-28

Copies of God's Laws for the Jews were kept in a special holy chest - the Ark. It had been stored at Keriath Jearim for 20 years...

When King David made Jerusalem his capital, he decided to bring the Ark there.



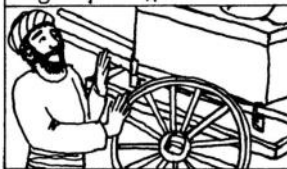
David brought his soldiers and a huge crowd came too



They put the Ark on a new cart and set off down the hill.



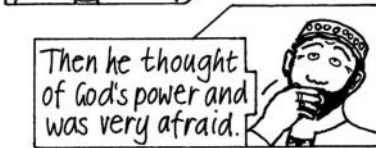
The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah thought the Ark might fall off the cart.



He forgot the Ark was holy and held on to it.



David was very angry with God that Uzzah had died



Then he thought of God's power and was very afraid.

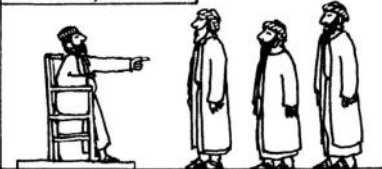
So he left the Ark stored at the house of Obed Edom.



David realised that they had not treated God's Ark with respect.



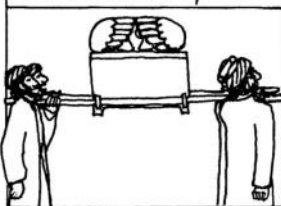
He talked to the Levites, the tribe that God had chosen to be His priests.



They organised musicians and trumpeters, and people to carry the Ark.



God's holy Ark was treated with respect.



Everyone cheered and sang as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem.



Guild News Update: Projects, Hats and Quiz

The Guild would like to thank everyone who supported its fund-raising efforts from last October, in a session like no other.

The three year cycle of projects under the heading "One Journey, Many Roads" has come to an end. Over the past three years, Guilds in Scotland have chosen two projects each year to publicise, usually one based in Scotland and the other abroad. The following information shows how much was raised for the 2018 - 2021 projects:



Crossreach:	£103123.34,	Sailors' Society:	£ 84555.46
Boys' Brigade:	£ 93853.57,	World Mission:	£ 84874.10
Malawi Fruits:	£ 86837.29,	Free to Live Trust:	£ 98190.94

The total raised by Guilds in Scotland was £551, 434.70, a tremendous amount, considering that many Guilds did not meet last session.

Many Guild members and friends also knitted hats for the Sailors' Society. I am delighted to report that 84 hats were knitted and have been delivered to the Society's Leith office. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to such a wonderful total.

In October, we start a new three year cycle of projects, entitled, "Look Forward in Faith" and the Guild does have faith that the projects chosen by Liberton Kirk Guild for next session will be well supported by our members and friends.

Finally, congratulations to Joan Lynch, winner of the Flower Quiz held during the online Spring Coffee Morning.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary), Tel: 664 1171

Pause to Pray: You are invited to Pause and Pray

There is a bench in the Kirkyard – top left corner, under the old, large tree – where you can pause and be still with God. You are invited to take time-out with God there..

There is a Prayer Wall on the Kirk website where you can safely post a prayer – and request follow-up if it is helpful. Please do have a look in the Prayer Section of the website <https://libertonkirk.net/prayer/>

There is a Prayer Ministry Team available to pray with you if it is helpful and required.. Please do contact them through John or Lindsay Young or the Kirk website.



June 2021 Diary

"Due to restrictions on numbers, we will continue to hold two Sunday morning services, at 9.30am and 11.00am, during the months of July and August this year. Our daily reflections will, however, be reduced to twice a week"

Tuesday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 2nd	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
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 Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with family communion and Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Growing Young VI – Best Neighbours Preacher: John Young
Monday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm 24/7 Prayer Course (zoom)
Tuesday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm History Resource Group (zoom) 7.30pm Link Group Leaders meeting (zoom)
Wed'day 9th	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm SEEPG Cluster Team meeting at the Hub
Thursday 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 12th	10.30am-12noon – Kirk Session Retreat (zoom)
Sunday 13th	8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Peter and healing prayer Preacher: John Young 3pm Special Communion Service in the Anderson 14th
Monday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm 24/7 Prayer Course (zoom)
Tuesday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Communications Team meeting (zoom)

Wed'day 16th	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.30am BIG Idea planning meeting (zoom) 7.30pm Kirkgate Trust
Thursday 17th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 20th	8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Peter and Cornelius Preacher: John Young
Monday 21st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm 24/7 Prayer Course (zoom)
Tuesday 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Edinburgh Presbytery (zoom)
Wed'day 23rd	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Kirk Session Executive (zoom)
Thursday 24th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 27th	PROMOTION SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Peter in Prison Preacher: John Young 4.00pm Prayer planning and review meeting (zoom)
MONDAY 28TH JUNE – SUNDAY 4TH JULY – YOUTH SERVICE WEEK	
Monday 28th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Sapiens Discussion Group (zoom)
Tuesday 29th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Congregational Prayer Night (zoom)
Wed'day 30th	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

July 2021

Note: July & August - all Sunday Morning services continue at the same times (Also, subject Covid 19 restrictions* we have scheduled the following: 2nd-8th August, Summer Buzz Club, 15th August, Sunday Buzz, 22nd August, Sunday Clubs resume)

Thursday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 4th	8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Summer Sunday Club) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: The service will be lead by our youth Preacher: Kenny McCartney
Monday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 7th	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 11th	8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Summer Sunday Club) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: We're not in Kansas anymore Preacher: Jared Hay
Monday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 14th	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 18th	8.00am Sunday 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 Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Summer Sunday Club) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Seek the welfare of the city Preacher: Jared Hay
Monday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 21st	8.00am Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 25th	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Summer Sunday Club) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: The Promise of renewal Preacher: Jared Hay
Monday 26th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 27th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Congregational Prayer Night (zoom)
Wed'day 28th	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 29th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café

August 2021

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Summer Sunday Club) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Adoration Preacher: John Young 2ND-8TH AUGUST - SUMMER BUZZ CLUB* – (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)
Monday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 4th	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Sunday 8th		SUMMER BUZZ SUNDAY
	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: TBC Preacher: John Young
Monday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 10th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 11th	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Sunday 15th	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (Sunday buzz) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Confession Preacher: John Young
Monday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 17th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 18th	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Sunday 22nd	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Intercession Preacher: John Young
Monday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 24th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Congregational Prayer Night (zoom?)
Wed'day 25th	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 26th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Sunday 29th		COVENANT SUNDAY
	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: Thanksgiving Preacher: John Young
Monday 30th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 31st	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café

September 2021

Wednesday 1st	8.00am	Midweek Reflection on Website, Youtube, and Facebook
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Thursday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Friday 3rd	6.00pm	Kirkgate Trust Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ
Saturday 4th		Messy in the Park at Gracemount
----- Sunday 5th -----	8.00am	Sunday 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	Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) (until further notice you will need to contact John Young to book your place due to restrictions on numbers) Theme: TBC Preacher: John Young

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

World Mission Team – Christian Aid Report 2021

Christian Aid Week this year was from 10 to 16 May. In place of the usual house-to-house collection, we arranged to have Return Envelopes available at the Kirk and Kirk Centre. In addition a number of volunteers delivered the Return Envelopes to a number of streets in the Parish.

We also held a “Big Brekkie” event in the Kirk Centre on 8 May, which was very well supported by members and friends. As a result of these efforts it is good to report that the following results have been achieved: -

Total receipts at the Big Brekie event = £ 875.57

Total receipts from Return Envelopes = £ 3,185.

In addition, Gift Aid Certificates were supplied for the large majority of the donations given. Our Estimate of the sum recoverable by Christian Aid on this footing is £ 750. Thus the total sum raised in all is over £4,700.

These results are quite exceptional, and indeed exceed the totals received in 2019 – the last year in which a house-to-house collection was carried out. A very large thank-you is extended to all those who helped with the fund raising, and to all who gave most generously.

David Lamb

In The Kirkyard

Our Kirkyard is a lovely peaceful place. People walk through it as they walk between Kirkgate and Liberton Brae. Others walk through it as part of their daily walk, perhaps walking round the church building, or exploring Liberton Cemetery as well. Others come in and find a bench to sit on for a while. Some were quite taken aback at Easter to encounter the risen Jesus and Mary Magdalene on the grass. Some find that there are things to read on the walls of the church and the Offering House at the gate!



If you haven't yet discovered the "Word for Today" in the Kirkyard, do come along and explore. Start at the Offering House just inside the gate where you will find an introduction to the Bible passage you can follow on the walls of the Offering House and the church. The current Bible passage is John 14, 16-20 and 23-26, relating to Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. From 6th June this will change to 1 John 3, 16-24, which begins "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."

In July and August we will return to the Peace Pathway we usually have in the summer months, again starting at the Offering House, and giving food for thought (and a reason to sit down on the benches) as you walk round the church.

The "Word for Today" 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. The open-air experience is best, so come if you can, and enjoy the peace. And recommend a visit to your friends and neighbours too! **Ruth Davies**

June 2021

INSIDE THIS MONTH

WOMEN AND LIVINGSTONE: New focus on the work of the explorer

BUILDING A DIFFERENT WORLD: New director of Place for Hope

DUKE TRIBUTES: The Church reflects on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh

Online

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'Exile and Hope' – Jeremiah and today's church

I'm writing this at the beginning of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and although we don't yet know the outcome of the deliberations, we know that big changes are on the way – changes to Presbyteries and changes for congregations. This will affect all of us. It feels like we were in times that were reasonably comfortable, but now we are moving to a future that will make us feel we are living in a strange land – a land where the church feels it is in 'exile.'

The metaphor of 'exile' is one that has been used for the experience of the church ever since 1 Peter was written, so it's not new. But in these days when the societal pressures on the church are increasing it feels very real today. Jeremiah the prophet experienced the pain of knowing that exile was coming, warning about it and being rejected because he spoke the truth about it. Yet in his prophecy, he spoke not only of the tearing down of the structures of his culture, but their rebuilding in new ways. In other words, he not only spoke of exile, he also spoke of the hope that God would not let his people disappear. Jeremiah can teach us a lot as we face our own kind of exile: to recognise exile when we see it; how to live in exile; where to find hope in exile.

In July, we are going to have a series of three Sundays on Jeremiah using these themes as a lens through which to look at the present experience of the Church of Scotland. If you want to think about them beforehand, the texts and titles are below, and let us pray that we would experience the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to know how to respond in these challenging times.

11 July: Jeremiah 1:1 – 19 We're not in Kansas anymore

18 July Jeremiah 29:1 – 14 Seek the welfare of the city

25 July Jeremiah 31:23 – 34 The Promise of renewal

I look forward to reflecting together on them with you.

Blessings,
Jared Hay.



A Forgotten Young Evangelist

This year is the 150th anniversary, on 18th August, of the death in Liberton of an outstanding young woman: Jessie McFarlane died at age 28, after ten years as a travelling preacher, in the house in Kirk Brae now called St Hildas. Her story is an *In Memoriam* published shortly after her death**.

Jessie came from a modest home. Her family lived in Byers Close, recently described as "the least photographed close in the High Street". The 1861 census records her house as having "two rooms with windows" and that it housed her father (a tailor), her mother, her aunt (a domestic servant), two brothers (a tailor and a baker's apprentice) and two other siblings still at school; Jessie had already left home on her missionary journeys. The *In Memoriam* contains her own account of how she became a preacher. She was born into a Christian family but struggled to find peace with God. Her younger sister, Mary, who was terminally ill with TB instructed her and also implored her "Jessie, while you have strength will you work for Jesus". Mary died on 6th January 1861 and the book records Jessie's tentative start, first addressing only a meeting of local girls, then gradually preaching to ever larger groups.

By 7th April 1861, the date of the census, she was already preaching in Ayr, having broken off her engagement. Among many other meetings she addressed later that year was one near Kelso which became a serious counterattraction to the local New Year's Ball. Initially she spoke only to female groups but soon men clamoured to be admitted. The *In Memoriam* includes her spirited scriptural defence of woman preachers, shocking to some in those times. Her missionary journeys took her all over Scotland and also repeatedly to various places in England. She preached to full houses in many large halls including the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh. Ministers commending her work included the hymn writer Horatius Bonar and the evangelist Gordon Forlong. Despite her fragile health she must have had a commanding presence; the book records "her rich full voice" leading thousands in hymns.

It is not known how she met her much older husband, Dr Brodie, a pioneer in juvenile mental health, who was running a 'Home for Juvenile Imbeciles' in Kirk Brae. It may have been he who advised her to escape another cold Scottish winter. They married in All Souls' Church Marylebone on 31st October 1869. Her missionary career was cut short by illness and she helped Dr Brodie to look after his charges. The *In Memoriam* contains some of the hymns she sang with them. One boy she was very close to died shortly before her, also of TB, and shares her lair in the Grange Cemetery. This remarkable woman should be better remembered. It would be good to have the cross on her grave re-erected.

** A scan of the copy in the Rare Books section of the National Library is at <https://libertondcc.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/in-memoriam-27mb.pdf>. A file of other information, mainly from the census, is being prepared.

This year is the 150th anniversary of Jessie McFarlane's death in Liberton.. The photo below from the Grange Cemetery where Jessie is buried with Dr Brodie's first wife, her mother, and 'James' (Precious) whom Jessie cared for. James was the son of a colonel in the Madras army. Dr Brodie's skill in helping children with what we would now call learning difficulties was widely known. He was one of the first to distinguish between 'imbeciles' (educable) and 'idiots' (less so). Previously they were lumped together and locked away. Brodie's first wife is still remembered for her successful fundraising for the new 'Institution for Juvenile Imbeciles' at Larbert; she looked for small contributions from many (Mrs Brodie's pennies) rather than a lot from few.



Anybody interested in more information on Dr Brodie can contact **Peter Schwarz** through the Church History group.

Peter Schwarz , Church History Group

'Stitches for Survival': Are you a crafter?

Stitches for Survival is a group of crafters which supports the environment. They are organising the creation of a 1.5 mile banner, representing the 1.5% target in the Paris agreement, for display during the Glasgow COP 26 event, from 1-12th November. The sections (60 x 100mm) can be knitted, crocheted, woven or sewn in colours of green and blue, design up to the creator. The sections will afterwards be repurposed into blankets for refugees. Anyone who would like to take part or donate blue and green wool/ material should contact Anthea Donaghue from St Catherine's Parish Church for details (phone 664-7642). Recycled or new, as well as odds and ends welcome. Anthea can collect material donated or provide to anyone needing it. The deadline to receive your work is 30th September. If you want to know more, see their website:



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Fiona Devoy

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

JUNE 21

O LORD, I have heard of what you have done, and I am filled with awe. Now do again in our times the great deeds you used to do. Be merciful, even when you are angry. Habakkuk 3 verse 2

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* In June as we journey onwards after PENTECOST we consider therefore the theme of THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS + DANIEL *

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Tues 1st	Morning	ISAIAH 6 – consider this passage today about God, the Holy One. What is God saying to you from His Word today? And then take time to pray in response to this God, our 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 God of ours
Wed 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH 7 vs 10-25 - 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 lonely in our community
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH 33 vs 1-9 – 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 administer our church finances
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 4th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 25-31 – 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 Linda Wright as she serves others
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God, our God
Sat 5th	Morning	ISAIAH 42 vs 14-17 – 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 Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
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Sun 6th	Morning	ISAIAH 55 vs 6-11 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to pray in response to this God, our God.
	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.
Mon 7th	Morning	ISAIAH 59 vs 9-15 – 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 who walk through our grounds
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tues 8th	Morning	ISAIAH 63 v15- ch.64v12 – consider these words today. What do they mean to you at this time? Then turn to pray to our God.
	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 to what you read.
Wed 9th	Morning	JEREMIAH 10 vs 1-10 – consider what is said here. What is God saying to you? Then pray to this God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Leadership Team at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 10th	Morning	JEREMIAH 16 vs 19-21 - consider these verses this morning. And then pause to pray for others to meet the true and living God.
	Midday	pray God’s blessing on our Link Groups

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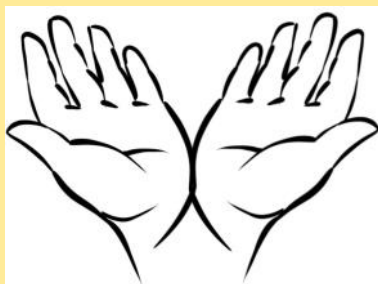
July 21

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God, For to you I pray. *Psalm 5 verses 1 and 2*

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Thur 1st	Morning	PSALM 3 - consider these words of prayer this morning. And then pause to pray in response...looking again at verse 8
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of El Salvador
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 2nd	Morning	PSALM 4 – consider what is said here today. What is God saying to you? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Palestinian Bible Society
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 3rd	Morning	PSALM 5 – take the time to consider these words this morning. Then pray to God in response....looking again at verses 1 and 2
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the psalm again – reflect..... and then pray in response to this God
Sun 4th	Morning	PSALM 9 - consider these words of prayer and praise today. Then pray to this God with your words 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 in response
Mon 5th	Morning	PSALM 13 - Consider these words of prayer as your day starts. What is God saying to you today? Then pray to Him in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Bibles for Alpha at work in Burundi
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to our Lord as your day closes
Tues 6th	Morning	PSALM 16 – consider this prayer today as your day starts. What words stay with you? And then take time to pray in response 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 God of ours
Wed 7th	Morning	PSALM 17 - prayerfully consider these words today. What is God teaching you today about Himself? Then Pray to this God. Midday – pray God's blessing on the Chilean Bible Society
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 8th	Morning	PSALM 20 – 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 the Bible Society Vietnam
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 9th	Morning	PSALM 22 – 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 the Bible Society of Albania
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 10th	Morning	PSALM 23 – take time to consider these familiar 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 11th	Morning	PSALM 25 – take time to consider these words today. Then take time to pray in response....looking again at verses 8-10
	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.

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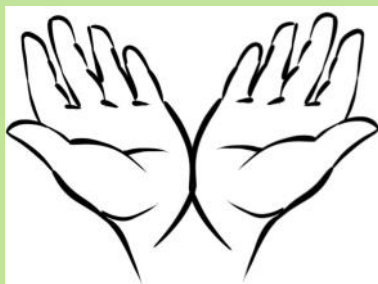
AUGUST 21

How good it is to give thanks to you, O LORD; to sing in your honour, O Most High God, to proclaim your constant love every morning and your faithfulness every night.
Psalm 92 verses 1 and 2

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Sun 1st	Morning	PSALM 92 - God is good and great! What does this mean for you in your daily living? Then pray to this God with your words 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 Most High
Mon 2nd	Morning	PSALM 95 - Consider this prayer of praise as your day starts. What is God saying to you today about Himself? Then pray to Him in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Ethiopia
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and pray to our Lord as your day closes
Tue 3rd	Morning	PSALM 100 – consider this psalm of praise this morning. What are you thankful for at this time? And then take time to pray in response to this God, our 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 God of ours
Wed 4th	Morning	PSALM 102 - prayerfully consider this prayer today. What is God saying to you from His Word? Then Pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Burkina Faso
	Evening	read the words again – reflect.....then pray at the end of your day
Thur 5th	Morning	PSALM 103 – consider these words today. What do they mean for you at this time? Then pray in response to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Cambodia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 6th	Morning	PSALM 105 – 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 Bible translation work in Cameroon
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God, our God
Sat 7th	Morning	PSALM 108 – take time to consider these words today. A prayer for help. Then take time to Pray to this God for someone in need.
	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 8th	Morning	PSALM 111 – take time to consider these words today. A prayer of praise! Then take time to pray with praise in response
	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.
Mon 9th	Morning	PSALM 116 – take time to consider these words of prayer. A man saved. Then pray in response to this God, our God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Hong Kong Bible Society
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 10th	Morning	PSALM 117 – consider this very short psalm this morning.. What do the words mean to you at this time? Then turn to pray with thanks
	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 to what you read.
Wed 11th	Morning	PSALM 118 – consider what is said here by the psalmist. A prayer of thanks. Then pray to Father God as you step into today.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Columbian Bible Society
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God

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Thur 12th	Morning	PSALM 119 vs 169-176 - consider these verses today – a prayer for help and then pause to pray for others as well as yourself.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Democratic Republic of Congo Bible Society
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 13th	Morning	PSALM 121 – 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 of faith and trust.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Georgia
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 14th	Morning	PSALM 123 – take time to consider these words today. A prayer for mercy. Then take time to Pray to this God who is merciful.
	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 have read
Sun 15th	Morning	PSALM 126 – take time to slowly consider this prayer today. And then pray in response to this God who delivers.
	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 16th	Morning	PSALM 130 – take time to consider this prayer for help. What is God teaching/reminding you from His Word? And then pray in response to God...for yourself as well as others.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Costa Rica
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 17th	Morning	PSALM 131 – consider this prayer of trust this morning. Then turn to pray to this God as your day starts.
	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 to our God.
Wed 18th	Morning	PSALM 133 – consider this short psalm this morning. And then pray to our God for His Church in our city, in our nation, in this world.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Cuban Bible Commission
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours.
Thur 9th	Morning	PSALM 136 - consider these words of thanksgiving today and then pause to pray your words of thanks this morning.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in the East Carribean
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 20th	Morning	PSALM 137 – consider what is said here today. A prayer of lament. And then turn to pray for those who feel afar from God at this time.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Bible Society of Egypt
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
Sat 21st	Morning	PSALM 139 – take time to consider these words by the psalmist. Which words stay with 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.

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Sun 22nd	Morning	PSALM 140 – take time to consider this prayer today. A prayer for protection. What do they mean for you in your life at this time? And then pray in response to God for others as well as yourself.
	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 23rd	Morning	PSALM 141 – take time to consider this psalm today. An evening prayer. And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of El Salvador
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 24th	Morning	PSALM 142 – consider these verses today. A prayer for help. Then pray to God for His help today.
	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 our Go
Wed 25th	Morning	PSALM 143 – consider all that is said here. A prayer for help. And then pray to this God for someone in need at this time.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Estonian Bible Society
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 26th	Morning	PSALM 145 – consider these words today. Praise the LORD! And then pause to praise God in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the French Bible Society
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 27th	Morning	PSALM 146 – consider all that is said here today. What is God saying to you this morning about Himself? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Bible Society in Zimbabwe
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 28th	Morning	PSALM 147 – take time to consider these words of praise. Then take the time to Pray to this God of ours...looking again at verse 5
	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 29th	Morning	PSALM 148 – take time to consider these words today. Praise the LORD!! What words fill your song of praise on this Sunday? And 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 30th	Morning	PSALM 149 – take time to consider these words of praise. What new song have you been singing recently? And then pray in response to God... Praise the LORD!
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society's work across the UK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to our God in response
Tue 31st	Morning	PSALM 150 – consider this final psalm today. Praise the LORD! Then pray to Him with your songs of praise for who He is.
	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 our God

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Mon 12th Morning	PSALM 30 – 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 the Scottish Bible Society Board members
Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 13th Morning	PSALM 31 – consider these words of prayer today. What do they mean to you at this time? Then turn to pray to 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 to what you read.
Wed 14th Morning	PSALM 38 – consider what is said here by David. What is God saying to you? Then pray to our God as you step into today.
Midday	pray a blessing on the Dominican Republic Bible Society
Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 15th Morning	PSALM 40 - take the time to consider these verses today. and then pause to pray in response...looking again at verses 5 and 11
Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Uzbekistan
Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Frid 16th Morning	PSALM 42 – consider all that is said here as your day starts. What do the words mean for you in your life at this time? And then pray to Him in response – looking again at verses 2 and 8
Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Cyprus
Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 17th Morning	PSALM 43 – take time to consider these words today as you prepare to step into Sunday and worship with others. Then take time to Pray.
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 18th Morning	PSALM 51 – take time to slowly consider this prayer this morning. What words stay with you? And then pray in response to this God of mercy...looking again at verses 7-12.
Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
Evening	read this psalm again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 19th Morning	PSALM 54 – take time to consider this prayer this morning. What do they mean for you in your life? Or for others known to you? And then pray in response to God...for yourself and for others at this time.
Midday	pray God's blessing on the Indonesian Bible Society
Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 20th Morning	PSALM 57 – consider this prayer for mercy and its words of praise. Then turn to pray in response. Which words will you echo?
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 to this God.
Wed 21st Morning	PSALM 61 - consider this prayer from David this morning. What do the words mean for you? And then pray to this God in response - noticing the change from verse 1 to verse 8
Midday	pray a blessing on the Bulgarian Bible Society
Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response

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Thur 22nd	Morning	PSALM 64 - consider these words of complaint today. Do you have a complaint at this time to bring before God?
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Angola
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 23rd	Morning	PSALM 67 – consider this prayer of blessing today. What reasons do you have to pray with thanksgiving for God's gifts to you this past week? And then pray a blessing for others.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Bible Society in Ghana
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God.
Sat 24th	Morning	PSALM 70 – take time to consider this short psalm today. Then take time to Pray to this God...asking...seeking...receiving
	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 25th	Morning	PSALM 71 – take time to consider this prayer today. What words stay with you? What is God saying to you today? And then pray in response to God...looking at verses 14-18 again.
	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 26th	Morning	PSALM 72 – take time to consider these words of prayer. And then pray in response to God....for our national leaders and the members of the Royal Family at this time.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in the Republic of Belarus
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 27th	Morning	PSALM 77 – consider these verses today..a prayer for help. What words stay with you? Then pray to this God in response.
	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 for others
Wed 28th	Morning	PSALM 79 – consider all that is said here in prayer. And then pray to this God in response...for our city, for our nation.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Bible Society of Guatemala
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 29th	Morning	PSALM 80 - consider these words of prayer today. And then pause to pray in response...looking at vs 3, 14, 18 again.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Honduras
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 30th	Morning	PSALM 84 – consider all that is said here today. What is God teaching/reminding you from this psalm? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing on the Scottish Bible Society at work in our nation
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 31st	Morning	PSALM 88 – take time to consider these words of prayer. Then take time to Pray to this God in response...looking again at vs 1 and 2
	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

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Frid 11th	Morning	JEREMIAH 17 vs 14-18 – 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 honest words.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Session Clerk, Chris Brandie
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 12th	Morning	JEREMIAH 20 vs 7-18 – take time to consider these words. Then take time to Pray to this God of ours as you step into today.
	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 have read
Sun 13th	Morning	JEREMIAH 32 vs 16-35 – take time to slowly consider Jeremiah's prayer this morning – then pray in response to this 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 14th	Morning	JEREMIAH 33 vs 1-3 – take time to consider these words of truth today. What do they mean to you in your life? And then pray in response to God...calling on Him at the start of the week.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Kenny, Emily and Laura as they serve us
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tues 15th	Morning	JEREMIAH 42 vs 1-6 – consider these words today. Then turn to pray for others as well as yourself.
	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 16th	Morning	JEREMIAH 42 vs 7-22 – consider what is written here. What is God teaching you today? And then pray to this God for someone in need at this time...looking again at verse 12.
	Midday	pray a blessing on Jacqui and Chris in the Church Office and buildings
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God who helps
Thur 17th	Morning	LAMENTATIONS chapter 5 - consider these words today and then pause to pray – for others – for our city,
	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 pray.
Fri 18th	Morning	EZEKIEL 33 vs 1-9 – consider what is said here about Ezekiel being a watchman. Who or where do you stand in prayer as a watchman? And then take time to wait and listen in God's presence.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those who care for the Kirk garden and grounds
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God.
Sat 19th	Morning	DANIEL chapter 6 – take time to consider these words this Morning about Daniel and prayer. Then take time to Pray to his God, our 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 20th	Morning	DANIEL 9 vs 1-19 – take time to consider Daniel's prayer this Sunday morning. What do they teach you about our God? Then pray in response to this God – looking again at verse 17-19.
	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.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE 21

Mon 21st	Morning	HOSEA 6 v1- ch7 v2 – 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 our World Mission Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tues 22nd	Morning	JOEL 2 vs 28-32 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you from His Word? 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 our God
Wed 23rd	Morning	JONAH ch 1 – consider all that is said here about Jonah. What is God saying to you today? And then pray to this God in response.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Care Team as they serve others.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 24th	Morning	JONAH ch 2 – consider Jonah's prayer. Compare verses 1 and 9 and then pause to pray to this God we believe in.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who visit others in our community
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 25th	Morning	JONAH ch 3 – consider all that happens here. What is God saying to you this morning from His Word? What is your response? And then pray to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those who take leaflets from the Perspex boxes
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 26th	Morning	JONAH ch 4 – take time to consider these words and events. Are you angry with God about anything? Then take time to Pray to God in response – praying for our city at this time.
	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 27th	Morning	MICAH 7 vs 14-20 – take time to consider these words on this Sunday. What do they teach/remind you? – then pray in response to this God of ours....looking again at verses 18 and 19
	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 28th	Morning	HABAKKUK 1 – take time to consider these honest words. What is God saying to you today from His Word? And then pray in response to God... looking again at verses 2 and 12
	Midday	pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 29th	Morning	HABAKKUK 2 – consider these verses today. What is God saying to you about Himself? Then pray to Him in response.
	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 our God
Wed 30th	Morning	HABAKKUK 3 – consider all that is said here by Habakkuk. Look again at verses 2 and 17-19 as you turn to pray to this God.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those in our Prayer Team and Prophecy Group
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God

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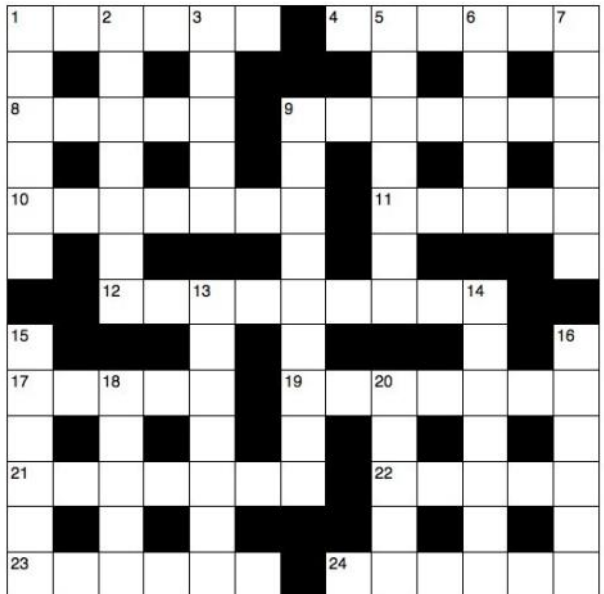
Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

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Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)



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2 - 8 August 2021

Details to follow

Liberton Kirk's Holiday Club for Children presents

SUMMER BUZZ



Messy Church News

Calling all young families and team members!

Young families! Messy Church is a monthly event for children aged 0-11, based on a variety of activities. We do crafts and games, and then hear a bible story with songs. We finish up by all sharing a lovely meal together! It usually meets on the last Saturday of every month from 4.00 - 6.00pm, in the Kirk Centre opposite the church.

Team members! We are planning to restart Messy Church after the summer break, and need to do some planning. There will be a team meeting at the end of August, date tbc. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this activity.

We are planning to starting up again safely in September, subject to restrictions, and we hope to see you all then! Contact Fiona Devoy on 666-1004 for more information, or see the church website for updates.

Fiona Devoy



The Flower Pot Men and 'Little Weeeeed'

Those ages with me and earlier, will remember the daily childrens' tv story of what happens in the corner of the BBC garden. For those younger than me, Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men were single flowers in large pots side by side, who chatted to each other by the greenhouse. Between them was 'Little Weeeeed'

Now I'm not suggesting that our two extremely keen and knowledgeable volunteers who tend the flower and vegetable areas in the Kirk Garden are our 'Bill and Ben'. However, they do have the company of lots of little weeds, continually growing, all over the paths and monoblock (no such thing in the 50s!).

Those of us who tend the garden and tackle weeds, meet in the Kirk Café for coffee around 10.00 each Monday morning, weather permitting, then spend an hour or so outside. If you, or anyone you know, might like to join us, it would be great to have some help. Tools provided but not gloves.



Love to see you, **Grant Cook**, 664 1581

Faith Story from Mike Parker

"I'm hesitating; I'm not very good at praying." There, I've said it. Maybe you'll skip this page; or maybe you're thinking "Me too. Tell me more." Because there is more..

The agency we're involved with encourages Middle East Christians in their witness to Christ in countries where they're in the minority. Some are fearful and keep to themselves. Other churches – large and small – are faithful and bold.

They don't talk about "going to church", but instead ask, "where do you pray?" Under pressure, they pray like mad. They're energetic and passionate, praying along the lines of Acts 4:29: 'Consider their threats, and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.'

From them I've learned prayer as a plural activity. Others help me see clearer how God views our world and what's on his heart for us. New ideas come, I'm reminded of people to call, things to do; don't be surprised if you see me scribbling while we pray!

One of the excitements of this crisis year has been learning to pray online. Scary at first, many of us are getting used to it, working out how not to stare at ourselves onscreen and how to pray better because others are praying with us.

Last year was uncertain, this year unpredictable. Plenty to pray about then. But what to pray? I'm reminded of Paul, who not only tells his friends that he's praying for them but also what he's praying. Ephesians 1:17 for example: 'I keep asking... the glorious Father to give you wisdom and revelation, so you may know him better'. May I pray that with you?

Mike Parker



Faith Story from David Hart

For years I've believed that prayer, (with the exception of worship), is the most significant activity anyone can engage with, but I've also discovered it is one of the most elusive things to nail down because of busyness, disappointment of unanswered prayers, ignorance of how to pray and the lack of some good tools to help develop a consistent prayer life. In recent years however I've learned that prayer is a practice I need to practice to keep my relationship with Jesus healthy.

Prayer is simple and complex, easy and difficult, a delight and hard work. For followers of Jesus it's so basic it equates spiritual breathing. Jesus said, "... I am the Vine, you are the branches... if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon..." (John 15 : 1-6 TM)

I have discovered that prayer is all about connecting our heart with God's heart and receiving life from him. He wants to give you life! He delights in your life bearing fruit. He has called you friend. Prayer is one way you can stay closely connected to God. He likes your prayers more than you do. He's glad to give you what you ask in Jesus name. Just remember God's love for you and "connect with him".

I have found that to have a healthy devotional prayer life you need to...

1. Schedule it.

It helps to have a set time otherwise it prayer can be pushed aside by busyness

2. Have a place

Some places are more conducive to prayer than others. Is there a free place from distraction and noise? cf: Matt 6:6

3. Routine

Most people need some kind of structure otherwise prayer time becomes a repetitive shopping list and doesn't build a friendship with God.

4. Spontaneity

Keep putting fun into your prayer life. If things get dull, then try something new.

David

David Hart (Development Co-ordinator)



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 June Mrs Brenda Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive.
Phone: 664 3059



- 6th June 2021** Ken Logan, 20 Cadogan Road, in memory of Christine Logan
- 13th June** Lesley Halliday, 13 Newhailes Crescent Mussleburgh, in memory of Janet Arnold
- 20th June** Mrs Helen Colley, 5 Larkfield Road, Eskbank, in memory of Kate Ross, my mother, of Ravenscroft
- 27th June** Mrs Christine Johnston, 17 Mortonhall Park, in memory of Bill & Mary Davie

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:.



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



Senior Citizens Club

"Thinking about all our senior citz club or our recycled teenagers ☺ while we're off. We are trying to work out how we can meet together within the covid-19 Scottish rules, so keep your ears open.

Our birthdays for June and July are:-

JUNE

1 Rena Fleming
3 Evelyn McLean
12 Mary McIntosh 80th
13 Elsa Sterling
21 Anne Barrett
21 Mairi Dodds
21 June Campbell
24 Iris Thomson
25 Sue Gunn
25 Elizabeth McKenzie

JULY

2 Mary Henry
11 Pat Brown
12 Jenni Ryalls
13 Muriel Hayward 99th
15 Jean McLauchlan
26 Cathy Harvey 99th
31 Janet McEwan



We look forward to seeing you when we can"

Happy birthday to you all"

Lou Ogilvy 0791 267 8475

If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for inclusion in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

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Congregational News

I am pleased to report Mr Chris Weir and Mrs Gabrielle Weir have joined the church congregation. However I am sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Margaret McMillan on 19th April and Mrs Jessie MacLean on 11th May and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.

Editor



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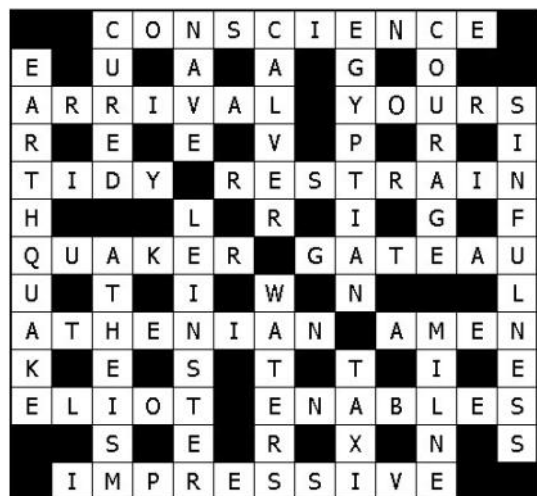
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It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis -

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

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