September 2021



As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God (Psalm 42:1)



'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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Liberton Kirk Magazine is published monthly, and copies are always available on the shelf in the entrance to the kirk halls. Please help yourself.

The middle pages of the magazine, "What's On in Liberton", printed on green paper, are designed for you to pull out and keep for future reference.

Likewise we hope you will pull out and keep the pink *Daily Devotions* pages, which give you guidance on daily bible readings and prayers.

Prauer for September

Be still and know, Be still my restless mind.

Be still with God, Be still in this world.

Be still in my life, Be still and trust Cod,

In Jesus' name, Amen



What have you been missing most?

During the various lockdowns of these last seventeen months, there have been some things, like the sound of traffic on Liberton Brae, or the endless drone of airplanes circling to land at Edinburgh Airport, that I haven't missed at all. Nor have I missed the busy-ness of life before Covid 19, with its evening planning meetings, and huge list of things to be done.

Instead, I have enjoyed rediscovering the joy of silence, with empty skies, and birdsong in the early hours of the morning, and the many different local paths which Lindsay and I have been able to explore – sometimes leading past 'guerrilla' gardening projects of which we were previously unaware.

But what have I been missing the most? Like many of us, I've been missing the things that can make all the difference to our days. Things like enjoying a good meal out in good company. Seeing the face of the person think I recognise in the supermarket. Being able to give someone a proper hug when they needed it. When it comes to my Christian faith, one of the things I've really missed has been the singing. When a bunch of people come together to belt out songs of praise, something special happens.

The good news is that our church is now open for everyone who wants to come along, and we can



now sing again. Our halls are also opening up for all sorts of activities, ranging from Toddlers groups to the Senior Citizens club, with all shades in between. These Halls are there for everyone to use, whether or not you are part of our church. All the details are there on the website, and if you are unsure of anything, just ask.

For many years, and for a reason no one can now remember, the old bell in our church tower has been given the name 'Father William'. In the days to come you may well here his call on a Sunday morning or on special occasions, ringing out across Liberton. My hope is that every time you hear it you will be reminded that Liberton Kirk and Liberton Kirk Centre are places where you are welcome. And, even if you never come, that God is in our midst, and his love for us never fails.

Much love

Jan.

Our Theme for 2021 is "The God Who Listens"



Faith Story from Crystal Cryer

The story of prayer in my life began at the tender age of 3 when I prayed my first conscious prayer and asked Jesus to live in my heart. From then on, my parents were intentional in teaching me to pray, helping me learn how to cultivate my own relationship with God.

I smile now when I remember the naivety with which I prayed in those young years. Yet how I miss that child with her simple trust!

The changes and formation that have taken place in my prayer life over the years can be summarised by this statement made by Pete Greig in his book Dirty Glory: "The point of prayer...is not the power it releases but the person it reveals... I don't pray because I'm into prayer. I prayer because I'm into Jesus, so we talk. I don't believe in the power of prayer. I believe in the power of Jesus, so I ask for his help. A lot." For me, prayer has become all about Jesus, getting to know Him and His heart and coming into agreement with what I discover there.

This means that prayer has enlarged, become more multi-faceted for me. I have experienced that prayer is more than words and can incorporate all the senses. It is both a place of rest and of battle, of stillness and creativity, of petition and surrender, of lament and joy. It is the absolute, mind-bending privilege of being privy to God's heart and plans and then helping His dreams become reality on this earth. It is not so much something I do but is a way of being with God. It is the place of deepest Communion.

Much of this learning has come through the beautifully diverse family of 24-7 Prayer where the gold within different streams of the Church has been brought to the table and shared freely, giving us all a richer, fuller experience of God and of prayer. There have also been some wise guides along the way, such as Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster, Pete Greig, David Benner and the Ignitions.

Crystal Cryer, National Coordinator, 24-7 Prayer Scotland



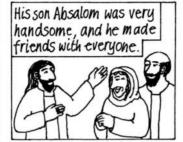
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It can be read in the Bible in 2Sam15,16:15-19,17:4-22, 18:1-12,33, 19:1-8

A short story from the Bible

King David had many wives and children. He loved his sons so much that he never punished them or told them off if they did wrong.

Also David had not said who would be king after him.

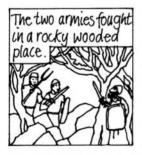


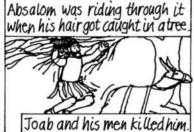


Absalom gathered an army of supporters and they headed for Jerusalem.















Youshould be ashamed! You care more for your disloyal son than for those who risked their lives for you!

World Mission: A Window on God's World

The church's World Mission Team supports our Mission Partners and seeks to raise congregational awareness of what God is doing around the world. This normally takes the form of sharing information online, inputs to Sunday services and public events. The last year has forced us to re-think how to do this.

One of our principal fund raising events is the New Year concert with Philomusica . In 2020, that went online with pre-recorded pieces accompanying silent films. Similarly, we were not able to have the normal house to house collection during Christian Aid week...but, remarkably, in 2021, we raised more than we did in 2019 through donations dropped off and an innovative Christian Aid Brekkie!

Liberton has well-established links with Mission Partners in Malaysia ,Uganda, Kenya and Italy. These are primarily based on personal contacts from the congregation which assists flow of news and prayer points. One ,in particular, is the link with the Mturi family here in Edinburgh and Kenya ;this has had practical outcomes in our funding of a small scheme to provide some basic food packages and blankets to a group of elderly lades in Rutune village.

One of the pluses of lockdown and the church's need to deliver services via Zoom was the ability to have several of our Partners around the world taking part live from their own front rooms.

The World Mission Team has made plans for the next few months. The dates are provisional and how these will be delivered will depend on the rules at the time, but include;

- * Piloting a support group for some Syrian refugees in Edinburgh
- * Zoom meeting with our Partner in Italy ,Fiona Kendall from the Waldensians (23 September). She will share the ongoing work of Mediterranean Hope seeking to respond to the continuing influx of migrants into southern Italy with the added dimensions caused by Covd-19
 - *Fund raising concert with Bruce Davies (12 November)
 - *Fairtrade stall in the Kirkgate Centre (22/23 November)
 - *Christmas concert with Philomusica (29 December)

As these firm up, they will be advertised in the normal channels in the church and community.

The world has changed and, in many cases, our Mission Partners need our support even more as they seek to show God's compassion to the vulnerable .

Alan Campbell (on behalf of Liberton Kirk's World Mission Team)

Doors Open Days 2021

The Cockburn Association are holding their annual Edinburgh and East Lothian Doors Open Days weekend on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions this will be a digital event as it was in 2020. Some venues may be opened to the public as a bonus if regulations allow at the time.



We are hoping that **Liberton Kirk** can participate in Doors Open Days this year. A video tour of the kirk and kirkyard is being prepared and should be posted on the Cockburn Association's website on 25th September

www.cockburnassociation.org.uk/doorsopendays

It will also be added to our own website www.libertonkirk.net

If you are interested in learning more about our history or some of the interesting graves in the kirkyard do watch it. Doors Open Days offers the chance of looking behind the scenes at many fascinating buildings in and around Edinburgh.

Vivienne Batho

Scottish Countru Dancino

The Scottish Country Dance class normally meets every Tuesday evening in the Recreation Hall from 8.00 pm – 9..45 pm, starting in October and finishing at the end of March. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation we are not certain if we will be able to start as planned on Tuesday 5th October. Please check the Liberton Kirk website for up-to-date information – www.libertonkirk.net.

When we do recommence we will be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced – the class is very informal and we all help one another. We learn some new dances but we also enjoy some of the old favourites. The most important thing is that we enjoy ourselves, while giving our bodies (and our brains!) a bit of a workout.

If you wish any further information about the class or possible start date, please contact **Mary Davidson** on 664 6789 or email: marydavidson77@hotmail.com.

MEMORIAL SERVICE





We hope to be able to hold the annual memorial service on the second Wednesday evening in December,

the $8^{\text{\tiny m}}$, in the run-up to Christmas as usual. Any restriction on numbers and spacing will of course be followed. This service gives people who have been bereaved a chance to remember their loved ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed, and others come in support. This year there will be those who have not been able to hold normal funerals for loved ones, and those who have not been able to attend funerals they would normally have attended.

Please watch out for further information nearer the time when the situation on large gatherings is clearer. **Ruth Davies**



September 2021 Diaru

*Please check website for any changes to this diary which may occur if Covid 19 restrictions are changed (libertonkirk.net/calendar)

Wed'day 1st 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Thursday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

5.30pm Kirkgate Trust Car Treasure Hunt and BBQ Friday 3rd

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

Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs) 11am

> Theme: Abraham's prayer Preacher: John Young

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed Monday 6th

7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room Tuesday 7th

> 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed 2.00pm History Resource Group (zoom)

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed Wed'day 8th

7.00pm SEEPG Cluster Team meeting at the Hub

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed Thursday 9th

Friday 10th - Saturday 11th - Liberton Kirk Internal Learning Community

8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook Sunday 12th

9.30am Short service in the Kirk

11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs)

Theme: Jacob's praver Preacher: John Young

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed Monday 13th

7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room Tuesday 14th

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed

Wed'day 15th Thursday 16th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Closed

Sunday 19th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am Short service in the Kirk

11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs)

Theme: Moses' prayer Preacher: John Young

2.30pm SEECAT AGM

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Wed'day 22nd

7.30pm Kirk Session Executive (zoom)

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Thursday 23rd

Saturday 25th DOORS OPEN DAY

4.00pm-6.00pm - Messy Church



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Sunday 26th HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am Short service in the Kirk

11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs)

Theme: Miriam's prayer Preacher: John Young

12.30pm Prayer planning and review meeting

Monday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 28th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Congregational Prayer Night

Wed'day 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Sunday 3rd COMMUNION SUNDAY / NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY

8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am Short service in the Kirk

11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Sunday Clubs)

Theme: Gideon's prayer Preacher: John Young

FOODBANK DONATIONS

As we have done for some time, we continue to support the efforts at Tron Kirk, in connection with the Food Bank/ Basics Bank which is operated from their kirk premises. Deliveries to Tron are usually made on a weekly basis. This is

an important way in which the community of Liberton can assist, to promote service to the people of our area.

Donations may be left in the boxes in the Foyer of the Church Halls. Alternatively, they can be left at -36 Liberton Drive at any suitable time. There is a box at the front of the garage, for donations when not at home. If any special arrangement for uplift is required, or to make cash or cheque donations (payable to Tron Kirk), please contact:

David Lamb, tel 01316643059 — email – david@dlamb.co.uk



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Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ

Friday 3rd September

The Kirkgate Trust will be holding a fundraising Treasure Hunt and BBQ on Friday 3rd September.

How well do you know your local area? How good are your skills of observation? How do you like your burger cooked?

Come along for a bit of Friday Fun and a catch up at the BBQ. All the answers are visible from your car and based on your local knowledge.



£5.00 per person, Children under 12 £3, under 5s free
Cars will be leaving Liberton Kirk Halls from 5.30pm. BBQ from 6.30pm.

To book your start time call Jill Snowdon on 07823 335585.

A Big Thank You

During the Liberton Kirk Mission Week in July a group of young people was led by Emily They did several jobs in the community including shopping, gardening and litter picking. A local resident, Jessie who was 100 in January enjoyed their company while they weeded, hoed and did a general clean up. Jessie says they did a good job and was very appreciative of their hard work.







P-R-A-Y

As a Church we believe in the reality and power of Prayer.

Prayer is a big part of our life and work. We pray about everything.

We offer **Prayer Team Ministry** to anyone and everyone.

We have a **Prayer Bench** in our Kirk grounds – a place to pause with God.

We have a **Prayer Wall** available on our website



Please have a look.

Please add your own prayer whenever you wish or need to. Each prayer written will be monitored first by members of the Prayer Team before it is made public, so anything private or sensitive is picked up.

You are invited to ask for follow-up if it is helpful or to mention if you wish the prayer content to remain private within the Prayer Team and not be made public on the Wall.

Please remember that the Prayer Team can be contacted through John and Lindsay Young with any request and they will prayerfully act on the content. The Team members can also meet you somewhere suitable if this is required. There is also a Prayer Box for any request in the Kirkgate Centre Foyer. Please do contact the Team through them if we can help in any way at all.

We would invite you to P-R-A-Y whether you make use of any of the above or not.

P-ause with God R-ejoice in His loving and care and good gifts A-sk for His help for yourself or another Y-ield to His purposes

SOUTH EAST EDINBURGH CHURCHES

In this area we have four Church of Scotland churches, three Roman Catholic and one Scottish Episcopal, which all meet and work together under the banner of SEECAT. Have a look at their website www.seecat.org to see what goes on – there's a video there of our joint service on Good Friday this year, which took place on Zoom. You can pick up a copy of the



latest newsletter **Grosstalk** from the Offering House at the Kirkyard gates or from the Liberton Kirk Centre Entrance (or read it on the website) to find out the latest news. Our programme of joint events in 2021/22 will be available later in the year (in print and on the website). If you would like any more information contact one of us.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608, or Fiona Devoy, tel. 666 1004

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CUILD NEWS for SEPTEMBER, ALL WELCOME!

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.



With around 17000 members, the Guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations. Although attended mainly by women, increasingly men are becoming members and taking active roles in the Guild, as is the case here at Liberton Kirk Guild, where we now have a male committee member.

The Guild at Liberton Kirk begins in October and finishes at the end of March. It meets at 7.30pm on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Kirk Centre, apart from January, when there is only one meeting. There will also be two afternoon meetings, one in December and one in March, as well as the evening meetings in both these months. Each meeting usually has a speaker, followed by a time to socialise afterwards, over a cup of tea or coffee. We hold two coffee mornings during each session to raise money for the Guild Projects that we have chosen to support and we enjoy an Afternoon Tea outing in April.

We hope to have face-to-face meetings this session and these meetings can also be joined via Zoom.

Our new syllabus is based on the National Guild Strategy for this session – Look Forward in Faith, with this session's theme being "Lights and Bushels." You can uplift a copy of the Guild syllabus from the shelf just inside the entrance to the Kirk Centre. Guild information can also be found on the church's website, on the church and Kirk Centre notice-boards and in the monthly church magazine.

More details of the first meeting will be in the October magazine. Alternatively, please phone the Guild Secretary for more details.

The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild this session, as we look forward in faith.

Evelvn Ogilvie (Secretary) Tel. 664 1171

A Forgotten Young Evangelist : Update

The June magazine had a page on Jessie McFarlane, who died in a house in Kirk Brae 150 years ago in August at age 28. We have now identified the author (HIG) of the In Memoriam (a celebration Jessie's life) as Harriet Isham Grimswade of Ipswich. Jessie made three preaching visits to Ipswich and they must have become firm friends. Harriet has recently been described as "a powerhouse of philanthropy". She later ran an orphanage for many years and also became a champion of votes for women and a local politician.

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The book she published seems to be extremely rare; the National Library knows of no other copy in any major library in the UK or North America. A more readable and downloadable copy of the pdf we got from library is now on the Kirk website under the About Us/History. It is a moving and inspiring story.

Peter Schwarz, Church History Group

The National Library of Scotland now has full details of the book in its catalogue (Editor)

Blessing others through Cooking

Following the meal provision during lockdown it became apparent there were still a number of people in our church family, living alone, who found it difficult to cook regularly for themselves due to age or poor health.

Since then a number of people, men and women, who when cooking for themselves just add in an extra portion. They then deliver a home-cooked meal on a weekly or fortnightly basis on an agreed day and time. They take time to chat, providing connection, friendship and share God's love with another person in our church family.

Meals are also provided for a short time when someone gets out of hospital. Are you thinking, "I could do that!" either weekly or fortnightly or even now and again for a few weeks?

The need is always greater than our number of volunteers.

I would love to hear from you with any questions, suggestions or offers to be involved.

Thank you, **Ruth Aitcheson** (ruthaitcheson@outlook.com)



- Do you have a letter to write and want help to word it?
- · Just need something typed up?
- · Got a tricky form to fill in?
- Need help sending an email or setting up a free email account?

Contact the Letters Lady for free help!

Phone: Kim 07986 581931

Email: lettersladyatlibertonkirk@yahoo.co.uk

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Take a Look. Take a Seat!

Back in March, I said there was much to look forward to in the Kirk Garden. Now, in mid-Summer, the borders are full of colour, both at low level and in tall, elegant stems with a variety of rich blooms. The raised beds are full, as are the vegetable areas, providing for The Café. Thank you volunteer gardeners who generally meet on Monday mornings at 10.00 and when the mood 'takes them'.

Thanks to the vision and skills of our Artisans, the top left corner of the garden has been transformed to provide a lovely social space with expansive shade and shelter. Together with Laura, they have refreshed the lovely childrens' corner - 4



tons of soft rubber chips spread by hand! Aging toys replaced, new fencing and a bright new mural.



Over the summer, in the bright sunshine, children and teenagers attending both Stage 'n Slam and Summer Buzz enjoyed the open space of grass, with the sounds of laughter and colour in their team T shirts. We really are blessed.

There have been small 'get togethers' in the garden, while our elderly neighbours from Kirkland Court have enjoyed the peace and quiet. Two new memorial benches provide a corner to read or to chat in the late afternoon sun. It is a wonderful space. Take a look. Take a seat!! Enter by the bowling green.

Would you like to help in the garden?

We volunteers meet every Monday between 9.30 and 10.00 in The Café for coffee & chat, then spend an hour or so keeping the paths etc. tidy. No need to bring tools. Ring me or ask for me, or lan Strachan, in The Café,

Grant Cook 664 1581

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 26th September. Along with Sunday Club members, you are all invited to contribute tinned and dried goods for those in need in our city. All donations will be passed on to local charitable organisations. Due to the current restrictions all donations can be left in the Kirk Centre foyer from Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd September, 8am - 2pm prior to the service on 26th. Donations can also be made outside these times with prior arrangement with the Facilities Manager.

Margaret Brandie

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HARVEST THANKSCIVING

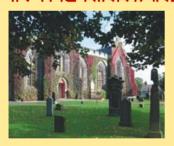
On the last Sunday in September (26th) we will be giving thanks for our plentiful food and drink, and there are two opportunities for us to give to others who don't have as much as we do. Dried and tinned foods can be left in the boxes just inside



the Kirk Centre and will be distributed to those in need through local charities. (Details of the Harvest Service can be found on page 14.) Alternatively (or as well as this) we can support Self Help Africa, a small charity which works with local people in nine African countries to enable them to produce enough food to feed themselves, earn a living and support their families. Have a look at their website www.selfhelpafrica.org for more details. Their work is crucial at a time when the coronavirus crisis is still very real, when climate changes produce extremes of weather which makes growing crops difficult, and when locusts are a threat. You can give in one of two ways (and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able): on their website, under "Support Us", then "Harvest Appeal 2021", and there is a space for the name of the church, or in a donation envelope obtainable from mid-September from the Kirk Centre Entrance (or the Offering House) and returnable either to the church on Sunday mornings, or to me at 4 Hawkhead Grove. Please make your donation by mid October.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

IN THE KIRKYARD



There is usually something to read if you are walking round our peaceful Kirkyard! After the Peace Pathway in July and August we return in September to the Word for Today series – looking at a passage from the Bible and seeing what it says to us today. In September it will be part of Psalm 25 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul", and the starting point is just to the left of the door to the Offering House at the main gate.

Later in the year we plan to move the Word for Today under cover – into the Offering House – which is now open during the opening hours of the Kirkyard itself (8am to 5pm, with an extension to 8pm in July and August). In the Offering House you will find a display about one particular aspect of life at Liberton Kirk (which changes on a regular basis), some information about the history of the place, and various leaflets, including the current church magazine, to take away if you wish.

You are welcome to explore this lovely outdoor space, and to rest a while on any of the benches.

Ruth Davies,

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Kirkgate Café Update

We do hope you had the chance to enjoy the lovely weather in July and the summer flowers and plants we are blessed with in our world.

Our café has also been blessed from the very start 6 years ago with dedicated volunteers who are, in essence, the lifeblood of our café. Sadly since the covid pandemic our situation has been weakened due to some of our volunteer team who now find that they are unable to return due to health reasons and also a few moving on to take up other posts. We are immensely grateful for all the time and effort they have given to our café with grace and good humour and we miss them greatly, but understand their reasons for leaving.

This inevitably leads me into saying that we really do need more volunteers as we need a minimum number to continue the service we currently provide. If you are able to commit to a morning or an afternoon then please make yourself known to Norma, the café manager, who will welcome you and have a chat about volunteering with us. We operate from Monday to Thursday from 9am until 2pm and each day, in the main, is made up of a different team of volunteers led by Norma, the manager.

There are many positive rewards to be gained from being part of a volunteering team and at Kirkgate café, one of them is our special outings at least once a year except during our country's covid restrictions. In the past this has included pantomime, cinema, boat trips and of course, afternoon teas. These occasions are a wonderful way to have of all the teams together at the same time and have been enjoyed by all.

In the meantime we are still fully operational and you can be sure of a warm welcome with a variety of hot and cold drinks, cakes and lunches. We pride ourselves

Special Communion

Special Communion is celebrated 3 times a year on the 2nd Sunday in October, March and June at 3pm in Liberton Kirk Halls. It is an invitation to everyone who cannot attend the normal Communion Service in the church, for what ever reason, to come together to celebrate Communion. There is a short Communion Service followed by tea and cake and a chance for a chat. Transport can be arranged if needed.



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If you would like more information, would like to come or know someone who would be interested please contact Rev John Young: 0131-664-3067, Linda Wright: 07850411596 or Eleanor Grieve Care Team Convener: 0131-466 6484

We look forward to seeing you. Eleanor Grieve

The Artisans

The Artisans continue to enjoy fellowship together regularly and are still fulfilling their role helping in the wider community and Kirk Garden. Recently we welcomed a new member and this time a lady!

Sandra Hendry, who many will already know is keen to be involved and also to learn some new skills from other members of our team. We are hoping to connect with some younger

people too and offer training through our "Tool School" based at our Mortonhall Workshop (Derek's garage).

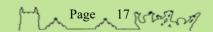
Plans are also to grow the team to include different age groups and to offer a "Hit Squad" service to out of control gardens and for time consuming jobs, in order to complete them faster through simply weight of numbers. Recently completed work



in the Kirk Garden has received very positive comments. This was erecting a lean-to shelter around the large shed and a new fence around the children's area which now has recycled, chipped, tyres instead of the wood chips which should cut down on maintenance and add to our green credentials at the same time.

Other small jobs continue to be addressed most weeks proving that we are succeeding in touching the lives of many while serving them in His service.

Regards, Derek



Have you heard about Messu Church for young families?

It's a monthly event for children aged 0-11, which aims to teach children about the Bible and Jesus. It's based on a variety of activities, and meets on the last Saturday of most months from 4.00 - 6.00pm, in the Kirk Centre opposite the church.



For the first hour, we meet together for different crafts and games, with a choice of activities. The children can choose what to do, and any adults they bring with them can have a cup of tea and a chat with the volunteers and the other carers.

Then we all meet together for some songs and a Bible story, followed by a meal together, such as pizza or baked potatoes. There are always lots of lovely home-made cakes for dessert. And it's all free! No need to book in advance!

Subject to COVID restrictions, these are the dates planned for the coming session (Saturdays):

Planned Dates for 2021 September 25th October 30th November 27th Planned Dates for 2022 January 29th February 26th March 26th April 30th May 28th



Please check under the **Messy Church** tab on the church website for updated information, or contact **Fiona Devoy** on 666-1004 to find out more.

PRAM PAISE

Twice a month the under-threes have a chance to come along to their very own special time together called Pram Praise. This is held each month, once on a Tuesday at 3pm and once on a Wednesday at 11am – these times fit in with the Toddlers' Groups held in the Halls. The 20-minute very informal service is great fun – action songs, a bible story with drama or things to look at, something to make to take home, a prayer, and sometimes quite a lot of noise! If



you're under three you'll be very welcome – and please bring grown-ups along too, because they are sure to enjoy it.

Due to the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions we are hoping to restart sometime in September. Please check the Liberton Kirk Facebook page and the Liberton Kirk website (www.libertonkirk.net) for up-to-date information.

Mary Davidson 664 6789



LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

Psalm 37 verse 7

SERCHBER27

During 2021 we are looking daily at the theme of PRAYER - and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world at this time.

* From September to December we will be looking at P-R-A-Y Pause – Rejoice – Ask – Yield And so this month we shall be taking the time to PAUSE with God in His written Word. *

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.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 21

Wed 1st	Morning	GENESIS 1 vs 1+2 - as we pause with Creator God we consider
		these words afresh today. Then pause to Pray to this God we be-
		lieve and trust in.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the parish-wide magazine distribution
	Evening	read the words again – reflectthen pray to this God at the end of
		day
Thur 2nd	Morning	GENESIS 28 vs 10-22 – as we pause with God we consider
		these words today. Then pray in response to Him as your day starts.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who administer our church finances
F ' 7 I	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 3rd	Morning	EXODUS 3 vs 1-10 – consider what happens here as we pause
	Midday	with God today. And then pause to pray with 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,
Sat 4th	Morning	our God EXODUS 20 vs 1-21 – take time to consider these words today.
3at 4tt1	Morning	Then take time to pause and Pray to this Godwith honest humility
	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 5th	Morning	NUMBERS 6 vs 22-27 – take time to consider these words of
3411 3411	wiorimig	blessing as we pause with God. Then take time to pray in
		response to this God, our Godfor others as well as yourself.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this verses againreflect and then pray to our God for others.
Mon 6th	Morning	DEUTERONOMY 10 vs 12-22 – as we pause with God we take time
		to consider these words this morning. Then we pray in response to
		this God of ours.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on the Care Van serving in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tues 7th	Morning	1 SAMUEL 3 – consider these words and events today as we
		pause with God. Then take the time to listen as you pray to this God.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock –
	F	hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response to what you
Wed 8th	Morning	read.
wed out	Morning	1 KINGS 3 vs 1-15 – as we pause with God we consider what is said here by Solomonand then we pray to this God who gives.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Leadership Team at this time
	Evenina	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 9th		PSALM 5 - we consider these verses this morning as we pause with
THAI SEIT	Wichining	Godand then pause to pray with Him as He meets with us.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on Chaplaincy work in local schools
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 10th	Morning	PSALM 23 – consider afresh all that is said here as the day starts. And
	· ·	then pause with God and pray to Him in
		response – with words from the psalm that have stayed with you.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Cycling Group
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God



What's on in 2021/22 at Liberton Kirk

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(All subject to change in the light of Covid restrictions and guidelines, which hopefully will become less as time moves on. Watch the website, social media and notice boards for details of any changes.)

for details of any changes.) Sunday Morning Worship 9.30am and 11am

Everybody is most welcome at both services. The first service is a short traditional service and the second is contemporary family worship with programmes for the children. (At the time of writing social distancing of one metre between households must be observed and masks worn.) The second service is also on Zoom—see posters and weekly notice sheet for details of access.

Children and Young People

Children are an important part of our church from when they are born, and parents with children are welcome in church for the services. Details of the usual programmes for crèche, children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside. Our Youth and Children's Worker keeps in touch with young families, and meets with the teenagers, virtually and face to face.

For more information e-mail youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net or follow https://twitter.com/YouthKirk

Sunday Evening Worship at 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm)

Sunday evening worship is informal, and provides an opportunity to go deeper into the Christian faith, exploring topics more fully. It is held in the Kirk or the Kirk Centre. Watch the website and notice boards for a starting date and location.

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JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk.

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A Tupical Week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

Abbreviations AH - Anderson Hall; EP - Ewen Pavilion; ER - Elders' Room in the Church; F - Foyer; McD - McDonald Room; RH - Recreation Hall; SH - Small Hall; WH - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

SUNDAY

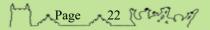
09-30 to 10-15	Morning Service - Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month (except July & August)
10-20 to 10-50	Prayer Group (except July and August)
10-00 to 10-20	Prayer Group (July & August only)
11-00 to 12-15	Morning Service (except July and August)
10-30 to 11-30	Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club (July
	& August Only)
10-50 to 12-15	Crèche, up to age 3
10-45 to 12-15	Crazy Crosses - P7 to S2
10-30 to 12-15	BBC - S3 to S6
10-45 to 12-15	Sunday Club (Sunday BUZZ on first Sunday of the
	month) age 3 to P6 (AH,RH,SH)
18-30 to 20-00	Evening Worship

MONDAY

09-15 to 12-30	Art Group (RH)
09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
14-00 to 16-00	Ladies Badminton (RH)
18-00 to 21-00	Young Life Club (WH)
19-30 to 22-00	Guild (1st and 3rd Mondays of each month) (AH)

TUESDAY

TUESDAY	
07-30 to 19-30	'Upper Room' Prayer Space (WH)
09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
14-00 to 15-30	Carer and toddlers group (RH)
15.00 to 15-30	Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
17-15 to 18-15	93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
18-00 to 20-00	Kirkgate Cafe (not during school holidays)
18-30 to 20-00	93rd Brownie Pack (RH)
18-30 to 20-00	93rd A Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 20-00	Boys Brigade, all sections (AH)
19-30 to 20-30	Gathering for Prayer (last Tuesday of each month) (Church)
20-10 to 21-45	Scottish Dance Group (RH) (October to March)



WEDNESDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
10-00 to 12-00	Carer and toddlers group (RH)
11-00 to 11-30	Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
18-00 to 20-00	Kirkgate Cafe (not during school
	holidays)
18-00 to 19-10	162nd Beavers (AH)
18-30 to 19-45	93rd C Brownies (SH)
18-30 to 20-00	162nd Cub Scouts (RH)
19-00 to 19-45	Minister's Consulting Hour (The Kirkgate Café)
19-15 to 21-00	93rd A Guides (AH)

THURSDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Cafe (F)
14.00 to 16-00	Senior Citizens Club (AH) (Doors open 13:00)
19-00 to 20-30	93rd Guides (AH)
19-30 to 21-00	162nd Scouts (RH)

FRIDAY

9-30 to 12-30	MOPS Group (alternate weeks) (SH)
10-15 to 12-00	Friday Fellowship Link Group (McD)
17-30 to 18-30	93rdB Rainbow Unit (SH)

SATURDAY

16-00 to 18-00	Messy Church (monthly except June, July & December
	(AH, RH, SH, F)

Please contact the Church Office on 0131 664 8264, or email churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net, or facilitiesmanager@libertonkirk.net if you would like any more information about any of the above.

Various other groups and organisations meet in our buildings throughout the year, please contact us for specific details

Many of the organisations would welcome new people to join them

Please be aware that in view of the ongoing COVID19 situation, some of the listed meetings may have to be altered. Please check on our web page **www.libertonkirk.net** for up to date information.



Other Worship Opportunities

Pram Praise for Toddlers and their Carers

Twice a month in the Small Hall, timed to coincide with the meeting of toddlers' groups on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. Dates will be advertised.

Messy Church

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually on the last Saturday of the month (except June, July and December) in the Kirk Centre from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, worship and food. Watch the website and notice boards for our starting date.

Gathering for Praise

The church musicians and singers meet on alternate Wednesdays, normally at 8pm in the Kirk, and hopefully will do so again soon.

Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals

Not possible at the moment although a YouTube service is being provided. We would hope to resume these services at some point (Guthrie House – Last Tuesday, 2.30pm, Braid Hills – Third or Fourth Wednesday, 2.30pm) The services in Liberton Hospital and Ellen's Glen House (both joint with other churches) may take some time.

A Praying Church

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church. Prayer requests can be left in the boxes provided, and will be prayed for by the Prayer Team. On the last Tuesday evening of most months we meet as a church community (currently on Zoom) for a time of prayer. There is a prayer wall on the website, and a programme of daily devotions (see also the centre of the magazine).

The Upper Room

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is open for private prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

Link Groups

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. Some are currently meeting on Zoom. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, and support for the church's outreach programme. Group details and contacts are in the church magazine.

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Sat 11th	Morning	PSALM 27 – as we pause with God we take time to consider
		these words today. Then take time to Pray to this God of ours.
	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
0 4041-		have read
Sun 12th	Morning	PSALM 40 – take time to consider these words as we pause
		with God today – and then pray in response to this God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this psalm againreflect and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 13th	Morning	PSALM 130 – as we pause with God today take time to consider
		these words from the psalmist. What do they mean for you at this
		time? And then pray in response to this Godcalling on Him at the
		start of the week.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Senior Citizens group leaders and members
		Evening – read the verses again – reflectthen pray to this God in
		response
Tue 14th	Morning	JEREMIAH 6 vs 16-20 – consider these words today as we
		pause with Godperhaps at a crossroads. Then pray to this 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 – for others.
Wed 15th	Morning	HABAKKUK 2 v 1 – consider what is written here as we pause with
		Habakkukand wait and listen with God. And then pray to this God
		asking, seeking, hearing
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Care Team as they serve others
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to this God of ours
Thur 16th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 46-55 - consider these words of Mary as we pause with
		God today and then pause to pray to this God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Communications Group
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 17th	Morning	LUKE 8 vs 22-25 – as we pause with God this morning consider all
		that happens here and what is said. And then take time to pray to
		this Jesus. Is there a storm needing His calming?
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Hospitality Team
	Evenina	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this Jesus.
Sat 18th	Morning	JOHN 14 vs 1-7 – as we pause today we take time to consider
	J	these words from Jesus this morning. Then take the time to Pray
		to Him.
	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 19th N	Mornina	JOHN 20 vs 19-23 – take time to consider Jesus' words this Sunday
		morning. Then pause to pray in response to this Jesus we believe
		and trust inand receive from Him.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 20th	•	ACTS 1 vs 1-11 – we take time to consider these words today
WIOTI ZOUT	Morning	as we pause with God, the Three-in-One. And then pray in response.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on our Kirkgate Trust group members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 21

Tue 21st	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 1-11 – as we pause with God consider these verses
		today. And then pray to Him with confidence.
	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 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 18-27 – consider these words today as we pause
		with God the Holy Spirit. And then pray with Him in response.
	Midday	pray a blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team as they serve others.
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 23rd	Morning	EPHESIANS 1 vs 3-14 - consider these spiritual blessings God has
		given and does give as we pause with Him today. 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 24th	Morning	EPHESIANS 3 vs 14-21 – As we pause with God, take time to con
		sider these words of prayer from Paul. And then pray to this God
	Midday	of ours as your day starts. pray a blessing on those who serve us as District Elders
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 25th	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 2 vs 1-11 – as we pause with Jesus this morning,
380 23011	Morring	Take time to consider these words about Him and then pray to Him
		in response – asking to be more like Him even today.
	Middav	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you
	J	read
Sun 26th M	Morning	HEBREWS 4 v14-ch5 v 10 - take time to consider these words as
		we pause with God today. And then pray with confidence to Him.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 27th	Morning	HEBREWS 12 vs 1-13 – as we pause with God, take time to consid
		er these wordsAnd then pray in response to God.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
T 2046	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in response
Tue 28th I	viorning	1 PETER 1 vs 13-16 – as we pause with God this morning consider
	Middav	these versesand then pray to Him in response. take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock –
	iviiuuay	hearl
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 29th		1 JOHN 1 v 5- ch2 v6 — Pause with this God this morning. And then
WCG 2001	11101111119	turn to pray to Father Godand receive from him.
	Midday	pray a blessing on those volunteer in the Kirkgate Cafe
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 30th	Morning	REVELATION 8 v1 - consider this verse today. And then pause to
		pray to this God we believe in.
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those who look after our grounds and gardens
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray



Church Flower dedications

No flowers will be put in the church currently subject to Covid restrictions. The 'card service' is still in operation in place of 'the giving of flowers'

4th July 2021 Mrs Shirley Dawson, no dedication

11th Ms Carol Anderson, in memory of My father Bill

18th Free

25th May Mrs Pearl Kelly, no dedication

1st Aug Grant Cook, in memory of Mrs Alaine Cook

8th Free

15th Mrs Ann Gruber, in memory of Alastair W Walker

22th Ms Kim Deholm, in memory of John and Barbara Jamieson

29th Free

Convener: for September Maureen Horn, 96 Liberton Drive, 666 0080

5th Sept 2021 Mrs Jessie Burns, 5 Moredun Dyke Road, in memory James Burns
12th Mrs Margaret Thomson, 9/7 Alvernia, in memory of Ivy Jameson

19th Ms Carol Anderson, in memory of Sonny

26th Harvest Thanksgiving

Jean Gray 0131 258 2081:

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.

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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Preschool Children and Families

Hello everyone! Toddlers is back! Over the summer months we ran a few sessions on Wednesday mornings, making use of the amazing space we have in the garden at the Kirk Centre. Now it's September we are back to our weekly Wednesday morning sessions at 10am – 11.30am. There are spaces available so if you or someone you know would like to join us, please get in touch (contact details below).

If you've been round to the garden recently, you will see the transformation that has occurred on the last few months. We have replaced the old bark that was in the tod-dler play area with some new rubber chipping that has been recycled from old tyres, some of our young people, as part of their Mission week, painted a new mural on the wall, and the Artisan Group who meet at the church built a brand new fence! It looks so much better than it did before so a huge 'Thank You' to the Gardeners, Artisans, and the young people for all the hard work they have done to make our little player area beautiful again (and ever so slightly bigger).

We are hoping to start Pram Praise back this month and the same goes for Messy Church (see pg18 for both), so keep an eye on our website and social medias for updates on that

Digital Media

If you follow our YouTube Channel you will be well acquainted with our Daily Reflections that we produced from the start of lockdown back in March of 2020. 432 daily reflections later we decided it was time to go down to 1 or 2 reflections a week. As of June, our reflections have been once weekly on a Sunday morning.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have taken part in and lead reflections, we definitely could not have done it without you!

We are also posting recordings of our sermons on our YouTube channel, so if you want to rewatch of missed a week and want to catch up, you can do so there.

This year we are taking part in the Edinburgh Virtual Doors Open Weekend at the end of this month, $(25^{\text{\tiny m}}/26^{\text{\tiny m}}$ September, see pg 6), so we are in the process of creating a video tour of Liberton Kirk. If you've ever been curious about the history of Liberton Kirk, you'll want to check it out.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who have transformed the garden and everyone who took part in the reflections.

Laura, Tel: 07305651592 Email: laura@libertonkirk.net









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Weekly Groups

Thrive - Wednesday evening
Kirk House, 30 Kirkgate
Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk
01968 670752 or 07952 949 062
Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls
Ruth Davies - r.davies335@btinternet.com 664 3608

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders - Tuesday evening at 7pm 5 Stennis Gardens Pearl Kelly 0131 664 2128 mail@pearlkelly.plus.com

New Habits - 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month Kirk Centre - 7pm to 9pm

Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090

Home & Away - Thursday evening
10 Mortonhall Park Gardens

Susan Jardine - susan@jardineclan.org.uk 664 7112

The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening

21 Swanston Grove

Caroline & Roger Barlee - barlee@blueyonder.co.uk 445 5918

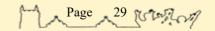
Vista Group - Thursday evening

21 Kirk Park

Rink van Diike - rink@talktalk.net 664 2178

If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) Caroline Barlee (barlee@blueyonder.co.uk) or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk) or the Group nearest you

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



SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



Due to COVID-19 our club has been closed for 2 years **BUT** ...

We have great news ... we are finally planning to meet up again as a complete club on **THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2021** ... how exciting is that? Of course this depends on the Scottish government rules.

Our Senior Citizens Club is like an extended family & runs every year from January to April, then August to December & celebrates our wonderful seniors. We have up to 90 members but even though there's so many people we are still a friendly crowd! You will be made very welcome by Jenni Ryalls & her team of helpers.

We always meet in the Anderson Hall within the Kirk halls on the Thursdays from 2pm-4pm although the hall is open from 1pm & the cafe open for lunch or a snack. Each week we have different entertainers from a choir to solo folks to in-house entertainers. Once a month we have a raffle, with a variety of prizes to be won. We also have Marie Curie visiting us with their Christmas gifts in early November.

Like any family we celebrate milestones in every single members life whether that be birthday or the birth of a grandchild or engagement & on the week of their birthday every member gets a handmade birthday card!

We also have afternoon teas. At our last meeting before Christmas Santa always manages to call into the club before his marathon delivery round the world. \square Normally we can offer transport to & from the club but we will have to see what the Scottish government rules are regarding this to start with!

Should you need to contact us for any reason at all please phone President – **Jenni Ryalls** – 0741 533 5889 Pastoral Support Worker – **Linda Wright** – 0785 041 1596

For further details about the Senior Citizens meeting including info about transport contact Jenni. Louise Ogilvy can be contacted on 0791 267 8475 or email her at seniorslk@gmail.com

All our members will be contacted to inform them of our club opening details but to find out when we're going to start up again keep an eye on the Kirk magazine or on the Kirk's website <u>libertonkirk.org</u>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Florence Baird4 David Robertson & Sheila Maitland6 Joan Campbell8 Tommy Watt celebrates being 80

9 Linda Mccutcheon 12 Irene Heatherington

14 May Edwardsoncelebrates being 9017 Agnes Bell18 Sandra Bell21 Bryan Ryalls22 Eunice McEwan25 Pat Darlington28 Jean Ross30 Linda Haggarty

Happy birthday to all our folks celebrating their birthdays

Crossword

Across

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting'(Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)

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- **13** South London Mission (1.1.1)
- **16** Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3) **19** Airs used (anaq.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my 1 shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- **27** Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller. Blessitt (6)

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- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- **2** Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- **3** Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- **5** Assistant (4)
- **11** Beaten with a rod (5)
- **6** On a par (John 5:18) (5) **10** Credo (anag.) (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his iunior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- **14** 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4) **15** Employs (4)
- **18** Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- **20** Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

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Care Van News

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The Care Van is jointly managed by Bethany Christian Trust and Edinburgh City Mission

30 Years of the Care Van!

This year we are excited to celebrate three decades since the Care Van first took to the streets of Edinburgh to provide food and comfort to people in need.

Anne Berry included this story of the first outing of the Care Van (or Care Caravan as it was then!) in her 2009 book 'Giving Hope And A Future'.



Gordon Weir, reflecting on the first time that Alan and he, along with Bill Chalmers and Ian McNeill of ECM went out, said, 'we towed an old caravan around the city 'kerb crawling' – on the lookout for people sleeping rough. In the van there were about two hundred bread rolls and about ten gallons of soup. Every so often Alan would give a shout, pull the caravan over, leap out the driver's door and disappear over a cemetery wall or down a darkened alley, indicating that we should follow, bearing rolls and soup for any unfortunate soul encountered. After hours of cruising the streets we met only one elderly, homeless man. He was left with his heavy overcoat bulging with rolls and a cup of soup in both hands. He had a bemused expression on his face as we drove off into the night. We congratulated ourselves on the success of the mission and rationalized that the next time there certainly would be more people!"

And more people there have been! Throughout Edinburgh's Covid-19 lockdown the evening and lunchtime Care Vans have served over 20,000 meals! Duke Street URC has been involved with the Care Van since the very beginning, and Brian Graham has been serving with them for much of that time. Here are some of his reflections on his time on the Van:



We as a church decided to get involved very early on and had a number of volunteers. The good thing about it was if you were a soup maker you could be involved; if you were an organiser you could be involved; or if you wanted to be a team member you could be involved. I think we were all inspired by Alan Berry who had the dogged determination to get things moving. Once he had done the hard work in getting things in place it made it easier for people to see that it could actually be achieved. He was a difficult man to say no to!!

We used to have people who came along for a blether as much as anything. We had a number of ladies on our teams so some good banter was also a welcome change of scenery for those on their own. I would say at that time we had a number of "gentlemen of the road" who were happy with their lot and a cup of soup or a tea were always welcome. We had some late nights but always came home feeling we had made a slight difference.

I have memories of difficult times as well as happy times. Listening to some of the stories I have heard over the years breaks my heart. But as in most things in life there is a counter balance of people who have managed to climb back up.

I remember a guy who came to the van. He was a natural organiser and there were never any issues when he was there because he spoke to everyone and was fair with everyone. He eventually got involved with one of the girls who came to the van and they became a couple. A few years later I was playing in a golf match and this chap approached me to say he knew me but could not place me. When I told him the connection he was very proud to introduce me to his new wife who I also remembered from the van and he was very proud to tell me that they now had a house and they both had jobs. He also told me the very important part the Care Van had played in keeping him going. The fact that people gave up their time to be there for them. We met as friends which I think is extremely important.

I am now 71 but still get a buzz about going out on the van. My concern is the problems after all this time has not gone away if anything it has got worse. Now we have a new Government let's hope they can actually get rid of the scourge of homelessness. If Scotland is to be a great country, we need to look after the people first.



John Denno

New Team Members

Hello! I'm John, the new administrative

assistant at Edinburgh City Mission. I moved up to Edinburgh from Liverpool last February... just in time to be locked down! I'll be organising the Evening Care Van rota alongside Fiona. Even in my short time here I've already seen the amazing difference the Care Van makes in our city, and I'm excited to work with you all to keep it going!



Eleanor McLachlan

Hi, my name is Eleanor and I am the new Lunchtime Care Van Co-ordinator. I will be working with Naomi, who is now my supervisor, to continue, along with our many wonderful volunteers and Edinburgh City Mission, to deliver the excellent service that is the Care Van. I am delighted to be in this role as quite a few years ago I was a lunchtime care van volunteer myself.

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Befriending can make a huge impact in the lives of people who are at risk of homelessness or moving into new settled accommodation. A Christian Befriender can help people reconnect back into the community by taking them out and introducing them to social groups and activities in their area. including a local Church.

equips volunteers from the local Church to serve God in Edinburgh, Even with Government restrictions in place, there are plenty of ways for volunteers to get alongside those who are struggling on their own and who have been homeless previously or at risk of this now. And we know that befriending benefits the befriender as much as the befriendee!

Our 'Passing the Baton' programme trains and

For further information, please contact Pall Singh: Pallsingh@bethanychristiantrust.com 07969 771 659



Bethanu Care Van and Night Shelter Volunteers

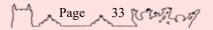
Would you like to come and be part of a small and very friendly team who help with the Bethany Care Van. Liberton Kirk send out a team of 3-4 people from 8:30pm -11:30pm (approx) every 2nd Wednesday of the month, to serve hot soup and hot drinks to the homeless of our city. It is a chance to be there for a chat and learn everyone 's stories.

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If you are interested please contact Eleanor Grieve. Unfortunately no one under 18 years can apply.

Liberton Kirk also help to support the Bethany Night Shelter and provide a team twice a year. If you are interested in learning more about the Night Shelter please contact me and I will forward your details on to the Liberton Kirk co-ordinator.

Eleanor Grieve Care Team Convener 0131466 6484 ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk



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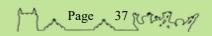


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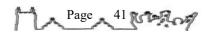
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