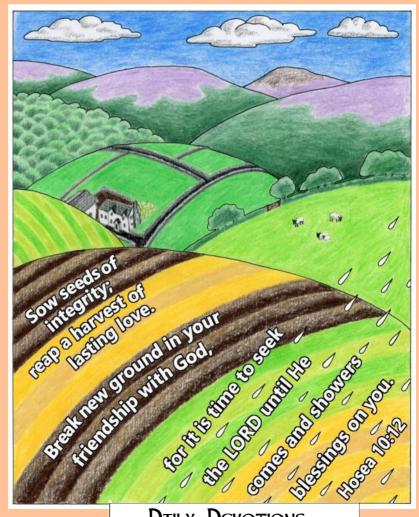
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closer to God
and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'
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Prayer for October

We rejoice in your love, O God!

We rejoice in your care, O Father God!

We rejoice in your saving grace, O Lord!

We rejoice in your good gifts, O merciful Lord!

We rejoice!

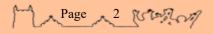
We give thanks!

We worship you!

With our words and songs of praise!

In Jesus' name

Amen and Amen.



Three Baptisms and Three Funerals

One of the benefits of being part of a family is that you are part of it from the beginning of your life to the end. In the Bible, one of my favourite images used for the church is 'God's family', and, as his family we make the most of every opportunity to celebrate our lives together.

On the last Sunday in August, for example, we celebrated the birth of three young children – Benjamin, Isabella, and Maggie – and welcomed them into the Liberton Kirk family through baptism.

Due to Covid 19, it was a bit different from our normal baptism ceremony. Much to my regret, I wasn't able to hold the babies myself, and instead they were held by their respective parents while I splashed them with water from a safe distance. Also, when the time came for us to sing the blessing there was no wandering around the church. Instead, the families lined up at the front while everyone sang the blessing over them.

But, despite these changes, the ceremony was no less meaningful. The Church was fuller than it had been since lockdown, and we were all able to celebrate our faith together, affirming these words from scripture that "We love, because God first loved us."

Then, just this last week, I had the privilege of conducting three funerals – those of Peter, Margaret, and Richard. Peter had been a member and elder of Juniper Green Parish church, Margaret was the mother of one of our members here at Liberton, and Richard was a well-known face at our 9.30am Sunday morning service.

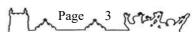
Again, because of Covid 19, their services were a bit different. Everybody still had to wear masks, less hymns were sung, and we all still had to be careful when it came to our contact with each other at the end. But, as with the baptisms, they were no less meaningful as, despite their different connections, they were still all part of the same church family. And I began each of these three funeral services with the words I always begin with. "We can be together in the presence of the God who has known them and loved them throughout their lives, and has now called them home."

Wherever you are today, my prayer is that you would know that, in Jesus, you are part of God's family on earth.

Much love







Faith Story from Attie van Wyk

With prayer to Scotland from South Africa

After eleven years of blessed parish ministry, the Holy Spirit was nudging me into a new season to continue God's work. How sure could I be that this call, to pack up my things and go to an unknown place, was from God? Deuteronomy 4:29 says: "...you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul."

A long weekend away with my near family would give me the opportunity to relax, but also have time to discern and pray on this matter.

On Saturday morning I read through the episode of Abraham: God's calling, the signs, covenant and more signs – a lifelong journey. My prayer was focused on telling God how sceptical I can be, as I don't believe in random signs and selective Bible verses to suit a situation. Then I continued my prayer with: 'If You need me to trust you like Abraham for calling me into a new season of ministry, give me clear, different and definite signs. Affirm it as much as You know I will need to accept your call Lord. Amen'

God says to his prophet Jeremiah and unto us: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' (Jeremiah 33:3). God keeps to his promises. Moments after my prayer I had to go to the shop. Getting into the car, the radio was airing the song 'Flower of Scotland'. Mmm...I thought this was mere coincidence, until that same afternoon when I again went to pray the same prayer.

After praying, I got up and noticed the wall clock wasn't working. The two arms were on 6:30 – both right down in the middle of the clock. Looking at the clock which I just took of the wall to fix the time, it was written on the clock: 'Scotland Works'. The actual inscription read: 'Scotland Clock Works', but the two arms of the clock covered the word 'Clock'. Again, I thought this was a coincidence, as I know very little about Scotland, and why would God call me to work so far away from home?

The following morning, I tuned into the radio service as no church was nearby to attend. The reading was from Ecclesiastes 3: 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...' The preachers' message was clear as daylight: 'This is a new season in your life, adhere to the call.'

At that moment I knew God was busy answering my prayer and affirming this call of a new season to me. Up till this point I had not told anyone about my prayers regarding this new phase of ministry. My godmother enjoyed the weekend away with us, and after the Sunday morning radio service, I thought I would catch up with her. As I sat down next to her, she had her mobile phone in her hand and wanted to show me some pictures of her friends who went on a lovely holiday. She was paging through the photographs her friend has sent her, they were all of breath-taking nature scenery...and as she paged through them, I knew that there's only one country that has this kind of nature: Scotland!

To note - my godmother was a loving ordinary woman of faith, as mentioned she knew nothing about my thoughts and prayers at that time. So, at the end of showing me the pictures of Scotland, she took me by the arm and said the following: "Do you remember as a little boy giving your heart to Jesus, you said you were going to work in Scotland one day?" She momentarily paused and then said: "Now is the time!"

I had no words, but my whole being filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit!

This my dear prayer friends, was just the beginning of answered prayers for my new journey to minister in Scotland. I kept a journal of all the seemingly closed doors which would prevent me from coming to Scotland, but each time

God would show me that no human boundaries would stop him from bringing me to Scotland. Time and time again, through a period of eight months, God affirmed his calling to me in ways which left me in utmost awe. As Philippians 4:6-7 teaches, I constantly endured in prayer trusting God. 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' To God be the glory!





Messy Church in October

Our next Messy Church event for young families will be held on Saturday 30th October, from 4pm to 6pm, in the Kirk Centre. We'll be hearing the story of Daniel, whom God saved from a rather nasty fate!



All children are welcome to join in the crafts, games, songs, stories, food and other fun, so long as you are aged 11 or under, and bring an adult (of any age) with you!

Our final event of the year will be Christmas Messy Church on Saturday 27th November. Please contact Fiona Devoy on 666-1004 if you would like more information about anything to do with Messy Church.

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS. Fiona Devoy

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Prayer Triplets

As a Church we have been focussing on the theme of **Prayer** during 2021.

Our Sunday sermons and Daily Devotions have been looking mainly at this subject - and our prayer lives as individuals and a Church Family. It has been both encouraging and challenging! A good number of us also took time earlier in the year to do the **Prayer Course** from 24-7 Prayer with Pete Greig.

The video series on YouTube and his book are truly recommended!



The Prayer Team at LK have been praying on during 2021 and at recent meetings together spent time considering the idea of **Prayer Triplets**. Some of us in the church family are already in such a small group.

We would like to invite all in the Church Family to consider this venture – but there is no pressure if it is not for you!

The idea? To meet with 2 other believers as often as you need - weekly/ fortnightly/monthly - preferably in person or via Zoom or Skype or other means - and share in prayer support for each other and others. To keep a prayer journal and record your requests and God's answers. To encourage each other to grow in our prayer lives and experience God's Kingdom will.

Please do prayerfully consider it all

. Ask God if there are 1 or 2 others you can prayerfully support/encourage at this time. Give it a try for a period of time - 3 months? Be open to being asked by others to ioin with them.

Please do ask any member of the Prayer Team for further help.

In particular Claire Hill/Fidelis/Lindsay/Alastair have experience in a Prayer Triplet.

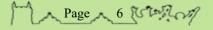
Thanks! Alastair Cameron

Congregational News

As of 27th June this year I am pleased to announce that Mrs Helen Liddell has become a new member of Liberton Kirk. I am also sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Christine Steven on 12th of May, Mrs Kathleen Leach on 9th June and Mr Archie Fleming on 12 September and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends. **Editor**



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



October 2021 Diaru

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

Sunday 3rd	COMMUNION SUNDAY
-	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
	7.00pm Walk or Drive in service at Morrisons (BIG Idea)
Monday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
•	7.00pm Guild Dedication in the Kirk
Tuesday 5th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
•	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
·	7.30pm Kirkgate Trust
Thursday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 10th	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: Hannah's prayer
	Preacher: John Young
	6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
-	7.30pm Link Leaders Meeting (on zoom)
Tuesday 12th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	_7.30pm Communications Team meeting (on zoom)
Sunday 17th	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: Solomon's prayer
	Preacher: John Young
	630pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 18th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm Guild meeting in Kirk Centre and on zoom
Tuesday 19th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 21st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 24th	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: Jabez' prayer

Preacher: John Young

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3.00pm Joint pre-COP26 Service at Liberton Northfield (SEECAT)

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre

Monday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 26th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Congregational Prayer Gathering (on zoom)

Wed'day 27th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café Thursday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 29th-Saturday 30th - SEECAT October Retreat

Saturday 30th 4.00pm-6.00pm - Messy Church

Sunday 31st 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: Isaiah's prayer Preacher: John Young

7.00pm Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub

November 2021

Monday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Guild meeting in Kirk Centre and on zoom

7.30pm Sapiens Discussion Group

Tuesday 2nd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café Thursday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 7th 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: Jeremiah's prayer Preacher: John Young

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre



It can be read in the Bible in Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

A short story from the Bible

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Peraea. He was hated by the Jews

Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife Herodias.



Herndias hated John and wanted him dead. Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.







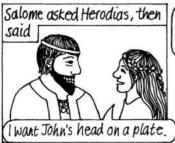




(No decent girl would do this.)











Cycling Group

A few months ago, John asked me if I would consider leading a group of cyclists of all ages and abilities on a trip about once a month. I poured over my cycling maps of the surrounding areas and came up with a route that would not frighten people away but long enough to add a challenge!



Our first trip was on Saturday 15th May when we cycled from the Kirk car park via Lasswade Rd and the cycle path to Roslin stopping for coffee and cake at Dolly's café. We then returned to the Kirk - a round trip of just over 10 miles.

Our second outing was on Saturday 5° June where we retraced our steps to Dolly's at Roslin. We continued to Auchendinney then took the cycle path to Rosewell and Bonnyrigg, then Eskbank and home. A slightly longer trip at just over 17 miles.

Our third trip on Saturday 3rd July saw us leaving the Kirk car park and heading out towards Musselburgh via a cycle path. However, the weather got the better of us and forced us to turn around and head away from the rain back to our old favorite, Dolly's café in Roslin! Musselburgh and Luca's ice cream will have to wait for another time. Our next dates are planned for 28th August; 25th September; 23rd October, after that it will be weather dependent.

We currently have about 20 cyclists of all ages from 10 to 70 plus – we do try and stop off part way round the trip for a cup of tea/coffee and a breather. See attached Photos.

If you are interested in joining us one Saturday or just want a bit more information – please contact myself on 07766151167 or John. Young

There is no competition - we go at the general speed of the group so that the slow riders are not left behind. It is hoped that these little jaunts will increase people's confidence in using bikes as well as getting some exercise.

At the time of writing this we have just finished our fourth trip out, in the drizzle, to Portobello and Musselburgh a round trip of approx 15 miles with a welcome cup of coffee at the harbour front café.

David Colley

In The Churchyard

The Word for Today has moved into the Offering House for the Autumn and Winter. In October there will be a theme related to the care of the earth in view of the COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow beginning on 31st October.

The main exhibit in the Offering House is currently on Prayer at Liberton Kirk.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608



Fresh Start

I would just like to bring you up to date with regard to what's happening at FS.

The warehouse is now open for donations Monday-Thursday from 9-4pm. The items they are looking for are duvet covers, sheets of all sizes, pillow cases and towels. Pots, pans, cutlery, mugs and dishes. Additionally, they will take small electrical items. I must remind people they do not accept duvets, pillows, valance sheets or matress protectors.

The staff have been busy during lockdown getting the "Pantry" next door open for people in the community to purchase essentials. The cost is £3.50 pw or £14 pm where everyone can buy ten items plus some freebies. This has been a great help to the locals.

Anyone who would be interested in volunteering at FS please contact **Abigail** directly on 476 7741. If you would like to join the Liberton kirk team then please contact me on 664 3189, **Sylvia Bennett**.

Bruce Davies Concert

Friday 12th November at 7.30 pm in the Kirk Centre

For almost forty years, Bruce Davies has performed around 250 concerts annually. That is until the coronavirus pandemic changed everything. We are delighted to host one of his first shows in front of a 'live' audience since the start of the Covid pandemic.

Those of you who have been at Bruce Davies' previous concerts in Liberton Kirk will know what a wonderful entertainer he is. He is a musician whose easy-on-the-ear singing and storytelling have gained him many friends on four continents. He released 'Sing Me A Song', a new album of Scottish songs just days before the world came to a halt. We will hear some of those songs and an eclectic selection from his vast repertoire on 12th November. We look forward to seeing you then. Further details will be available from the middle of October. All profits from the concert will go to Liberton Kirk's World Mission Projects.

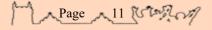
Mary Davidson (World Mission Team)

SEECAT Pre-COP26 Service

The SEECAT churches are holding a joint service on Sunday 24th October at 3pm at Liberton Northfield Church in the run-up to the COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. Everybody is welcome to come along to this service on "God's Good Earth – we have its future in our hands".



Ruth Davies, 664 3608



Church of Scotland National Civing Day

Liberton Kirk - October 31

Congregations have been encouraged by the General Assembly (of the Church of Scotland) to participate in a church-wide National Giving Day. This is an opportunity to reflect on God's presence with us through these challenging times and to offer gifts of thanksgiving back to God.

Money raised through this initiative will remain with the congregation and will be used to continue God's work in our church and community. Liberton Kirk has chosen October 31 as our local 'giving day' in church.

Enclosed with your magazine is an envelope to be used for your donation (as the total of these donations is required to be kept separate within the accounts). This envelope should be placed in the donation box in church or passed to me at the address below. Should you wish to give directly into the bank account please put 'National Giving Day' as a reference (please contact me if you need the bank account details).

On the envelope there is a gift aid declaration which can be completed, if appropriate.

Your gifts will be very much appreciated.

Judy Weston (Treasurer) Tel 664-5684 28 Longformacus Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6SE

GUILD NEWS for OCTOBER

Theme 2021-2022: Lights and Bushels ALL WELCOME!

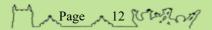
The Guild meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7.30pm in the Anderson Hall. Each meeting can be accessed via Zoom. (If a non-member, please get in touch with the secretary for the login details.)



The Guild restarts on Monday 4th October. The first meeting will take the form of a **Dedication Service** at **7pm (please note the earlier start)** in Liberton Kirk. This will be led by our minister, **Rev. John Young** and by members of the Guild. Afterwards, you are invited for refreshments in the Kirk Centre across the road, where you will have a chance to meet Guild members and find out more about Guild activities in Session 2021-2022. The Guild is open to both men and women, so do come along and join us.

On Monday 18th October, the speaker will be **Keith Walker** and his subject is "History of the Grassmarket". This promises to be a most interesting talk.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary) Tel: 664 1171



The Guild at Liberton Kirk are Growing Young!

As Guild members were looking forward to a peaceful summer break they received an email from the Session Clerk. He invited us to be part of the Growing Young Project and to develop a course entitled Budget Cooking for Students.

"What do we do"?

"How are we going to do it"?

These were some of the questions which we asked ourselves.

However, suddenly we received an anonymous donation of £200 and what a difference that made. As our spirits rose we began to believe "yes, we can do this"! The next step was to find suitable tutors. We approached two Guild members and asked if they would like to help the team develop and deliver a beginners cookery course before the next academic session began. They were very positive and agreed. Helen Campbell and Ann Weir are definitely "growing young". Ann sought the advice of her Granddaughter who is currently a student. Together Helen and Ann prepared a comprehensive booklet for our four students and in this pilot programme delivered a fun, short, sharp course over two evenings. Cocktails were served and new skills using simple but versatile recipes were learnt. This was followed by good company, chat and delicious food.

The photographs below tell the story better than words.

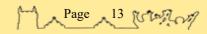
Gladys Montgomery











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Kirkgate Café Update

As a follow up from last month's appeal for volunteers I am very pleased to include the following poem by Ann Louise Lowry who has been a volunteer for many years at Kirkgate Café.

Lirkgate Cafe

Ode to Kirkgate Café

We're all a bunch of volunteers Serving lunch this past few years At Liberton Kirkgate Café community Where we work hard and celebrate unity

When life is good we cruise along But equally when things go wrong The Kirkgate spirit keeps us strong Our manager Norma Brown Will pick you up when you are down

Along with chefs, baristas, bakers Waiting staff and toastie makers Washing dishes can be fun At Kirkgate Café work gets done

We've got our customers to praise When they come in on quiet days As well as times when we are stretched They're patient and don't get vexed The little toddlers squeal and play
They brighten up most any day
For those of us a little older
As winter draws and winds grow colder
It gives us somewhere warm to meet
A friendly place to drink and eat

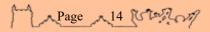
And really, almost any time
There's inspiration for a rhyme
A little ode to café culture
The Kirkgate spirit helps us nurture
An atmosphere of hope and cheer
Community throughout the year

Jill

Service of Lesons and Carols

Provided Covid regulations don't change dramatically we plan to hold a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols "live" on Wednesday 15th December, 7.30pm in the Kirk. There will be six choir rehearsals on Tuesdays, also at 7.30pm in the Kirk, beginning on Tuesday 9th November. If you would be interested in being part of the choir please let me know in advance so that plans for layout with social distancing may be made. Ruth Davies, 664 3608 or r.davies335@btinternet.com





LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Q TOBERS May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice! Philippians 4 verse 4

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 RE-JOICE 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 OCTOBER 21

Fri 1st	Morning	GENESIS 1 vs 1-23 – take time to consider these words today
		as we rejoice in God's Creation all around us. Then take time to pause
		and Pray to this Godour Creator God.
	Midday	We give thanks for our local shopkeepers
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 2nd	Morning	GENESIS 1 vs 24-31 – take time to consider these words as we
		pause with Creator God. Then take time to pray with rejoicing in
		response to this Godfor others as well as yourself
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this verses againreflect and then pray to our God for others,
Sun 3rd	Morning	GENESIS 8 vs 20-22 – as we pause with God we take time
	_	to consider these words of promise this morning.
		Then we pray with rejoicing in response to this God of ours!
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response.
Mon 4th	Morning	LEVITICUS 7 vs 11+12 – consider these words today as we pause with
	J	God. Then take the time to bring your sacrifice of thanksgiving to Him.
	Midday	We give thanks for those who look after the gardens across our city
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response to what you
		read.
Tues 5th	Morning	NUMBERS 6 vs 22-27 – as we pause with God we consider what is said
		here, and then we rejoice in prayer to this God who gives blessings.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God.
Wed 6th	Morning	PSALM 1 - we consider these verses this morning as we pause with
		Godand then pray with Him as He meets with us today.
	Midday	We give thanks for our Church Family.
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 7th	Morning	PSALM 9 - consider all that is said here as day starts. And then pause
		with God and pray to Him with thanksgiving with words from the psalm
		that have stayed with you.
	Midday	We give thanks for our Link Group leaders.
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Fri 8th	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 1-29 – as we pause with God we take time consider these
		words today. Then take time to give thanks to this God of ours
	Midday	We give thanks for those who work with our children and youth
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you have
		Read
Sat 9th	Morning	PSALM 18 vs 30-50 – 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.
Sun 10th	Morning	PSALM 30 – as we pause with God today take time to consider these
		words from the psalmist. A prayer of thanksgiving! And then pray in
		response to this Godpraising Him at the start of the week.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening -	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to this God in response

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Mon 11th	Morning	PSALM 33 – consider these words today as we pause with the
	, and the second	psalmistand rejoice in a song of praise!
	Midday	We give thanks for those who serve us in the Kirkgate Cafe!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect then pray in response – with praise
Tues 12th	Morning	PSALM 46 – consider what is written here as we pause with the
		psalmist And then pray to this Godrejoicing and giving thanks to Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to this God of ours
Wed 13th	Morning	PSALM 65 - consider these words of praise as we
	Mai al al acco	pause with God today and then rejoice in prayer to this God.
	Midday	We give thanks for those who care for and pastor us
Thur 4.4+b	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Thur 14th	Morning	PSALM 67 – as we pause with God this morning consider this song of thanksgiving. And then take the time to pray to this God of ourswith
		thanksgiving
	Midday	We give thanks for our neighbours
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
	21011119	Ours.
Fri 15th	Morning	PSALM 92 – as we pause today we take time to consider these words
	· ·	this morning. Then take the time to Pray to Him in praise.
	Midday	We give thanks for those who work on our buses and trams
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 16th	Morning	PSALM 149 – take time to consider these words of rejoicing this Sun
		day morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God we believe
		and trust inwith a song of praise!
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today.
C 4744	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Sun 17th	Morning	MATTHEW 1 vs 22+23 – we take time to consider words as we pause
	Midday	with God, the One who is with us. And then pray in response. pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Mon 18th		MARK 1 vs 29-34 – as we pause with God consider these verses today.
WOII TOUT	Morring	And then pray with rejoicing to the One who heals.
	Midday	We give thanks for John and Lindsay
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to this Jesus.
Tues 19th	Morning	MARK 11 vs 1-11 – consider this scene as we pause with God today.
		And then pray with Him in response to what you read.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 20th	Morning	LUKE 10 vs 21-24 - consider these words about Jesus rejoicing and
		what He says here. And then pause to pray to Him in response.
	Midday	We give thanks for Linda Wright
Thur 24-4	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 21st	iviorning	LUKE 15 vs 1-7 — As we pause with God, take the time to consider
	Midde	this scene of rejoicing. Then pray to our God for others.
	Midday	We give thanks for Chris and Jacqui in our church office
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God

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Fri 22nd	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 8-10 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take
		time to consider these words about a rejoicing and then pray to
		Him in response
	Midday	We give thanks for the Bible in our own language
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 23rd	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 11-32 – take time to consider these words about a
		great family rejoicing And then pray to God about your family
	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.
Sun 24th	Morning	ACTS 4 vs 23-31 – as we pause with God, take time to consider
	N 4"	these words about answered prayerAnd then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
Mon 26th	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in response ROMANS 5 vs 1-11 – as we pause with God this morning consider
WOIT ZOU	i worriing	these versesand then rejoice in prayer with Him in response.
	Middav	We give thanks for our Prayer Ministry Team
	Evenina	read the words again - reflect and then pray in response to our God
Tues 27tl	n Morning	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		turn to pray to God, Father, Son and Holy Spiritand receive from him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you - ask, seek, knock - hear
	Evening	read the words again - reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 28th	n Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 - consider this chapter today. And then rejoice
		in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We give thanks for our Communications Group
T I 0011	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 29th	nMorning	GALATIANS 5 vs 22+23 – As we pause with God, take time to re
	Middel	joice at these words with Paul. And then pray to this God of ours!
	Midday Evening	We give thanks for our Kirk Session
Fri 30th	Morning	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God PHILIPPIANS 4 vs 1-9 – as we pause with Jesus today take
111 3001	Morring	time to rejoice with Him and then pray to Him in response – giv
		ing thanks for all He has done/given you
	Midday	We give thanks for our musicians and singers
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 30th	Morning	COLOSSIANS 1 vs 1-14 – take time to rejoice with these words as we
		pause with God today. And then pray with thanks 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.
Sun 31st	Morning	REVELATION 22 vs 6-21 – as we pause with God, take time
		to rejoice that the best is yet to come!! And then pray in response to
		Midday provide Prover for the Month of your own midday prover
	Evenina	Midday – pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the verses again – reflectand then pray to God in response
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Crossword

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- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the of , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3.4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

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- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4.3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5.2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1.1.1.1)

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Three Down, Nine Across, by John

Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (August 2021)

As part of World Mission Team (WMT)'s drive to increase awareness of World Mission in Liberton Kirk and, in particular, the current activities of our World Mission partners, we circulate Quarterly Updates.

In past issues, trying to keep it relevant, the content varies in each Newsletter. As you know, we are still not quite in "normal" times and, like recent issues, this one has a broader base of coverage, and even a few images!

Re-reading the August 2020 edition was quite salutary, reflecting as it was, no planned World Mission events then in the medium term in 2020, BUT, we did manage a couple; the Fair Trade sale and the innovative New Year concert, both of which were successful and showed a good degree of adaptability.

CANNING GARDEN METHODIST CHURCH (CGMC)

The partnership with CGMC in Ipoh, Malaysia goes back a long way, to when Sandy Hutchison lived there. Contact has been maintained by regular exchange of Prayer information. Covid levels in Ipoh are not as high as further south in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, which has been in lockdown for several months and has imposed an 8pm curfew.

Church services have re-started but socially-distanced so, they, like Liberton, are operating under "hybrid" conditions, the majority being online services. All other external activities/mission work is on hold, which is a major concern especially bearing in mind the church's role in medical missionary work.

Also, though the Lighthouse homeless ministry still cannot offer hot meals from its premises, it continues to provide food parcels to the homeless and amongst the groups of migrant workers (see image below). Please PRAY that contacts can be maintained and that their pastor and leadership will seek the face of God earnestly as they shepherd their flock.



On a more national front, we are asked to PRAY for the continual acceptance of the vaccination programme by the people. We are also reminded that in a country like Malaysia, there is very little of a safety net for people to fall back on, especially if the closure of businesses is to be prolonged.

Our main contact in CGMC is Seck Poh. We should remember his family in PRAYer at this time. His youngest daughter is due to return to study in the UK (Oxford postgrad) and his other two daughters are doctors in Australia and New Zealand respectively.

KENYAN MINISTRY

We continue our interest + PRAYers for the Mturi family. We need ongoing PRAYer for this serious situation and, at the same time, give PRAISE for keeping the family safe and for the practical work and help they are involved with.

In July, for example, the family were able to deliver some basic food packages to 20 families; they also were able to purchase 20 blankets, all of it paid for out of our - in relative terms - small financial gift; all in all a humbling experience when you think of how "well-off" we all are in comparison.

THE WALDENSIANS: BIG NEWS!

As we all know, Italy has been hit hard by Covid and the Waldensian church has adopted similar strategies to Liberton with online services. Please PRAY for our Italian sisters and brothers in the Waldensian church.

We all know that words come alive when we hear them spoken and can put a face to a name. We have been PRAYing for Fiona Kendall for few years now and she kindly joined us in our World Mission service in January.

BUT on THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm, Fiona will have hosted a Zoom session just for Liberton Kirk + friends. She will be able to offer a very personal perspective on migration in Europe, the work of Mediterranean Hope and the role of churches in this context. There will be opportunity to ask questions.

KATHLEEN BURNS in UGANDA

Kathleen had to come home to Edinburgh at the end of May to support her mother and has only recently returned to Uganda which has recently re-entered lockdown. Please PRAY for the country's vaccination programme. Kathleen especially asks us to remember the children.

Kathleen does however give thanks for the new accommodation she has moved into; it is much nearer her place of work, safe + quiet! PRAY for her a she picks up her responsibilities again across the country.

There is still lots of uncertainty over the movement of AIM personnel in the continent. PRAY for wisdom in deciding when to say "come" and when to say "wait".

AND ALSO ...

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Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

Can we also remember three other partners in our PRAYers:

CHRISTIAN AID is promoting its 2021 Harvest appeal under the banner of "Sisters stronger together. United, we can change lives". It focuses on women in Malawi uniting to set up eco-businesses, creating a way out of poverty and protection from climate change. An early "heads up"...we plan to have Christian Aid as the focus of our 2022 World Mission service here in Liberton Kirk.

TEAR FUND asks us, as Christians, to PRAY for the upcoming COP26 in Glasgow in November in terms of global poverty, climate change and humanity's stewardship of God's world.

SAT-7 celebrates 25 years of televised broadcasting, making the gospel visible in the Middle East in some of the most closed countries in the world. In a special programme filmed at the site of the Beirut explosion on its anniversary in August, families who lost loved ones shared how their lives were changed forever, yet they are sustained by their hope in Christ. Let us PRAY that these powerful testimonies will be heard.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be published towards the end of October. What happens between now and then... KEEP PRAYING, and put 23rd SEPTEMBER in your diary now.

Alan Campbell, Vice Convener, Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

Shoebox Appeal

The Blythswood shoebox appeal will go ahead this year aiming at Eastern Europe! These gifts have always meant a tremendous lot to people who receive them and it is wonderful that we can now do this again. There will be a box of wool, also another box for donations, as well as patterns and empty shoeboxes in the entrance hall by the café from Sunday. 19th September. The deadline is the last week of October.

Veronica Craig



Senior Citiz Club

Still being run to the Scottish Parliament Covid-19 regulations.

Our club began on 2nd September and is going very well, even with it being split into 2 groups. We will hopefully be able to meet up together as a total club in the new year!!

October Birthdays

7 Helen Sutherland

12 Cathie Burns

15 Frank Campbell

17 Hylda Currie

23 Louise Ogilvy the big 6.0.

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November Birthdays

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Church Flower dedications

The Kirk Flower Group are urgently requiring volunteers to put in the church flowers for the Sunday services. (The flowers are donated by church members who have put in dedications. No special skills are needed - just your willingness to help with putting the flowers in position and delivering them, if possible, after the second service..

Your assistance would be very much appreciated. For more information please contact :

Jean Gray on 0131 258 2081 or email: terrimar1234@gmail.com

No Convener: for October

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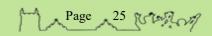


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Please see diary pages for details of our services during the current pandemic period

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Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.

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Vista Group - Thursday evening 21 Kirk Park

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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) or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk)

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