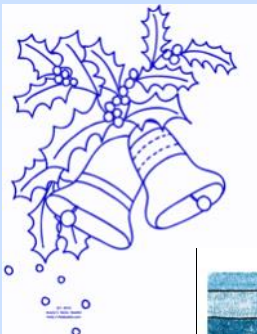


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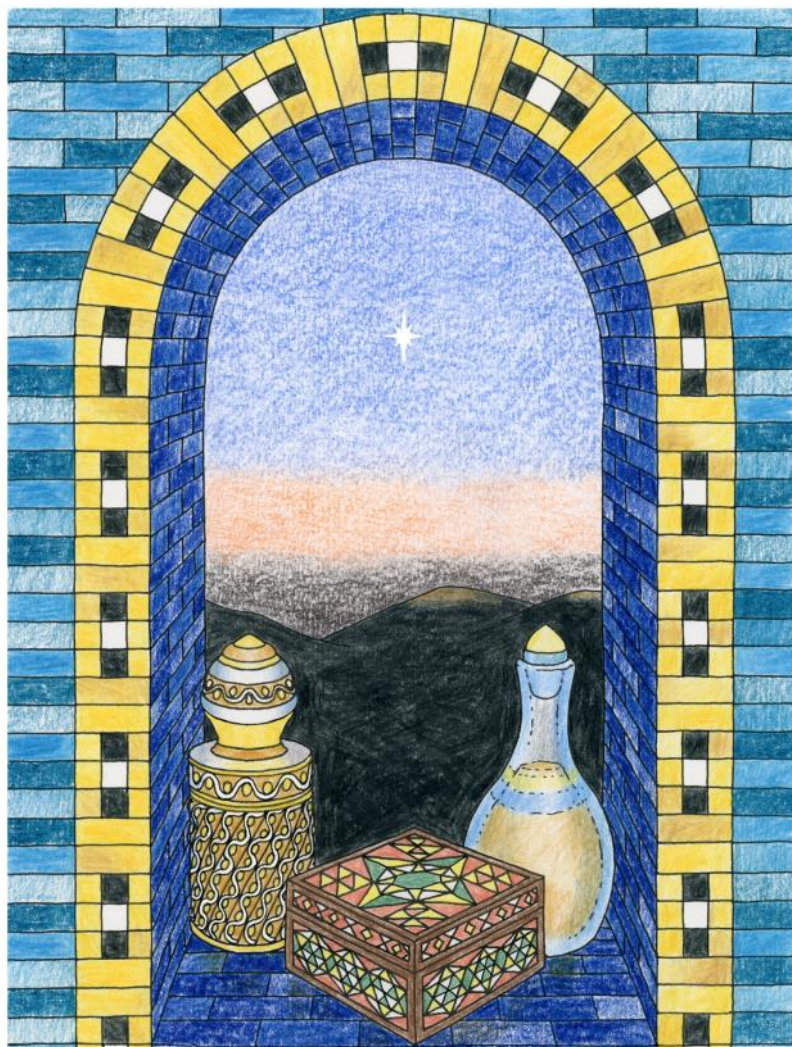
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He can make
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Prayer for December

O LORD our God, At the close of this year

We pause with you, And remember who you are

We rejoice, In all the blessings you have given

We ask, To lead and guide us through the days ahead

We yield, To your Kingdom will, On earth, As it is in heaven

In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen.



Good News – a time to build

Dear Friends, The book of Ecclesiastes is not one of the best known books of the Bible, nor is it the easiest of reads, but it does have a gem of a poem in chapter 3. It's a poem that was popularised in a song by 'The Byrds' back in the 1960s, and is still often read out at funerals today.

It speaks of some of the certainties of life...

*For everything there is a season, and
for every activity under heaven, a time
A time to be born and a time to die
A time to plant and a time to uproot
A time to tear down and a time to
build*

*A time to weep and a time to laugh
A time to mourn and a time to
dance... (Ecclesiastes 3.1-4)*

If there is one thing I think we can all agree on these days, it is that we are living in uncertain times. While the world is slowly beginning to emerge from the ravages of a pandemic, we are only beginning to count the cost. While COP 26 has come and gone, the long term impact of climate change is being experienced more and more, and its causes are still to be properly addressed.

Closer to home, the *Church of Scotland* is in the middle of a radical review which will have an impact on every single parish. The four parish churches of South East Edinburgh have covenanted to support each other as best we can, while Edinburgh Presbytery considers proposals to reduce the overall number of ministers and assess the strategic

usefulness of our buildings.

The best response to these uncertain times is to remind ourselves of who we are and why we are here. We are the children of the God who loves us and we are called by him, through our words and deeds, to spread his light in the darkness.

Our theme for 2021 was '*The God who Listens*': Our theme for 2022 will be '*Good News (for a change)*': Our theme verse is from Luke 4.18:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor"

Throughout the coming year this theme will be the focus of our Sunday services, beginning with '*Good News – a time to build*'. Starting with the teachings of Jesus himself, we will go on to explore his call for us to build, heal, plant, search, love and bring peace.

Advent, of course, is about the coming of '*Emmanuel*' – the God who is with us. Whatever we face in the coming months, we can be assured that we will not be facing it alone. We will be doing so in the company of the one who is the good news, and without a doubt, this is the best news of all.

Much love



Our Theme for 2021 is
"The God Who Listens"



My Story of Prayer in my Life

I could never be a hermit. I don't know how others could, although there are some people I've thought about suggesting it to! As an extrovert I get energy from interacting with others. Even if I was really tired beforehand, I find myself buzzing after being with a group. Unsurprisingly then, I really value ways of expressing and investing in my faith that involve community. I, on the whole, get more from worshipping with others than I do by myself, from a bible study group than personal devotion and from a prayer meeting than individual prayer. And that is ok. Perhaps like me you can feel a bit jealous, or even perplexed by the way other people can talk about their prayer life and think, 'that's not me,' or 'what am I missing?'.



Often in church we promote a certain way as the gold standard, and we could be better at validating different ways as appropriate for different people. However, whether or not you naturally gravitate to individual or community expressions of discipleship, it's incredibly important to do both. Despite my preference I do still sing, pray, and read my bible in spending time alone with God. Relationships need time spent with each other. There are different times in my life I can point to where prayer has been wonderfully answered, or praying has really made a difference. But I've found more generally the effects of regular prayer are more subtle than that.

The effect of prayer is something I often notice more when prayer is absent. Liberton's theme this year of the Vine and Branches is the perfect illustration of that. Prayer to me is a major part of that abiding in Christ, of allowing my faith to be nurtured and nourished by him. To be removed from the vine would be to wither and dry. When I find myself struggling and thinking, what am I missing? The answer isn't some way of doing prayer that I haven't found yet, it's often just simply, prayer.

Jonny Clipston



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 2: 1-10

Around the time of Jesus' birth, in a land far to the east of Israel, there were men who studied the stars...

When they saw a new star they believed it showed a special King had been born. ★



They set off to see that King.



They reached Jerusalem, the home of King Herod.



The Romans had made Herod king of the Jews about 30 years earlier. He was ruthless.



The Jews hated him and he was always worried that people were plotting against him.



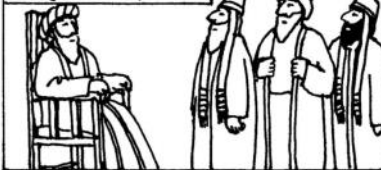
He had them killed even if they were his wife or children...



So what the wise men said about a new King upset Herod



Herod got the teachers and priests together and asked about the king's birthplace.



That would be little Bethlehem*



Herod secretly met the wise men and asked when they had first seen the star.



Go to Bethlehem and look for the child. When you find him let me know so I can come and worship him.



As they left Jerusalem the wise men were elated to see the guiding star again. ★ ★ ★ ★



Daily Devotions for 2022

As part of our rhythm of Bible Reading and Prayer the Daily Devotions are available on the Kirk website and Facebook and Twitter pages at 7am each morning.

In 2022 we shall be looking mainly at the letter written by Paul to the ROMANS. *Good News – It's All About Jesus!* You are invited to journey with others as we consider each chapter and the truths that lie behind the words in God's Written Word..

With Lent beginning on March 2nd, we shall be mixing the book of LEVITICUS with verses from Romans. Now there's a challenge to be a part of!

Thy Kingdom Come will be our focus once again as we approach Pentecost in early June.

In the summer weeks of July and August we shall be turning to ISAIAH. *Good News - Restoring, Rebuilding, Renewing!*

And before we pause for *ADVENT* at the close of the year, we return to Romans in more detail.

Looking forward to some Good News digging together in the Bible.

Romans, Leviticus and Isaiah here we come!



Alastair Cameron

Prayer for January

Thank you our God, For sending Jesus
The Good News, In our world

Thank you Jesus, That you came
From heaven to earth, As our Good News

Holy Spirit, Inspire us
Enable us, To share this Good News

In our street, In Liberton
In Scotland, In our world

In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

Memorial Service for the Bereaved

This service will be held on **Wednesday 8th December, at 7pm** in the church, and is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome. To maintain social distancing we may have to ask some people to sit upstairs if they are able.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. This traditional service is on **Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm**, and it may also be on Zoom.

Service with Sunday Club and other Young People

The second morning service on **Sunday 19th December, starting at 11am**, in church and on Zoom, will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family involved. We can all join in the celebration, led by Emily, our Youth and Children's Worker, and Laura, our Pre-School Children and Families Worker.

Big Carol Sing

Also on Sunday **19th December, at 7pm**, we are in the Anderson Hall for the "Big Carol Sing". Informal, good fun, and lots of favourite carols. Ask friends and neighbours along – Refreshments available — but you need to book places on line (see website for details).

Christingle Service

This service, at **4 o'clock on Christmas Eve**, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. If you want to make a Christingle, **please bring an orange with you**. Again, you need to book places on line - see website for details. The service is also on Zoom and packs for "zoomers" can be collected from the Offering House from 12th December - **you will still need an orange!**

Watchnight Service

Later on **Christmas Eve**, we'll sing carols together **from 11.15pm and the service will start at 11.30pm**, leading up to the very first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born. At midnight, it's Christmas Day!

Christmas Day

Our Christmas **Morning Service starts at 10.30am** in the church and on Zoom, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys.

Sunday 26th December and Sunday 2nd January

One all-age morning service at 10.30am in the church and on Zoom.



December 2021 Diary

***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; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 3rd	7.00pm Kirkgate Trust Quiz in the Anderson Hall
Saturday 4th	10.30am – SEECAT Quiet Morning (on zoom)
Sunday 5th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Short service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) Theme: Mary's prayer Preacher: John Young 6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild Christmas Social in the Anderson Hall (and on zoom)
Tuesday 7th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 8th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Annual Memorial Service in the Kirk
Thursday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 11th	7.30pm Origin Christmas Concert in the Usher Hall (Speaker – John Young)
Sunday 12th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Short service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) Theme: Paul's Prayer Preacher: John Young 6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 14th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 15th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Christmas Carols at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols in the Kirk (and possibly on zoom)
Thursday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 18th	9.30am – <u>Decorating Church for Christmas</u>
Sunday 19st	8.00am - Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Short service in the Kirk Theme: John's Prayer Preacher: John Young 11am All-age Nativity Service in the Kirk and on zoom 7.00pm Big Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall with

Refreshments (Please book in advance – see website for details)

Monday 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 21st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Christmas Carols at Guthrie House
Wed'day 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00pm Christingle Service in the Kirk and on zoom (Please book in advance – see website for details) 11.15pm Watchnight service in the Kirk
Saturday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday 26th	10.30am Christmas Day Service in the Kirk and on zoom BOXING DAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom Theme: Simeon's Prayer Preacher: Fiona Devoy
Monday 27th	No Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 28th	No Kirkgate Café
Wednesday 29th	No Kirkgate Café
Thursday 30th	12noon Philomusica Lunchtime Concert in the Kirk No Kirkgate Café
Friday 31st	HOGMANAY Hogmanay Party in the Anderson Hall (to be confirmed)

January 2022

Saturday 1st	NEW YEARS DAY
Sunday 2nd	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom Theme: Good news – a time to Build Preacher: John Young
Monday 3rd	No Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 4th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 5th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 9th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Short service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sun-Clubs) Theme: The parable of the rich fool Preacher: John Young
Monday 10th	7.00pm Joint BIG Idea service at Faith Mission 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 11th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

(7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session (on zoom)

Wed'day 12th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Growing Young Team meeting

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU)

Sunday 16th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Short service in the Kirk**

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

Theme: The parable of the tower

Preacher: Trevor Martindale

12noon Summer Buzz planning meeting in the Halls

6.30pm **Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre**

Monday 17th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm WPCU service at St Barnabas'

7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall and on zoom

Tuesday 18th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

3.30pm – Café Board Meeting

Wed'day 19th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm – Services at Braid Hills Care Home

7.30pm – Kirkgate Trust meeting

Thursday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.00pm WPCU service on zoom

Saturday 22nd **The Great Liberton Bake-off**

Sunday 23rd 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Short service in the Kirk**

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

Theme: The Cornerstone

Preacher: John Young

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre

Monday 24th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 25th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Congregational Prayer Gathering (on zoom)

Wed'day 26th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Thursday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.00pm Alpha Course begins in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 29th 4.00pm-6.00pm – MESSY CHURCH in the Halls

WORLD MISSION 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 Creche & Sunday Clubs)

Preacher: Christian Aid

Monday 31st 7.00pm **Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub**
 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm – Sapiens discussion group – ‘Utopia for Realists’

February

Tuesday 1st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 Wed'day 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 Thursday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

 Sunday 6th 7.00pm **Alpha Course** in the Kirk Centre
 8.00am Sunday Reflection available on Website/Facebook
 9.30am **Short service in the Kirk**
 & 11am **Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche & Sunday Clubs)
 Theme: On this rock...
 Preacher: John Young
 6.30pm **Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre**

Alpha @ Liberton

Next course begins Thursday 27th January

Alpha is a 10 week course in Christian basics. It is run in the Wilson Hall (upstairs) at Liberton Kirk Centre, beginning with a meal at 7pm, and always finishing at 9.30pm sharp. **Alpha** is ideal for someone who

Wishes to know more about what Christian's believe

Wishes to experience Christianity first hand

Has been a church-goer for some time but wishes an opportunity to brush up

Has been to Alpha before but missed a number of the sessions

Knows someone who is interested who they would like to chum along

Is new to Liberton and would like to make some good friends

Likes good food and good company

Our next course begins on Thursday 27th January, 2022. For more details – contact John Young (0131 664 3067; young@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Alpha @ Liberton – All Welcome!

THE ANNUAL LUNCHTIME NEW YEAR'S CONCERT OF LIBERTON KIRK

with Philomusica of Edinburgh

Peter & The Wolf

Narrated by Colleen Nicoll

The Carnival of the Animals

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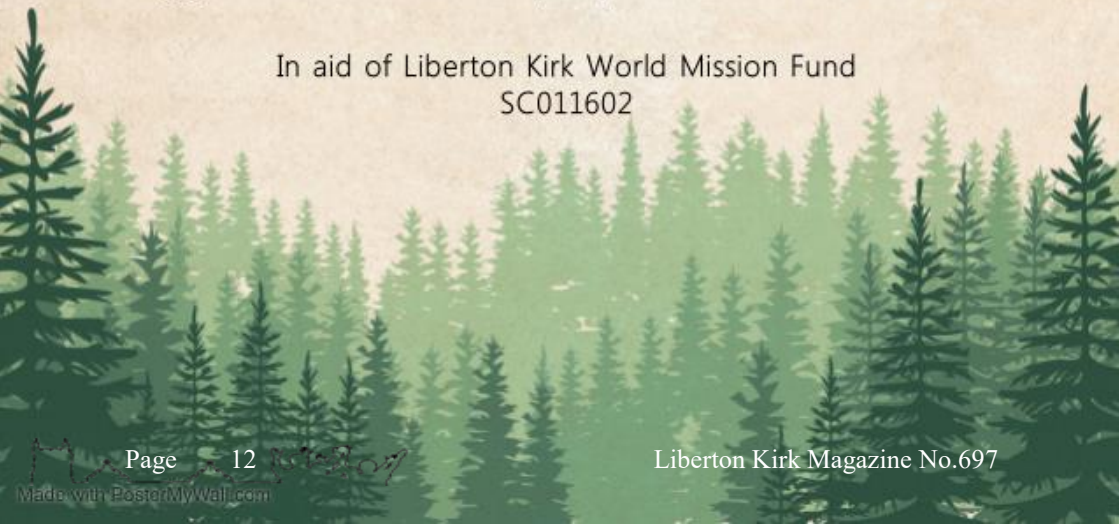
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Mulled wine and mince pie reception from 12.30 p.m.

No booking required

Suggested donation of £8 per person in cash at the door

In aid of Liberton Kirk World Mission Fund
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GUILD NEWS for DECEMBER



ALL WELCOME!

Theme: Lights and Bushels

The Guild meets at 7.30pm in the Anderson Hall or via Zoom.

(Visitors please contact Gary Ross - the Guild@libertonkirk.net for login details.)

The next meeting is on Monday 6th December and this is our Christmas Social Evening. JABS2 (John, Andy and Bryan) will provide our entertainment for the evening. Do come along and enjoy some pre-Christmas fellowship.

The meeting on Wednesday 15th December has unfortunately had to be cancelled. Pupils from Liberton Primary School were due to visit the Guild, but due to Covid regulations they are unable to do so.

GUILD NEWS for JANUARY 2022

The Guild meets on Monday 17th January when Margaret Anderson and Alison Kennedy will entertain us with "A Nicht Wi' Burns" programme. More details will follow in the New Year.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)

Budget Cooking for ALL

In August 2021 the Liberton Kirk Guild launched their Budget Cooking for Students course as part of Growing Young. The course targeted young people who were about to leave home and embark on the next adventure in their lives.

When we evaluated the course we found it was a success and our next steps raised an obvious question: Should the course be offered to others who are "young at heart"?

Is it time to release one's "inner chef", to share new skills and recipes, to meet friends and to make new friends. Most importantly is it time for us to sit, share food which has been prepared together and chat? What fun!

In Spring 2022, we plan to run our next course. We hope all who wish to be "young at heart" will join us.

Gladys Montgomery



The Squirrel and The Clyde

One day I was out walking with my dog and, in the grass, he found a little creature. I thought it was a mouse but it turned out to be a baby male squirrel. Looking around carefully there was no sign of his mother and therefore, I assumed that it had been abandoned. On returning to the car, I placed the listless little squirrel in a box of nuts which I had for feeding pigeons. Then we all returned home.

On arriving home, the first thing I noticed was that the little guy was not in the box. Some of the nuts had been gnawed and I assumed that some food had brought him back to life. I looked around inside the car, found him and put him in an old birdcage with food and water. Luckily he seemed well contented.

During the next two weeks he grew and became very friendly with my son and his school friends. The squirrel would climb and jump and became a pet. However, after a week or so I put the cage onto the outside patio and left the door open. This action saved his life. Unknown to me, the mother of one of my son's friends had 'phoned the SSPCA. To my surprise, a young female officer in full uniform arrived in a van. She had received a complaint that I was keeping a wild animal locked up in a cage. We went onto the patio. But 'Speedy' as we called him, was already up in the trees and out of sight.

Now, for whatever reason, the informer was to my mind a 'clype' which is an old Scots word for a tell-tale or informer. I was not charged, but I did ask what would have happened if Speedy had been found in the cage. I was told that grey squirrels are classified of rodents and would have to be exterminated.

After receiving this piece of information, I was reminded of the old Scots proverb which I had learned at school:



Dinna clype and dinna ripe (boast) and dinna tell a lie.
For gin ye clype, a craw shall name ye
And gin ye ripe, a daw shall shame ye
And gin ye tell a lie, a wee snail shall heist its horneys oot
And wave them roon and roon aboot and goggle at ye.



Dennis Seatter

Bruce Davies Concert

The World Mission Team would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Bruce Davies concert on 12th November. Just over £200 was raised for the Kirk's World Mission Projects. A great evening of wonderful music was enjoyed by all.

Mary Davidson

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal

World Mission Team

The World Mission Department of the Church of Scotland is making an appeal for used stamps. This is in support of the Women's Development Centre in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The Centre supports women and girls who have survived rape, sexual violence and family rejection, with education and learning skills, to allow them to earn a living.

Donations of used stamps or stamp collections are invited. There will be a box in the Foyer for depositing these. Alternatively they can be delivered to: **David Lamb**, 36 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh EH16 6NN, tel. 0131.664.3059, email - david@dlamb.co.uk



Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January. This year we have two services to mark the week:

Monday 17th January (short service) 2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View

Thursday 20th January (main service) On Zoom.

Access details will be circulated by Gary nearer the time – if you aren't on the e-mail list please contact him on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

There will also be a prayer card available in January which you can pick up and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him." (*Matthew 2:2*), and the material has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East.



Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)



A Letter from Kathleen Burns in Kampala

Dear Friends,

I wanted to write this update a few weeks ago, but then decided to wait so that I could update you all on my recent trip to the Ssesse Islands with some new missionaries....more about that later.

It is so good to be back in Uganda after being home in the UK for three months. I had planned to be there for just one month, however, after receiving my first Covid vaccination, it was decided it would be better for me to wait to have my second one before returning to Uganda with my Vaccination certificate.

The change in plans meant that I was able to have my mum with me for longer in Edinburgh, and then I was able to spend more time with my family in Ireland. Thankfully the weather was gorgeous and many of the Covid restrictions had been lifted, so we were able to be out and about a bit more. Looking back, I realise that this time was a precious gift from God. It is becoming more apparent that both mum and dad are requiring a bit more support. It was sad to see their health deteriorating, and it has certainly caused me to begin thinking more about what the future may look like. **Please pray as I begin to seek the Lord on this issue.**

I am very thankful that for now, AIM are allowing me to go home twice a year to help support my sisters in caring for mum and dad.

It has been wonderful settling back into life in Kampala. I am loving my new accommodation and enjoying getting to know some of my neighbours. **Please pray** for me as I look for opportunities to become involved with my community. Many of my neighbours are from Turkey.

It is so good to be back working in the office (working from home while I was in UK was just not the same). It is exciting to be receiving more enquiries from our Mobilising Regions of people who would like to come and serve in Africa, both as short term and as full term members. Over the next few months we will be receiving a few short term folks here in Central Region. **Please pray** for them as they prepare to travel and for all their arrangements to go smoothly.

As well as working in the Short term role, I have been asked to be the link person for the [Inbound Team](#) here in Central Region.

[The Inbound vision is to see Christ centered reproducing churches among all African peoples. AIM's twin focus is to strategically work within their capacity to send missionaries to Unreached People Groups, and to mobilize the naDonal church to join them in that endeavour.](#)

[The Inbound Team is a merging of those two goals. It is the Region's one year onboarding program to prepare missionaries with 5 base skills in a local context, in partnership with a naDonal church, and with oversight and mentorship from experienced missionaries.](#)

Over this past year, we have been hosting our first Inbound Team here in Kampala. The team is made up of three young men (all from USA) and two young ladies (one from Lesotho and one from Cape Town). All of them have a heart and desire to serve the

Lord in Africa. I have so enjoyed spending time with them and getting to know them over this past year. They are such a lovely bunch.

Part of their training is to visit different missionaries in different areas to learn more about ministry. Shortly after arriving back in Uganda, I was asked if I would lead the team on a visit to the Ssesse Islands.

It has been three years since I left the Islands (crazy..where has the time gone?), so I was very excited to say "Yes" to this request.

It was fun meeting with the team and preparing them for their trip to the Islands. This involved giving them a packing list, organising them to think through a food shopping list (enough for 10 people), planning menus, buying enough fuel for the week, oil for engines, gas for cooking etc, etc.

On the 11th October, we were supposed to leave at 8am. That morning, there was a terrible storm and it was not safe for us to travel on the lake. I had warned them that life and ministry on the islands all depended on how the lake was. Eventually we managed to set off around 3pm and arrived at our base around 5.30pm. On arriving at our base, we were completely soaked through to our skin. I had to laugh as one of the boys announced, "I don't think I will be needing a shower tonight!"

It was such a joy to be with Alice, Francis and Sam again. So wonderful to be back in



my little house and to waken up to the sound of the birds and the monkeys. Not such a joy to come across the lizards and the snakes ! .

Our plans changed most days as the Lake was constantly changing. We did however, manage to visit a different camp each day and meet with a few of the pastors and church members.

The team were brilliant. They worked so well together. They really took interest in the ministry and asked lots of great questions while sitting

with the pastors and church members. One of the girls even read a story to the children (in Luganda) about Jesus calming the storm.



During the week, I was reminded of how exhausting and discouraging Island ministry can be at times. We heard of the many struggles the pastors were having of trying to “build the church” as well as trying to support their own families. One pastor shared how he often found it discouraging after investing so much time and effort in helping the believers grow in their faith, to only find them leaving the island and moving away to different places. He said it was very difficult to build a “strong foundation”.

I encouraged him to continue to trust God in his ministry. I reminded him that wherever those believers went, they took the good news of Jesus with them. I smiled as I told him, you are sending out missionaries!

Please **continue to pray for the Islands and for those small churches in the fishing communities**. There continues to be many Spiritual strongholds. Spiritual warfare is tangible and addiction to alcohol continues to be a huge problem.

Please pray for the Pastors and leaders as they travel to our base each month for five days to study and dig deeper into God’s word. Alice, Francis and Sam, along with some pastors from the mainland are doing an amazing job in investing in these leaders. One pastor told me that if it wasn’t for these trainings, he would have left the Islands a long time ago. **Pray** that God will continue to build and strengthen His church on the Islands.

It really was wonderful to be back in the fishing camps and to meet many dear friends over the week. It was so encouraging to see God at work and to be reminded that it is His work and that He is the one who will build His church.

Please pray for the Inbound Team. They are soon coming to the end of their training. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord for the future. Pray that they will finish well. **Please also pray for a new Inbound Team** that is hoping to begin next July in South Sudan. Please pray for the right people to join this team.

As I close let me once again say thank you to each one of you for all your love and support over so many years. You have been so faithful and I thank God for you.

Every blessing and Lots of Love, **Kathleen**

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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

DECEMBER 21

**May your Kingdom come; May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Matthew 6 verse 10**

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

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Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 21

Wed 1st	Morning	JOHN 21 vs15-25 - we consider these verses this morning as we pause with God...and then yield in prayer to Him as He meets with us today.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Bangladesh
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 2nd	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 2 vs1-11 – consider all that is said here as the day starts and then pause with God and pray to Him to be more like Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work based in Sweden
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Fri 3rd	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 3vs12-21 – take time to consider these words today from Paul about yielding to God's ways. Then take time to pause and Pray to this God...our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Niger today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 4th	Morning	REVELATION 1 vs 9-20 – take the time to pause with the Living God on this Saturday morning. Then take time to pray in response to this God we believe and trust in....for others as well as yourself.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer
	Evening	read this verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God, our God
Sun 5th	Morning	2nd Sunday in ADVENT JAMES 4 vs1-12 – as we pause with God we take time to consider these words from James this morning. Then we pause to pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Mon 6th	Morning	1 PETER 2 vs13-25 – consider these words today as we pause with God. Then take the time to bring your morning prayer to Him.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Myanmar
	Evening	read the words again - reflect... then pray in response to what you read.
Tue 7th	Morning	REVELATION 2 vs1-7 – as we pause with God we consider what said here to this church..and then we yield in prayer to this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you –ask, seek, knock hear!
	Evening	– read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 8th	Morning	REVELATION 2 vs 8-11 - we consider these verses today as we pause with God...and then pray with Him as He meets with us today.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Timor Leste
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 9th	Morning	REVELATION 2 vs12-17 – consider all that is said here about this church.and then pause with God and pray to Him
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Sri Lanka
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Fri 10th	Morning	REVELATION 2 vs18-29 – 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 words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you have read

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

JANUARY 22

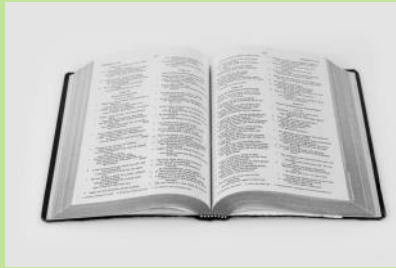
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus and an apostle chosen and
called by God to preach his Good News. Romans 1 verse 1

During 2022 we will be looking daily at the theme of GOOD NEWS as we journey with
Paul through his letter to the ROMANS

- and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others
in our church family, our city and our world.

We will also focus on ISAIAH in the Summer weeks and make time for Lent, Easter,
Thy Kingdom Come, Advent and Christmas 2022!

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together in our 'rhythm of devotion'



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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 22

Sat 1st	Morning	ROMANS 1 – take time to consider these opening words today from Paul to the believers in Rome. Then take time to pause and Pray to this God...our God
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 2nd	Morning	ROMANS 2 – take time to pause with the Living God on this Sunday as we consider these words from the Bible. Then take time to pray in response to this God, our God....for others as well as yourself.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this chapter again...reflect.. and then pray to this God, our God
Mon 3rd	Morning	ROMANS 3 – as we pause with God we take time to consider the truths behind these words from Paul this morning. Then we pray in response to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our City Council in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 4th	Morning	ROMANS 4 – consider these words today as we pause with God. Then take the time to bring your morning prayer to Him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response to what you read.
Wed 5th	Morning	ROMANS 5 – as we pause with God we consider what is said here..and then we turn in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Ministry Team in 2022
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 6th	Morning	ROMANS 6 - we consider these verses today as we pause with God... and then pray with Him as He meets with us today.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Kirk Session in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to God
Fri 7th	Morning	ROMANS 7 – consider all that is said here by Paul ..and then pause with God and pray to Him
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our website and social media in 2022
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 8th	Morning	ROMANS 8 – as we pause with God we take time to consider these great 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 have read
Sun 9th	Morning	ROMANS 9 – take time to consider this passage this morning as we pause with God – then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 10th	Morning	ROMANS 10 – as we pause with God today take the time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response to this God...as we yield to His kingdom ways
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the SEEPG cluster of churches in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 22

Tue 11th	Morning	ROMANS 11 – consider these words today as we pause with our God... and respond to Him in prayer
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response to Him
Wed 12th	Morning	ROMANS 12 – consider what is written here as we pause with God.... And then pray to Him...yielding to His Kingdom ways
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Big Idea group of churches in 2022
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Thur 13th	Morning	ROMANS 13 - consider these particular words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the SEECAT group of churches in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 14th	Morning	ROMANS 14 – as we pause with God this morning we take time to consider these words. And then we turn to pray to this God of ours as the day starts...
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Scotland in 2022
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 15th	Morning	ROMANS 15 – as we pause today we take time over these words this morning. Then take the time to Pray to God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 16th	Morning	ROMANS 16 – take time to consider these words and these people this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 17th	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 1-7 – we take time to consider these words as we start to unpack Romans bit by bit. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Bethany Christian Trust in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 18th	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 8-15 – as we pause with God consider these verses today. And then pray with rejoicing to our God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to this Jesus.
Wed 19th	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 16-32 – consider these words as we pause with God today. And then pray to Him in response to what you read.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Edinburgh City Mission in 2022
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 20th	Morning	ROMANS 2 vs 1-16 - consider these words written here and all that is said by Paul. And then pause to pray to Him in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Christian Aid in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 22

Fri 21st	Morning	ROMANS 2 vs 17-29 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of TEARFUND in 2022
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 1-8 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response
	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 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 9-20 – take time to consider these words and truths this morning... And then pray to God for others in your family and on your street to meet with Jesus
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 24th	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 21-31 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words and truths today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Open Doors in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 25th	Morning	ROMANS 4 vs 1-12 – as we pause with God this morning consider these verses.....and then rejoice in prayer with Him in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God-
Wed 26th	Morning	ROMANS 4 vs 13-25 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Crossreach in 2022
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 27th	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 1-11 - consider this great passage today. And then rejoice in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of trypraying in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 28th	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 12-21 – As we pause with God, take the time to rejoice at these words. And then pray to this God of ours!
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Kirkgate Cafe in 2022
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 29th	Morning	ROMANS 6 vs 1-14 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words/truths.... and then pray to Him in response
	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 30th	Morning	ROMANS 6 vs 15-23 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to God for others in your family
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 31st	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 1-6 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our neighbours in 2022
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 21

Sat 11th	Morning	REVELATION 4 – take time to consider these words as we pause with God today – then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Sun 12th	Morning	3rd Sunday in ADVENT - REVELATION 3 vs1-6 – as we pause with God today take time to consider these words about this church.. And then pray in response to this God...as we yield to His kingdom ways
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Mon 13th	Morning	REVELATION 3 vs7-13 – consider these words today as we pause with our God...and respond to Him in prayer
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission work in Mozambique
	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response to Him
Tue 14th	Morning	REVELATION 3 vs14-22 – consider what is written here as we pause with God.... And then pray to Him...yielding to His Kingdom ways
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you—ask, seek, knock - hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Wed 15th	Morning	REVELATION 22 vs7-21 - consider these particular words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on all Leprosy Mission workers in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Thur 16th	Morning	MATTHEW 1 vs 18-25 – as we pause with God this morning consider these familiar words. And then take the time to pray to this God of ours...with thanksgiving for Jesus!
	Midday	We give thanks for all midwives in our community and city and nation
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Fri 17th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 1-12 – as we pause today we take time over these words this morning. Then take the time to Pray to God.
	Midday	We give thanks for all NHS staff in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 18th	Morning	REVELATION 5 – take time to consider these words this Saturday morning. Then pause to pray in response to this God of ours
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Sun 19th	Morning	4th Sunday in ADVENT - LUKE 1 vs 26-38 – we take time to consider these words as we pause with God, the One who came to us.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Mon 20th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 39-56 – as we pause with God consider these verses today. And then pray with rejoicing to our God
	Midday	We give thanks for all families living in SE Edinburgh
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to this Jesus.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 21

Tue 21st	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – consider these words as we pause with God today. And then pray to 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 – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 22nd	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-20 - consider these words about Jesus and all that is said here. And then pause to pray to Him in response.
	Midday	We give thanks for all who work in medical centres in our community
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 23rd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 1-5 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We give thanks for the Bible in our own language
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Fri 24th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 6-18 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We give thanks today for all local shopkeepers near our homes
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 25th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 29-34 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to God for others in your family to meet with Jesus on this CHRISTmas Day!
	Midday	pray the words of Lord's Prayer as your own Christmas Day prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Sun 26th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 35-42 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Mon 27th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 43-51 – as we pause with God this morning consider these verses.....and then rejoice in prayer with Him in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Church leaders across the world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Tue 28th	Morning	JOHN 2 vs 1-11 – Pause with this God this morning. And then turn to pray to this God....and receive from him.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Wed 29th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 1-15 - consider this particular passage today. And then rejoice in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on trypraying booklets available in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Thur 30th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 16-21 – As we pause with God, take the time to rejoice at these words. And then pray to this God of ours!
	Midday	We give thanks for those who have left comfort and family to serve Jesus
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Fri 31st	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 22-36 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to rejoice with Him.... and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	we give thanks for all babies born in our community in 2021
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

Kirkgate Cafe

The café is progressing well and has also been running on two evenings – Tuesday and Wednesday – during term time which will mean that the last evening this year will be on Wednesday 15th December and then resume on Tuesday 11th January.

We are planning to offer Christmas lunches from Mon 20th to Wednesday 22nd December inclusive for which booking will be essential. The lunch will consist of soup, turkey sandwiches, mince pie and coffee or tea.

On Thursday the 23th we shall be open from 9am until noon when we will be offering free refreshments. That will be the last day for **the café until we reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

If you have spare time on a Monday morning we would be very pleased to have assistance in the foyer as this is usually the busiest morning for the café most weeks. Every job is important and valued in the café and clearing tables and cleaning them is absolutely vital, especially as covid regulations are still in place.

Everyone at the café would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Jill Niven Café Board Convener

Fresh Start

Donations needed for Starter Packs

Small electrical items clean and in good working order are required for Starter Packs Kettles, Toasters, Irons, Table Lamps, Hand Blenders. There is also a request for curtains.

Donations can be dropped off at FS Warehouse on Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm.

Please do not leave items in the Offering House at the Kirk.

If you have small items to donate phone me on 664-3189 and I will arrange to collect them.

There are some copies of FS latest Newsletter and 2022 Callendar in the Offering House and in the church on the side tables.

Sylvia Bennett



Help Wanted!

It feels as though summer has only just ended but yet we are already planning for next year! I am so thankful for all the people who helped make Summer Buzz happen in 2021. We were so unsure of what was possible and still we were able to reach kids in the area and tell them the good news of Jesus.

This year with restrictions easing we are expecting even more kids and more kids means we need more volunteers! We have a meeting planned after church on Sunday 16th January that is open to anyone who would like to be involved in Summer Buzz.

The dates for Summer Buzz are 1-7 August 2022. Even if you cannot be directly involved please pray for the families and children in our area as we begin to invite people along.

Another exciting project for the New Year is our first Church Bake Off!!

We are hosting a Bake Off on Saturday 22nd of January for all church members to get involved in as part of our Growing young initiative. On the Saturday evening you will head to your Team Captains house who will have been given a bake off challenge. As a team you will all prepare, bake and decorate a cake and bring it to church the following morning for judging!

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in please contact myself at youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net to sign yourself up!

Also if you have the space, utensils and would be happy to be a Team Captain, hosting a team at your home please let me know as that would be a huge help.

I'm really looking forward to creating some fun memories together in 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Emily Kerrigan



Crossword for December

Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during

a battle with his father (2 Samuel

18:14ñ15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ____ (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with

lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

1 '____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4) **3** One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6) **4** He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19ñ20) (8)

5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7) **6** 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)

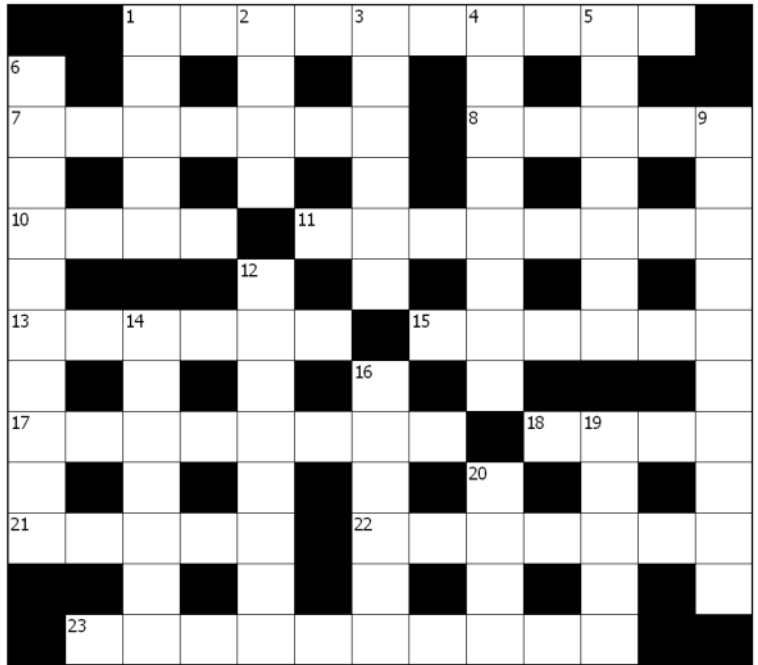
9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)

12 One who accepts government by God (8)

14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6) **19** Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)



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Waldensian Missions Aid Society, Scotland

The Scottish Waldensian Society

Founded in 1850- Supporting the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Italy
[Scottish Charity No. SC.001346]

Newsletter, November 2021

The Society's website is at: - www.scottishwaldensian.org.uk. It contains information on the society, with contact and donation facilities.

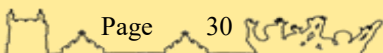
In 2020, there had been no Synod of the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Torre Pellice, and instead some cultural events took place in that period. Churches in Italy and Scotland had begun to operate in new ways, with Zoom services, and church services with limited numbers. However, happily, in 2021 the usual Synod did take place in August. On this occasion, one new Pastor, Gabriele Bertin, and one new Deacon, Monica Natali, were consecrated.

The important work of Mediterranean Hope, sponsored by the Reformed Churches in Italy, including the Waldensians/Methodists, continues, and we have a new link with this organisation. Fiona Kendall, a Scottish Lawyer, is now working with **Mediterranean Hope** in Rome, as a legal advisor and administrator. She was able to share information about her ongoing work, with the advising and re-settling of immigrants who had arrived in the South of Italy particularly in the island of Lampedusa, on a Zoom conference with supporters from the Mission Group of Liberton Kirk, on 23 September 2021 .

In 2022 Servizio Cristiano, in Rieti, Sicily, celebrates its 60th anniversary. The Centre, which is a place of outreach and training, was founded by Pastor Tullio Vinay. Pastor Vinay was the founder and moving force in the Agape centre, at Prati in the Waldensian Valleys, which was inaugurated after the Second World War as a place of reconciliation. Some years ago the present director of Servizio Cristiano, Gianluca Fiusco, was able to visit Scotland and speak to supporters of the Society about the valuable ongoing work in the community there. For further information, these websites may be consulted : www.serviziocristiano.org and www.agapecentroecumenico.org .

The Society records its appreciation of the continuing support of all its members most warmly. Likewise, donations for the ongoing work will be most welcome, and Gift Aid Declarations can be provided to donors who pay U.K. tax. The Society is usually able to provide a Speaker or a video or CD, for presentations to any interested organisations, who may wish to know more of the work of the Waldensian and Methodist Church and Community in Italy. Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed. Up to date information can be obtained from the Website of the Waldensian Church – www.chiesavaldesi.org – in both English and Italian. In future I would be happy to send this Newsletter by email. Please advise of your email address for this purpose.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : **David A. Lamb**, S.S.C., 36 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh EH16 6NN, TEL. 0131-664-3059, e-mail :- david@dlamb.co.uk



Senior Citz Club

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

Our Club is going very well, even though we've had to keep it split into 2 groups. Covid permitting we hope to be able to meet as a complete Club for our Christmas party!

December Birthdays

- 10 Alison Robb
- 17 Evelyn Eadie, 80th birthday
- 18 Ann Woodward, 75th birthday
- 29 Pat Birrell

January Birthdays

- 1 Lia Gibson
- 5 Bessie Keith
- 8 Pat Allen
- 8 Jeanette Crawford
- 17 Elisabeth Souter
- 19 Jack Abbott
- 23 Bill Mercer
- 25 Margaret Winning
- 29 Jessie Beveridge, 101st birthday

Beautiful Thistle the guide dog is celebrating her 10th birthday this month
..... woof woof gorjuss girlie

Our entertainers are

NOVEMBER

18 Group 2 Kirk James

25 Group 1 Dougie McQ

DECEMBER

2 Group 2 Rose McBeth

9 Christmas Party for All  Stevie Quinn



Jenni and her committee wish everyone of our club a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022. See you all on the Thursday 13th January 2022.

Contact:
Jenni Ryalls our president on 0741 533 5889
Linda Wright our pastoral care on 0785 041 1596
Lou Ogilvy on seniorslk@gmail.com or 0791 267 8475

Messy Church

On 29th January, 2022



Liberton Kirk

Our very first Messy church activity of the New Year will have a stormy start on Saturday 29th January, when we'll be hearing the story of Jesus and his followers during some bad weather.

It'll be held from 4pm to 6pm, in the Kirk Centre. All children are welcome to join in the crafts, games, music, food and other fun, so long as you are aged 11 or under, and bring an adult (of any age) with you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or in volunteering to help, contact **Laura Skinner** at email: laura@libertonkirk.net, or check out the church website.



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

God's Amazing Grace in My Life.

Somebody once said, "Nothing in this life is free." This got me thinking. The Bible talks a lot about the grace of God. But what actually is 'God's grace'? Well, it's really about receiving a free gift from God that's neither earned nor deserved.

Here's a story about God's amazing grace in my life. As a young person moving into adulthood, education has always been a huge barrier and challenge. I struggled with severe learning difficulties that impacted my attitude and focus. I was told by many adults that I would never achieve within further education, which informed my mindset and ambitions. After high school I went to college, where I continued to face barriers, so I made the decision to leave and instead entered the world of work. After three years outside education, I was praying about what my next steps should be. I felt that God wanted me to go back to college, but because of my experience and previous challenges I was understandably reluctant. I knew this would be a big step, but with little confidence and no financial security I took a leap of faith and went back into full-time education, and onto university. This journey was full of challenges, and at times I questioned, "Can I actually do this?" But as I spent time in prayer, expressing my worries and anxieties, I was filled with a sense of peace. God also guided me through my studies, and provided everything I needed for the journey. Words are scarcely enough to explain how I felt when I was awarded a BA in Social Sciences with honours, class 2, division 1. This, for me, is the grace of God.



Erin Howieson



Church Flower Dedications

Convener for December **Mrs Ann Weir** 137 Captain's Road.
tel 664 3349



5th December 2021	Mrs Margaret Burns
12th	Mrs Helen Whyman & Mrs Dorothy Parr in memory of Grandma G & James Whyman
19th	Mrs Ann Morgan and family, in memory of Margaret Barrow
26th	Flower Group

Would Flower Conveners please contact **Ann Weir** [0131 664 3349] or **Jean Gray**
[0131 258 2081] for details for Christmas Kirk Flowers.

Convener for January Jill Snowdon

2nd January 2021	Ms Claire Mayberry, in memory of my parents Grace and Vic Willshire
9th	Mrs Katy Harrison in memory of David Harrison
16th	Mrs Caroline Barlee, in memory of David C B Maitland
23th	Mrs Judy Weston, in memory of Elsie Weston
30th	Free

Donations should be sent to Kim Denholm, 58 Gilmerton Dykes Avenue, EH17 8ND
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We are still looking for helpers to continue putting the Sunday flowers in the
church. We would much appreciate any help to put them in vases and/ or deliver
them to the sick and lonely.

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



Congregational News



I am sorry to record the death of Mr Donald Fraser on 20th of November 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.

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Online classes continue on Zoom as follows (classes are 35 minutes)

Mat class Tuesdays 10am

Mat class Wednesdays 11am

Pilates with Weights - Mondays 10am

Advanced class - Fridays 10am

Online classes cost £6.00, payable in monthly blocks in advance to secure your space.

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Material for the Feb 22 issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT **no later than Sunday 16th January**

Information can be sent to me at
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phone 6661004. email to
magazine@libertonkirk.net

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If you have moved house recently, or are about to move, please fill in the address slip below and either hand it to your elder, or mail it to the Roll Keeper, Gary Ross, Liberton Kirk Office, 30 Kirkgate, Edinburgh, EH16 6RY

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Church Secretary: Jacqui Tait, Church Office, Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, EH16 6RY. Tel 664 8264. email: churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net

Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door, if Jacqui is unavailable

Normal Hours of Services : 9-30am, 11am & 6-30pm

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

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the household.

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

please contact John Young if you have a special request.

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



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Weekly Groups

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Kirk House, 30 Kirkgate

Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk

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Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls

Ruth Davies - r.davies335@btinternet.com 664 3608

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5 Stennis Gardens

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The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening

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

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21 Kirk Park

Rink van Dijke - 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) 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