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Lord Jesus Christ,
you are
the Light of the nations
and you bring light
to our darkness.
So shine in our hearts,
that all our actions,
words and attitudes
at all times will reflect
lives filled with the praise
of your glory.

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

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Prayer for February

God of the Church, Our God, Living and True, Hear us

God of Paul, Our God, Gracious and Kind, Help us

God of the Romans, Our God, Use us

To tell others, Of your Good News, In this world

In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen.

Watch this space...

When the Gospel was first brought to Scotland by St Ninian, and then by St Columba and the monks of Iona, their strategy was a simple one. They went to a place of God's leading, and there they established a centre for mission - a Christian community where there was regular worship, teaching, training, and service to the local people.

This community would, in turn, then send out missionaries of its own to establish 'satellite' mission stations. And so the cycle would repeat itself, resulting in...

a community of congregations who saw themselves linked to each other, where ministry was shared and every-one did mission together.

This 'organic' way of doing church, (not too different from that of the early Christians), was very successful. It resulted in the Gospel spreading throughout Scotland, down through England, and across to Northern Europe. One of the reasons for its success was that it was well suited to the 'pre-Christian era' they were living in, where nothing was taken for granted and everything was dependant on God's guidance and provisioning.

During the 'Christian era' that followed, our model for mission changed. The church became a well organised institution, with centralised structures and clear rules, divisions and roles for leadership. This became the Church of Scotland we are familiar with today, and it is an organisation that has worked well down through the centuries. One of the main reasons for its

success, however, has been that we could rely on Christianity being the recognised religion of Scottish Society.

In our lifetime, however, a big change has been taking place. With the rise of secularism, we now find ourselves living in a 'post-Christian era', where our faith is becoming marginalised and our church no longer has a place at the table. With this change has come the recognition that the model of mission we are familiar with is no longer working so well, and we need to find a new way of doing things.

In December of last year, after over a year of consultation and discussion, a proposal was sent out for us all to consider. What I find so exciting about this proposal is that seems to be going back to the model that was so successful in the 'pre-Christian era'.

Rather than individual congregations standing alone, there is a move towards bigger congregations supporting smaller ones within a local area. Instead of being different parishes with clear boundaries and our own minister to lead us, we are being asked to consider becoming one united parish. In other words, that we become...

a community of congregations linked to each other, where ministry is shared and we all do mission together.

This model may sound very new, but it's actually very old, and I believe it is one that is more suited to our 'post-Christian' Society. Please pray for our local churches as we continue to explore what this might mean for us in the years to come.

Much love,



Our Theme for 2022 is
"Good News (for a change)"



God's Grace in my Life

From Jean Main in the March issue.....

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 15 verses 11-32

Jesus spent his time teaching everyone
who would listen, whatever they were. The
Pharisees and Law teachers watched Jesus.

He is friendly with bad
people, and even eats with
them..



So Jesus told these stories:

If a man owns 100
sheep..



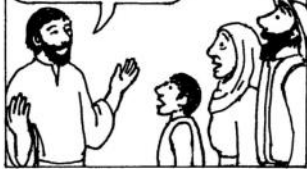
Imagine having
that many sheep!

and he loses 1 of them...

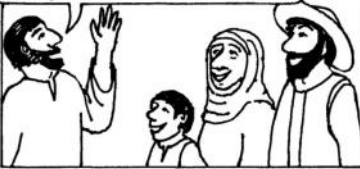


How would you
notice with that many sheep?

won't he leave the 99
in the field and look for
the lost one?



When he finds it, he tells his
friends to celebrate because he
has found his lost sheep!



In the same way
there is more
celebration in
heaven when

one
bad
person
repents..



than the 99
who don't
need to
repent.



Or what if a woman who has
10 small coins loses 1?



What's special about a small coin?

Won't she light a lamp, sweep
her house, and search until
she finds it?



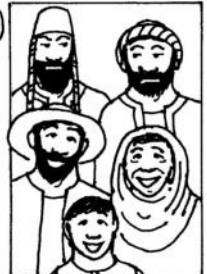
That's what I'd do.

When she finds it she tells her
friends to celebrate because she
found the coin she had lost.



It was
special to her.

In the same way, God's
angels rejoice when a
bad person repents.



Loneliness

On a recent trip to the Western Isles, I was saddened to learn that one of my oldest friends had passed away. I ended my visit with a trip to the local pub and, during a lull in the conversation, I commented that I was sorry to learn of my friend's death and that I would miss him greatly. A silence descended on the group, then a young girl called Jean said he was her grandfather, and had in fact taken his own life. I immediately thought the floor would open up and I could disappear. However, Jean continued to speak, thanking me for my kind remarks and appreciating my comments. She explained that her grandfather had been both blind and deaf and felt very isolated. Few of his friends were alive and the quality of his life had become so greatly diminished that he had sought to take his own new path.

This reminds me of so many people who have been lonely throughout this period of isolation during the Covid pandemic and lockdowns. Like many people, I believe we should look out for each other – especially our family, friends and neighbours within our own community.

Be there for each other and create a caring compassionate community

Dennis Seatter

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, and Hand Blenders. Curtains are also required

Donations can be dropped off at FS Warehouse, 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh, EH4 4BR on Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm. If you have small items to donate please phone me on 664-3189 and I will arrange to collect them.

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

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you think this is something you would be interested in please contact me and you can come along to see what we do before making a final decision.

Sylvia Bennett

February 2022 Diary

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

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 7.30pm Alpha Course (on zoom)
Sunday 6th	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
Monday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall (and on zoom)
Tuesday 8th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 9th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Alpha Course (on zoom)
Sunday 13th	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: A living Hope (1 Peter 1.1-12) Preacher: Fiona Devoy 6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 15th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home (tbc)
Thursday 17th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Alpha Course (on zoom)
Sunday 20th	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: Be Holy (1 Peter 1.13-2.3) Preacher: Trevor Martindale 2.30pm SEECAT planning meeting at St Barnabas'
Monday 21st	6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall (and on zoom)

Tuesday 22nd 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 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Thursday 24th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.00pm Alpha Course

Saturday 26th 4.00pm-6.00pm – MESSY CHURCH in the Halls

Sunday 27th 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: Living Stones (1 Peter 2.4-12)
 Preacher: John Young

Monday 28th 7.00pm **Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub**
 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm – Link Leaders' Meeting (on zoom)

March

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
 7.00pm Alpha Course

Friday 4th **World Day of Prayer service**

Saturday 5th 10am-12noon – Guild Spring Coffee Morning

Sunday 6th 8.00am Sunday Reflection available on Website/Facebook
 9.30am **Short Communion service in the Kirk**
 & 11am **Family Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom**
 (with Creche & Sunday Clubs)
 Theme: Body and Mind (Luke 4.31-44)
 Preacher: tbc

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



Saturday 19th March

Liberton Kirk Halls

1.30 -3pm Entrance £2

The hall will be open to receive jumble on
Friday evening and Saturday morning

Jumble uplift call Jill Snowdon on 07823

335585 or Claire Mayberry on 664 6999

All proceeds in aid of The Kirkgate Trust

Scottish Charity SC040494



In the February issue:

NEW LIFE FROM OLD STONES

New purpose for old churches

THE JOURNEY OF LIVING BY FAITH

Bouncer turned pastor and President of the BB, the Rev Dez Johnston

MARKS OF MISSION

Sharing the Good News

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Crimond

Who wrote the famous tune, (the traditional music for the 23rd psalm) which is played at Liberton Senior Citizens Club and all over the world?

There are two possible composers - Jessie Seymour Irvine and David Grant. The case for the former was championed by the journalist Jack Webster, whose article "Seeking Justice for Jessie" is given in his book *The Herald Years* (1996). The case for the latter composer was given by Ronald Johnson in his article "How far is it to Crimond" in the *Bulletin of the Hymn Society* (1988). It is agreed by all that the tune was harmonised by David Grant and it first appeared under his name in *The Northern Psalter* (1870). The tune was then sung for a different psalm. Some time later it was sung for psalm 23 by a member of the Glasgow Orpheus Choir and became part of the choir's repertory. Crimond became widely popular after it was sung at the royal wedding of 1947.

The harmonisation commonly used today is by Thomas C.L.Pritchard, who also deserves to be mentioned.

W. Scott

Messy Church

Messy Church will return on Saturday the 26th February at 4pm in the Kirk Centre.

We make things, we play, we hear a story from the bible, we worship and we eat.

We are launching our LEGO challenge in February so get your imaginations warmed up and you bricks at the ready!

The Lego challenge will have a theme linked to our theme for Messy Church each month and we ask all those who are taking part to bring your builds to Messy Church so they can be displayed and admired for the weekend. If you would like more information about the LEGO challenge please get in touch via the details below.

This months build: A hospital

Laura

email: laura@libertonkirk.net



Bereavement & Loss Support Group

You may remember that pre-COVID, Liberton Kirk invited Rev Tom Gordon to run some training in bereavement care for interested individuals, with the aim of setting up a support group. With the lifting of restrictions, and with a grant from TOR Christian Foundation, the planning group has succeeded in organising six meetings to support those experiencing grief.

Unfortunately, grief is a common human experience, but so often in our society there is little chance to share what we are going through. One volunteer described grief as 'being alone on a dark night, in a hailstorm, in an unfamiliar place, with no prospect of shelter, and no hope of rescue'.

While we cannot walk the path FOR people, we can walk it WITH people. As Christians we believe that we are called to share each other's burdens, and one way we can do this is by accompanying people on their path, at one of the worst times of their lives. The knowledge that they are not alone can be a lifeline.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from this support, please let them know about this group. Details are on the opposite page.

Volunteering: We would also like to involve more volunteers in this ministry – if you are a good listener, and prepared to share your own experience, please ask about this. We are hoping to run other courses later on this year, probably in the evenings for those who are working. Please pray about this, if it something to feel called to do.

Fiona Devoy

(Contact details opposite)



Bereavement & Loss Support Group: Hope in difficult times



Journeying together in a safe space

Meeting on Mondays at 2.30 - 4.00pm
from 21st February, for six weeks at
Abbey Lodge Hotel, 137 Drum Street,
Gilmerton EH17 8RJ

For more information or to book a place,
contact Fiona Devoy on Tel. 0131-666-1004
or e-mail: pastoralcare@libertonkirk.net

Disabled access, with parking. On bus routes 29 and 3.

A free community event organised by South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together
(www.seecat.org). Funded by TOR Christian Foundation.

Senior Citz Club

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

Our Club wasn't able to restart in January due to the new rules from the Scottish Parliament and at printing we are planning to start in February. But please keep an eye on the weekly Kirk notices. Jenni plans to phone round the club should there be any changes. We're all looking forward to the club being open again[]

February Birthdays

11 Helen McKenzie, Margaret Spowart
15 Cathy Scott
16 Ian Strachan
22 Romana Speakman
23 Frank Pritchard
25 Isa Whitson, Isa Olbert
27 Dot Lumsden



Our entertainers are

FEBRUARY

3 GROUP 2 The Jabs ... inhouse entertainers

10 GROUP 1 Stevie Quinn

17 ALL Our 1st ever Liberton Kirk Seniors Citizens 'Dress Down Memory Years Show' a quick quiz at how we dressed in the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50, 60s and maybe the 70s and our entertainers Honeysuckle Swing

24 GROUP 2 Margo Falconer Butterfly Music

Contact:

Jenni Ryalls our president on 0741 533 5889

Linda Wright our pastoral care on 0785 041 1596

Lou Ogilvy on seniorsslk@gmail.com or 0791 267 8475

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

FEBRUARY 22

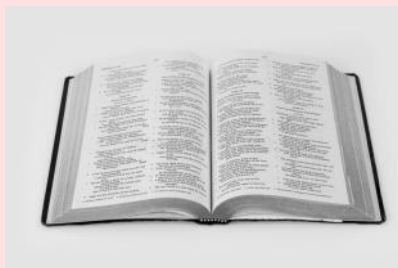
To the only God, who alone is wise, be glory
through Jesus Christ for ever! Amen. Romans 16 verse 27

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 be reminded that God's Good News is
ALL ABOUT JESUS!

We are all encouraged to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey
together in our 'rhythm of devotion'



These Devotions are but one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at
midday, in the evening ... to pray with Him continually through the day
and even to share with others the treasures or hurdles you discover.
The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a
fuller daily devotional page. However it all follows the pattern below into
which the information provided fits, based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic
and Northumbrian traditions which we started as a church family in 2015.

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the
content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading
Reflection and Prayer at end
of the day

Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet -
Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 22

Tue 1st	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 7-25 – consider these words today as we pause with God this morning. 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 2nd	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 1-17 – 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 Alpha courses in the UK at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 3rd	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 18-30 - 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 TryPraying booklets recently shared
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to God
Fri 4th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 31-39 – consider all that is said here by Paul ..and then pause with God and pray to Him
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of the Scottish Bible Society
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 5th	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 1-18 – as we pause with God we take time to consider with Him 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
Sun 6th	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 19-29 – take time to consider this passage this morning as we pause with God – then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 7th	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 30-33 – as we pause with God today take the time to consider these few verses 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 8th	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 1-4 – 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 9th	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 5-21 – 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
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Thur 10th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 1-10 - 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 22

Fri 11th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 11-24 – as we pause with God this morning 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 hard places in our world
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 12th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 25-36 – as we pause today we take time over these words this morning. Then take the time to Pray to God.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 13th	Morning	ROMANS 12 vs 1-8 – take time to consider these words and truths this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 14th	Morning	ROMANS 12 vs 9-21 – we take time to consider these words as we pause with God this morning. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Bethany Christian Trust in our nation
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 15th	Morning	ROMANS 13 vs 1-7 – 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 16th	Morning	ROMANS 13 vs 8-10 – 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 the work of Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 17th	Morning	ROMANS 13 vs 11-14 - consider these words written here and all what is said by Paul. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Christian Aid in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 18th	Morning	ROMANS 14 vs 1-12 – 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 our world
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 19th	Morning	ROMANS 14 vs 13-23 – as we pause with our God this morning, time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 22

Sun 20th	Morning	ROMANS 15 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these words and truths this morning... And then pray to God for others in your family and Church family today
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 21st	Morning	ROMANS 15 vs 7-13 – 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 Scripture Union in our land
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 15 vs 14-21 – as we pause with God this morning consider these verses.....and then turn to 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 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 15 vs 22-33 – 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 Bible Alive in local schools
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 24th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 1-5 - consider this passage today. And then pray for others with thanksgiving
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Street Pastors in the UK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 25th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 6-16 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these people. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work done by street preachers in UK
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 26th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 17-20 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words/truths.... and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 27th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 21-24 – take time to consider these people this morning... And then pray to God for others in your Church family
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this short passage again...reflect.. and then pray to our God for others
Mon 28th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 25-27 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these closing words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on student Christian Unions in our land
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

GUILD NEWS for FEBRUARY



ALL WELCOME!

Theme: Lights and Bushels

The Guild meets at **7.30pm in the Anderson Hall and online via Zoom.**

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

Our first meeting this month, on **Monday 7th February**, finds us learning about our second chosen Guild Project for this session, "Starchild – finding the light in every child." This charity addresses the challenges of stigma and myths related to intellectual and physical disability in Uganda. Michaela Marsh is the speaker from this charity. There will be a Bring and Buy stall to raise money for this project.

On **Monday 21st February**, we welcome back Keith Walker, whose subject this evening is, "Edinburgh Cinema Memories."

Dates for your diary in March

Friday 4th March – World Day of Prayer

Saturday 5th March – Guild Spring Coffee Morning
10am – 12noon in the Anderson Hall.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



Liberton Kirk Thoughts and Trots Group

Since the easing of lockdown regulations at the start of the summer in 2021 the Liberton Kirk "Trotters" have been able to meet again monthly. Unfortunately Andrea has had to step back a bit from this due to work commitments and so I have tried to keep up the good work with a lot of help from Rink Van Dijke. Unfortunately I have not yet been able to update the website but I hope to catch up with that soon.

We have a range of walks of varying levels of difficulty to suit all ability levels. From a gentle walk round the perimeter of Dalkeith Country Park to a climb through the Southern Pentlands to the grave of the Unknown Covenanter on Black Law, just south of West Linton. As we walk we can share our thoughts on Christianity and also generally put the world to rights. Sometimes we take a packed lunch and sometimes we end our walk at a convenient café for a bite to eat.

The photograph below is taken from September's walk from Peebles along the Old Drover Road through the Gypsy Glen.



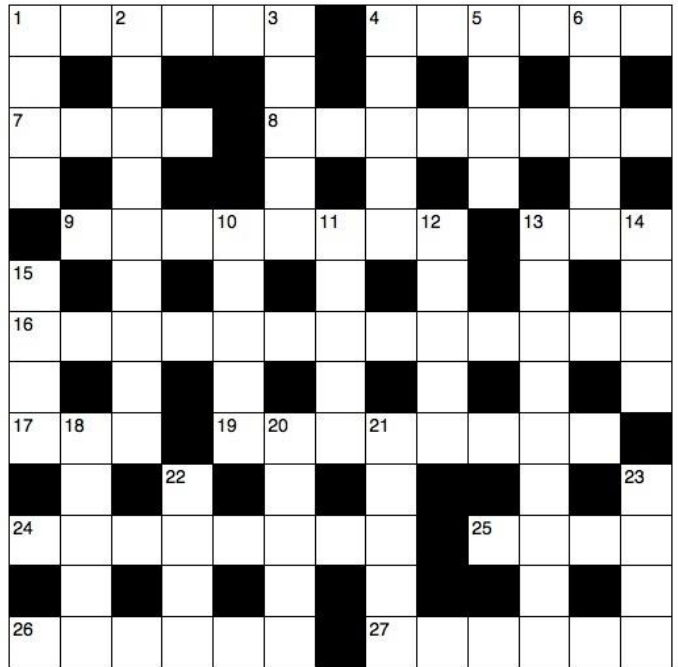
If you would like more information about the group and to hear about forthcoming walks please get in touch by e-mail.

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Crossword

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)



Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

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Congregational News

I am sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Margaret Wilson on 3rd December, Mr John Berry on 5th December, Mrs Sheena Wilson on 8th December, Mr Fred Brien on 14th December, Mr George Horsburgh on 15th December and Mr Charles Auld on the 18th of December 2021. I am also sorry to record the Death of Mr Ronnie Paterson who passed away in 2021 and Mrs Sadie Barclay who died on 2nd January 2022 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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Mat class Wednesdays 11am

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Material for the March issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT **no later than Sunday 13th February**

Information can be sent to me at 196 The Murrays Brae, EH17 8UH, phone 6661004. email to magazine@libertonkirk.net

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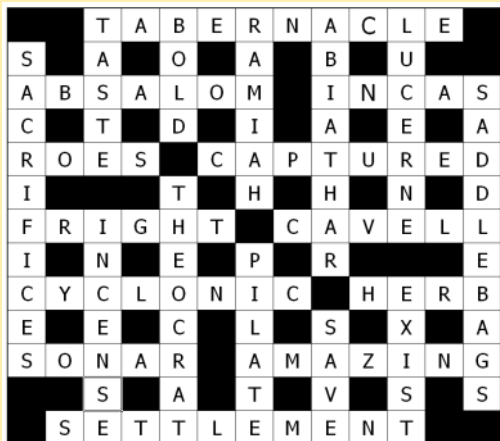
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Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available throughout the day on Fridays.



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01968 670752 or 07952 949 062

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Actual meetings in leaders'

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