

April 2022

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Lord Jesus,
you came as
a humble servant
but were proclaimed
as King.

Even so, willingly you
became broken for us
and, through your death
and resurrection,
Love became
triumphant!

*'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 April

When I survey the wondrous cross, Praise the name of Jesus!

For God so loved the world, How deep the Father's love!

There is a Redeemer, God's own Son, Thank you, O my Father!

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my
God

When I stand in glory, I will see his face, And there I'll serve my King
for ever In that holy place.

Amen and Amen!

A story that makes sense of life

One of the greatest needs we all struggle with as human beings is the need for meaning in life. This was one of the things that, in my early twenties, drew me back to the Christian Faith. In particular, a couple of the promises Jesus once made –

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never go thirsty. (John 6.35)

He made these promises at a time when the people, very impressed after the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, were flocking after him for more food to fill their stomachs. But his words echo the words spoken by Moses, who, after the people had eaten their fill of manna, said –

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8.3)

Where, then, can we find this bread? We find it in the words of the Bible. The Bible contains the story that makes sense of life and at the heart of this story is Jesus.

On the First of May, 2022, we will be embarking on a six week journey of exploration through the Bible, focussing on six great themes which provide the answers to some of life's big questions –

'Origins' – our human desire for meaning

'Exodus' – our human quest for freedom

'Exile' – our human cry for peace

'Messiah' – our human need for love

'Spirit' – our human thirst for community

'Hope' – our human longing for home

It's a journey we will be making together, and it is my hope that you will join us. We will be basing our journey on a book by Andrew Ollerton – **'The Bible, - A story that makes sense of life'**, and there will be different ways for you to join in.

Firstly, you can buy the book and read it yourself. It is divided up into 6 weeks worth of short chapters which can be read on a daily basis. (see below for details*)

Secondly, you can join the 'Bible Course', based on the book, which Jared Hay will be running on zoom on Monday evenings, beginning Monday 2nd May

Thirdly, you can discuss what you have been learning about the Bible at one of our many Link groups (see magazine for details)

Fourthly, you can follow what we've been learning Sunday by Sunday, as our morning services will review the theme of the week that has passed.

Whichever way you are able to join us, I can promise you an exciting journey. It is possible to learn a lot on our own, but it's a lot more fun when we do it together.

Much love,



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



(***"The Bible – A story that makes sense of life"**, Andrew Ollerton, Hodder and Stoughton, 2020
- Copies will be available to purchase in Church on Sundays in March at a reduced rate)

God's Amazing Grace in My Life (Kay)

One of my favourite hymns is the very well known song Amazing Grace. I love singing the original version as well as the more recent worship tunes and words. The word "grace" I discovered appears six times in the original version and it means the unmerited, unearned love and favour of God. He is kind and wants the best for us and I am reminded of the abundance of grace time and time again that God has shown to me throughout my life and continues to do so.

There is a saying which goes "you just couldn't make that up!" as we tell others about situations and experiences that we have gone through in our lives, especially when we see God's grace and goodness at work. Here is my version.

I was raised in Gracemount and after attending the local Primary, then Gracemount and Liberton High Schools, went on to study in Edinburgh and qualified as a P.E. teacher in 1977. As a youngster I attended Sunday School and Band of Hope meetings held in Gracemount Primary and it was there at the age of ten that I put my trust in Christ. You could say at this point I became aware of God's love and grace in my life. As a teenager and adult I attended and was involved at the Edinburgh City Mission in the Inch and it was there I met Alan and we married in 1978 and then moved to Berwick-upon-Tweed where Alan studied for 3 years at Lebanon Bible College and where both our children were born. This was another season of God's grace as He provided for us in so many ways.

In 1984 we moved to Fife to work for a Baptist Church and where I taught P.E. for nearly 30 years. We were able to return to Edinburgh 12 years ago, or back "home" as we like to call it, little realising that God would lead us full circle, both geographically and spiritually back to where it all began for both of us – living again in the South of Edinburgh and becoming members of Gracemount Church. Four years ago I felt a strong call to serve God in a deeper way and applied for the OLM Ministry with the Church of Scotland and was recently ordained to serve within the charge of Gracemount linked with Liberton Kirk. The saying "you couldn't make it up" comes to mind often as we worship there every week in Gracemount school hall all these years later! We are amazed at God's goodness and grace and the way He has led us throughout the years and for His provision and outworking of His purposes in our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

"Faithful and absolutely trustworthy is He who is calling you [to Himself for your salvation], and He will do it [He will fulfil His call by making you holy, guarding you, watching over you, and protecting you as His own].

Kay Haggerty

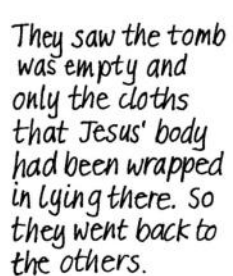
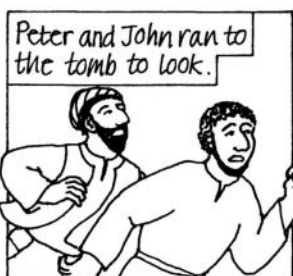
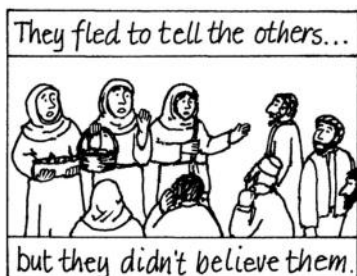
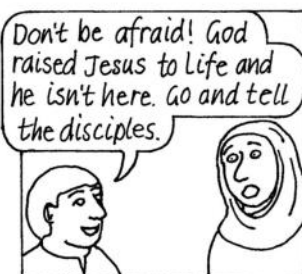
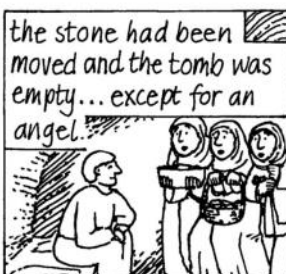


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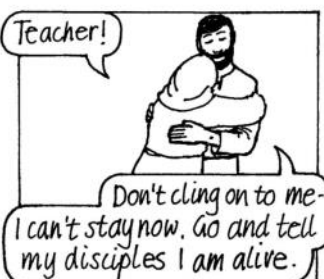
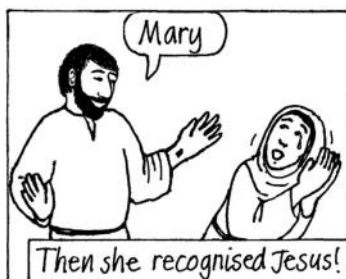
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.



Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.



Kirkgate Café

Pleas Note the Cafe will be closed on Easter Monday - 18th April.

Jill



Café Front Garden

“I don’t know.... but it has been a very long time!”

I am quoting Ruth Davies, having recently asked her how long she has been tending the little garden in front of the Kirk Halls. Now, Ruth has decided to step back from this garden in her life, concentrating with Richard on their garden at home.

We are now looking for a keen gardener, or perhaps a couple, to tend this front garden. If this project appeals, then please ring me or speak to Ruth.

For the moment though, I’m sure I speak for all who pass by in expressing our thanks to Ruth for looking after the garden for ‘a very long time’.

Grant Cook 664 1581
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Ruth Davies 664



April 2022 Diary

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

Saturday 2nd		Spring Internal Learning Community (Recreation Hall)
Sunday 3rd	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 time to Heal - 'Go!' (Luke 9)
		Preacher: John Young
	12.30pm	Holiday Club Planning Meeting in the Small Hall
	6.30pm	Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
		Theme: Unlikely Heroes - Jesus
		Speaker: John Young
Monday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Sapiens Discussion Group
Tuesday 5th	7.30am-7.30pm	– Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	3.30pm	Kirkgate Café Board Meeting
Wed'day 6th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Kirkgate Trust
Thursday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Friday 8th		Congregational Ceilidh
Sunday 10th		PALM 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)
		Theme: Your King is coming (Luke 19)
		Preacher: John Young
	7.00pm	Joint Evening Worship at the Faith Mission
Monday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.00pm	Joint Passover Meal at Liberton Kirk Centre (tickets essential)
Tuesday 12th	7.30am-7.30pm	– Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 13th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm	Joint Stations of the Cross service at St John Vianney's
Thursday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm	– Kirkgate Café
Friday 15th		GOOD FRIDAY
	10.00am	Prayer walk leaves Liberton Kirk
	11.00am	Joint outdoor service at Morrisons
	3.00pm	Joint service at Gracemount High
	7.30pm	Short service of reflection at Liberton Kirk
Sunday 17th		EASTER
	8.00am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Short Service in the Kirk**
 & 11am **All-age service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche)
 Theme: Your King is Risen (Luke 24.1-35)
 Preacher: John Young
 (Bring a daffodil to both services)

7.30pm **RESURRECTION 2022 with Origin Scotland**
in the Usher Hall

Monday 18th KIRKGATE CAFÉ CLOSED

Tuesday 19th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 20th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home (tbc)

Thursday 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 24th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Short service in the Kirk**

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

Theme: Your King is Here (Luke 24.36-49)

Preacher: Trevor Martindale

7.00pm **Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub**

Monday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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

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

7.30pm **Congregational Prayer Gathering (on zoom)**

Wed'day 27th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

11.00am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Thursday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Sunday 1st 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: Good News – a time to plant

Preacher: John Young

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

THE WORD FOR TODAY

The Bible passage currently on view in the Offering House at the church gate is from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 8 and this will remain until Palm Sunday 10th April, when it will change to "Why Good Friday", with various Bible readings relating to the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. From Easter Day, 17th April, there will be a special display in the Offering House and the Kirkyard for Easter, which will remain there for the rest of the month.



Magazine Questionnaire

Have you completed the questionnaire which was included with the March magazine? If not, please do so quickly because we are keen to establish just how many printed copies of the magazine we need in future. If you've lost it, then please email rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net or telephone Jacqui in the church office on 664 8264 with the following information:

- 1) How you get your magazine now. (If you have it delivered, we need your name and address.)
- 2) Whether you would like a printed copy in future.
- 3) Whether you would like to be added to Gary's email list, which will mean you will receive details of all zoom services and events as well as the magazine. The magazine is always available on the church website www.libertonkirk.net

If you are a church member, even if the answer to 3 is "no", would you let us have your email address for our records? (The data protection rules are scrupulously followed.)

Please let us know!

Gary, Jacqui, Ruth and David from the Communications Team



The Letters Lady

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

Contact the Letters Lady for free help!

Phone: Kim 07986 581931

Email: lettersladyatlibertonkirk@yahoo.co.uk

PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Please come and take part in some of the wonderful services and events in this most important week in church life.

PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday 10th April there is joint evening worship with other Big Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium at 7pm. The speaker will be Sarah Johnson from Edinburgh City Mission.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The first joint event is a **Passover Meal on Monday 11th April**, 7pm at Liberton Kirk Centre, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets (£5) are essential (and much in demand) for this event, as numbers are limited.

Then there's a **Stations of the Cross Service on Wednesday 13th April**, 7.30pm at St. John Vianney's RC Church, Fernieside Gardens. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving service.



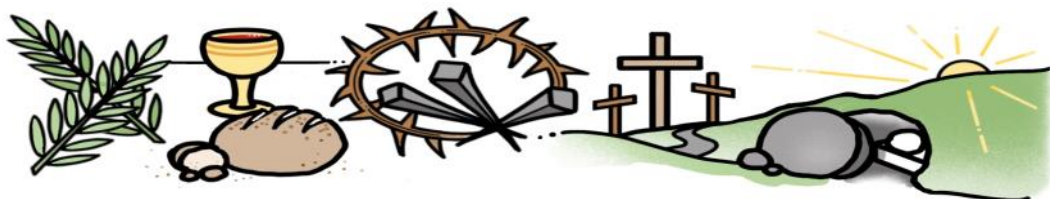
If you have any queries about these events or the Good Friday joint events please get in touch with Ruth Davies

(664 3608 or r.davies335@btinternet.com)

GOOD FRIDAY (15th April)

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a **Prayer Walk**, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons supermarket in Gilmerton Road. On the walk we stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community.

In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an **Open-air Service**. We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' and St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a





SEECAT

good place for after-service refreshments!

On Good Friday afternoon there is a **Joint Service at Gracemount High School** at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all. The speaker this year will be Very Rev. Dr. Susan Brown, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Faith Impact Forum and a former Moderator. There is a cup of tea after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the

other churches we don't see very often.

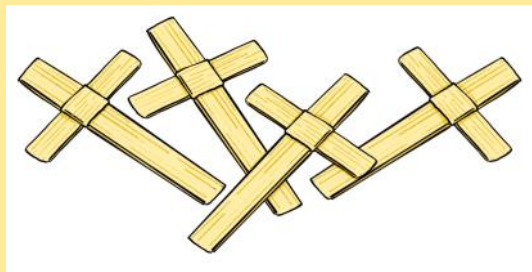
If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a **Service of Worship and Reflection** at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

EASTER DAY (17th April)

Three opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead!

Our **first service at 9.30am** includes a shared breakfast (Agape) and you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. Daffodils are needed again at the **11 o'clock service**, at which all ages are welcome.

In the evening Origin Scotland lead "Resurrection 2022" in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed (donation optional). Details on their website www.originscotland.org



GUILD NEWS for April



The Guild meetings have finished for this session, but will restart at the beginning of October.

The Guild Committee would like to thank the members and friends who supported our fundraising Christmas and Spring Coffee Mornings. Both our chosen projects have benefited greatly from their generosity, as did the Guild Ukraine Appeal.

GUILD OUTING

Our Afternoon Tea Outing this year takes place on Wednesday 6th April. We will be travelling to Leith for the "Orient Express Experience" at the Queen Charlotte Rooms. Tea is being served at 2.30pm.

Evelyn Ogilvie (Secretary)



....but whoever drinks the water I give them
will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give
them will become in them a spring of water
welling up to eternal life." John 4 : 14

Eco Church - What do you actually do?

That phrase was the theme of a watchnight service many years ago delivered dramatically as John Cameron (our previous minister) marched out of the church at midnight into the dark-no blessing, no music. A full church left in stunned silence – and to search their conscience.

If there is a problem, what do you actually do? Easy to think, someone else will solve it or it will go away. Cop 26 is already 'something that happened in Glasgow last year.' Yes, we acknowledged that there are some problems but surely the governments of the world will sort it and the problem whatever it is, will go away. Governments are people. We are the people. We are the ones who need to act. Climate change has happened and it's not going away.

Recently great swathes of trees were demolished during a storm in the John Muir Country Park in East Lothian. Talking to an official I flippantly said, well the Queen will be happy if we replace them for her millennium tree project. I was stunned by the reply that they will probably not be replaced given that a) the sandy soil will not stand up to holding the trees in the increasing number of fierce storms and b) by the time the trees are mature that part of the coast will be under water anyway from the rising sea levels, directly due to climate change.

It is not just governments who can make a change it is every one of us. We have the ability to protect God's creation. Us. Every one of us with a conscience.

Already Liberton Kirk has made many very effective improvements such as simply changing all the light bulbs to LED ones, an outlay that in time saves money and uses less electricity. All churches are being encouraged to become eco congregations and we at Liberton are considering registering as an Eco Congregation.

Initially we look at the various aspects, the buildings and their use, the finances, the land, youth work, education, mission, personal lifestyle, community, worship etc (see the website Eco Congregations Scotland for guidance) to see what has already been done, then what could be done to improve our profile and to work out a time-scale for possibilities.

I have already met with 2 committees and have been struck by how few people expect to have to do everything in connection with running the church! I would appreciate if anyone would get in touch with me to help, whether a member or not, to do the survey, to offer suggestions which maybe have not been thought of, just to move this forward and encourage everyone we know to become much, much more aware that if we do nothing our beautiful world will be damaged irreparably.

Please email me if you are interested -and you should be- at dorothymorrison@talktalk.net

Dorothy Morrison



PALM SUNDAY

**An opportunity to join with local churches
as we approach Easter together**

Worship
Testimonies

7pm, Sunday 10th April
@ Faith Mission
Gilmerton Road

Speaker : Sarah Johnson
Edinburgh City Mission

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

APRIL 22

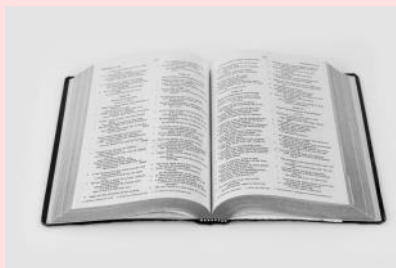
God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood,
so by faith in him we could come to God. Romans 3 verse 25

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!

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



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

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the
content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

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

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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 22

Fri 1st	Morning	LEVITICUS 25 vs 1-17 – consider all that is said here ..and then pause with God and pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Edna Mathews, our Facilities Coordinator
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to our God
Sat 2nd	Morning	ROMANS 2 v1 – as we pause with God we take time to consider this verse today. Then take time to pray to the God we believe in
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you have read
Sun 3rd	Morning	ROMANS 2 v2 – take time to consider this verse 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 one verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 4th	Morning	LEVITICUS 25 vs 18-34 – as we pause with God take the time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response to this God...as we consider His kingdom ways
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Trevor Martindale and his family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 5th	Morning	LEVITICUS 25 vs 35-38 – 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 6th	Morning	LEVITICUS 25 vs 39-55 – consider what is written here as we pause with God.... And then pray to Him...responding to His Kingdom ways
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Kay and Alan Haggerty
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Thru 7th	Morning	LEVITICUS 26 vs 1-13 - consider these words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
	Midday	We pray God's on Fabiano Soares, serving at Gilmerton Hub/Tron
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 8th	Morning	LEVITICUS 26 vs 14-46 – as we pause with God today we consider these words. And then we turn to pray to our God as the day starts.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Janet McKenzie, at Gilmerton Hub/Tron
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 9th	Morning	ROMANS 5 v 1 – as we pause today we take time over these particular 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 10th	Morning	Palm Sunday - ROMANS 5 v 2 – take time to consider these words 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 verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 11th	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 3+4 – we take time to consider these words this morning. And then pray in response.

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	Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 12th	Morning	ROMANS 5 v 5 – as we pause with God consider these particular words today. And then pray in response 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 our God.
Wed 13th	Morning	ROMANS 5 v 6 – 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 Chris and Margaret Brandie
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thru 14th	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 7+8 - consider these words written here and all that is said.. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Judy Weston and her family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 15th	Morning	Good Friday - ROMANS 5 v 9 – As we pause with God we take time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Derek and Susan Jardine and their family
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 16th	Morning	ROMANS 5 v 10– as we pause with Jesus this morning, take 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 17th	Morning	EASTER Sunday - ROMANS 5 v 11 – we take time to consider these words this particular morning...And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 18th	Morning	ROMANS 2 v 6 – 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 Linda Wright
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 19th	Morning	ROMANS 2 vs 7+8 – as we pause with God today we 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 20th	Morning	ROMANS 2 v 11 – 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 Norma and all the café workers

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 21

Thru 21st	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	ROMANS 2 v 16 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Emily
Fri 22nd	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 1+2 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these verses. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Laura as she serves us at LK
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 9 – 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 24th	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 10-18 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to God in response to what you have read here
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read this verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 25th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 20 – 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 Gary Ross and his family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 26th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 21+22 – as we pause with God today we consider these verses.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 27th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 23 – 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 Neil Harris and his family
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thru 28th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 24 - consider this particular passage. And then respond in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	Pray God's blessing on Alastair and Barbara Cameron
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 29th	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 25+26 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on David and Helen Colley
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 30th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 28– 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

Senior Citz Club

The Club is still being run to the Scottish Parliament Covid-19 regulations

Our Club is still going very well, of course Covid rules permitting at all times depends how we continue to meet.

So we are so grateful that we are able to meet as a complete club .

April Birthdays

6	Johan McKenzie	
12	Margo Crawford	
15	Margaret Boe	99
22	Jessie Burns	96
27	Fiona Scott	
30	Lena Ross	95



I think it must be the water of Liberton which allows so many of our club members to reach these amazing ages!!!

Our entertainers are for **April**:

7 David Vernon ~ with his squeezebox
14 Inhouse entertainers ~ Jenni, Lizzy, Dot, Vicki and Lou The Cobblers Chicks. Variety
RAFFLE
21 Dougie McQ ~ fun and music
28 Margo & Stevie Q ~ double the fun and mixed music
AFTERNOON TEA

Because the club has missed **S000** many weeks we have decided to carry on to the end of May apart from the 1st week

May: 5 NO CLUB due to the election

Please make sure to take a lateral flow test (LFT) before coming to keep folks around you safe!

Keep an ear out for COVID-19 regulations in case they change

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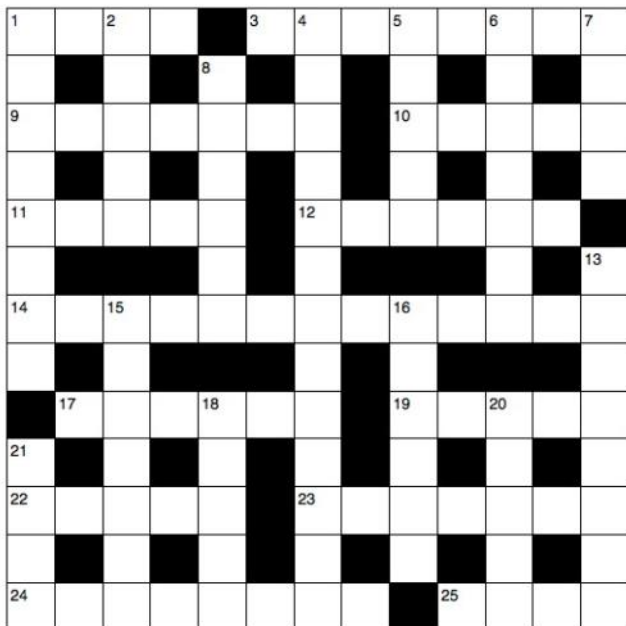
Crossword

Across

- 1** 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4)
3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
23 For nine (anag.) (7)
25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1** 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)



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Church Flower Dedications

Convener for March : Lynn Maxwell 0131 476 6428



3rd March 2022

Jackie Switzer in memory of Edith Jones

10th

Mrs Veronica Craig in memory of Geoffrey Craig

17th

Mrs Ann Weir in memory of Allison Weir

24th

David Robertson in memory of Margot Robertson

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

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Neighbourhood Scheme

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Congregational News

I am pleased to announce that as of 1st March, Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison and Mrs Marion Morrison, as of 2nd March Mr Garry Brown and Mrs Linda Brown and as of 15th March Mrs Betty Thomson have all become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

I am sorry to record the death of Mrs Helen Davie on 1st March and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends. Also, please accept my apologies as last month I recorded the death of Mrs Grizel Mathew on 2nd February 2022, it should have been 3rd,

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.

Accounts 2021

The signed and audited accounts for 2021 will be available on the Welcome Desks in the Church.

For further information I have attached two sheets of analysis of the figures given on page 6 of the accounts.

One relates to Unrestricted Funds – the most important one being the General Fund (see below). This shows our offerings as well as the costs of our staff and other expenses incurred in the running and maintenance of our Church, the halls and the activities which are held in them.

The second is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Restricted Funds (for which a specific purpose has been stated by the donor).

General Fund

In 2021 (as in 2020) offerings remained at a similar level as in a normal year. The effort to maintain a normal level of giving by members of Liberton Kirk, in what have been difficult years, is much appreciated. In the last two years the support of the Job Retention Scheme (2021: £11,662) towards the salaries of locally paid staff has helped at a time when our halls (and cafe) have been closed for several months (2021: hall rents £6,781 as opposed to approx. £15,000 in a normal year). Also in 2021 on the National Giving Day the sum of £4,774 was received.

Our Ministries and Mission contribution to '121' remained at a similar level to previous years, but represented 50% of income in 2021 as opposed to 45% previously. In 2021 there was no annual increase to the salaries of our locally paid staff (this was in line with that taken on the ministers' stipend) and the overall cost of these salaries was less due to the resignation of our Youth Worker at the end of August and also the Facilities Manager at the end of November. Other costs of our halls and church buildings were lower as a result of their closure for some months.

As a result of all the financial support mentioned above, the General Fund had a surplus of £30,527 which has been transferred to Reserves to meet future deficits.

Seaton Legacy

In order to run Zoom services from the church various items of equipment have been purchased to enable this to happen which has incurred significant cost and has been met from the legacy left by Christine Seaton. The financial impact of this is being spread over four years and will appear under the heading of depreciation over that period.

Legacies – received 2021

A legacy of £90,000 has been received from Mrs Morag Fowlie's estate while an-

other legacy of £20,000 has been received from Dr Catherine Strang. These legacies, in line with Kirk Session policy, will be allocated to Mission and Fabric projects in the future.

The year ahead – 2022

In January 2022 salaries were increased by 2% (in line with the percentage approved by the General Assembly for ministers' stipends) while our contribution to the central Ministries and Mission Fund is not increasing further. Liberton Kirk will be impacted by the increase in costs of supplies. However, due to being part of a group contract for the supply of gas and electricity, we are protected against a rise in costs until March 2024. The salary cost of a Youth Worker will not impact the General Fund as Emily's costs, who is acting up, are being met by donations from individuals, the Gemmell Legacy dividends and the balance being contributed by the Kirkgate Trust.

It is expected that this year will be a more normal year with, hopefully, hall income increasing once again. With the cushion of last year's surplus any shortfall this year can be met. However, it is hoped that our income will be sufficient to meet our costs on an ongoing basis. The support of Liberton Kirk's members, both financially and spiritually, in the past few difficult years and on into the future is encouraging and appreciated. As a church family, and with God's help, we can face the uncertain times ahead.

Judy Weston (Treasurer)

Bunessan

(Child in The Manger / Morning has Broken)

Bunessan is the English version of the Gaelic placename Bun Easain, which means "at the foot of the little waterfall". It is a village on the island of Mull on the road to Iona. The village is situated near the home of Mary MacDonald, who composed the carol Leanabh an Aigh, translated by Lachlan MacBean into English as "Child in the Manger". Leanabh an Aigh / Child in the Manger appears in both languages as hymn 314 in CH4. The tune it was set to is described as a Gaelic or Highland melody; it may have originated in Ireland in view of its association with Iona. Some years after it was written, the melody was used for the hymn Morning has Broken with words by Eleanor Farjeon, which was popularised by the singer Cat Stephens in 1971.

Willie Scott

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

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



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