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'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' Vision Statement



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Prayer for May

Thy Kingdom Come, O Living God, In my life

Thy Kingdom Come, O Loving God, In my family

Thy Kingdom Come, O Merciful God, In our nation

Thy Kingdom Come, O Sovereign God, In our world

In Jesus' name, Amen we call out

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The secret of growing younger

I was listening to a stand-up comedian on the radio last week and he was talking about growing older. He said the moment you realise you've become an adult is when you see a bunch of people younger than you and you catch yourself thinking 'Oh no! YOUTHS!'

I remember when, a few years ago, Andy Chittick gave us a talk on the best way to engage younger people in the life of the church. He outlined the four steps we need to take –

1) Meet them where $\underline{\text{they}}$ are on $\underline{\text{their}}$ terms

2) Meet them where <u>they</u> are on <u>your</u> terms

3) Meet them where \underline{you} are on their terms

4) Meet them where <u>you</u> are on <u>your</u> terms

Of course at the heart of this strategy is the need to build a good relationship with a younger person, before you can expect them to want to be involved in something you are doing.

For the last year, here at Liberton, we have been involved in a programme called 'Growing Young', and in April the many leaders of our congregation met together for our six monthly 'Internal Learning Community', to review how we were getting on. Towards the end, Emily, our Youth & Children's Worker, made an important point.

If you want more young people to be involved in something you are planning for the church, please don't ask me to bring them along to you. Instead you need to go to where they are and join in with what **they are doing** so that they can get to know you better. If they come to see you as someone they know and trust, then they will be much more likely to get on board with what **you are doing**."

Of course, even in adulthood, there are lots of different 'generations', distinguished not just by their age, but by things like their social habits and musical tastes. 'Growing Young' is not so much about us all becoming like teenagers, but rather about us relating better to anyone of any generation younger than our own, and, if you follow the logic of what Emily said, that means spending more time with people of different ages.

If we persevere at this, then, over time we will become more and more like the Spirit-filled church spoken of by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost – a place where... *"our folks will dream dreams and our younger folks will have visions" (Joel* 2.28), and where people of every generation will be valued, included, and their voices heard. What a lovely thought!

Much Love,

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



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God's Amazing Grace in My Life (Jenny)

Hello, let me introduce myself my name is Jenny Thomasi, I am a mummy to two amazing boys Joseph aged 10 and Robert Jack aged 4. I currently attend Liberton

Northfield church but attended Liberton Kirk from a very young age up until a few years ago. My mum still attends Liberton Kirk—Jacqui Tait, most of you will know who she is.

I was baptised as a baby and went to Sunday school as a child but once I hit my teenage years I strayed away from the church and my faith. During this time, I was diagnosed with a hormone condition with meant my normal woman cycle was affected and only a very small proportion on my eggs were fertile meaning the chance of falling pregnant was pretty much non-existent. I took this quite badly as becoming a mummy was something I had dreamt of as a



child. I married and came back to the church in 2008 where I helped with Sunday schools and youth clubs as I felt that I had love to give and as I wasn't going to have any of my own then I would give the love I had to other children.

The feeling of wanting to become a mummy never really left me but I had to put all my trust and faith into God. I went for a hormone check up in November 2010 where I found out I was expecting a baby, my consultant was as shocked as I was and I knew straight away that this had to be God. Through God's grace I brought Joseph a beautiful baby boy into the world in June 2011.

I always felt so blessed to have Joseph and keep the belief that he was a gift from God with me.

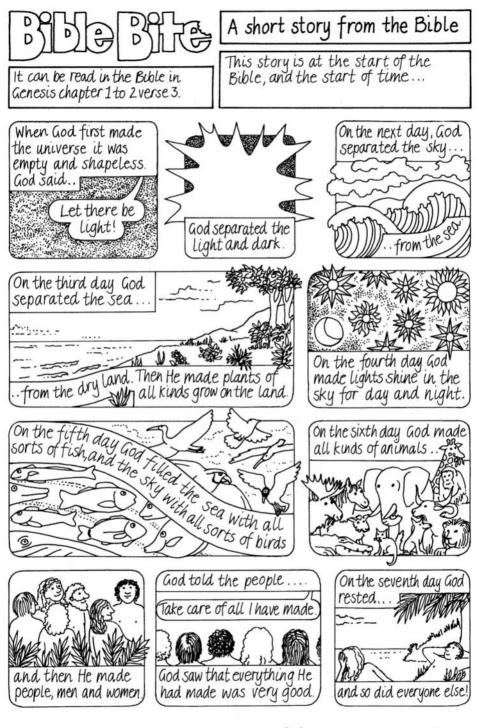
God blow me away in July 2017 when I found out I was expecting another baby, in February 2018 Robert Jack was born and the feeling of God's grace and presence was so strong that he had blessed me with two healthy boys has never left me to this day.

Everyone says their children are precious gifts and this is so very true. I love being a mummy and it really in the best job in the world, only through God's grace I feel I am a mummy and will feel forever blessed!

Jenny Thomasi

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Thy Kingdom Come A Global Prayer Venture 26th May – 5th June 2022



A daily theme. A daily video. By email or social media. Children and Youth videos.

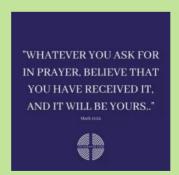
An opportunity to pray for up to 5 friends to meet with Jesus.

An opportunity to pray with other Christians in our city, in our nation, in this world.

An opportunity to pray for the Kingdom of God to be experienced and evidenced afresh.

You can sign up at <u>www.thykingdomcome.global</u> Resources to help your prayer journey are available including an updated Prayer Journal, Novena and items for families and young people.

More information available from the Prayer Team.



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May 2022 Diary

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	Sunday 1st	8.00am Sunday Reflection available on Website/Facebook
		9.30am Shorter 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
	Monday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
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	Turne devisional	7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
	Tuesday 3rd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
		9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
		7.30pm – Joint Kirk Sessions Meeting (SEEPG Cluster)
	Wed'day 4th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
		7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Church
	Thursday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
-	Sunday 8th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	•	9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk
		& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche &
		Sunday Clubs)
		Theme: The Bible - Origins
		Preacher: John Young
		6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
	Monday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	Monuay 901	7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
	Tuesday 10th	
	Tuesday 10th	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 (venue tbc)
	Wed'day 11th	FISCHY MUSIC Concerts in the church
		9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	Thursday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	Friday 13th	7.00pm Kirkgate Trust Quiz Night
		AY CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
	Saturday 14th	Christian Aid breakfast
	Sunday 15th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	,	9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk
		& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche
		& Sunday Clubs)
		Theme: The Bible - Exodus
		Preacher: Trevor Martindale
		6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
	Manday 16th	
	Monday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	T 1 470	7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
	Tuesday 17th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
		9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	Wed'day 18th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
		2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home

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Thursday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
-	7.30pm Growing Young Team (on zoom)
21-27th May	Church of Scotland General Assembly
Saturday 21st	GREAT LIBERTON BAKE-OFF
Sunday 22nd	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
-	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche
	& Sunday Clubs)
	Theme: The Bible - Exile
	Preacher: John Young
	6.30pm Evening Worship in the Kirk Centre
Monday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
Tuesday 24th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 25th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall
26th May – 5th	
Thursday 26th	ASCENSION DAY
	. 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate_Café
Sunday 29th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche
	& Sunday Clubs)
	Theme: The Bible - Messiah
	Preacher: Fiona Devoy
	7.00pm Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub
Monday 30th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
Tuesday 31st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	2.30pm Service at Guthrie House
	7.30pm "Thy Kingdom Come" Congregational Prayer Gathering
	in the church
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Wednesday 1st		2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – k	
-		Gathering for Praise in th	ne Church
		2.00pm – Kirkgate Café	
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	8.00am	Sunday Reflection availa	ble on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk		
	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) Theme: The Bible - Spirit Preacher: John Young		
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Senior Citz Club

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

Our Club is having a great session with a variety of entertainers, plenty of birthday cakes and lots of chat

May Birthdays

- 5 Margaret Ellison 80
- 9 Johan Carlin
- 15 Pearl Scott 90
- 25 Ina Telfer 98
- 25 Alan Robb 85



Celebrating Seniors

Liberton Kirk's Senior Citizen's Club

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

Our entertainers are for May:

- 5 NO club as its election day
- 12 Kirk James and his amazing voice
- 19 Inhouse entertainers ~ The JABS John Young, Andy Chittick and Bryan Ryalls and Raffle
- 20 26 Johnny Campbell ~ fun and music Afternoon Tea. This is our last meeting until 1st Sept]

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

Our club will restart on Thursday 1st September. Our club volunteers wish you a happy, safe and covid free summer break.

Contact:

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

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Join us for another



Big KT Spring Quiz



Liberton Kirk Halls Friday 13th May @ 7pm Tickets £3 / £10 (family)

Family Quiz Night with unbelievable prizes!

For tickets contact Jill Snowdon on 07823 335585

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week is from 15 to 21 May.



In Liberton, we have had a long and honourable history of involvement with Christian Aid, for most of its 50 years of existence. Please support our efforts again this year generously.

This year again, we'll be hosting another BIG BREKKIE, in the Kirkgate Café, to start the week off. This will be on Saturday 14 May, so do come along for a bacon roll, or vegan or vegetarian alternative, with your coffee of choice. As last year, three sittings are available - 9.15 am, 10 am and 10.45 am. Please email :

<u>roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk</u> to book your slot and order your speciality coffee - or order in person after the church services in May. All are welcome.

Also, a good number of streets in the Parish will receive "return" donation envelopes, with instruction to return to authorised locations close by. For any not in receipt of an envelope, these will be available in the Kirk and at the Kirkgate Café during the week.

Our thanks go to the group of volunteers who have helped over many years, and to those assisting this year with the delivery of the "return" envelopes. As in earlier years, there will be a collection box at Scotmid Funerals on Liberton Brae.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, EH16 6NN. Tel. 0131.664.3059 Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

Elders Duties

		May-22	Jun-22
9.30 am	West	Tom Baxendale	George Thom
	East	Eric Brown	Joan Thom
11am	West	Bill Robb	Chris Brandie
	East	Marie-Louise Robb	Margaret Brandie
	Gallery	Derek Jardine	Alan Lonie
	Front gate	Linda Skinner	David Devoy
	Banker	David Lamb	Stewart Heney

The elders involved will receive an email with more details in due course.

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Fresh Start

Last week Fresh Start officially opened the 'Hub' next door to their warehouse. The volunteers were invited and it was great to see the finished work. The food shop was well stocked and the new kitchen area fresh and modern. There is also an office where clients can get help with form filling and use of a computer if needed.

Because of the current crises in Ukraine, Bethany have asked FS to produce more Starter Packs as they will be supplying people with these items to help them settle here in Edinburgh.

Items Needed

Cutlery, crockery, pots and pans, single and double bedding (no duvets or pillows) blankets, throws, towels, curtains, cleaning material, toiletries also small electrical items clean and in good working order.

Donations can be dropped off at FS Warehouse, 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh, EH4 4BR on Monday - Thursday 9am-4pm.

Items can be left in the Offering House at the church or contact me on 664-3189.

Volunteers Required

Fresh start lost many of their volunteers over the last two years and are always looking for replacements. Anyone who feels helping at FS is something they would like to be involved with please contact me for more details.

The latest edition of FS Information sheet can be found in the Offering house and on the Welcome desks inside the church.

Sylvia Bennett



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When Peace Like a River

In 1873, Horatio Spafford planned a trip to Europe with his wife and four daughters. He was detained at the last minute by a business matter, and was unable to accompany his wife and family on the Ville du Havre when it sailed from New York. During the voyage there was a collision with another ship, the Loch Earn, and the Ville du Havre sank in a short time.

Despite the efforts of the sailors, all four daughters were lost. When Mrs Spafford reached land, she sent her husband the famous telegram containing the words "Saved Alone". When Horatio Spafford sailed for Europe, the captain called him on deck to say that the ship was at the point where his daughters were lost. He went to his cabin and composed the words of the famous hymn.

The music was composed by Philip P. Bliss, who wrote the words and music for many gospel hymns; for example, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning". "When Peace Like a River" was first sung on November 24, 1876. Only a month later, Philip Bliss and his wife were killed in a railway accident. The hymn has had a revival in popularity and appears in many hymn books. It has been played at several care home services in the Liberton area.

Willie Scott



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Church Flower dedications

Convener

2nd May
2nd May
9th May
16th May
23rd May
23rd May
30th May
Free (when 5 Sundays in the month)

Vacancy for May

Donations should be sent to : Kim Denholm, 58 Gilmerton Dykes Avenue, Liberton, Edinburgh, EH17 8ND

Jean Gray, 0131 258 2081

Kirkgate Trust Jumble Sale

Very many thanks to everyone who gave of their time and energy to help out at the Kirkgate Trust Jumble Sale on the 19° March. The amount raised was in the region of £850

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

Congregational News

I am pleased to announce that as of 14th March, Mrs Dorothy Smail has become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

I am sorry to record the deaths of Mr Bill MacKinley on 14th March, Mrs Helen Whyman on 26th of March and also of Mr Finlay Moir on 8th April and send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.

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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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The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 5 verse 15

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

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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.



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 MAY 22

Sun 1st	Morning	ROMANS 4 vs 1-3 – take time to consider these verses this
Mon 2nd	Midday Evening Morning	morning as we pause with God – then pray in response to Him pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read these set verses againreflectand then pray to this God of ours ROMANS 4 vs 6-8 – as we pause with God take the time to Consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in
Tue 3rd	Midday Evening Morning	response to this God…as we consider His kingdom ways We pray God's blessing on the country of Afghanistan read the verses again – reflect…then pray to this God in response ROMANS 4 v 20 – 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!
Wed 4th	Evening Morning	read the words again – reflect then pray in response to Him ROMANS 4 vs 24 + 25 – consider what is written here as we pause with God And then pray to Himresponding to His Kingdom ways
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on the government of Afghanistan read the words again – reflect…and then pray to this God of ours
Thur 5th	Morning	ROMANS 5 v 12 - consider these words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
Fri 6th	Midday Evening Morning	We pray God's blessing on those hungry and thirsty in Afghanistan read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray. ROMANS 5 v 17 – as we pause with God today we consider these
	Midday Evening	words. And then we turn to pray to our God as the day starts We pray God's blessing on God's people in Afghanistaan read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
Sat 7th	Morning	ours. ROMANS 4 vs 18 + 19 – as we pause today we take time over these particular words this morning. Then take the time to Pray to God.
Sun 8th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read ROMANS 5 v 21 – take time to consider these particular words this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
Mon 9th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read this verse againreflect and then pray to this Lord of ours. ROMANS 6 vs 1+2 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response.
Tue 10th	Midday Evening Morning	We pray God's blessing on the country of North Korea read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response ROMANS 6 vs 3+4 – as we pause with God consider these
	Midday	particular verses today. And then pray in response to our God take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock –
	Evening	hear! read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.

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Wed 11th	Morning	ROMANS 6 v 6 – consider these words as we pause with God today. And then pray to Uim in response to what you read
	Midday Evening	today. And then pray to Him in response to what you read. We pray God's blessing on the government of North Korea read the verse again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 12tr	n Morning	ROMANS 6 v 11 - consider these words written here and what is said. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on God's people in North Korea
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said herethen pray to our God
Fri 13th	Morning	ROMANS 6 v 12 $-$ As we pause with God, we take time to consider
	Midday	these particular words. Then pray to this God in response We pray God's truth and justice to be evidenced in North Korea
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 14th	Morning	ROMANS 6 v 13 $-$ 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 15th	Morning	ROMANS 6 v 14 – we take time to consider these words this
	Middov	Particular morningAnd then we pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read this verse againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 16th	Evening	ROMANS 6 vs 17+18 – as we pause with God, take time to
	INDITIIIg	consider these words and truths todayAnd then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the country of Somalia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in
		response
Tue 17th	Morning	ROMANS 6 v 22 – as we pause with God today we consider these versesand 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 18th	Ū.	ROMANS 6 v 23 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words, the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the government of Somalia
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 19th	n Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 5+6 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on God's People in Somalia
E : 00/1	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 20th	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 7+8 – 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 refugees and migrants from Somalia
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours

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Sat 21st	Morning	ROMANS 7 v 15– 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 verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 17-20 – take time to consider these words this morn-
ing		And then pray to God in response to what you have read here
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 7 v 21 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these
		words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the country of Libya
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 24th	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 22+23 – as we pause with God today we consider these
		versesand 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 25th	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 24+25 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider
		these words, the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the government of Libya
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 26th	n Morning	THY KINGDOM COME - ACTS 4 vs 13-22 - consider this passage about
		following JESUS and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	Pray God's blessing on God's people in Libya
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 27th	Morning	ACTS 2 vs 42-47 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider
		these words about the Early Church giving PRAISE to God!. And then
		pray with praise to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on refugees and migrants from Libya
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
	N 4	OURS
Sat 28th	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 1 vs 1-11- as we pause with Jesus today take the time to
	N Altalata a	consider these words of THANKS and then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 29th	worning	PHILIPPIANS 4 vs 2-9 – we take time to consider these words todayis
		there someone we need say SORRY to?And then pray to God in
	Midday	response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 30th	worning	PHILIPPIANS 4 vs 10-20 – the theme of OFFERtake time
	Middov	to consider these words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on the country of Yemen read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 31st	0	COLOSSIANS 4 vs $2-4$ – as we pause with God today we consider these
Tue Sist	worning	verses about PRAY FORand then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	
	Lverning	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God

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Eco Church What do you actually do?

The answer would appear to be 'nothing'! I asked this question last month with regard to eco conservation and the response was overwhelmingly NOTHING.

Climate change can be aided by every single one of us playing our part. Reduce, reuse and recycle.

Let us start with a currently most pressing issue in the church halls. It is a privilege to use the halls, not a right, particularly for organisations who have the premises for free. We are not a commercially run organisation so there are no fairies to tidy up when you have gone, no fairies to sort out the rubbish you leave behind – and that rubbish is frequently dumped in the nearest receptacle, unsorted. We have bins for recycling so which fairy is going to sort out your rubbish and put paper in one bin and food in another etc. when you can't be bothered to do it yourself. Somebody has to go through what you have left behind, unsorted, to stop contaminating the various bins. Just putting everything into a black bag and leaving it is not going to solve any problems either. The binmen just reject bins that don't have the correct contents.

Would all hall users **<u>please</u>**, if at all possible, take their rubbish home for recycling. If that is not possible, please have the decency to put it in the right bins. This is nothing new so should come as second nature if you have a conscience.

Young people have largely been leading the drive to reduce reuse and recycle. Demonstrations, marches, strikes are fine for attracting attention but what is the point if you don't actually do what you are protesting about?

Sad thing is, realistically - very few young people will read this as it is not on their phone, so it is up to us 'recycled teenagers' readers to tell them. Please do and act on it yourself. Reduce reuse and recycle in the church halls as well as in your daily life.

Challenge to make a difference

A litter pick costs about £5 online. Can you adopt a small area to litter pick regularly? If you are willing to help we can make a map and show the areas where we are making Liberton a better environment for our wildlife as well as ourselves. Try to get anyone in the area to be involved. I hereby promise to pick up the rubbish that is frequently dumped in the graveyard along the Kirkgate. What area can you do?

firmly believe that it is only by showing others what we can do from Liberton Kirk that others may be interested enough to join us. Think about it.

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KIRKGATE CAFÉ

IMPORTANT NEWS - 7th YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Used 735 times (54 times in the book of Revelations alone), the number 7 is the foundation of God's word. Seven is the number of completeness and perfection (both physical and spiritual). It derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to **God's creation**.

For the café, the significance is the number of years Norma has been our manager and, for her on this occasion, God has called her to create a new community café in her home town of Livingston. It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Norma in the middle of June so that she can concentrate on the new café. We wish her every success and happiness with the new café.

Over the time Norma has been with us she has created and developed the café by attracting volunteers to work with her, and customers who come back regularly, which is why it is so successful today. Over and above the normal café manager job she has created an appetite for extra events such as The Pantomimes and special dinner evenings, all run by the volunteers.

She has reached out to the local schools and community to provide packed lunches during the summer holidays and provide a space for training/work experience for many who cannot easily find it. The list of community activities she has been involved with is extensive and appreciated by many.

In the meantime we are looking for a manager/cook to replace Norma and will keep you informed of the outcome. We are hoping to find someone who can continue the work Norma has done and develop the café further. We will need your prayers that the special person we are looking for will apply.

Jill Niven

Café Board Convener

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GUILD NEWS

25 members of the Guild enjoyed an outing, on Wednesday 6th April, to the Queen Charlotte Rooms in Leith for Afternoon Tea entitled, "The Orient Express Experience."



The Guild meetings finished in March, so this was a chance for members to meet informally at the end of a very successful session.

Meetings will restart at the beginning of October.

Gary Ross

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The Bible Course:

Understanding of our place in the Story

The Bible is a library of books that tell the story of God's action in the world and among his People. It has a lot of different *kinds* of books, like history, prophecy, poetry, letters and the weird world of apocalyptic. Yet it has an underlying story line from Genesis to Revelation that is often overlooked because we focus on little bits of the text at a time. The Bible Society has produced a video-based course to help us not only understand the Big Story, but *our place in the Story*. This is not a narrative that has ended yet, and each of us must play out characters in it.

As part of Liberton Kirk's 'Good News: A Time to Plant,' we are engaging in a 'Whole Church Study' when themes from *The Bible Course* will be used in the sermon on Sundays and be the discussion theme for the week following, both online and in Link Groups (see inset). I am going to lead the course on **Monday nights from 2rd May to 13^{rh} June on Zoom, 7.30pm – 9pm**, and on each evening there will be a video with discussion questions to follow. If you would like to take part, **please make sure that you are on Gary Ross's email list** and in due course, emails will be sent round with the Zoom link.

There are resources that have been written to accompany the course and although they are not necessary to participate, some people and groups would find them useful as additional material.

The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life is a book written by Andrew Ollerton, the author of the course. It is available at Church and online from Amazon and elsewhere at around $\pounds 10$.

The Bible Course Manual costs around £5. It would be especially useful for leaders of Link groups but also for guiding anyone through the themes. These will be bulk ordered from The Bible Society and details of how to reserve a copy for yourself will be put in the Notice Sheet.

Everyone is welcome to join us online to learn more about the Big Story and to explore our own role within it.

Jared Hay.

5	Sunday sermons	Monday course	Themes
	01-May	02-May	Introduction
	08-May	09-May	Origins
	15-May	16-May	Exodus
	22-May	23-May	Exile
	29-May	30-May	Messiah
	05-Jun	06-Jun	Spirit
	12-Jun	13-Jun	Норе

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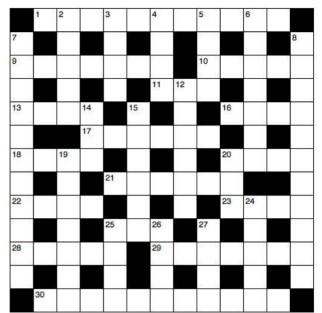
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- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- **10 '**Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- **11** On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- **16** 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- **17** Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50) (6) **18** Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's
dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)25 Has(anag.)(3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, -sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- ${\bf 29}$ 'l will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- **30** Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11) Crosswords reproduced by k

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- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- **3** 'A bruised he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- ${f 8}$ 'Therefore, as we have , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- **12** Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6) **14** Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on—–!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- **19** Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva(5)
- **25** 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)
- **26** 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

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