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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'

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Prayer for June

O God of Pentecostal giving, Pour out you Holy Spirit,
A fresh on us, Your children

O God of Romans 8, You have given us,
So much, In Christ Jesus

O God of the future, Sustain us,
Bless us, Lead us

In Jesus' name, Amen!

I Have Kept The Faith

You may have noticed that there is currently a lot of talk of a certain Platinum Jubilee celebration? It is now 70 years since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and to many people she is the only monarch they have known in their lives. These last 70 years have seen great changes in the world and brought many blessings,

Other things also seem to have come full circle. 70 years ago we were all worried about the cold war, the iron curtain, and nuclear disaster. Today we are facing a resurgent Russia, a growing economic crisis, and a battering down of hatches once more. But throughout all the ups and downs, Elizabeth has maintained a constant and consistent reassuring presence in the land.

The Queen has always had a strong Christian faith, and this was reflected in her oath to God at her coronation. I remember how her Golden Jubilee was marked by a seemingly endless stream of special events, including celebrity concerts, barges on the Thames, and guitar solos on the roof of Buckingham Palace!

But, in the middle of all the celebrations there was a pause. A time for reflection, thanksgiving and worship. This was on the Sunday of the Jubilee weekend, which included, at the Queen's own request, a service of thanksgiving..

Nothing surprising here. 'Jubilee' is an Old Testament word. The jubilee year was the 50th year – the year when

all land was returned to its original owners, and everyone had the chance to rest, reflect and begin again.

What I admire most about the Queen is how she makes no secret of her faith. She doesn't broadcast it loudly from the rooftops, but nor does she hide it under a bushel. She is someone for whom God matters – as a source of guidance and strength, sustaining her in her daily life.

Thinking of her I am reminded of Paul's famous words to Timothy towards the end of his time on earth. Words which, I am confident, in time will be applied to Elizabeth II. Words, which I hope in time, might be applied to each and every one of us -

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day... (2 Timothy 4.7-8a)

Much love,



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



God's Amazing Grace in My Life

There's a verse that's been on my mind recently. Psalm 23:6 says "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life..." If you've ever wondered why so many Bible versions translate the phrase "goodness and love" differently, it's because the original Hebrew word here is *hesed*. It's a rich word which has multiple facets of meaning; which includes the idea of grace. So, at the risk of being overly simplistic, one could read this verse as "surely your grace will follow me all the days of my life."

I believe God's grace has indeed followed me through my life. Growing up in South Africa, moving to England at the age of 15, then up to Scotland when I was 19, has certainly given me some experience of moving around. Furthermore, each stage of life has brought with it challenges and celebrations, achievements and mistakes. Though I can confidently say that an area where I've seen God's grace follow me recently is in the blessing of fatherhood and in family life. It's not easy, and I make plenty of mistakes. But to see my wife or child still look at me with love in their eyes even after I've been harsh, or forgetful or (insert short-coming), is to experience something of God's grace. Of course, every one of us can be hard to get along with at times. But that, albeit imperfect, family bond of love and acceptance constantly leads me to marvel at how much more amazing is God's grace for each one of us.

Trevor Martindale



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...

God made Man and a garden for him to live in and care for.

You can eat anything but the fruit of this tree



God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name..

That's a.. giraffe, and that's.. an ant, and..




but he needed a human partner

Wow! You are called 'Woman'

So God made Woman.



But the snake asked Woman Did that God really tell you not to eat any fruit?




Yes, and that God told us if we touch it we will die!

Surely not!



That God doesn't want you to eat it and be as clever as He is.



Go on, try some!

Alright.



Oh no! What have we done?



They made clothes from leaves.



They tried to hide Where are you?



It was the woman's fault.

It was the snake's fault



They had disobeyed, so they had to leave the garden.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Prostate Cancer

There have been many tributes to this great man including an article on the ELPCSG website. That acronym does not roll off the tongue easily, but it stands for Edinburgh and Lothian Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Desmond Tutu was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997. Born in a poor African township, he had suffered from polio as a child, which left his right hand misshapen, and then he developed TB as a teenager. His mother was subjected to physical abuse by his father. Yet he was still the 'impish priest', who wore a T-shirt with ARCH on it! He identified with the common people-the rainbow people-but could also deal effectively with those in authority. When Nelson Mandela came to power in 1994, his good friend Tutu told him, 'You have stopped the gravy train of politics, but only long enough to get on it'. The Cabinet took note, and all accepted a drop in salary. Tutu said he was not defying the government but was obeying God and his teaching. There is a full obituary on the ELPCSG website.

Approximately one in eight men will suffer from prostate cancer, but treatment is improving all the time and many sufferers will die with it, not because of it. The problem is getting younger men to be aware of the symptoms and to get tested when they reach the age of 50, as the sooner it is detected the more effective will be the treatment.

The ELPCSG is a well respected Support Group for men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. It runs a very popular and effective 'buddy' service whereby newly diagnosed men are put in touch with a friendly understanding man who has had a similar diagnosis and treatment and who will openly describe their experiences of all the issues involved. It is a self help group, not a research or medical group, which works closely with other cancer specialist organisations including The Maggie Centre, Macmillan Cancer Support, Prostate Scotland, NHS Scotland and Prostate Cancer UK

Full details can be found on the website and the contact number is 07933 260066 and email elpcsg@gmail.com

Ian Hay

Service of Healing

The Balmwell in the grounds of the Toby Carvery on Howden Hall Road is an ancient site of pilgrimage and healing. Local SEECAT churches hold an annual service there, during which prayers for healing are offered to anyone who wishes to take part. This year's service is on Saturday 11th June, the week after Pentecost, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the service, and encourage anyone who would benefit from it to come too. Seats will be available, and if a lift is required please let John or me know. The Toby Carvery kindly allow us to use their grounds, and they are open if you would like refreshments after the service.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

June 2022 Diary

Wed'day 1st	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Church
Thursday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 3rd	7.00pm – Ceilidh – Anderson Hall
Sunday 5th	PENTECOST 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 VI - Spirit Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre Theme: God's covenant with David Speaker: Trevor Martindale
Monday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
Tuesday 7th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 8th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 11th	3.00pm Healing service at the Balmwell (SEECAT)
Sunday 12th	COMMUNION SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk & 11am Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) Theme: The Bible VII - Hope Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre Theme: God's New Covenant Speaker: Alastair Cameron
Monday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm The Bible Course (on zoom)
Tuesday 14th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 15th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm – Services at Braid Hills Care Home
Thursday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 18th	Annual Elders/Staff retreat
Sunday 19th	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 reap

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

1.00pm **Annual Congregational Picnic at Scoughall
(with Beach Communion)
No Evening Worship**

Monday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Book group 'The Once and Future King'

Tuesday 21st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

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

Wed'day 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Link Leaders' Huddle

Sunday 26th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Shorter service in the Kirk**

& 11am **All age Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche)
Theme: Paul's farewell to the Ephesians (Acts 20.13-37)
Preacher: Trevor Martindale

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

12.15pm Bread and Soup Lunch in the Kirk Centre in aid
of the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS project

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

Monday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 28th 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 Monthly Prayer Gathering

Wed'day 29th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall

Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

July 2022

Note:

July & August - all Sunday Morning services at 10.30am

3rd-31st July - with Creche and Summer Sunday Club

7th August - Holiday Club Sunday

14th August - Sunday Buzz

21st August - Sunday Clubs resume

July & August - Peace Pathway open in the Kirkyard, 8am – 8pm

Sunday 3rd **Morning Worship @ 10.30am** (with Creche & Summer
Sunday Club)

Theme: Good News – a time to love

Preacher: John Young

10.00am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)

6.30pm **Joint Evening Worship + BBQ @ Liberton**

Northfield for the launch of the Stage N' Slam Youth
Week

4-8 JULY

*"STAGE N' SLAM" ARTS AND SPORTS CLUB @ LIBERTON
KIRK HALLS*

Monday 4th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 5th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 6th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 7th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 10th **Morning Worship @ 10.30am** (with Creche & Summer
Sunday Club)

Theme: Ruth 1

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)

No Evening Worship

MONDAY 11TH-FRIDAY 15TH – YOUTH 'SERVICE WEEK'

Monday 11th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 12th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 13th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 14th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 17th **Morning Worship @ 10.30am** (with Creche)

All age service led by our young people

Theme: Ruth 2

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)

No Evening Worship

Monday 18th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 19th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 20th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home

Thursday 21st 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 24th **Morning Worship @ 10.30am** (with Creche & Summer
Sunday Club)

Theme: Ruth 3

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)

No Evening Worship

Monday 25th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 26th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Guthrie House

Wed'day 27th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 28th 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 31st **Morning Worship @ 10.30am** (with Creche & Summer
Sunday Club)

Theme: Ruth 4

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)

12.00 noon Summer Buzz preparation
No Evening Worship

1st – 5th AUGUST, 9AM-12.30PM – SUMMER BUZZ CLUB IN THE KIRK
CENTRE

August 2022

Monday 1st	10.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 2nd	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 3rd	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the church
Thursday 4th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 6th	12.30-2.00pm – Summer Buzz Family Picnic in the Centre Court Gardens
Sunday 7th	Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with Creche) SUMMER BUZZ CLUB FAMILY SERVICE 10.00am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) No Evening Worship
Monday 8th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 9th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 10th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 12th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 14th	Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with Creche & Sunday Buzz) Theme: Good news – a time to break down walls Preacher: John Young 10.00am Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) No Evening Worship
Monday 15th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 16th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 17th	9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home
Thursday 18th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 21st	Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) Theme: Good news – a time to tear and to mend Preacher: John Young 10.00am – Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome) No Evening Worship
Monday 22nd	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 23rd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.30am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 24th	9.30am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Kirk Session Executive
Thursday 25th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 26th	5.30pm Kirkgate Trust Treasure Hunt and BBQ
Saturday 27th	4.00-6.00pm Messy Church in the Halls

Sunday 28th	<p>COVENANT SUNDAY</p> <p>Morning Worship @ 10.30am (with Creche & Sunday Clubs) followed by short Annual Meeting and Congregational Photo</p> <p>Theme: Good news – a time to keep and to throw away</p> <p>Preacher: John Young</p> <p>10.00am Prayer Time in the Elders Room (All welcome)</p> <p>12.30pm Congregational Meal</p> <p>7.00pm Joint Service at the Gilmerton Hub</p>
Monday 29th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 30th	<p>7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room</p> <p>9.30am-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café</p> <p>3.00pm Service at Guthrie House</p> <p>7.30pm Congregational Prayer Night in the Kirk</p>
Wed'day 31st	<p>9.30am-2.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café</p> <p>8.00pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk</p>

September 2022

Thursday 1st	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 4th	<p>Morning Worship @ 9.30am (with Scots Communion) and 11am (with Creche & Sunday Clubs)</p> <p>Theme: Good news – a time to seek</p> <p>Preacher: John Young</p> <p>6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre</p> <p>Theme: TBC</p>

Gilmerton Singers Summer Concert

Friday 17th June @ 7.00pm

In the Kirk Centre



Suggested donation £5, including refreshments.
 All profits for the charity
 Re-act: Refugee Action Scotland
 (www.re-act-scotland.org)

Kirkgate Cafe



As I am writing this article in the middle of May we are still in the process of finding and recruiting a new Café Manager/Cook to replace Norma who has been with us from the inception of the café, over seven years ago, and has established its place in the community. We are hoping our prayers for that special person to apply for this challenging position, which is so much more than cooking and running a café, will have been answered.

Norma's last day with us is Thursday 16th June and she will say her farewell at 3pm that day. It will be lovely if you can come along to join the volunteers in wishing her all the best with a cup of tea and a cake at that time. More details of venue will be announced.

This will be a challenging time for the volunteers and the customers to settle into whatever routine is suitable after the 16th June. Temporary measures of working will need to be applied if a replacement is not immediately available. This period will rely on the dedication our volunteers who have given consistent commitment to the café and our customers. We have to support all of them in any way we can.

During the school holidays we try to dedicate a week of pack lunches for Grace-mountain school pupils and we hope to continue this activity as usual as it has proved to be very successful. To help fund this project the café will be putting out the 'Pay it Forward' brown loaf money box on the foyer counter during trading hours to collect donations towards the cost.

In the meantime everyone on the café board and the volunteers wish you a lovely summer, first without the covid regulations since 2019. Hurray.

Jill Niven

Café Board Convener



Peace Pathway

Our Kirkyard is a beautiful and peaceful place. In the months of July and August there is once again the opportunity to spend a peaceful half-hour (or more) walking the "Peace Pathway".

If you start at the Offering House at the Main Gate you will be directed on a walk around the outside of our lovely church building, with a number of seats provided at stopping points, and suggestions of something to think about for a few moments. Leave the pressures of life behind to enjoy God's creation and God's presence in this peaceful place.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



Hi friends

One of the joys and blessings of our recent concerts has been the involvement of Praise Gathering Youth Choir under the direction of Jenny Cheung. Their enthusiasm is infectious and they have brought a whole new dimension to our worship. Registrations for this year's PGYC are a bit down on previous years and so I am asking you to spread the word that the Youth Choir is looking for some new members.

- 1) Membership is open to anyone in school year groups P5 to S6 and is completely free.
- 2) Unlike us old folks who find it difficult to remember things, the Youth Choir only require ONE rehearsal, albeit a full day's rehearsal, on Saturday 11 June in Glasgow.
- 3) The young people will be provided with a t-shirt for the concerts.
- 4) There will be transport to the Edinburgh concert from a suitable Glasgow location.

Perhaps you have a relative who would like to take part. Or maybe it's a child of a friend or a neighbour. Please, please share this information with them and encourage them to join.

To register visit the PG website <https://register.praisegathering.org.uk/youth>

For more information please email Jenny at jenny@praisegathering.org.uk

Take care, **Dave McLaren.**

Elders Duties

		Jun-22	Jul-22
9.30 am	West	George Thom	
	East	Joan Thom	
11am /	West	Chris Brandie	Netta Rough
10.30 am	East	Margaret Brandie	Marie-Louise Robb
	Gallery	Rink van Dijke	Bill Robb
	Front gate	David Devoy	David Colley
	Banker	Stewart Heney	Alan Carmichael

		Aug-22	Sep-22
9.30 am	West		Fiona Knight
	East		Christina Young
11am /	West	Jill Niven	Mary Davidson
10.30 am	East	Janice Wilson	Chris Brandie
	Gallery	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry
	Front gate	Eleanor Grieve	Margaret Brandie
	Banker	Rink van Dijke	Jacqui Tait

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

Prayer for August

O God of Isaiah, O God of Good News,
Our God, Hear us

O God of Isaiah, O God of comfort and joy
Our God, Help us

O God of Isaiah, O God of strength and hope
Our God, Refresh us

In Jesus' name, Together
Amen we call out

Join Girlguiding IN SOUTH EDINBURGH



Spaces available for GIRLS age 5-18...

- Adventure, fun and friendship start here!

VOLUNTEERS also needed. Have fun while...

- Empowering girls to realise their potential
- Trying new things & making new friends



Email us on edincounty.recruitment@gmail.com
Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Offering House Collections

The Offering House at the main gate to the Kirkyard has been used in the past for collecting money, and now, as well as being an exhibition space, it is used for collecting various items for charities which Liberton Kirk supports. These are:



- * Tinned, dried and long-life food items for the Food Bank at Tron Kirk Moredun, run in conjunction with the Edinburgh City Mission.
- * Milk bottle tops which are sold to provide money for hospital equipment.
- * Goods for starter packs provided by Fresh Start, the churches' charity which helps the homeless in Edinburgh. When previously homeless people get a home, they often have nothing to put in it and the starter packs provide basic items for them. We collect cutlery, crockery, pots and pans, single and double bedding (but no duvets, pillows or valance sheets) blankets, throws, towels, curtains, cleaning materials, toiletries and small electrical items which are in good working order. Small quantities can be left here, but if you have large quantities it is very helpful if you can drop them off at the Fresh Start Warehouse at 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, EH4 4BR, between 9am and 4pm Monday to Thursday. If you can't do this please contact Sylvia Bennett on 664 3189.

We do also collect stamps (for Church of Scotland World Mission projects) but the box for these is in the Kirk Centre across the road. As you walk into the café area the box is on your immediate left.

Please don't leave other items in the Offering House, but find a good home for them elsewhere – there are many charity shops which are glad to receive donations. Some of you will remember that we used to collect warm clothing for the Bethany Care Van or Night Shelter to pass to the homeless in our city. We are not doing this at the moment, but if you have items such as padded jackets please speak to Eleanor Grieve (466 6484 or ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk), who will give advice on the best course of action.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

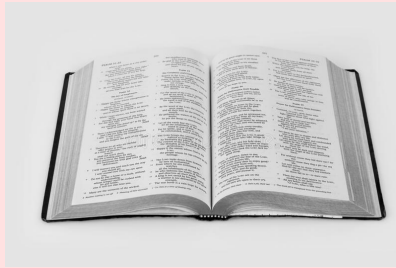
AUGUST 22

**A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God" Isaiah 40 verse 3**

During 2022 we have been 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.

In July and August, as we pause for summer, we look at the Good News that came through ISAIAH.

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 AUGUST 22

Mon 1st	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 36 – 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 women persecuted in North Africa
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH 37 vs 1-20 – 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!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray in response to Him
Wed 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 38 – 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 women persecuted in Kyrgyzstan
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Thur 4th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 39 - consider these words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on women persecuted in Sudan
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 5th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 1-11 – as we pause with God today we consider these words of hope. And then we turn to pray to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on women persecuted in Algeria
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 6th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 12-31 – as we pause today we take time over these particular words of hope. Then take the time to Pray to this 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 7th	Morning	ISAIAH 41 vs 1-20 – take time to consider these particular words this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 8th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 42 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on women persecuted in Libya
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 9th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 43 – as we pause with God consider these particular verses 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 10th	Morning	ISAIAH 44 vs 1-8 – 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 women persecuted in Egypt
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 11th	Morning	ISAIAH 44 vs 21-28 - consider these words written here about the God we believe and trust in. And then pause to pray to God in response.

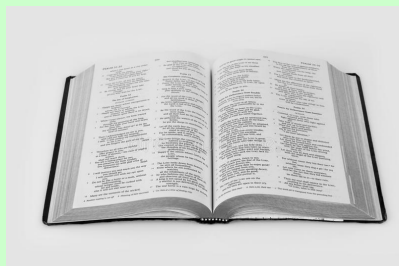
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JULY 22

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”
Isaiah 1 verse 18

During 2022 we have been 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.
In July and August, as we pause for summer, we look at the Good News that came through ISAIAH.

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Fri 1st	Morning	ISAIAH 1 vs 1-20 – as we pause with God today we consider these words. And then we turn to pray to our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on God’s people in Ukraine and Russia
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 2 – as we pause today we take time over these particular words this morning. Then we pause to Pray to God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH 3 vs 1-15 – take time to consider these verses this morning as we pause with God – then pray in response to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these set verses again...reflect..and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 4th	Morning	ISAIAH 4 vs 2-6 – 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 our family members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to this God in response
Tue 5th	Morning	ISAIAH 5 vs 1-7 – 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	ISAIAH chapter 6 – 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 our neighbours
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to this God of ours
Thur 7th	Morning	ISAIAH 7 vs 1-25 - consider these words as we pause with God today and then respond in prayer to our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our colleagues and friends
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray.
Fri 8th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 8 – 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 God’s people in SE Edinburgh
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours.
Sat 9th	Morning	ISAIAH 9 vs 1-7 – as we pause today we take time over these particular words this morning. Then take the time to Pray to God.
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 10th	Morning	ISAIAH 10 vs 5-27 – take time to consider these particular words this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 11th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 11 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the the Church in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response

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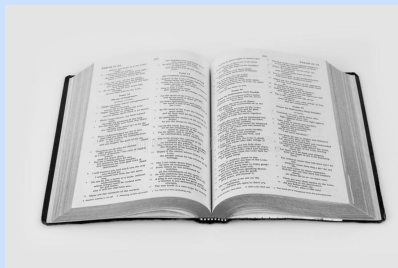
JUNE 22

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8 verse 31

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In June, as we journey on from Pentecost, we dig deeper into some of the individual verses in ROMANS 8 and the wonderful truths behind the words!

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Wed 1st	Morning	THY KINGDOM COME - PSALM 40 – As we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words of HELP.... and then pray to Him
	Midday	pray God's blessing on those on your own prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Thur 2nd	Morning	THY KINGDOM COME - REVELATION 1 vs 9-18. As we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider the theme of ADORE and then pray to Him in adoration!
	Midday	pray for those recently come to faith in Jesus in SE Edinburgh
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Fri 3rd	Morning	THY KINGDOM COME - PSALM 150 As we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words to CELEBRATE.... and then pray to Him in praise!
	Midday	pray with thanks for those celebrating an event in our church family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sat 4th	Morning	THY KINGDOM COME - HABAKKUK 2 verse 1. As we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words for SILENCE.... and then wait with Him in prayer
	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 5th	Morning	PENTECOST Sunday – ACTS chapter 2 – we take time to consider these particular words on this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God, who gives the Spirit
	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 6th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 1 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Leprosy Mission in India
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 7th	Morning	ROMANS 8 v 2 – 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 8th	Morning	ROMANS 8 v 5 – 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 staff of Leprosy Mission in India
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 9th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 7+8 - 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 workshops run by Leprosy Mission in India
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 10th	Morning	ROMANS 8 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 those affected by leprosy in India
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 11th	Morning	ROMANS 8 v 11 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response

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	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 12th	Morning	ROMANS 8 v 14 – we take time to consider these words this. Sunday morning...And then we 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 13th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 15 – 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 board of Leprosy Mission France
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 14th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 17 – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....and then turn 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 15th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 18 – 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 young people of France working with Leprosy Mission in our world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 16th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 19-22 - consider these words today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission at work in Chad
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 17th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 23-25 – 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 those affected by leprosy in Chad
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 18th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 26+27– 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 19th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 28 – 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 these words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 20th	Morning	ROMANS 8 v 29 – 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 Leprosy Mission Australia staff
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 21st	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 30 – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

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	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 31 – 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 Leprosy Mission Australia supporters
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 32 - consider this verse about God sending Jesus and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	Pray God's blessing on research work being done by Leprosy Mission
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 24th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 34 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words about the risen Jesus Christ. And then pray with confidence to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Leprosy Mission Board members
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 25th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 35 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words this morning... and then pray to Him
	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 26th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verse 37 – we take time to consider these words about being 'more than conquerors'.....And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read these words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 27th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verses 38+39 – we take the time to consider these great words today.....And then pray to God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Leprosy Mission at work in Nepal
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 28th	Morning	ROMANS 8 verses 1-17 – as we pause with God today we consider these verses words of truth and then pray 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 29th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 18-30 – 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 training run by Leprosy Mission in Nepal
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 30th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 31-39 - consider this great passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those affected by leprosy in Nepal
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe and trust in as we step into a new month

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Tue 12th Morning	ISAIAH chapter 12 – as we pause with God consider these particular verses 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	ISAIAH chapter 13 – 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 Church in our nation
Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 14th Morning	ISAIAH 14 vs 1+2 - 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 the Church in Europe
Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 15th Morning	ISAIAH chapter 16 – 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 the Church across Africa
Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 16th Morning	ISAIAH chapter 17 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response
Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 17th Morning	ISAIAH 19 vs 16-25 – we take time to consider these words - on this Sunday morning...And then we pray to God in response
Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 18th Morning	ISAIAH 21 vs 1-10 – 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 Church in Asia
Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 19th Morning	ISAIAH 22 vs 1-14 – 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	ISAIAH chapter 24 – 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 Church in South America
Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 21st Morning	ISAIAH 25 vs 1-9 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Church in North America
Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 22nd Morning	ISAIAH 26 vs 1-19 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these verses. And then pray to this God of ours.

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	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Central America
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 23rd	Morning	ISAIAH 26v20-ch.27v13 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words/truths.... and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 24th	Morning	ISAIAH 28 vs 14-29 – take time to consider these words this morning. 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 25th	Morning	ISAIAH 29 vs 9-24 – 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 the our City Council
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 26th	Morning	ISAIAH 30 vs 8-26 – 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	ISAIAH chapter 31 – 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 our national leaders
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 28th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 32 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	Pray God's blessing on world leaders
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 29th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 33 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words from yesteryear. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on refugees and migrants in our community
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 30th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 34 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words.... and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the Prayer for the Month as your own midday prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 31st	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 35 – we take time to consider these words today....And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.

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- Midday We pray God's blessing on women persecuted in Tunisia
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
- Fri 12th Morning ISAIAH 45 vs 1-19 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this God in response
Midday We pray God's blessing on women persecuted in Morocco
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
- Sat 13th Morning ISAIAH 45 v20- ch46 v13 – 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 verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
- Sun 14th Morning ISAIAH 48 vs 1-11 – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning...And then we pray to God in response
Midday pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Evening read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
- Mon 15th Morning ISAIAH 48 vs 17-22 – 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 children and families in Nigeria
Evening read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 16th Morning ISAIAH 49 vs 1-7 – 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 17th Morning ISAIAH 50 vs 4-11 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words spoken here...And then turn to pray to this God
Midday We pray God's blessing on the children and families in Syria
Evening read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 18th Morning ISAIAH chapter 51 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
Midday We pray God's blessing on the children and families in Iraq
Evening read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 19th Morning ISAIAH 52 v13-ch.53 v12 – 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 the children and families in Kenya
Evening read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
- Sat 20th Morning ISAIAH chapter 54 – 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 chapter again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
- Sun 21st Morning ISAIAH chapter 55 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to God in response to what you have read

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Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 22nd Morning	ISAIAH 56 vs 1-8 – 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 the children and families in Sri Lanka
Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 23rd Morning	ISAIAH 57 vs 14-21 – 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 24th Morning	ISAIAH 58 vs 1-12 – 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 children and families in Brunei
Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 25th Morning	ISAIAH 59 vs 1-15 - consider this passage about the people’s sins and then respond in prayer to this God
Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the children and families in Indonesia
Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 26th Morning	ISAIAH chapter 60 – As we pause with God, take the time consider these words of hope for God’s people about Jerusalem. And then pray with confidence to this God of ours.
Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the children and families in Mozambique
Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 27th Morning	ISAIAH chapters 61+62 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words of Good News.... and then pray to Him
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 28th Morning	ISAIAH 63 vs 7-14 – we take time to consider these words today about the LORD’s goodness.... And then pray to this God in response
Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 29th Morning	ISAIAH 63 v15- ch.64 v12 – take time to consider these words to day.....And then pray to Him in response
Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the children and families in China
Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 30th Morning	ISAIAH chapter 65 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular 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 31st Morning	ISAIAH chapter 66 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our family and neighbours
Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God

Senior Citz Club

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



Our club has been growing well but there are still places for new folks. We have a variety of entertainers, plenty of birthday cakes and most importantly plenty of chat!

Normally if you are free on a Thursday afternoon you'd be very welcome but our Club closes for the summer on 2nd June and reopens on 1st September.

Birthdays

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
12	Mary McIntosh	2	Myra Henry	3	Betty Thomson
13	Elsa Sterling	6	Janette Horne	7	Hilda Mcfarlane, 93
17	Brenda Witherspoon	6	Cynthia Murray	9	Margo Scott
21	Ann Barrett, 90	12	Jenni Ryalls, 75	12	Valarie Bunch
21	Mairi Dodds	15	Jean McLachlan	13	Marion Gillespie, 85
21	June Campbell	31	Janet McEwan	19	Margaret Hendry
24	Iris Thomson, 85			21	Amy Mitchell
25	Sue Gunn			24	Sandra Skivington
25	Elizabeth McKenzie			26	Anne Elder, 93

June Entertainers : 2 Closing meeting - entertainer the lovely Rose McBeath, Afternoon Tea

September Entertainers : 1 Opening meeting – entertainer Kirk James and his amazing voice

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The Holy City Jerusalem

On Easter weekend some years ago, my visit was brought about, as mentioned before, through friends who arranged my stay as a guest of a Jewish family in a fine house adjacent to The Street of the Prophets near the old city I was treated as a special Scottish guest. A year later I reciprocated, extending hospitality and accommodation at my Edinburgh house. The family kindly advised me of the customs and conflicts and how to take care of myself in what was now in a different world.

On Good Friday morning I went out entering The Street Of The Prophets. The experience was like going through a Narnia wardrobe where one enters a new dimension, albeit into a very well known, fabled, but different and dangerous world.

It was a year in which the Passover coincided with Easter and the city was full Of Arabs, Jews, Christians and many visitors of every country and faith. TO my surprise heard the familiar sound of bagpipes. yes. Scottish Bagpipes in Jerusalem. I had to search for the source. Having passed packs of beggars and traders near the Damascus gate, I eventually found a large contingent of Boy Scouts led by a pipe band in a festive parade what a welcome to The Holy City.

I was fortunate in having stories and recollections from my father's experiences of War I, during which he served in The Royal Scottish Horse in Gallipoli and afterwards with The Royal Mounted Police. Dad had the experience of being with General Allenby's main troop movement from Alexandria, through Sinai, Beersheba and eventually to Jerusalem. Once I was through the gate and city walls, recollections of Dad's tales, of warmings and advice, came to the fore I entered a labyrinth of narrow lanes and arcades filled with the smell of spices. I joined the throng. mixed with the crowds, the noise of metalworkers and the shouting of vendors. I wandered through some Of the lanes looking at and being urged to buy all sorts of tourist goods. Eventually I found a narrow road leading uphill. I had entered the Ma Dolorosa. the route that Jesus had to travel to his crucifixion This road is said to encompass all the Stations of the Cross, each one representing an event in the sad journey. Guides dressed in Monkish robes and shouldering symbolic crosses were followed by many groups of pilgrims as they travel the narrow path, driven on by their faith.

There was obvious enthusiasm, many visitors tears, but it all appeared, to me, like a charade or very bad stage play. However, I followed along and joined a group going into The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, passed women kneeling and kissing a footprint in a rock. priests swinging incense burners, alters with candles flickering. Overall a strange type of market or carnival atmosphere prevailed. All this was alien to me, having served my churching in a refined, calm, reverent manner It was startling and disquieting. One could not, however, but be impressed by the religious zeal, sorrow, tears and absolute belief that I witnessed although I could only observe and not participate. My visit concluded with a quick glance through the throng the tomb of the Holy Sepulchre in which the body Of Jesus was allegedly laid. Once again I was less than convinced although. again, moved by the effect of the sacred site on the visitors. I declined the opportunity to visit the site with the blackened mummified hand of Mary Now I have a firm belief in the Crucifixion story and the books of the New Testament as the basis of my religion, but my experience in the city did not touch my heart or soul. By a great stroke of good fortune an up-to-date font Of knowledge was my host, Miriam, a very pleasant lady from a prominent Jewish family long established in the Holy Land. Her well before The Balfour Declaration, before family had lived in Jerusalem for decades. Well before the Balfour Declaration, before the First World War and back to a calmer time when all faiths in the area acknowledged and, to a degree, re-

spected each other, Miriam and her family told me many things and explained to me what was before, what is now and where the problems lie. I would advise anyone interested to read the book "Jerusalem. The Biography" by Simon Seabag Montefiore which gives a comprehensive history of the City from 3000 B.C. to the 21 century.

That evening we relaxed and discussed the first century A.D. It seems that the city was fought over by various factions, Idumeans stormed the Temple which "overflowed with blood", Galileans and other groups destroyed law and order The Romans could not allow this and the Emperor Vespasian dispatched his son, Titus with 60,000 men and other fighting support to take the city Titus destroyed the city and left •barren mounds of rock and utter desolation". It was rebuilt over the following centuries was not until 325 A.D. that the Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and the holy sites were re-established by his mother, the Empress Helena. using whatever available archaeologists, she could find This made me think again of the pilgrims and the endless processing through unconfirmed routes to a possible Holy Sepulchre.

The Garden Tomb

The evening concluded With the giving of a friendly Olive leaf of information, this was the mention Of the Garden Tomb, discovered by more recent archaeologists.

The next morning I sought more information. It seems that a movement started in the mid-nineteenth century when a group of American and Swedish Evangelists focused on a green hill outside the city walls, on which they believed the Crucifixion took place General Gordon was administrator at that time and he gave permission for a group of archaeologists to investigate. They found a tomb carved out of solid rock, With a channel carved outside in which a great stone was rolled to sea' the entrance The strange thing is that the tomb was empty, Research showed that it was designed for two bodies and was a Second Sanhedrin tomb New-Testament writings tell us that Joseph of Armathea, a member of the Second Sanhedrin. carried the body of Jesus to his own family tomb.

For the first time I felt a sense of reality and reverence. On entering I noticed the sign of a fish carved on the wall and a small, raised area to accommodate two bodies. After leaving I then stood outside and let the complete atmosphere of calm wash over me. This area is now regarded by many Protestants as the place where Jesus was laid and nose from the dead. I can understand Why the garden area has several chapels and, as I moved on to pass one, I heard singing and was invited in to participate. I joined a group of Southern Baptists and felt a warmth of fellowship and faith at last. Then I remembered what is on the wall of our church, "Where two or more are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst". I found the whole trip interesting and enlightening and considered myself fortunate for the hospitality received, friendship extended and the privilege of having such an experience

Dennis Seatter



God's Amazing Grace in My Life' ...

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time for everything . It is often only in looking back on life , as he did, that this becomes increasingly evident. Psalm 31:15 also reminds me that my times are in His hands. I was born , brought up and lived in the Edinburgh /

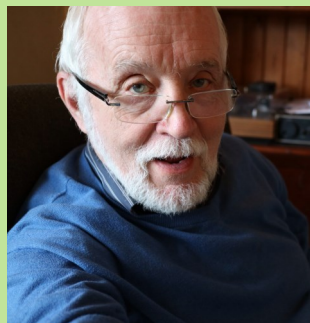
Midlothian area all my life apart from going to Aberdeen University to study biology. I attended local schools and taught in two of them. I have not travelled a great deal. In fact I had never flown in a plane until I was 50. I have been married for 45 years. God has graciously blessed us with a son

and two grandchildren. I have been retired now for 13 years but the times are just as busy as when I was working . Many things have changed over the years but some things have remained constant . I have been at Ferniehill Evangelical Church for over 65 years and have had the fellowship with my

Christian brothers and sisters all that time. Throughout my life I have daily encountered God's grace in teaching me to be more like Jesus. God has sometimes miraculously inter-vened in my

life and has protected me times without number often from doing things that would hinder my spiritual journey. Every day is another day learning what Matthew 11: 29-30 in the

Message calls "the unforced rhythms of grace". My life has in many ways been very ordinary but I have trusted an extraordinary God over the years.



Drew Macrae

Prayer for July

O God of Good News, Thank you

O God of Good News, Help us

O God of Good News, Hear us

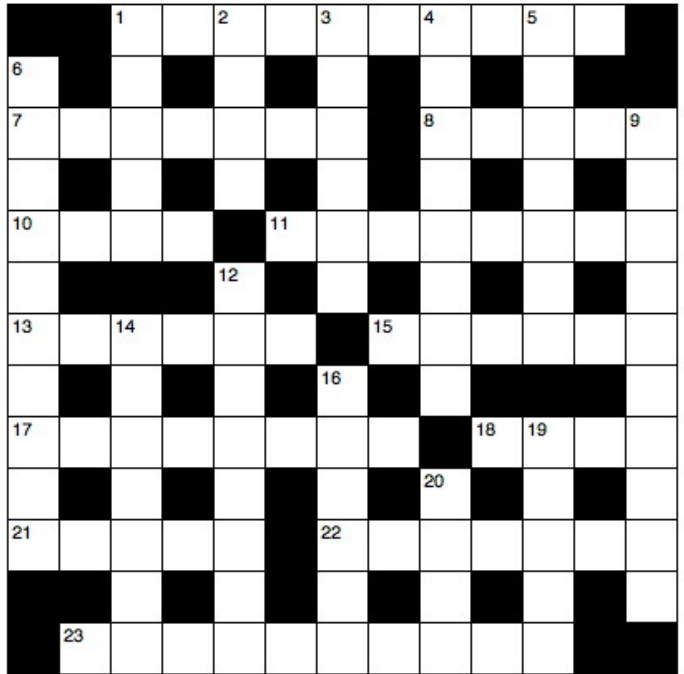
O God of Good News, Use us

In Jesus' name, This is our prayer
Together, Amen

Crossword

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8) (8)
 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods



- when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man,his days are like— ,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

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Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4) 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8) 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!(Revelation19:7)(4)

What do we actually do to help the planet survive?

As an eco-congregation we are committed to doing the best we can do, not only as a church but also as an individual. It just requires a bit of thought. We have been looking at the potential for the grounds of the kirk and how they could be managed better. We do not own the graveyard or the approach to the kirk but we are responsible for the ground around the halls. Much of what we are looking at can be incorporated into your own garden.

It is a difficult concept for keen gardeners not to remove every weed we see. A weed is a plant and it is only humans who decide to label it a weed - although I still struggle to find a reason for invasive ground elder! The answer so often is compromise. By all means weed the flower borders but can we leave even a tiny area to let nettles and dandelions grow to give food to insects etc? Every one of God's creatures has a purpose.

Please do not use weedkiller with glyphosate. It kills insects. Salt or boiling water will kill off any weeds in a path or between cracks in the paving. No plastic bottles involved. Just catch them early before they become thugs. I have just bought an electric weed killer. Hope it stretches to the kerbside!

If you buy compost make sure it states peat free. Scotland and Ireland have vast areas of peatlands which are hugely responsible for capturing the carbon we emit constantly. We did not previously know how important they were but we do now!. Leave them alone.

When planting, think about single blooms not the showy double versions. Bees cannot get nectar from double flowers and bees are absolutely essential for pollinating our food crops. At last people are realising the value of hedgerows too and not just fences and walls.

In the back garden of the church we are planting fruit trees. Early blossom gives food to the insects and autumn gives fruit for us. When is the best time to plant a tree? Answer =10 years ago. Didn't do that but we can now. Not everyone can plant a tree, but you can give a donation to any of the national tree planting organisations. NatureScot can advise and give grants for what they call a 'wee forest' - suitable native trees to fill an area the size of a tennis court. Liberton park, vastly underused, would be a prime site if anyone is interested in taking this forward.

Yogurt cartons make great plant pots and reuse what could be a single plastic use. Plants at garden centres have shot up in price. Could we have a plant stall or plant exchange? Anyone interested? Local is always better than importing. We would like to make the gardens more accessible to those who no longer have a garden but like to potter. Does anyone have a lidded suitable garden chest so that we could gather hand tools which could be kept in a covered but unlocked chest for availability when the urge is there to be creative. Currently some of the Artisan group care for the garden but more help is needed.

Gardening is one of the best aids to mental health and contributes so much to the environment.

dorothymorrison@talktalk.net as contact for more information.

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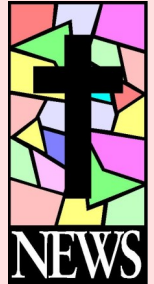
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- 12th June** Mrs Helen Colley, 5, Larkfield Road, Eskbank, in memory of Kate Ross, my mother, of Ravenscroft
- 19th June** Free
- 26th June** Mrs Christine Johnston, 17 Mortonhall Park, in memory of Bill & Mary Davie
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Congregational News

I am sorry to record the deaths of Mr Alan Horn on 15th April, and Mrs Shirley Campbell on 28th April. Also the death of Mr Douglas Crocket Towards the end of 2021 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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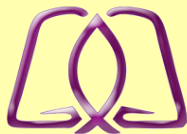
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Actual meetings in leader's houses are currently suspended, however some groups are continuing, 'meeting' using ZOOM. Contact the group leader for information, if you are interested in any particular link group