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Creator God, you made the earth and all that is in it. Forgive us

'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



Creator God, you made the earth and all that is in it. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us. Transform our hearts and minds so we learn to care and share. And we pray for that day when everyone has all they need.

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# Prayer for September

O God of Israel, O God of Good News, Our God

How great are your riches! How deep is your wisdom!

How marvellous are your ways!

O God of Israel, O God of Good News, Our God

How much we do not know, How much we do not understand How much we need to trust you

O God of Israel, O God of Good News, Our God

In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen

Amen and Amen

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## "Help!"

Let's be frank – these last few months have been quite scary. We've done our best to distract ourselves with holidays and ice cream, but underneath it all things seem to have been getting worse. It's like we are being hit with a quadruple whammy - the cumulative effects of the covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the cost of living crisis and climate change. As a result, the forecasts for this coming year have been a bit on the gloomy side, to put it mildly.

If you are feeling a bit on the gloomy side today, here are a couple of thoughts that might help.

**Firstly**, this has happened before. I can remember living through the early eighties, when the arms race was escalating, inflation was soaring at over 20%, and the ITN 'News at 10' always ended with an unemployment register – how many jobs had been created compared with how many more had been lost by redundancies and closures. Yes, it was tough, but people managed to change, and readjust, and make sacrifices, and simply get on with life until things got better.

Secondly, I know that whatever the future holds for us, we will not have to face it alone. As a follower of Jesus I am aware that he did not promise that our life would always be easy, but he did promise that he would always be with us. He has also promised to help us make this world a better place for the generations to come.

Here, at Liberton Kirk, we tend to think of ourselves as a bunch of fellow

travellers, journeying into the future with Jesus by our side. We do our best to look after each other, and to serve the people of our community as best we can, (especially through the options and activities available at our Kirk Centre). And we also enjoy meeting up regularly in the Kirk on a Sunday for a bit of rest and recovery in the presence of the God who loves us - a time to talk about the week that's past and plan for the week to come.

Just this last week some one asked me what you needed to do to come to our Sunday services. Simple – you just need to turn up! In the meantime, here are some ancient words of wisdom...

"I lift my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121)* 

Much love

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



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# God's Amazing Presence in our Lives

Since I was a little girl I have been associated with church – one of my earliest memories is of being the Virgin Mary in our Nativity play at St Paul's Church in Aberdeen.

I grew up, went through school and teacher training, always aware that God's presence was near. I became a Sunday School teacher in my church as well as a teacher in a local school

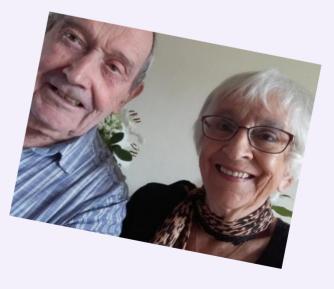
Bill and I met at the home of mutual friends and eventually married and started our life together in Edinburgh. It comes as a shock to me to realise that this was sixty years ago!

We joined Liberton Kirk where Margot became a regular attender and a Sunday School helper while I played golf on a Sunday! One of our real desires was to have a family and after the help of a surgeon and after a lot of prayer we were blessed with the birth of our son, Chris, who with his wife, Margaret, is still a regular attender

It took another five years before our prayers were answered for a second time when we were presented with a second son, David. We made a decision then that Church would be a whole-family occupation for us.

Thus it became so, and it seems strange that because of the pandemic we have not been to church as a family for the past two years. It is fortunate that our church was able to successfully make live services available through Zoom and at present the two of us on a Sunday morning settle at a computer screen and join in – nearly as good as being there!

#### Margot and Bill Brandie



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# Guild News for September

The Guild's motto, which is taken from Acts 27 verse 23 is *"Whose we are and Whom we serve."* The Guild at Liberton Kirk begins in October and finishes at the end of March. We meet at 7.30pm on the first and third Mondays of the

month in the Kirk Centre, apart from January when there is only one meeting. There will also be two afternoon meetings, one in December and one in March, as well as the evening meetings in both these months. Each meeting usually has a speaker, followed by a time to socialise over a cup of tea or coffee. We hold two coffee mornings during each session to raise money for the Guild Projects that we have chosen to support, and we enjoy an Afternoon Tea outing in April. Our new syllabus is based on the National Guild Strategy for this session "*Look Forward in Faith*", with this session's theme being "*Wee seeds, big trees.*" You can uplift a copy of the Guild syllabus from the shelf just inside the entrance to the Kirk Centre or the Church. Guild information can also be found on the church's website <u>www.libertonkirk.net/guild</u> on the church and Kirk Centre noticeboards, and in the monthly church magazine.

#### **Historical Walks**

On Saturday 10 and Saturday 24 September at 10.15 am we are organising two short Historical Walks round Liberton led by Ruth Davies (following different routes). We will meet in the Kirk Centre between 10 and 10.15 am and will return there for coffee after the walks about 11.30 am. All welcome!

#### **New Guild Session**

On **Monday 3 October** at 7.00 pm our first Guild Meeting of the Session takes the form of a Dedication Service by Rev John Young in Liberton Kirk, followed by tea and coffee in the Anderson Hall opposite.

On **Monday 17 October** at 7.30 pm in Liberton Kirk Centre is our Edinburgh Cinema Memories Part 2 evening by Keith Walker. More details will be in the October magazine. The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery, and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild this session. There is a charge of  $\pounds$ 3 per meeting.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

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<u>Thursday_1st</u> Sunday 4th	9.30am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 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 Club)
Manday 5th	Theme: 5 Marks of Mission II – a discipling church Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm <b>Café Church in the Kirk Centre</b> 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Monday 5th Tuesday 6th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm History Resource Group meeting (zoom)
Wed'day 7th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for praise in the Kirk
Thursday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 10th	_Messy in the Park at the Inch Park
Sunday 11th	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 Club)
	Theme: 5 Marks of Mission III – a serving church
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	12.30pm Prayer Team Lunch in the Kirk Centre
	3.00pm Special Communion in the Anderson Hall
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 13th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
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Wed'day 14th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
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Thursday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 18th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
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	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche &
	Sunday Club)
	Theme: 5 Marks of Mission IV – a passionate church
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	2.30pm SEECAT AGM at Liberton Kirk Centre
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
<b>T</b> I 22''	7.30pm Book group – 'The Outsider'
Tuesday 20th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.15-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Wed'day 21st	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Gathering for praise in the Kirk 7.30pm Personnel Team meets in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 25th	HARVEST THANKSGIVING
	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 Club)
	Theme: 5 Marks of Mission V – an Eco-church
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	7.00pm Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub
Monday 26th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	(7.00pm for) 7.30pm Kirk Session in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 27th	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 in the church
Wed'day 28th	9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 29th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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 Saturday 1st
 Young Life Walk of life

 Sunday 2nd
 COMMUNION SUNDAY

 8.00am
 Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

 9.30am
 Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk

 & 11am
 Family Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom

 (with Creche & Sunday Club)
 Theme: The early Christians (Acts 15)

 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

# Choir for Lessons & Carols Service

Would you like to sing in a four-part choir for the Lessons and Carols Service on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December? There will be six weekly rehearsals in the Wilson Hall in the Kirk Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm starting on 15<sup>st</sup> November. If you are used to part-singing and



reading music that will help, but anyone who wants to sing and is prepared to learn will be welcome.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

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# Pre-school Children and Families

It's the start of a new school year so we are back to our usual antics in the Preschool and Families world:

Pram Praise is back on the **2<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of each month.

Our Toddler Group restarts at the beginning of September; however, we do have a waiting list so please email to see if we have spaces before you come along.

Messy Church is back on the **last Saturday** of each month: 4-6pm, and don't forget Messy in the Park on  $10^{\circ}$  September.

*What is Messy in the Park?* Messy in the Park is an event organised by The BIG Idea churches in our area. The local Messy Church churches get together to hold one *big* Messy Church in a local outdoor space. This year we are in the Inch Park.

Our Sunday Club runs along side the 11am service on a Sunday Morning and return at the start of September. Kids aged 3 - S6 are welcome to come along, do some activities and get to learn about and develop their faith alongside a team of volunteers.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please email: <u>laura@libertonkirk.net</u>.



# **Pram Praise!** For under-threes and their

carers – just 20 minutes!

Songs, Bible story, simple crafts, prayer, shakers, noise and fun!

Wednesday 14th Sept, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am in the Small Hall





(Children 0-P7)

Games! Crafts! Story! Songs! Food! Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Aug, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov in the Kirk Centre, 4pm to 6pm

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# Bethany Christian Fellowship

#### Care Van



Liberton Kirk are part of a group of churches who support the Bethany Care Van. The Care Van goes out every

night of the year apart from Hogmanay, it is manned by volunteers from the various churches. The Care Van provides soup, hot drinks, rolls, biscuits and fruit and sometimes sandwiches to the homeless in the city. Clothes if available are also given out.

The team from Liberton Kirk go out on the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month. The team consists of 3-4 people, this includes the driver. Training is given "on the job". The team go out 9pm approximately and are usually home by 11:30pm.

The rota is done 3 months at a time and usually everyone is on approximately 3-4 times a year.

**NB** We are now able to receive new underwear, socks. Warm clothing sleeping bags etc. Please leave in Offering house after contacting Eleanor so they can be collected. Thank you.

#### Night Shelter

Bethany Night Shelter runs every night from  $5^{\text{th}}$  October'22 -  $30^{\text{th}}$  April.'23 The team consists of staff from Bethany plus volunteers from the various churches who support the Night Shelter.

The people who use the Shelter are normally homeless and enjoy having the chance of a warm place to sleep with a roof over their heads and a home cooked 2 course meal. The Night Shelter is based at the Welcome Hub at Haymarket so is easy to reach for everyone.

Liberton Kirk arrange a team to cook a meal in the Kirk kitchen and then transport the meal in insulated boxes, provided by Bethany,to the Welcome Hub for the clients to enjoy. Liberton Kirk will be providing a meal for 2 evenings during the period , October '22-April'23

If you are interested in learning more or would like to be part of the teams for the Care Van or the Night Shelter please contact.

**Eleanor Grieve**, Convener Care Team, <u>Ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk</u> or 01314666848 and leave a message. (I do not receive email messages from gmail acaccounts for some reason, please phone and leave message, Eleanor)

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# Bluthswood Shoe Boxes 2022

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, and the preparation of the shoe boxes. We are confident that, as in previous vears, we will have a great response from everyone. Each person who receives a box filled with gifts feels very special, and knows that someone filled it with gifts (including

a hat and scarf, toothpaste and toothbrush, a small toy and some soap) which bring sunshine, laughter and colour into the children's lives.

The shoe boxes will be given to families who have to make a choice between buying either food or fuel at Christmas, and where buying presents is not the greatest priority. A lot of these families live in houses with no running water, electricity or heating, and have to live in one or two rooms.

Leaflets that have to accompany the shoe boxes will be at both church wel-

come desks, and in the halls. There will also be a box in the halls for any spare wool you may have, and patterns for the hats and toys. These leaflets will give suggestions of what to put in the boxes as well vou as all instructions. There will also be a box in the halls foyer for any donations which you might like to give. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you

have empty shoe boxes that you can contribute these

would also be very welcome.

# South East Edinburgh Churches

In this area we have four Church of Scotland churches, three Roman Catholic and one Scottish Episcopal, which all meet and worship and witness together under the banner of SEECAT. Have a look at their website

www.seecat.org to see what goes on. One of the benefits of our activities is that we get to know each other better and realise that we are all following the same Saviour and working towards his Kingdom, and in some cases we can do this together. We have people from the Roman Catholic churches volunteering in our café, and Christian churches of different denominations working together in children's and youth work. You can pick up a copy of the latest newsletter *Crosstalk* from the Offering House at the Kirkvard gates or from the Liberton Kirk Centre Entrance (or read it on the website) to find out the latest news. Our programme of joint events in 2022/23 will be available later in the year (in print and on the website). If you would like any more information please contact one of US.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608, or Fiona Devoy, tel. 666 1004

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Thank you, Veronica Craig





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# World Mission Team,

#### Christian Aid Week, 2022

#### This year Christian Aid Week was from 15 to 21 May.

This is a note of thanks to all who took part in our Christian Aid efforts this year - all those involved in arranging  $% \left( {{\left( {{{{\bf{n}}_{{\rm{c}}}}} \right)}_{{\rm{c}}}} \right)$ 

and supporting the BIG BREKKIE, the distributors of envelopes, donors and publicisers. It is pleasing to be able to report that the efforts this year produced the following results:

 £ 803
 £2,490
£3,293

In addition, Cift Aid Certificates were provided, which will enable Christian Aid to recover from HMRC the sum of  $$\pm$.490$ 

As last year, we were apprehensive that the use of "return" envelopes, taking the place of the old "house-to-house" collection, might result in significantly lower donations. In fact this did not prove to be the case, and the results bear favourable comparison with the year in which the last house-to-house collection was held.

We seek your continued prayers and interest in the work of Christian Aid  $\ ....$  and look forward to the event in 2023 !

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

#### HIV/Aids

For the first time in three years, due to Covid, 'Souper Sunday' was held, at the end of June. This congregational lunch of bread and a simple bowl of soup (spicy chicken and lentil being the options this year) raised £400 towards the Church of Scotland's HIV/Aids project.



#### Kenya

The parents of our World Mission Team member, Nelson, took management of



the £200 donated from our funds, to help 18 elderly women in Rutune village in Embu, Kenya. These ladies, most of whom are in their late 80's, received a package with maize meal, rice, cooking oil and salt. This will last them 2-3 weeks and will make a difference, for a short while, in the daily worries of where their next meal will come from.



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#### **Edinburgh City Mission**

The World Mission team, through Edinburgh City Mission's Weekend Club, will host an away day to Dalkeith Country Park in August. This will give local refugee families a chance to have some fun in the adventure play park and on 'Go Ape' and enjoy a picnic and conversation together. We just hope the sun will shine.

We hope to extend our fund-raising opportunities in the next year, to increase our financial support to our partners, but this year's disbursements, in June allowed us to donate  $\pounds200$  to the Waldensian church in Rome,  $\pounds250$  to African Inland Mission in Uganda and  $\pounds100$  to an orphanage project in Laos.

Please email <u>roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk</u>, if you are interested in our work.

#### Roslyn Wilson

# In The Kirkyard

There is usually something to look at if you are walking round or through our peaceful Kirkyard! Sometimes a passage from the Bible, exploring what it says to us today. Sometimes information about one particular part of Liberton Kirk life, such as our World Mission activities or our work with young people. The Offering House (the small



building just inside the main gate) is open during the opening hours of the Kirkyard (8am to 5pm, with an extension to 8pm in July and August). In there you will find displays to look at, spaces and boxes for collections for the Food Bank, Fresh Start, and bottle tops, some information about the history of the place, and various leaflets, including the current church magazine, to take away if you wish.

You are welcome to explore this lovely outdoor space, and to rest a while on any of the benches.

## Scottish Country Dancing Class

After a break of two years due to Covid we are delighted that our Scottish Country Dancing class will resume on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. The class meets every Tuesday evening in the Anderson Hall from 8.00 p.m. – 9.45 p.m. The classes run from the beginning of October until the end of March. We learn some new dances but we also enjoy some of the old favourites.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced – the class is very informal and we all help one another. The most important thing is that we enjoy ourselves, while giving our bodies (and our brains!) a bit of a workout.

If you wish any further information please contact **Mary Davidson** on 664 6789 or email: marydavidson77@hotmail.com

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**Bereavement & Loss Support Group: Hope in difficult times** 



# Journeying together in a safe space

Meeting on Thursdays at 7.30 - 9.00pm from 8<sup>th</sup> September, for six weeks in The Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, EH16, 6RY

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

# Harvest Thanksgiving



On the last Sunday in September (25  $^{\rm o})$  we will be giving thanks for our plentiful food and drink, and there are two op-

portunities for us to give to others who don't have as much as we do. Dried and tinned foods can be brought to church on Harvest Sunday, or left in the boxes in the Offering House during the previous week. These will be distributed to those in need through local charities. Donations can be brought to the 9.30am and 11.00am services on the 25th or left in the Kirk Centre foyer from Monday 19th -Thursday 22nd September, 8am - 2pm prior to the service on the Sunday.

Alternatively (or as well as this) we can support Self Help Africa, a charity which works with local people in several African countries to enable them to produce enough food to feed themselves, earn a living and support their families. Have a look at their website <u>www.selfhelpafrica.org</u> for more details. They provide drought-tolerant seeds, training in farming methods and diversification, and help and advice on storage of crops. Their work is crucial at a time when there is widespread drought and threat of famine, and when the war in Ukraine is badly affecting supplies of grain, fuel and fertiliser. You can give in one of two ways (and please Cift Aid your donation if you are able): on their website, under "Support Us", then "Harvest Appeal 2022", and there is a space for the name of the church, or in a donation envelope obtainable from mid-September from the welcome desks in church, and from the Kirk Centre Entrance or the Offering House, returnable either to the church on Sunday mornings, or to the church office. Please make your donation by mid October. **Ruth Davies**, tel. 664 3608

# News from Emily

What a busy Summer we have had! 5 weeks of different camps and each one of them filled with children and teenagers learning about God. The Lord is good, and he is moving in our church, in our area and in our young people.

Despite Covid cases and potential housing catastrophes the Lord was at work in our area this year during Stage and Slam. It was so great to have members of Maclean Parish Church back serving alongside our leaders and pouring into our local young people. The impact



that these teenagers have on our young people is immeasurable as they live out their faith and show what a life with Jesus looks like to teenagers their own age. It is such a blessing to see the friendships and bonds that form when God is at work.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Laura Skinner, Brad Laing, Linda Wright, Derek Jardine, David Collie and Andy Chittick for all the time, support and effort each of you put into our Service Week this year. We had 14 teenagers take time out of their summer holidays to come to the kirk and serve the Lord. Whether it was gardening, cooking and delivering lunches, painting the Wilson hall, litter picking; each of our young people made the choice to act out the faith they have by loving and serving the community and one another. We spend so much time convincing our teenagers of the importance of getting involved in church life and Service Week is a great opportunity to come alongside them and help them



find where they can continue to give back.

Liberton Kirk has also helped fund and send teenagers out to Young Life and Wyld Life camp at Cairn Brae this summer. After the success of the pizza fundraiser, car wash and other fundraising, we managed to help pay for 6 teenagers to go to Young Life camp and 26 teenagers to go to Wyld Life camp. This was our first summer back to Cairn Brae since the pandemic started and it was one of our most successful trips. A mix of both Christian and non-Christian teenagers spent a week together laughing, rejoicing, praying and learning about the love Jesus has for them. Summer Buzz TV! What a joy it was to be able to run Sum-

mer Buzz in full swing this summer as we looked at the story of Daniel with primary school aged kids from across Edinburgh and even out to Livingston! We had over 40 children come and join us throughout the week and as we got to know their parents several of them enquired about Sunday mornings. A special thank you to Helen Shepherd for all the work and energy she put into leading the week alongside me and to Olaf Van Dijke for making our amazing videos throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who volunteered throughout the week and helped God make a difference in the lives of those children and their families.

It is such a blessing and an honour to get to do this for a living.

Emily Kerrigan.

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# Special Communion

Special Communion is a short Communion Service which takes place 3 times a year in the Anderson Hall at 3pm. This service is for anyone in the parish or anyone you know of who is unable to attend the normal Communion Service which takes place in the church due to mobility or any other health issues. Transport can be arranged to pick up and return the person home. Whoever brings the person is also welcome to stay.

The afternoon consists of a short service , which includes 2 hymns, 1 reading, a singer, and Communion. Tea /coffee and biscuits/cakes are then served and everyone has a chance to have a chat and enjoy fellowship.



John, the minister, always says how it is one of his favourite services.

If you are interested in attending or know of someone who might be please contact Rev John Young, Linda Wright, or myself (Eleanor). Our contact details are below

Dates for Special Communion are	Sunday 1	1th September 2022	at 3pm
	Sunday	19th February 2023	at 3pm
	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	at 3pm

Rev John Young	JYoung@churchof Scotland.org.uk	0131 664-3067
Linda Wright	lscwright@hotmail.com	07850411596

Convener Care Team Eleanor Crieve <u>Ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk</u> 0131-4666484

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#### Special Communion Transport

We are also needing people to help with transport. If you feel you could help with this please contact myself. It would be 3 times a year and maybe not even that if we have enough people volunteering. Thank you.

# Home Communion

Home Communion is also available for anyone who is unable to attend church for whatever reason. If you or anyone you know would like this service please contact Rev John Young or Linda Wright (contact details see page 16)



# **Messy in the Park**

# Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-5pm Inch Park beside the play area

# Crafts and Games, Bouncy Castle, Music, Food

The event is run by local Big Idea Churches South East Edinburgh

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# Memorial Service - Advance Notice

On the second Wednesday evening in December, the 14<sup>th</sup>, in the run-up to Christmas, we will hold our annual Memorial Service. This service gives people who have been recently bereaved a chance to remember their loved

ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed. Some people who lost loved ones some time ago also find Christmas difficult because of the memories it brings back, and this service gives them an opportunity to take a little time to remember and to light a candle. Anyone is welcome to come along and support by their presence those who are grieving. The service will be at 7pm in the Kirk on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and will be adver-

# Milk Bottle Tops

Thank you to everyone who collects milk bottle tops and puts them in to the box in the Offering House. The box is in the back right hand corner next to the box for donations to the food bank. There is a notice on the box reminding everyone that the only lids that are acceptable are the ones that have a 4 on the inside of the lid.

I have enclosed an update for your information as I know a lot of people have been asking what happens to the tops.

Guilds throughout Scotland collect their washed milk tops with any foil removed in all colours in aid of palliative care. Y w. It is all done in an eco-friendly way and is such an easy way to save the landfill and help others. We can **only** deal with milk tops, no others are acceptable.

Since we started in 2016 to fund the accessories (tv, tea and coffee machines, library and occasional chairs and furniture for a room for families to stay with long stay patients etc) for the extension to the Borders General Hospital Oncology Unit - now known as the Margaret Kerr Unit - we have raised  $\pounds$ 7,750 for Marie Curie, Macmillan Nurses and the Lavender Trust to aid all aspects of palliative care. The tops are made into tiny balls by a nearby polymer factory and then go on to make fibre optic cable covers such as those used with televisions, telephones, computers, submarine periscopes and even may provide the death of potholes if the composition of a recent runway laid at Glasgow airport with Marshalls Asphalt proves successful.

If any one would be interested in helping with taking the filled bags of bottle tops to the central collecting point, usually once every 4-6 weeks, please get in touch on the number below for more information.

Thank you again, Eleanor Grieve, 0131-466-6484





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# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Look, I place in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall. But whoever believes in him will not be disappointed. Romans 9 verse 33

During 2022 we will be looking daily at the theme of GOOD NEWS as we journey with Paul through his letter to the ROMANS - and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In September, as we move on from summer, we look at the truths behind the words of CHAPTERS 9-12

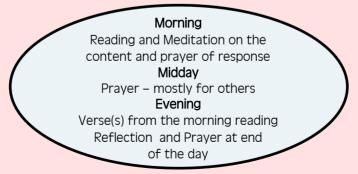
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to listen for God's response as we jour-'rhythm of devotion'

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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 SEPTEMBER 22

Thur 1st	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 1-5 - consider this passage about the People of God and then respond in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Care Van in our city
	, Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 2nd	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 6-13 - consider this passage about the promises of God and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Street Pastors in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Sat 3rd	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 14-18 – as we pause today we take time over these particular words. 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 4th	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 19-26 – take time to consider these particular words
5011 401	Worring	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 againreflect and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 5th	Morning	ROMANS 9 vs 27-29 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning about our God. And then pray in
		response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Guild committee members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectthen pray to our God in response
Tue 6th	Morning	ROMANS 9 v30-ch.10 v4 – as we pause with God consider
		these particular words of prayer today. And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock –
		hear!
Mad 7th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.
wed /th	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 5-13 – 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 those who lead us in Sunday worship
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 8th	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 14-17 - consider these words written here about the
		God of Good News we believe and trust in. And then pause to pray
		to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Senior Citizens Club
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said herethen pray to our God
Fri 9th	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 18-21 – 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 10th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs $1-6$ – as we pause with Jesus this morning, Take
	Midday	time to consider these truths and then pray to Him in response pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Midday Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you
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# What's on in 2022/23 at Liberton Kirk

#### Scottish Charity No. 011602 www.libertonkirk.net

Any updates and changes are advertised on the website, social media and notice boards.

# Sunday Morning Worship 9.30am and 11am

Everybody is most welcome at both services. The first service is a short traditional service and the second is contemporary family worship with programmes for the children. The second service is also on Zoom—for access details contact Gary on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net (There is one joint service at 10.30am in July/August and at Christmas)

# **Children and Young People**

Children are an important part of our church from when they are born, and parents with children are welcome in church for the services. Details of the usual programmes for crèche, children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside. We have a Youth and Children's Worker and a Pre-School Children and Families Worker. For more information e-mail youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net

# Sunday Evening Worship at 6.30pm

Sunday evening worship is informal, and provides an opportunity to go deeper into the Christian faith, exploring topics more fully. It is held in the Kirk Centre and refreshments are available from 6.30pm. On the last Sunday of the month we join with other local churches for Prayer and Worship in the Hub, Ravenscroft Street, at 7pm.

*Minister* JOHN YOUNG, 7 KIRK PARK, Tel. 664 3067 JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk .

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# A Typical Week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

**Abbreviations** AH - Anderson Hall; EP - Ewen Pavilion; ER - Elders' Room in the Church; F- Foyer; McD - McDonald Room; RH - Recreation Hall; SH - Small Hall; WH - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

#### SUNDAY

09-30 to 10-15	Morning Service
10-20 to 10-50	Prayer Group (except July and August) (ER)
10-00 to 10-20	Prayer Group (July & August only) (ER)
11-00 to 12-15	Morning Service (except July and August)
10-30 to 11-30	Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club (July
	& August Only)
10-45 to 12-15	Crèche, up to age 3 (EP)
10-45 to 12-15	Sunday Clubs (Various Halls)
18.30 to 20-00	Café Church in the Kirk Centre 18.30 for Chat, Barista
	Coffee / Tea and treats for 19:00 start.

#### MONDAY

09-00 to 12-30	Art Group (RH)
09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00	Ladies Badminton (RH)
18-00 to 21-00	Young Life Club (Hall varies)
19-30 to 22-00	Guild (See Guild Leaflet for exact dates) (AH)

#### TUESDAY

07-30 to 19-30	'Upper Room' Prayer Space (WH)
09-00 to 14-00 a	and 17-00 to 20-00 Kirkgate Café (F) closes at 14.00 during
	school holidays.
17-15 to 18-15	93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
18-30 to 20-00	93rd Brownie Pack (AH)
18-30 to 20-00	93rd A Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 21-30	Boys Brigade (RH)

20-15 to 21-45 Scottish Country Dance Group - Oct to March (AH)

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#### **WEDNESDAY**

07.00-19.30 Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe 09-00 to 14-00 and 18-00-20-00 Kirkgate Café (F) closes at 14.00 during school holidavs Toddlers (RH) 10-00 to 12-00 Pram Praise (once a month) (SH) 11-00 to 11-30 18-30 to 19-45 93rd C Brownies (SH) 18-00 to 19-10 162nd Beavers (AH) 18-30 to 20-00 162nd Cub Scouts (RH) 19-30 to 21-00 93rd A Guides (AH) 19.30 to 21.00 Gathering for Praise (alternate weeks) (Church) 20-00 to 21-30 THRIVE (WH) if you're interested contact Andrea Wilson andrea.doeschl@gmail.com or mobile 07910471174

#### THURSDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00	Senior Citizens Club (AH)
19-00 to 20-30	93rd Guides (AH)
19-30 to 21-00	162nd Scouts (RH)

#### FRIDAY

10-15 to 12-00 Friday Fellowship Link Group (WH)

#### SATURDAY

Guild events including Coffee Mornings (see Guild leaflet for further info)

16.00 - 18.00Messy Church (last Saturday in month - except June, July & December) all halls

#### Other regular users

- Nicky Pender, Pilates ٠
- The Drama Studio ٠
- Rhona, Exercise for Seniors ٠
- MacMillan Cancer Support ٠
- ٠ Inna Fitness - Zumba / Pilates
- ٠ Jo Jingles

- **Gilmerton Singers** ٠
- Redwoods
- **Community Integrated Care** ٠
- Parkinsons ٠
- Welsh Toddler Group ٠
- **Group Local Nurseries**

For further information contact Church Office on 0131 664 8264 or Edna, Facilities Co Ordinator email facilities@libertonkirk.net or Mobile 07478 111407 or Jacqui email churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net

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# **Other Worship Opportunities**

#### Pram Praise for Toddlers and their Carers

Once a month in the Small Hall, timed to coincide with the toddlers' group on Wednesday mornings, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. Dates will be advertised.

#### **Messy Church**

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually on the last Saturday of the month (except June, July and December) in the Kirk Centre from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, worship and food. Watch the website and notice boards for dates.

# **Gathering for Praise**

The church musicians and singers meet on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Kirk, to worship God as they plan for the coming Sundays.

# Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals

Guthrie House – Last Tuesday, 2.30pm, Braid Hills – Third or Fourth Wednesday, 2.30pm. Services in Liberton Hospital and Ellen's Glen House (both joint with other churches) are currently suspended.

## **A Praying Church**

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church. Prayer requests can be left in the boxes provided, and will be prayed for by the Prayer Team. On the last Tuesday evening of most months we meet as a church community on Zoom or in the Kirk for a time of prayer. There is a prayer wall on the website, and a programme of daily devotions (see also the centre of the magazine).

#### The Upper Room

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is open for private prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays, with a short service at 8am, 12noon and 7pm.

#### Link Groups

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, and support for the church's outreach programme. Group details and contacts are in the church magazine.

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	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
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	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 12th	•	ROMANS 11 vs $11+12$ – as we pause with God, take time to
		consider these words and truths todayAnd then pray in
		response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Buildings Committee
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in
	-	response
Tue 13th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 13-16 – 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 14th	n Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 17-24 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider
		these words written hereAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Café Management Board
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 15th	n Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 25-27 - consider this passage today. And then
	Middov	pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Care Group
Fri 16th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray ROMANS 11 vs 28-32 – As we pause with God, take the time to
FIT TOUT	worning	consider these verses. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Finance Committee
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
		ours
Sat 17th	Mornina	ROMANS 11 vs 33-36 – as we pause with Jesus today, take the
	0	time to consider these great 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 passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you
		read
Sun 18th	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 33-36 – take time to consider these words again
		this morning And then pray to this God in response to what you
		have read here
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
		today
	Evening	read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 19th	Morning	ROMANS 12 verse 1 – as we pause with God, take time to consider
	Middov	these words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Hospitality Team
Tue 20th	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response ROMANS 12 verse 2 – as we pause with God today we consider
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Midday Evening Fri 23rd Morning	We pray God's blessing on our Uniformed Organisations
Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on the work done by Crossreach
Sat 24th Morning	
Midday Evening	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Sun 25th Morning	teaching from Paul And then pray to this God in response
Midday Evening	
Mon 26th Morning	dayAnd then pray to Him in response
Midday Evening Tue 27th Morning	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Midday Evening	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the verse again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 28th Mornin Midday	words, the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to God
Evening Thur 29th Mornin	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Midday Evening Fri 30th Morning	We pray God's blessing on our Communications Group read the set verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray ROMANS 12 vs 16-21 – As we pause with God, take time consider these words of teaching about how we should live. And then pray with
Midday Evening	confidence to this God of ours. We pray God's blessing on the work of our Kirkgate Trust read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours

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# Kirkgate Cafe's Exciting Development

Suddenly it is September and we are already reflecting on the really good summer weather we have had. Many people have been using our Café courtyard, which is sheltered and a sun trap on fine days, to enjoy their refreshments. The accommodation inside proved to be popular too in the hot weather as it has a cool aspect.



I am **Jill Niven**, convener of the café board for the past 5 years, bringing you up to date with the latest development in our Kirkgate café.

Our café in your community has had a major change. In June we bid farewell and good wishes to Norma Brown, who has managed our café from inception for 7 years, so that she can develop The Barn Community café in her home town of Livingston. At the same time we have been very fortunate to appoint a new manager, Jenny Thomasi who is a local lady arriving with many years experience in the hospitality industry. Here is Jenny's story:

Hello, I have been the Kirkgate cafe manager for two months now and am slowly getting to grips with all the cafe has to offer. I have had the loveliest of welcomes from all the volunteers and customers which I am very grateful for. I have worked in the hospitality sector for many years now, starting as a catering assistant and reaching cafe manager level before taking on this position! The part I love about working in hospitality the most is getting to know people from different walks of life and providing a welcoming environment that people want to be in and enjoy.

I have lived in South East Edinburgh from a young age and have never left as an adult, just moved to different parts really. I enjoy living in this

part of Edinburgh so when an opportunity in hospitality management came along, in the area I adore, I couldn't think of a better job.

The cafe, volunteers and I are on this new chapter together and there will be some changes though some things will stay the same (such as there will always be scones) but it is exciting times ahead. If you have never been to Kirkgate café please do come along and you will be sure of a warm welcome. Would you consider joining us all on this new chapter by volunteering? Please get in touch by phone or email (details at back of the magazine) or, even better, come in for a chat.

God Bless Jenny Thomasi

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# Senior Citz Club

Our Senior Citizens Club is like an extended family & runs every year from January to April, then August/September to December

& celebrates our wonderful seniors. We normally have up to 90 members but even though there's so many people we are still a friendly crowd! You will be made very welcome by our President Jenni Ryalls & her team of helpers.

We always meet in the Anderson Hall within the Kirk halls on the Thursdays from 2pm-3.45pm although the hall is open from 1pm. Each week we have different entertainers from choirs to solo folks to musicians to in-house entertainers. Each month we have a raffle, with a variety of prizes to be won. We also have Marie Curie visiting us with their Christmas gifts in early November.

Like any family we celebrate the annual milestone in every single members life ... their birthday! On the Thursday of their birthday every member gets a handmade birthday card!

We have afternoon teas & at our last meeting before Christmas Santa always manages to call into the club before his marathon delivery round the world.

If you need it, transport can be provided – just ask & we'll see what we can do! **Lou Ogilvy** 

#### September Birthdays are

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1st Florence Baird21st Bryan Ryalls4th David Robertson22nd Eunice McEwar4th Sheila Maitland25th Pat Darlington of9th Linda Mccutcheon28th Jean Ross12th Irene Heatherington celebrates her 90th30th Linda Haggarty

21st Bryan Ryalls
22nd Eunice McEwan celebrates her 85th
25th Pat Darlington celebrates her 85th
28th Jean Ross
30th Linda Haggarty

#### Our entertainers for September are

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1st Kirk James with his amazing voice
8th Butterfly Music with Margo Falconer
15th Alan Weatherhead making sweet music on his keyboard
22nd TBA
29th Stevie Quinn music and fun

Until we hear otherwise please take a lateral flow test (LFT) before coming to keep folks around you safe! Wear your mask whilst walking around but when you sit at your table you're free to remove it.





Celebrating Seniors

Liberton Kirk's Senior Citizen's Club Our club will restarts on Thursday 1st September. Our club volunteers are looking forward to seeing you all. 3

Should you need to contact us

Jenni Ryalls our president on 0741 533 5889 Linda Wright our Pastoral Care on 0785 041 1596 Lou Ogilvy admin on <u>seniorslk@gmail.com</u>

# A Garden for All - The Centre Court

**Familiarly known as the Kirk Centre Garden, its 'proper' name is The Centre Court Garden**. This goes back to when there were clay courts. Then, when McCarthy & Stone offered for the garage and showroom on which to build Kirklands Court on Lasswade Road, they had to ensure green space for residents. Negotiating with the Kirk Session, a 'Garden for All' was created, now used by so many.

The Kirk ran a naming competition and the late Catherine Schwarz won with *Centre Court*. It is now a wonderful space, behind the halls, down by the Bowling Green. There you will find the childrens' corner, the borders and pots providing nature's blossom and colour. The vegetables and fruit growing in the raised beds, providing some of the needs of The Kirkgate Café.

The expansive grass is a play area and oh boy, has this grass been played on this summer? Yes, by 79 young teenagers attending The Young Life Summer Camp, then two weeks ago, 40 local primary school children enjoying our own Summer Buzz.

In addition to all aspects of our buildings, the garden is an important part of Liberton Kirk's commitment to being an Eco responsible church. We have received a number of recommendations which we are now considering, e.g. reduce the number of small tubs which require constant watering, perhaps replace with another raised bed, planted as a meadow area to attract insects. Also, to look at other ways to simplify the care of the garden.

#### For the Community

This is a garden for the whole community. Why not find time to visit, perhaps enjoy a quite seat in the sunshine or shade in the top corner. The garden is enjoyed by the whole Kirk Family, our hall users, our uniformed organisations, our wee ones and since opening, the customers of popular Kirkgate Café. And of course, for many years, the residents of Kirklands Court!

#### **Our Volunteers**

The garden is tended by much valued volunteers, while our Buildings Team and Artisans work hard on many larger projects, such as the recently completed extension to gardeners' shed, creating both a workshop and storage for all things gardening. Also, a result of a generous donation, we now have both power and water to the top corner of the garden. *If reading this and you would like to volunteer, please do contact me. While we meet in The Kirkgate Café at 10.00 every Monday and then work together for an hour or so, there will always be a trowel and a small fork available should anyone wish to work in the garden at any time.* 

## Edinburgh Street Pastors

Edinburgh Street Pastors have been sharing God's love by listening, caring and helping on the streets of Scotland's capital since 2009. When the opportunity arises we share the Good



News of the Gospel to a city in need of the truth that is Jesus Christ. We currently have teams going out every Friday and two Saturdays per month. We can be found in all areas of the city centre including around the Omni Centre, Cowgate, Grassmarket, Princes Street, George Street, talking to and assisting folk to help them stay safe and happy, sometimes when they are at their most vulnerable.

Starting with just 4 churches and a handful of volunteers they now have over 35 churches engaged with over 55 volunteers. They first started patrolling on Friday nights but have had the privilege of launching the first Saturday team and attending a number of events including the Royal Highland Show, T in the Park and the Caledonian challenge.

We believe in being part of the practical solution to urban problems within the cities' nightlife which includes a range of issues from alcohol abuse to loneliness. However we are not just there for the issues, we are also there to be present and engage with the night time community by being a listening ear, or someone to lean on.

**Our vision is to create two more teams** to go out on Saturday as well as to build up our existing Friday teams, so we are always happy to welcome new street pastors to the team, and have ongoing training sessions. **Our 2022 Autumn Training sessions will run across two separate weekends in October and November 2022.** The training sessions will run across a Friday evening, Saturday part day and Sunday late afternoons each time.

If you are interested in taking part in any of the upcoming sessions please email our Recruitment and Training Administrator <u>edinburghsp.training@gmail.com</u>. Liberton Kirk have 2 members on the teams and they will happily speak with you about this venture – Aileen Deas and Andy Macgill. You may be interested in becoming a part of the Team. You may want to prayerfully support the work. You may want to contribute financially.

Street Pastors volunteers are all Christians and we make no excuse for our faith in Christ. We seek to both demonstrate and share the Good News of Christ through caring, helping and listening. We often get the chance to pray with people and take the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus when it is appropriate. Street Pastors believe in the sanctity of human life, which is why they volunteer to go out on the streets till 4am and help people that are often judged for the situations they are found in.

Edinburgh Street Pastors have many stories to tell, stories that include the lost drunk being guided back to their hotel after a vague description; the suicidal woman being comforted for an hour and signposted to where she can get help, the homeless person being shown where he can get his next meal. We have prayed with countless people, and have been able to answer people's questions about spiritual issues too. Sharing our faith is a natural part of our ministry. The work that Edinburgh Street Pastors do is invaluable to many.

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# Street Pastors: Aileen's story

Back in January of 2019, having been through a pretty challenging six months; Scout camp in Switzerland; house moving; first festive period in new home; I came to the kirk one Sunday morning specifically to request private prayer from the team at the end of the service. That particular Sunday, a volunteer from Street Pastors came to talk to the kirk about their work. For some reason, I found myself going to speak to him after the service and he handed me one of their cards, encouraging me to contact them. I sent an email on the Monday morning, by Thursday I was informally interviewed and by that weekend, I was engaged in their training plan.

The next few weeks were intense as I had a lot of training to get through and a supervised patrol where I got the opportunity to go out with an established team to see if they thought I could manage the work, and to see if I still wanted to go ahead. The week of my final module of training, we went into lockdown. By this time, I knew this was something I really wanted to get involved in so it was pretty tough to take the full year off, but it was the right thing to do, with so many people succumbing to the virus. Fast forward to the summer of 2021 and I was allocated to Team 3, led by Cammy Mackenzie. I enjoyed working with this team, but they went out on Friday evenings, and I'd always said my preference was to go on Saturdays. I was transferred to Team 6, which I'm still a part of.

In May 2022, joined by my daughter Angie, Alistair, and Barbara Cameron, I was commissioned as a Street Pastor at a fantastic evening of food, fellowship, worship, and testimonial.

Being a Street Pastor is one of the most fulfilling roles I've ever been called to be involved in. Faith is vital – trust that we will be kept safe by prayer, that the people we meet are helped by what we do, that the organisation will continue to be well supported both in prayer and financially.

It's not easy being a Christian and its certainly not easy being a Street Pastor because of the amount of distance we cover in a shift (normally over 30,000 steps in hilly Edinburgh), the situations we encounter can be traumatic and we almost never hear the outcome. Aside from the challenges though, I absolutely love my team, this city, and the people we encounter in our shift.

Teams are normally around 6-8 members strong; each team goes out once a month on a rota basis. The evening starts at 10pm where we get our kit ready for the night ahead and then spend time in prayer and fellowship, asking for God's protection and guidance. Off we head into the night-time economy and see what happens, normally finishing up our shift by 4 am.

We work with the city's CCTV team, the Police and where we encounter a medical situation we are not trained to manage, we call Street Assist.

If anyone at all is interested in joining us, do please come and have a chat with myself or Andy McGill; volunteer to come out and observe with a patrol to see if it's for you. It's an incredibly rewarding calling, completely supported by the prayers of those who know about us. If coming out on patrol is not for you, please support us in prayer and/or financially.

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# Link Groups

#### Weekly Groups

*Thrive - Wednesday evening* Kirk House, 30 Kirkgate Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk 01968 670752 or 07952 949 062 *Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Church Halls* 

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

#### Fortnightly Groups

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Pathfinders - Tuesday evening at 7pm Veronica Craig veronicacraiq41@qmail.com New Habits - Fortnightly, Wednesday evenings On Zoom 7.15-8.45pm Alastair Cameron 0131 440 3090 Home & Away - Thursday evening **10 Mortonhall Park Gardens** Susan Jardine - susan@iardineclan.org.uk 664 7112 The Cornerstone Group - Thursday evening 21 Swanston Grove Caroline & Roger Barlee - barlee@blueyonder.co.uk 445 5918 Vista Group - Thursday evening 21 Kirk Park Rink van Dijke - rink@talktalk.net 664 2178

If you want to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) or Fiona Knight (peterandfiona@blueyonder.co.uk) or the Group nearest you

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# Crossword

#### Across

 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)

7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)

9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2)
(8)

**13** 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)

**16** Members of the Church of Scotland (13) **17** 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up

on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)

**19** Mock(Luke14:29)(8)

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Three Down, Nine Across, by John

**24** Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8) **25** First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)

**26** Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)

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27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

#### Down

1 'Whoever finds his life will - it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)

2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
3 O raid (anag.) (5)

4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in<br/>heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)

**6** What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)

**10** 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,but rather think of yourself with —judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)**11** Do ten(anag.)(5)

- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)
- **14** 'Each one should his own actions' (Galatians6:4)(4)

**15** Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

**18** 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)

**20** Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)

**21** One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5) **22** Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)

23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

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# **Congregational News**

I am pleased to announce that as of 12th June Mr Huander Bassi Faian and Mrs Dora Bassi Faian have all become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death of Mrs Hilda McFarlane on 12th June, Mr Ken Logan on 13th June, Mr Tommy Watt on 24th of June, Mrs Susan Vyse on 28th June, Miss Cora Douglas on 15th July and Mr Ian Strachan on 4th August 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.

## **Church Flower dedications**

- Convener: Convener needed for this month
- 4th Sept Mrs Jessie Burns, in memory of James Burns
- 11th Sept Mrs Margaret Thompson, in memory of Ivy Jameson
- 18th Sept Free
- 25th Sept Harvest ThanksGiving

Jean Gray, 0131 258 2081



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

Items can also 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.

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#### Sylvia Bennett.

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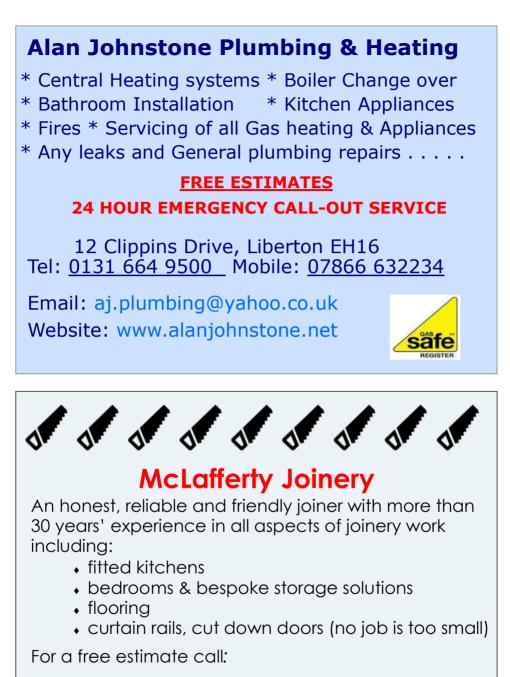
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Call or email 07968 862 755, <u>nickypender@icloud.com</u> if you have any queries. Follow my Facebook and Instagram pages #Pilates with Nicky Pender

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

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