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Also, do good things for the city I sent you to. Pray to the Lord for the city you are living in, because if there is peace in that city, you will have peace also." *Jeremiah 29 v7 (ERV)*

'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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A Prayer for the Month of November (from Denis)

Lord, we thank You for the apostle, Paul

We thank You for his wisdom and resolve

Help us to understand the intricacy

Of his message, and to follow You as a Christian Nation

Built from the 'nations'.

In Jesus' name

Amen.

True love

I had an interesting chat with one of our long standing members the other day. She had asked me round to help plan her funeral. A strange thing to do, you may think, but something I recommend as very worthwhile, as it relieves our loved ones of the responsibility of having to make sensitive decisions at a time when they are likely to be very upset themselves.

She asked that one of the readings at her service be from the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 13. This is one of the most beautiful passages in the New Testament, as it speaks of the love that lies at the heart of our faith. She had a slight problem, however. She wanted it read in the traditional Authorised Version, but wasn't sure of the AV's use of the word 'charity' instead of 'love'.

I can understand her hesitancy. These days the word 'charity' tends to conjure up images of sponsored runs, second hand clothes shops, and media campaigns in aid of a good cause. Nothing wrong with any of these things, but that is not all there is to 'charity'. In the end we agreed to simply replace 'charity' with 'caritas' – the Latin word from which it stems.

Caritas is the love that is sacrificial

and self-giving. From a Christian point of view, 1 Corinthians 13 is not just about a feeling, it's about the person who wholly embodied this feeling – a man called Jesus, who demonstrated his caritas by giving his life for the world.

Seen through this lens, 1 Corinthians takes on a deeper meaning –

Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind

Jesus does not envy, does not boast

Jesus is not rude or self-seeking.

Jesus is not easily angered.

Jesus keeps no record of wrongs.

Jesus always trusts, always protects, always hopes, always perseveres.

Jesus never fails.

My prayer for us all, as we face a difficult winter, is that we would be gifted with Jesus' caritas, and be ready to share that gift with others.

Much love



*"And now abideth faith, hope, caritas, these three;
but the greatest of these is caritas."
(1 Corinthians 13.13)*

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



God's Amazing Grace in our Lives

Often we've seen as a family that grace can be easily overlooked. The opportunities to share grace with others can sweep by us in our daily rush. The grace shown to us by others can be ignored or ungratefully received. We can even think that in some way that grace is deserved.

Grace is most easily seen in the small daily things. When Miriam was tiny, we realised the importance of showing her thankfulness for our food. We sang a simple thank you. It stuck. We still sing that song now, and we sing it with teens at Stage n Slam and at Camp!

Seeking grace was hugely important during lockdown. We all lost many simple freedoms that impacted our daily lives. Simple thank you moments helped us through- for sunny walks in Park, for small moments with friends, for the safety of family members.

God has shown us amazing grace in huge one time events- unexpected help in finding a home or a car or a rescue dog. But daily grace, and our practice of celebrating it, has prepared us to receive these greater gifts as they occasionally come and change our lives.



Andy Chittick

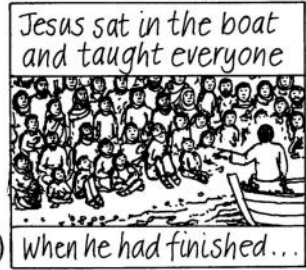
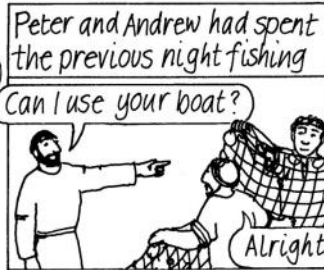
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



Kirkgate Cafe Autumn News



Our café has been blessed with the arrival of Jenny, the café manager, 3 months ago and she has settled in very well. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our three new volunteers Linda, Garry and Margaret who have been with us for a few weeks now. They are cheery, very hard working and an asset to our team.

Please do not hesitate to chat with Jenny if you feel inclined to give us some of your time by volunteering in the café as new members are welcome. No special skills are required and you will be sure of good company and chat – a place where new friendships develop.

It is sometimes forgotten that the café is open on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8pm, during term time when the uniformed groups are meeting, and is an ideal warm place for anyone to meet with friends over a cup of coffee and to perhaps play scrabble for example.

Advance Notice for Your Diary:-

Each year we have a special Christmas lunch on offer consisting of soup, turkey and trimmings special sandwich, a mince pie with cream and tea or coffee for £8. This will be available Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December and advance booking is essential. Tickets for the lunch will be available from Monday 7th November at the café. Jenny's contact details are at the back of the magazine.

On the subject of Christmas the café's last trading day in 2022 will be Thursday 22nd when we supply free tea and coffee along with a cake or mince pie until we close at noon. We will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January for our usual hours.

Jill

Annual Memorial Service



Our annual memorial service will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm. This service is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died, or for those whose memories of long-lost loved ones are particularly sharp at this time of year. There will be flyers available from mid-November to give to anyone you know who might find this service comforting. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.

November 2022

Tuesday 1st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for praise in the Kirk
Thursday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 10.30-12noon – Daytime Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Sunday 6th	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: Elisha, Namaan & Gehazi (2 Kings 5.1-27) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 8th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 9th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
Thursday 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 10.30-12noon – Daytime Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Friday 11th	10.45am Armistice Day Prayer and Reflection in the Kirk (including 2-minute silence)
Saturday 12th	9.30am-2.00pm - Joint Kirk Session meeting at Tron Kirk
Sunday 13th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 10.45am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Club) Theme: Elisha and mercy (2 Kings 6.8-23) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12noon Act of remembrance at the War Memorial 12.30am Lunch for Uniformed Organisations 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 14th	9.00am 2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm 'Sapiens' discussion group in Liberton Bowling Club
Tuesday 15th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Lessons & Carols Choir rehearsal in the Kirk
Wed'day 16th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Gathering for praise in the Kirk

Thursday 17th	7.30pm HR Team meeting in the Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 10.30-12noon – Daytime Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Sunday 20th	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: Elisha and the siege of Samaria (2 Kings 6.24-7.30) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 2.30pm SEECAT planning meeting at Liberton Northfield 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 21st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.00am-2.00pm – Tearcraft Stall in the McDonald Room 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 22nd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.00am-2.00pm – Tearcraft Stall in the McDonald Room 7.30pm Lessons & Carols Choir rehearsal in the Kirk
Wed'day 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Kirk Session Executive meeting (on zoom)
Thursday 24th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 26th	10.00am-12noon – Guild Coffee Morning in the Kirk Centre 4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 27th	ADVENT SUNDAY 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: Arise and Shine (Isaiah 60) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 7.00pm Joint Evening Worship at Gilmerton Hub
Monday 28th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Link Leaders' meeting (on zoom)
Tuesday 29th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Guthrie House 7.30pm Monthly Prayer Gathering (on zoom)
Wed'day 30th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for praise in the Kirk

December 2022

Thursday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 3rd	10.30am-12noon – SEECAT Quiet Morning at Liberton Northfield Church
Sunday 4th	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: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (Isaiah 61)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre

SEECAT

Quiet Morning



A chance for some “time out” from all the Christmas rush – a Quiet Morning on Saturday 3rd December. This will be held at Liberton Northfield Church, Gilmerton Road, and is open to anybody who would like to come. This year it will be led by Clare Roller from St. Catherine’s. There will be more information nearer the time in the weekly notice sheet or on posters or flyers.

This is the first event in the SEECAT programme for 2022/23. Please pick up a programme card from the Welcome Desks or the Kirk Centre entrance and see what’s happening in conjunction with the other churches in South East Edinburgh. Another source of information is the quarterly newsletter *Crosstalk* which will be available from Welcome Desks, Kirk Centre Entrance and Offering House in mid-November or on the SEECAT website www.seecat.org at the same time.

Hope For The Hungry

SEECAT’s Justice and Peace Group have organised an evening focussing particularly on food poverty in South East Edinburgh for Wednesday 16th November, 7pm at The Hub, Ravenscroft Street. There will be a keynote speaker, and churches will say what they are doing and what they would like to be able to do, and how people can help. Further information will be on noticeboards and in the weekly notice sheet (which appears on the church website) nearer the time. Please book the date in your diaries and come along.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Freewill Offering Envelopes

'Giving to the Church - Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes' - no more

Over the years many of our members gave regularly to the church by way of the envelopes - you put cash, usually, sometimes a cheque and popped it into the offering bag. But as time passed, more and more of you used standing orders and transferred money electronically from your bank account to the church. Envelope users became fewer in number. Then came Covid, services went on-line, offering bags stopped being passed round. And yet the church continued to be able to pay its bills because of the standing orders and one-off gifts from members.

This summer I wrote to all of you who used the envelopes and explained that we were to stop using the envelopes and encouraged you sign a standing order. I am very grateful to you for responding so positively. So the last of the envelopes will be used in the next couple of months.

There will be no envelopes issued for 2023. After 26 years I get a free November! And in 2023 the elders doing the count will not have to record entries in the other wee red book.

Of course, our treasurer will be pleased to receive one-off cheques but for regular givings, it is a standing order.

Thank you.

Eric Brown

We Will Remember Them



There will be two opportunities to remember those who have given their lives in wars in the last century and to pray for peace. On Armistice Day, Friday 11th November, there will be a short time of reflection and prayer in the church at 10.45am, which will include the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. On Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, please note that the second service begins at 10.45am, and there will be an Act of Remembrance and the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. This service will be followed by a short time of remembrance at around 12 noon at the war memorial in the cemetery.





Sale of Christmas Cards and Fairtrade Gifts



***Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
in the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre***

Why not take this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at our annual sale of cards and gifts. The Fairtrade range of gifts is sourced from different companies such as Asha and Noah's Ark in India, Manos Amigos in Peru and jute works in Bangladesh. Every sale is of real benefit to artisans from developing countries who are working their way out of poverty and into a more stable life.

So do come along and support a good cause while making a start on your Christmas shopping. Thank you.

Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

The Word for Today

The Bible passage currently on view in the Kirkyard is Jeremiah chapter 29, verses 7-14. Start at the Offering House, where there is a notice on the wall near the door, and then move to the bench at the side of the Offering House, where you will find the first Bible verse, with thoughts and a prayer. The others are on benches around the Kirk building, and there is hand sanitiser in the Offering House if you wish to use it before and after following the Bible passage.

As Advent and Christmas approach, the passage will change to an Advent theme from week beginning 20th November.

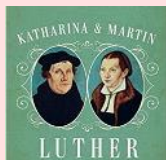


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Guild News for November



On Monday 7 November at 7.30 pm in the Anderson Hall, Fred and Rita Daniels will entertain us with more tales of their travels in Golden America – this is definitely an evening not to be missed!



On Monday 21 November we are going to hear about a "Renegade Monk & Runaway Nun" from Kath Hay.

The mind boggles!



On Monday 5 December our speaker Duncan Shelton's talk is entitled "*Home for Good, Every Child has a Home*" – A National Guild Project. There will be a Sales Table to raise funds. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

Moir Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

Liberton Kirk Guild: #wearebusy!

At the beginning of September over two evenings, Helen Campbell and Ann Weir hosted "**Cook'n'Chat**". In a relaxed informal setting, in the Kirkgate Cafe the evenings started with mocktails and canopies. This was followed by demonstrations in the kitchen of various savoury and sweet dishes with the opportunity to make some of the dishes. The evenings finished as everyone sat down to eat the food that was cooked while chatting and sharing cooking tips as well as catching up with other news. Of course, no event is complete without a goody bag. This event was a great success thanks to Helen and Ann. We have the promise of another evening when everyone will come together and share their own favourite dish.



On Saturday 10th and 25th September the Liberton Kirk Guild invited people of all ages to join them on two short **historical walks** around our local area. These walks were led by Ruth Davies who has considerable knowledge of our neighbourhood. As well as learning about our local history it was also a great time to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Each walk rendezvoused in our Cafe with refreshments. We knew it was a success as nobody wanted to go home!



Our new session began on Monday 3rd October when we held our **Dedication Service** in the Kirk led by John Young our minister. During the service Ann Weir who has recently celebrated her 90th birthday, received a Long Service Award. Ann's Granny and Mother were members of Liberton Kirk Guild and as a little girl Ann would sometimes go to the Guild meetings. This was a well-deserved certificate.

Gladys Montgomery



Energy Advice and Tips:

Energy is a big worry right now. Heating through the winter is a concern for all. Here are a few ideas worth considering:

- ◆ Turn your thermostat down 1 or 2 degrees. (try 18 or even 16 degrees)
- ◆ Reduce the timed periods for heating by a few hours.
- ◆ Close the blinds and curtains earlier just as the light is fading to keep heat in.
- ◆ Use single bulb uplighter lamps instead of centre fittings with lots of bulbs. (uplighter types can also have a second reading lamp too.)
- ◆ Ensure that all bulbs are LED and 5 to 7 watts.
- ◆ Seal off unused/spare rooms, lowering the thermostats in them too to frost level or just above.
- ◆ Use draught excluders or old towels rolled up at the foot of doors as cold air comes in at these lower levels while the heat rises to the ceilings.
- ◆ Place tin foil behind your radiators so that all the heat produced is reflected into the room and not the walls
- ◆ Cook some hot food. The cooker will heat the kitchen a bit and the hot food will heat you.
- ◆ Wear more clothes as layers trap air and your body will heat that air and keep you warmer.

Blister Pack Recycling

A box for recycling your "blister packs" is available in the Offering House. A simple thing like recycling these can make a difference both to the environment and the charity Lil Hub & Shop. They have prevented more than a million bits of plastic from polluting our world. The money raised goes to all their projects and it is a social enterprise doing amazing work in East Lothian.

Elsa Sterling

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

NOVEMBER 22

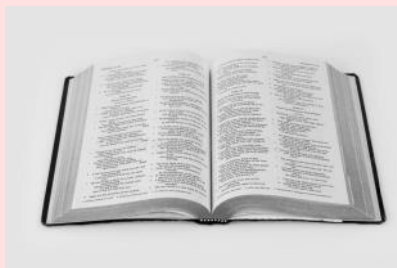
**Now that we have been put right with God through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5 verse 1**

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 November, as we move through the year, we take a final look at some of the
truths again behind the words. of these powerful chapters and verses

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



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

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the
content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

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

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

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Tue 1st	Morning	ROMANS chapter 1– as we pause with God consider these particular words again 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 2nd	Morning	ROMANS 1 verses 16+17 – 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 India
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD God
Thur 3rd	Morning	ROMANS chapter 2 – consider these words written here. And then pause to pray to this God of ours in response.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Church in South West Asia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 4th	Morning	ROMANS 2 vs 6-11 – 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 the Church in Bangladesh
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 5th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 3 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these powerful 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 6th	Morning	ROMANS 3 v 23 – 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 verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 7th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 4 – 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 Sri Lanka
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 8th	Morning	ROMANS 4 verses 22-25 – as we pause with God today we consider these verses.....and then turn to prayer with Him in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 9th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 5 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Church in Maldives
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 10th	Morning	ROMANS 5 verse 1 - consider this truth again today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Church in South East Asia

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Fri 11th	Evening	read the verse again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	ROMANS chapter 6 – 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 Church in Brunei
Sat 12th	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
	Morning	ROMANS 6 vs 1-4 – as we pause with Jesus today, take the 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
Sun 13th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	ROMANS chapter 7 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Mon 14th	Evening	read these verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
	Morning	ROMANS 7 vs 17-20 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Indonesia
Tue 15th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
	Morning	ROMANS chapter 8 – 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!
Wed 16th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 31-39 – 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 the Philippines
Thur 17th	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	ROMANS chapters 9+10- consider these words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Vietnam
Fri 18th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	ROMANS 10 vs 14-17 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words this morning...And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Laos
Sat 19th	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
	Morning	ROMANS chapter 11 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these particular words And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Sun 20th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	ROMANS 11 vs 33-36 – we take time to consider these great

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		words of praise from Paul.... 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 21st	Morning	ROMANS chapter 12 – take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Myanmar
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 12 vs 14-17 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 23rd	Morning	ROMANS chapter 13 – 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 the Church in the Middle East
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD God
Thur 24th	Morning	ROMANS 13 verses 1-3 - consider this particular verse this morning and then respond in prayer to our God who cares for all
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Syria
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 25th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 14 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words this morning. And then pray with in response to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Iraq
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 26th	Morning	ROMANS 14 vs 17-19 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these particular words 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 27th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 15 – we take time to consider these words written by Paul..... And then pray to his God, our 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 28th	Morning	ROMANS 15 vs 18-21 – take time to consider these closing words this morning.....And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Scotland
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 29th	Morning	ROMANS chapter 16 – as we pause with God today we consider these names, and people.....and then we 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...then pray in response to our God for others
Wed 30th	Morning	ROMANS 16 vs 25-27 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these closing words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church across the United Kingdom
	Evening	– read the words again – reflect... then pray to the LORD our God

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Everybody is welcome to come along to the service and hear the results of the six weeks of hard work, as well as joining in with Christmas hymns and hearing the well-loved readings.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Kirk Gardeners' Appeal

Any Unused Fence Posts ?

With plans to create 3 more raised beds in the Centre Court Garden, we'd be delighted to hear from anyone who may have the odd fence post (s) lying in their garden or garage. The new and upgraded beds will be needed by January, in time the progressive planting of vegetables and fruit for The Kirkgate Cafe.

We may need some additional strong hands to help our present Artisans and Garden Volunteers with this particular project. For offers of posts or help, please ring or text me on 07967 666321. Or email granttcook@aol.com

Thank you, Grant Cook

Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Linda Wright on 07850 411596, who will try to find someone to help

Crossword

Across

1 and **20** Down 'Lord of all _ , Lord of all _ , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer:

'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)

11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)

13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

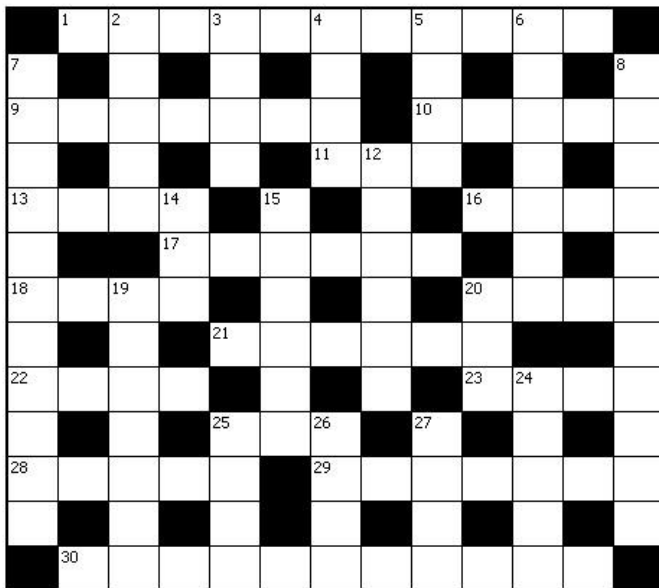
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3)

28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)



Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4)

4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)

5 Done (anag.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

7 Concerning the study of God (11)

8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3)

15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

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20 See 1 Across

25 Time (anag.) (4)

Congregational News

I am pleased to announce that as of 26th September Mr Dave Storey, Mrs Hazel Storey, Miss Juliet Storey and Mrs Edna Matthews have all become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death of Dr David Monk on the 3rd October and Mr Brian Watts on 12th October 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 for November: Mrs Margaret Burns, 13 Yewlands Crescent. 664 2927

6th Nov Gladys Montgomery, in memory of Robert & Ethel Hamilton & their son Robert

13th Nov Mr Wm Penman, in memory of Isobel Penman

20th Nov Ms Rosemary Leask, in memory of Laura Leask

27th Nov Anne Cowgill, in memory of her mother, Annie (Anna) McCrae.

Admin Convener **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081

Donations should be made - out to Liberton Church Flower Fund and sent to:
Kim Denholm : 58 Gilmerton Dykes Avenue , EH17 8ND, Phone: 07986 581931



Presbytery Planning - an update

As I write this I am aware that, here in Edinburgh and West Lothian, we are coming to the final stages of the latest presbytery planning process. The final draft of the new plan will be voted on by our Presbytery on **Tuesday 15th November**, and, if approved, will come into effect at the beginning of 2023.

The process, which began in the Autumn of 2020, has been a real test of who we are as a Church. Whenever individual churches are faced with the prospect of union and readjustment, there is always the temptation to look after their own interests over and above those of neighbouring churches. And yet our calling, as Christ's body on earth, is to look after each other too.

The plan for the churches of South East Edinburgh is that we all become one parish, served by three full time ministers and two voluntary OLMs (Ordained Local Ministers). Any other leadership we need will have to be funded locally.

While we will be united into one administrative unit, we will continue to worship in our own buildings and serve our local communities as best we can. Our Kirk Sessions are planning to meet together at **Tron Kirk on Saturday 12th November** to begin to puzzle out what this will mean in practice. In the meantime, here are some of the values we have already identified, to help us find our way forward -

- ◆ Unity built on mutual trust and good communication
- ◆ Willingness to engage together in worship, discipleship training, mission and evangelism
- ◆ Willingness to share our people and resources
- ◆ Willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of the mission of the parish as a whole
- ◆ Openness to doing things differently
- ◆ Openness to sharing ownership of new pioneering projects
- ◆ Openness to working with other denominations
- ◆ Openness to working with partner organisations

This coming year will be a year of change for the Church in South East Edinburgh. But that is not necessarily a bad thing. For more information, please get in touch.

John N Young

Senior Citz Club

Hi - calling all you recycled teenagers, our club is still being run to the Scottish Parliament Covid-19 regulations.

As I've said before, our club has been growing well, but there is still places for any new folks who would like to come.

We meet in the Anderson Hall on a Thursday afternoon from 2-3.45 but the doors are open from 1pm.

Each week we are entertained by a variety of musicians and singers as well as our in-house folks.



Our birthday girls this month are:-

- 18 Sheila Pritchard
- 22 Jean Buchanan
- 23 Cathie Ainslie
- 24 Sheila McBryde
- 24 Brenda Downie

Our Entertainers for this month are:-

- 3 The CASTAWAYS 6 lovely harmonising ladies from Penicuik
- 10 DOUGIE MCQ
- 17 Marie Curie Christmas Sale & our entertainer is brand new, so come & encourage DOUGIE with a warm welcome
- 24 RAFFLE & our old friend & birthday girl ROSE MCBEATH a wonderful singer & entertainer

Should you like to join us, just come along, or contact our lovely President Jenni Ryalls on the number below. We have a couple of seats on our buses.

If you need to know more contact one of the people below:

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

In the November issue:

A FINAL FAREWELL

The last journey of the late Queen Elizabeth II

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A prayer from the Moderator
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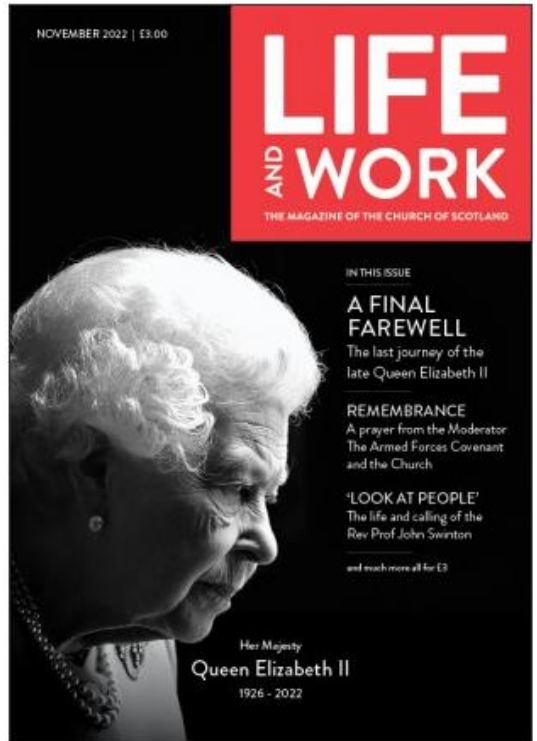
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Elders Duties

		Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23
9.30 am	West	Eric Brown	Fiona Knight	George Thom
	East	Rosy Carmichael	Christina Young	Joan Thom
11 am	West	Linda Skinner	Jill Niven	Chris Brandie
	East	Neil Harris	Janice Wilson	Helen Colley
	Gallery	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry	Rink van Dijke
	Front gate	Eleanor Grieve	Mary Davidson	Margaret Brandie
	Banker	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael	Jacqui Tait

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

Errata from September

Just in case you missed the October magazine, some typographical errors have appeared in the Liberton Kirk September magazine. The list of corrections is repeated below.

Milk Bottle Tops (pg 18)

Should say Lids with a 4 or a 2 on the inside are acceptable, **not** just 4.

Guides (pg 23 pull out)

The 93rd A Guides (AH) start at 7.15 **not** 7-30

Exercise Specially for Seniors (pg 37)

Should say Tuesdays, **not** Wednesdays 10am Liberton Kirk

Kirkgate Café Opening times (back page)

Should say Tuesday 9am - 2pm and 5pm - 8pm, **not** Tuesday 9am – 8pm

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Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door, if Jacqui is unavailable

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact John Young if you have a special request. Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.



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Weekly Groups

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Kirk House, 30 Kirkgate

Andrea Wilson - andrea.wilson@roslin.ed.ac.uk

01968 670752 or 07952 949 062

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

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Veronica Craig

veronicacraig41@gmail.com

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