

December 2022

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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

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Prayer for December

Dear Lord, help us to remember at this time of

Presents and Puddings,

Cards and Chocolates,

Paper hats and Limericks

With all the Glitz of Christmas celebration

That the King of Glory came Humbly into our world.

In Jesus' name

Amen

Christmas is coming...

I love Advent and Christmas. It's that special time of year when things are put on hold and we take the time to focus on life and faith and loved ones. If there is one thing I've learned from my time here at Liberton is that, while we may not be the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, we still believe in doing Christmas in a BIG way.

This will be the first time for two years that we will be able to celebrate Advent and Christmas without any covid restrictions. Gone is the insistence on face masks and social distancing. Gone is the need to book in advance. At last we are free to be ourselves and celebrate our faith in earnest once more.

I've just finished typing up the diary for December and there seems to be something for everyone to look forward to – old and young. There will be the exuberance of Young Life's 'Ice-cream wonderland', not to mention the Guild Christmas social, and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. In addition there will be...

- the quiet dignity of our Annual Memorial Service, where loved ones gather to remember those they are missing
- the joyful predictability of the all-age Nativity Service, with all the angels and shepherds and wise men and sheep
- the wonder of the Scout's Peace light service, with its candles and lanterns and promises to spread

the peace of Jesus wherever we go

- the rousing singing of the Lessons and Carols choir, interspersed with different voices solemnly reading out the well-known words of the Christmas story

- and, in addition, no shortage of opportunities to sing Christmas carols – whether with the children from Liberton Primary School at the afternoon Guild, the members of other local churches at Morrisons, or the very popular 'Big Carol Sing' on the Sunday before Christmas in the Anderson Hall

Before we can draw breath, Christmas Eve will be upon us, and the organised chaos of the Christingle service, followed much later by the contained excitement of Watchnight. Christmas Day itself will fall on a Sunday this year which is every minister's dream (especially as we only have to work one day a week!), and the Christmas morning service has an atmosphere of its very own. A time for near and dear and returning members of the church family to be together, celebrating our faith in the presence of Emmanuel, the God who has come to be with us.

May the peace and joy of the Christ child fill your hearts, and fill your homes

Much love



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



God's Amazing Grace in My Life.

My life wasn't always full of Grace.

During the late 90s, I had the single worst event in my life which was made public. Whilst being a member of the Church with all our church family around, I couldn't feel more alone. People didn't know what to say or do, so they looked away and sadly, I walked away.

So, for the later years of my young life, it wasn't awful, but it wasn't great either. My decisions weren't the best ones to make as they tended to be very selfish with no consideration on what God would want me to do.

However, in 2013, I met Alison, and she invited me along with her to Gracemount and I got a chance to see a different side, a side where adversity is in most people's lives and where the church family unite to support each other, each of them with God's grace. To be a witness to this family with love and compassion for one-another was the testimony that I needed. I believe it was God's grace on me to have this witness.

That first experience led to me going on an Alpha course which helped re-establish my faith and give me the engagement with others in a similar position to me or who were completely new to Christianity. I felt a renewal and blessing that led to getting involved with the Church again.

Since then, I believe with God's grace, I have a loving relationship with Alison and our son, Sam. This and my continual witness of God's grace on others is restoring my faith in God and our Church.

Over this time, I've realised even the smallest things in our lives have been blessed with his grace and I'm forever thankful.

Jamie Gilhooly



Bible Bite

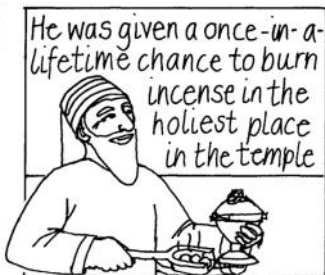
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke ch.1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.



It was Zechariah's turn for temple duty in Jerusalem.



He was given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to burn incense in the holiest place in the temple



As it burnt he prayed

Lord God, please rescue us, your people.



Then he saw the angel standing next to him



At our age that's not going to happen



you will be unable to speak until your son, John*, is born

God has heard your prayer, and you will have a son.

To show you that God means what He says..

*In Hebrew, 'John' is 'Yochanan' or 'God is gracious'



When Zechariah came out of the holy place...

What happened?



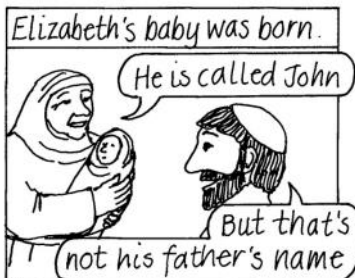
He went home and soon Elizabeth had good news

I'm pregnant!



Elizabeth's cousin Mary visited her...

but left before ..



Elizabeth's baby was born.

He is called John

But that's not his father's name



Zechariah wrote...

His name is John

and could speak again.



He praised God for what He had done...

and what He was going to do...

Prayer for January

Dear Jesus, to each other we have given our gifts of love

When we celebrated your birth.

But the wise men brought gifts

Showing Your Kingship,

The bitterness of life,

And the embalming in death.

Help us to remember that You came Purposefully

To exchange Your Life for ours.

Amen

O Come, All Ye Faithful

The origins of this very popular carol are not entirely clear. The original Latin words (*Adeste, Fideles*) and the excellent tune are generally attributed to John Francis Wade, whose manuscripts date from about the year 1743. Some scholars suspect that the hymn contains coded references to the Jacobite cause, and some attribute the tune to other composers, including Handel. Wade was certainly a Jacobite and he had to leave England after the failure of Bonnie Prince Charlie's rising in 1745.

The familiar English words are largely due to Frederick Oakeley, who translated Wade's Latin version in 1841. The version in "100 Carols for Choirs" was arranged by Sir David Willcocks and has seven verses: the sixth verse has a descant and the last verse is in unison.



Happy singing of this wonderful hymn.

Willie Scott

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 2.30-4.00pm – Afternoon tea for new members in the Anderson Hall 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 6th	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 7th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
Thursday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 10th	9.30am <u>Decorating the Christmas Tree in the Kirk</u>
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: Joseph's tale (Matthew 1.18-25) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 5-30pm Ice-Cream Wonderland in the Kirk Car Park (Young Life)
Monday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild Christmas Social in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 13th	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 14th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 1.45pm Afternoon Guild in the Small Hall 7.00pm Annual Memorial Service in the Kirk
Thursday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 17th	9.30am Decorating the Church fir Christmas 12noon-1.00pm – Carol Singing at Morrisons (SEECAT)
Sunday 18th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk Theme: Joseph's Tale continued (Matthew 2.13-23)

Preacher: John Young

& 11am **All Age Nativity Service in the Kirk (& on zoom)**

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

7.00pm **The Big Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall**

Monday 19th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 20th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Carol Service at Guthrie House

7.00pm Peace Light Service in the Anderson Hall (tbc)

7.30pm Lessons & Carols Choir rehearsal in the Kirk

Wed'day 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Carol Service at Braid Hills Care Home

7.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols in the Kirk
(& on zoom)

Thursday 22nd 9.00am-12.noon – Kirkgate Café

Saturday 24th **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4.00pm – **Christingle Service in the Kirk (& on zoom)** -
remember to bring an orange

11.15pm **Watchnight service in the Kirk (& on zoom)**

Sunday 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.30am **Christmas Day Service in the Kirk (& on zoom)**

Monday 26th **BOXING DAY**

No Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 27th No Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 28th No Kirkgate Café

Thursday 29th No Kirkgate Café

12.30pm Philomusica Lunchtime Concert in the Kirk

January 2023

Sunday 1st **NEW YEARS DAY**

10.30am **Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom**

Theme: The Road Ahead I – Follow me! (Luke 5.1-11)

Monday 2nd No Kirkgate Cafe

Tuesday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 5th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 8th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Shorter service in the Kirk**

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

Theme: The calling of Levi (Luke 5.27-32)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

7.00pm **Joint Service in the Faith Mission Auditorium**

Monday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 10th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 11th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11am Pram Praise in the Small Hall
Thursday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU)

Sunday 15th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Club) Theme: The Sermon on the Plain (Luke 5.17-26) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm short WPCU service at St Barnabas' 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 17th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Kirkgate Trust
Wed'day 18th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Services at Braid Hills Care Home 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm WPCU service at Liberton Kirk
Sunday 22nd	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Club) Theme: The centurion's servant (Luke 7.1-10) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 24th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 25th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
Thursday 26th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Alpha Reunion in the Wilson Hall
Saturday 28th	4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 29th	WORLD MISSION 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)
 Guest Speaker from Edinburgh City Mission
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
 7.00pm **Joint Evening Worship** (venue tbc)
 Monday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 Tuesday 31st 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)

February 2023

Wed'day 1st 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 Centre
 Thursday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.00pm Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall

 Sunday 5th 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 Transfiguration (Luke 9.28-45)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
 6.30pm **Café Church in the Kirk Centre**



Guild News for December



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.



On Monday 12 December we are holding our Christmas Social Evening and Rosy Carmichael is joining us for a fun evening. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you.



On **Wednesday 14** December at **1.45** in the Anderson Hall we will be joined by pupils from Liberton Primary School. This is always a joyful afternoon. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

Moiria Cocksedge
(Secretary)

Spring Alpha Course

Our Spring Alpha Course will begin with a meal at **7pm on Thursday 2nd February 2023**, upstairs in the Wilson Hall at Liberton Kirk Centre.

Alpha is a 10 week course in basic Christianity. It is ideal for someone who

- Wants to know more about what Christians believe
- Wants to experience Christianity first hand
- Has been a church-goer for some time but wants to brush up
- Has been to Alpha before but missed a number of the sessions
- Knows someone who is interested who they could chum along
- Would like to make some good friends

Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have any church connection. If you want to come along, or simply to know more about it, please get in touch.

John Young
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REFRESHMENTS AND CATERING

AT SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

During the year we have church related events that take place in the evening or at the weekend, which are made more special by the provision of refreshments and indeed they can be essential to the success of the occasion. Traditionally they have been organised superbly by many previous Hospitality leaders and teams from the congregation until it was paused by the covid 19 pandemic.

It is time to revive a pool of willing volunteers to cater in the future now we are back to flexible rules for providing food and refreshments. Please let me know if you were on the hospitality list previously and are still happy to be included and we are inviting new volunteers to join too and no specific skill is required. It's a great way to get to know everyone, and have a very rewarding time

December is a busy month this year starting on 4th December with afternoon tea for up to 40 people, refreshments after the memorial service on the 14th and likewise at the big sing on the 18th and finishing with the 9 lessons and carols on the 21st ! Usually there is a break until Easter – but you never know if something else crops up. So many hands make light work.

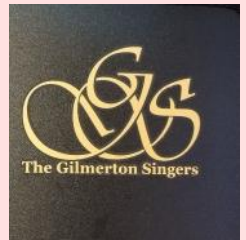
Please contact me, **Jill Niven** on 07966985190, email ajdcniven@hotmail.com, if you are wishing to be included. I would like to thank everyone who responded to the appeal on the notice sheet.

Jill Niven

Gilmerton Singers Christmas Concert

We will be holding our Christmas concert in Liberton Kirk Halls on Friday 16th December at 7.00pm. Come and listen to some lovely songs and carols by the choir, and sing along to some old favourites!

Tickets cost £6 and include refreshments. We will also be raffling some delicious Christmas hampers. Tickets will be available from members, or on entry, and all proceeds will go to the Edinburgh mental health charity, **Health in Mind** (<https://www.health-in-mind.org.uk>).



UNITED ARTISTS AND LIBERTON KIRK

present



BUSTER KEATON

in

THE GENERAL

A SILENT FILM WITH LIVE MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT FROM
PHILOMUSICA OF EDINBURGH

DECEMBER 29TH AT 1 P.M.

MULLED WINE RECEPTION FROM 12.30 P.M

LIBERTON KIRK

SUGGESTED DONATION OF £8 IN AID OF WORLD MISSION FUND

Liberton Kirk is registered Scottish charity - SC011602

Tickets will be available after church services in December or on entry to the concert.
Please make any donations, either after services or on the day, in cash only.

Calum Gubby

Eco Matters

The current tightening of the purse strings can paradoxically be beneficial in our aims to become net zero, the requirement for the planet to survive as it is. Too long we have been used to throwing away and buying new.

Recycling is a contribution we can all make. It can be little things like recycling the plastic bottle caps with a 2 or a 4, cutting off the stamps from letters and cards, recycling blister packs, all of which are collected in the Offering House at the entrance to the kirk grounds, open to all the members of the public and save from going to landfill. It was so encouraging last week to hear of one church family who had a loved leather suite, previously acquired second hand, which really had gone past its sell by date. Instead of consigning it to landfill, it was refurbished at a fraction of the cost of a new suite, the best of the leather removed and sent to someone who had the skills to revive it and create beautiful new sketch books with tooled leather covers. The Repair Shop on our doorstep. Winners all round.

Some magazine wrappers are compostable but can also be used as containers in food caddies as can the plastic bags sliced bread comes in, as can other plastic bags, just get into the habit of opening sealed ones at the top and reusing. No longer single use bags. I managed to reuse all the plastic bags the 17,000 poppies arrived in during 2018 and did not have to buy another bag for over 3 years!

Please think about the kind of Christmas cards and wrapping paper you buy and avoid foil and glitter which can't be recycled and if put in to the recycle bins contaminate the load.

The little things do count and do add up. If anyone else can guide us to recycling more please get in touch. **dorothymorrison@talktalk.net**

Bethany Care Van

We are now again able to accept items for the Bethany Care Van. We are happy to accept warm tops, jumpers and coats, new socks and new ladies and gents underwear. Warm blankets and sleeping bags are also gratefully received,

Please take note we DO NOT take used socks, shoes or gentlemen or ladies suits. Please DO NOT leave any items in the Offering house unless previously arranged.

If you have any items that you wish to donate please contact Eleanor (contact details below) to arrange suitable time and date for items to be dropped off at the Offering House where I will pick them up.

Thank you for your support.

Eleanor Grieve: ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

Memorial Service for the Bereaved

This service will be held on *Wednesday 14th December, at 7pm* in the church, and is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for those who wish to stay.

Service with Sunday Club and other Young People

The second morning service on *Sunday 18th December, starting at 11am*, in church and on Zoom, will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family involved. We can all join in the celebration, led by Emily, our Youth and Children's Worker, and Laura, our Pre-School Children and Families Worker.

Big Carol Sing

Also on *Sunday 18th December, at 7pm*, we are in the Anderson Hall for the "Big Carol Sing". Informal, good fun, and lots of favourite carols, followed by refreshments – ask friends and neighbours along!

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. This traditional service is on *Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm*, and on Zoom.

Christingle Service

This service, at *4 o'clock on Christmas Eve*, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. If you want to make a Christingle, **please bring an orange with you**. The service is also on Zoom and packs for "zoomers" can be collected from the Offering House from 11th December – you will still need an orange!

Watchnight Service

Later on *Christmas Eve*, we'll sing carols together from 11.15pm and the service will start at *11.30pm*, leading up to the very first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born. At midnight, it's Christmas Day! This service will also be on Zoom.

Christmas Day

Our *Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30am* in the church and on Zoom, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys.

Sunday 1st January

One all-age morning service at 10.30am in the church and on Zoom.



Bereavement & Loss Support Group: Hope in difficult times



Peer support in a safe setting

Meeting on Thursdays 7.30 – 9.00pm
from 2nd February, 2023, for six weeks
in Gracemount Church House,
76, Lasswade Road, Liberton EH16 6SB

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

A free community event organised by the local churches,
for people of all faiths and none.
Free on-street parking, on bus route 31.

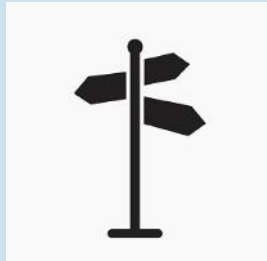
LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

JANUARY 23

Someone is shouting in the desert, "Prepare a road for the Lord, make a straight path for him to travel!" Matthew 3 verse 3

During 2022 we were looking daily at the theme of GOOD NEWS as we journeyed with Paul through his letter to the ROMANS.

.In 2023, we will be looking at TELLING OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.



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

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading

Reflection and Prayer at end of the day

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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 23

Sun 1st	Morning	MATTHEW 3 vs 1-12 – take time to consider these words this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 2nd	Morning	MATTHEW 3 vs 13-17 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 3rd	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 1-4 – as we pause with God consider these particular words today. And then pray in response to this 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 4th	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 5-7 – 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 on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD God
Thur 5th	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 8-11 – consider these words written here about Jesus. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 6th	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 12-17 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 7th	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 18-22 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these truths and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 8th	Morning	MATTHEW 4 vs 23-25 – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning...And then we pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 9th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 1-12 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words and truths today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Family prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 10th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 1 and 2 – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....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 11th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 3 – 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 those on our Church Family prayer list

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

DECEMBER 22

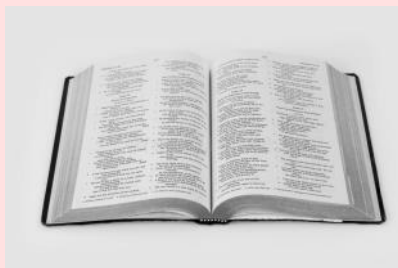
This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!
Luke 2 verse 11

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 December, as the year closes, we focus on ADVENT and CHRISTMAS with the Prophets and Matthew and Luke

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.

November 2022

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 22

Thur 1st	Morning	ISAIAH 7 verses 1-17– consider these words of promise given here. And then pause to pray to this God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who live in your street
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here - then pray to God
Fri 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH 9 vs 1-7 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words of promise. Then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our city and national leaders
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God, our God
Sat 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH 65 vs 17-25 – 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 Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 4th	Morning	LAMENTATIONS 3 vs 22-24 – take time to consider these words this Sunday morning. Then pause to pray in response to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this Lord of ours.
Mon 5th	Morning	EZEKIEL 37 verses 1-14 – we take time to consider these particular words this morning about God's ways. And then pray in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who work in local shops
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...then pray to our God in response
Tue 6th	Morning	HOSEA 6 verses 1-3 – as we pause with God consider these particular words today. And then pray in response to this 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 7th	Morning	JOEL 2 verses 18-32 – 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 our neighbours
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD God
Thur 8th	Morning	MICAH 4 verses 1-5– consider these words written here about God and His ways. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on your family members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 9th	Morning	MICAH 5 vs 1-4 – 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 those who are hurting in our community
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 10th	Morning	ZECHARIAH 9 vs 9-17 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, take time to consider these truths and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 11th	Morning	MATTHEW 1 vs 1-17 – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning...And then we pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 12th	Morning	MATTHEW 1 vs 18-25 – 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 those who work in hospitals in our city

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Tue 13th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 1-12 – 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 14th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 13-18 – 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 our Café staff and volunteers
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Thur 15th Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 19-23 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of TEARFUND in our world
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 16th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 1-4 – 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 work of Street Pastors in our city
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 17th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 5-25 – 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 Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Sun 18th Morning	LUKE 1 vs 26-38 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 19th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 39-45 – 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 work of Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
	Tue 20th Morning	LUKE 1 vs 46-56 – 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!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 21st	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 46-56 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words again, the truths written...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the work of Christian Aid in our world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Thur 22nd Morning	LUKE 1 vs 46-56 - consider this passage again this Morning and then respond in prayer to this God we serve
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those seeking to know Jesus
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 23rd	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 57-66 – 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 those who are rejoicing a new birth at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 24th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 67-80 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these particular words And then pray to Him

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	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 25th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – we take time to consider these words of yesteryear.... And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 26th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-20 – take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our SEEPG partners in Edinburgh
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 27th	Morning	LUKE 2 verse 21 – 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 verse again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 28th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 22-35 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our SEECAT partners in SE Edinburgh
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 29th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 36-38 - consider these particular verse this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Big Idea partners in SE Edinburgh
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 30th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 39+40 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these particular two verses. And then pray in response to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 31st	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 41-52 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words And then pray to Him as the year ends
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read And then pray to this God in response as we step into a New Year

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 23

Thur 12th	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 4 - consider this verse today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
Fri 13th	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Family prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 5 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider this one verse. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Family prayer list
Sat 14th	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 6 – 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 Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Sun 15th	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 7 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Mon 16th	Evening	read this verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 8 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
Tue 17th	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 9 – 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 18th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 verse 10 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words again, the truths written...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Chris and Margaret Brandie and their family
Thur 19th	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 11+12 - consider this passage again this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we serve
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Judy Weston and our Finance Team
Fri 20th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 13-16 – 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 Jacqui, Edna and Sunny as they serve us
Sat 21st	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 17-20 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these particular words And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
Sun 22nd	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 21-26 – we take time to consider these words of yesteryear.... And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today

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Mon 23rd	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 27-30 – take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Emily and Laura as they serve us
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 24th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 31+32 – 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!
Wed 25th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 33-37 – 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 Gary as he serves us
Thur 26th	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 38-47 - consider these particular verse this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Jenny Thomasi and her family
Fri 27th	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 1-4 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Calum, our church organist
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 28th	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 5-15 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these words And then pray to Him as the day starts
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday
Sun 29th	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 16-24 – take time to consider these words this morning... And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read these verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 30th	Morning	MATTHEW 6 vs 25-34 – 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 Scotland
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 31st	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 1-6 – 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!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God



The full programme for South East Edinburgh Churches for the year up to summer 2023 is on a peach coloured card, available for anyone interested from the Welcome Desks in church or the Kirk Centre entrance or the Offering House. Events coming up in December and January are:

Quiet Morning

On Saturday 3rd December, 10.30am at Liberton Northfield, there's an opportunity to take a little time away from the Christmas rush. Tea or coffee to start, and then a quiet time from 11am to 12noon, led by Clare Roller and Jacqui Sanger. All welcome.

Carol Singing

We sing carols to shoppers in Morrisons, Gilmerton Road, on Saturday, 17th December, from 12 noon to 1pm. Come and join in!

Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January. This year we have two services:

- Monday 16th January (short service) 2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View
- Thursday 19th January (main service followed by refreshments) 7pm at Liberton Kirk, Kirkgate

If you can't go to the services, please pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Desks in January and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is a challenging one: *"Do good, seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17).*

Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)

Senior Citz Club



Our Senior Citizens Club is like an extended family and runs every year from January to April, then September to December. We just celebrate 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.

Like any family we celebrate the annual milestone in every single members life ... their birthday! On the Thursday of their birthday week 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.

We're celebrating our December birthdays

- 8 Pearl Kelly
- 10 Alison Robb
- 17 Evelyn Eadie
- 18 Ann Woodward & Sheila Doig

Our Entertainers for December are:-

- 1 David Vernon
- 8 Is our Christmas meal. Our entertainer is Stevie Quinn with a visit from a snowman if Santa is too busy.

Our Christmas party is free for all our members but if you're not a member you can still come. Your ticket will cost £5. Contact Jenni for further details. Our club closes for Christmas until Thursday 12 January 2023 when our entertainer will be Alan Weatherhead and his keyboard.

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

Should you need to contact us for any reason at all please phone

President – **Jenni Ryalls** – 0131 258 0764 or 0741 533 5889

Pastoral Support Worker – **Linda Wright** – 0785 041 1596

For further details about the Senior Citizens Club including info about transport contact **Jenni Lou Ogilvy** can be contacted by email at seniorslk@gmail.com

Jenni and all her helpers wish every member and carers a blessed Christmas and a happy 2023.

We restart on 12th January 2023 but keep an eye on the Kirk magazine or on the Kirk's website libertonkirk.org for further details.

Elders' Duties

		Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
9.30 am	West	Fiona Knight	George Thom	Tom Baxendale
	East	Christina Young	Joan Thom	Eric Brown
11 am	West	Jill Niven	Chris Brandie	Marie-Louise Robb
	East	Janice Wilson	Helen Colley	Christine Johnson
	Gallery	Claire Mayberry	Rink van Dijke	Bill Robb
	Front gate	Mary Davidson	Margaret Brandie	Eleanor Grieve
	Banker	Alan Carmichael	Jacqui Tait	Stewart Heney

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



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



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THANKS FOR THE TREES!



Across

1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)

3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)

9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)

10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)

11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)

12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)

14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)

17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)

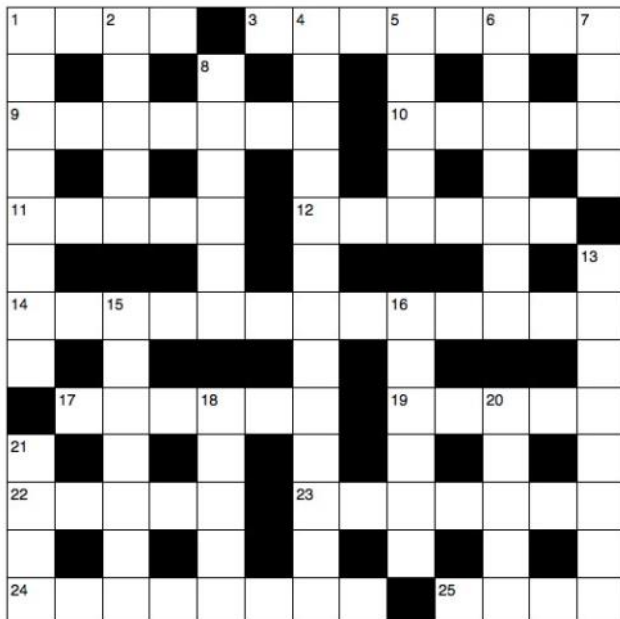
19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)

22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)

23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)

24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)

25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)



Down

1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)

2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)

4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)

5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)

6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)

7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)

8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)

13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)

15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)

16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)

18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)

20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)

21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

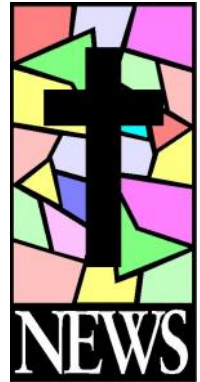
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Congregational News

I am pleased to announce that as of 06th Nov, Mr Robert Snedden, Mrs Elizabeth (Liz) Snedden, Dr Guang (Sunny) Yan, Mr Ian Hay, Mrs Amelia (Milly) Hay, Mrs Anne Greenway, Mrs Anne Cowgill and Mrs Linda Skedd have all become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death of on 28th October of Mr John Rennie 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 December: 2022 Mrs Margaret Burns 664 2927



4th Dec Mrs Margaret Burns

11th Dec Mrs Dorothy Parr in memory of Grandma G, Mother Helen and James Whyman

18th Dec Mrs Ann Morgan & family, in memory of Margaret Barlow

25th Dec Flower Group

Convener for January 2023: Mrs Jill Snowdon

1st Jan Free

8th Jan Mrs Claire Mayberry, in memory of my parents Grace & Vic Willshire

15th Jan Mrs Katy Harrison, in memory of David Harrison

22nd Jan Mrs Caroline Barlee, in memory of David C B Maitland

29th Jan Mrs Judy Weston, in memory of Elsie Weston

Admin Convener **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081



Old Bibles and Hymn Books

There are quite a few old Bibles and hymn books which have accumulated in Liberton Kirk's archive. Many of these date from a time when members of the congregation tended to keep their own copies in the church to use each week. Some of them have names and addresses written in them and some are inscribed with messages from loved ones. The names are listed below -

John Connacher with **Mrs Allan's** of 5 Hillside Crescent 1888

Sergeant Robert Couper, 3rd Gordon Highlanders 1919

Captain Robert Couper, Royal Scots 1940

Janice Edgar, 63 Hyvot Loan 1971

Mrs Olivia Galloway, 14 Hawkhead Crescent 1973

A. Gemmell 1935

Evelyn H. Hall, Supervisor of Youth Service for Dumbarton area 1945

Sergeant H. Hall 1918

John from **Auntie Amy** and **Uncle Alastair** 1957

John from **Bet** 1961

Dugald W. McTaggart

Blanche Mountain, 13 Victoria Road, Headingley Leeds 1912

Kenneth John Nisbet, 2 Burnbank Terrace Oban 1953

S. Penman Splitt, 56 Alnwickhill Road

W. S. Pozzi, 284 Gilmerton Road 1961

Rita 1928

A. Scott Elliot 1897

F. Shaw, St Mark's Catechism Class Monitor from **S.C. Buchanan**, Rector 1914

J. G. Steele, 16/1 Robert Burns Drive

Ada Sutherland

Mrs Annie Tait from **J.A. Findlay** 1913

A. S. Tait, 31 Cadogan Road then 35 Lasswade Road

If anyone recognises any of the names above and wants to reclaim any of these Bibles and hymn books, I would be happy to hand them over.

Vivienne Batho

Archivist

Tel 0131 667 2332, email : archivist@libertonkirk.net

Youth News

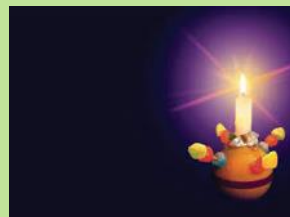
It's been an exciting time for firsts for our church's youth work recently. We had our first Church group visit at Sunday clubs with the World Mission Team coming along to introduce themselves to our Sunday Club members. We were taught about the various communities they support and serve as part of our plan to try and teach our youth more about the ministries and groups within Liberton Kirk. We had a great time making paper bags for imaginary rupees and are looking forward to our visit from the next group, the Care Team!

We also had our first Friday Drop-In down at Liberton Northfield. We are trying to build on the success of Toastie Tuesday by providing some free food and hang out space on a Friday where we can get to know the young people we see every week a little more. This first Friday went well and we were able to spend some quality time with students from Liberton High School!

At our Remembrance Service we have started the new tradition of serving the Uniformed Organisations lunch afterwards! We had around 40 kids and leaders stay behind after the service for some fellowship and pancakes.

We, like pretty much everyone, are getting ready for Christmas now in the Youth and Children's parts of church life. Our Sunday Clubs are underway with preparations for the Nativity Service (18th December, 11am in the Kirk), we have already celebrated Christmas at Messy Church and we are of course looking forward to our Christmas parties!

It is such a pleasure to be able to do all of this again after being restricted for so long. We are also getting ready for our annual Christingle service (see details on page 15). This is often the biggest service of the year for us at Liberton Kirk so if you are coming get there early as seats go fast. After a couple of years of adaptations to the service we are back to normal, with the addition of being able to watch on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person.



As before, packs for making your Christingle at home will be available in the offering house, however if you are coming along to the service your pack will be waiting for you there. Don't forget you need an orange (proper orange not easy peeler size).

We hope to see you there and of course at our Christmas day service on 25th December – it's a Sunday this year so no excuses! Merry Christmas!!

Emily & Laura



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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



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