



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.

Sunday 18th December 2022

Call: We have lit candles for hope and peace and love, and now we light the fourth candle for the joy we have in knowing Jesus in our lives.
May we be bearers of his joy to lighten the dark places of the world.

Morning Worship

Theme:

Reading:

Preacher:

9.30am Service (in church)

Joseph's tale part 2

Matthew 2:13-23

John Young

Call see above

CH4 296 While humble shepherds watched their flocks

CH4 309 Still the night, holy the night!

Hymn Thou didst leave Thy throne

11am Service (in church and on Zoom)

All Age Nativity Service

Reading: John 1:9-14

Song Come and light the candles on the Advent Ring

Call See above

Song Lord, the light of your love is shining

CH4 312 Away in a manger

Song Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord

Song See him lying in a bed of straw

CH4 301 Hark! The herald angels sing

- *Children are welcome throughout the service. Sound **and vision** is also piped into the church vestry (toys available).*
- *We have a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.*
- *Please check that your mobile phone is switched off.*
- **Offerings** - *Please put any Offering Envelopes or other donations into the Donations Boxes on the Welcome Desks.*

Zoom (11am service). Join from 10.45am to chat. For access to Zoom contact Gary Ross on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

Coffee and teas will be served after services in the Kirk Centre Foyer.

7pm Anderson Hall Big Carol Sing followed by refreshments

(For Sunday prayer times see overleaf.)

WEEKLY DIARY

TODAY

10.20am Elders' Room Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After 11am Service Cross at East Door Prayer Team Ministry

7pm Anderson Hall Big Carol Sing followed by refreshments

Monday 19th December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 20th December **7.30am – 7.30pm Upper Room Time (see below)**

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
2.30pm Guthrie House Carol Singing
7pm Anderson Hall Peace Light Service

Join the 162nd Braid Scouts and bring a lantern or candle and share the light carried by Scouts and Guides all the way from Bethlehem.

Wednesday 21st December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café
7.30pm Kirk Service of Lessons and Carols
(flyers available)

Thursday 22nd December

9am-12noon Foyer Kirkgate Café

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

4pm Kirk Christingle Service
(flyers available)
11.15pm Kirk Watchnight Service

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

at 10.30am in church and on Zoom

Joint Family Service with Gracemount Church.

Children are invited to bring one of their new toys.

Upper Room Time (Tuesday 7.30am – 7.30pm)
closed Tuesdays 27th December and 3rd January

A quiet place for anyone who wants to spend some time with God. Includes the following times together: Morning Prayers 8am - 8.30am, Midday Prayers 12.00 noon-12.30pm, Evening Prayers 7.00pm - 7.15pm.

Prayer Requests - can be sent to either John (see page 4) or Lindsay at nicolyoung3@gmail.com who will pass details on to the rest of the prayer team.

NOTICES

December/January Magazine – Available online, spare magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance.

Crossreach Calendars - Sign-up sheets and a photocopy of the calendar pictures on the Welcome Desks. To order contact Sheila McBryde, call 07855747731 or email: smmcb34@gmail.com. **TODAY.**

Kirkgate Café – please note that the café will close at 12noon on Thursday 22nd December and reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at 9am.

Lunchtime concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh, Thursday 29th December at 1.00 p.m. in the Church. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. Tickets (with suggested donation of £8 in aid of the World Mission Fund) available after both services or by contacting Mary Davidson (tel. 664 6789).

Keep Warm and Carry On - Thank you for all those who have volunteered to help with this project. We are going ahead with opening the cafe area as a warm space on Friday afternoons in January, February and March from 1pm to 5pm. The IT clinic will available, along with Knit and Natter, board games, using wifi, or reading. Tea and coffee and company will be available. Please let anyone know who might be interested.

Alpha – the next course starts on Thursday 2nd February at 7pm. Sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desks in the Kirk or at the Kirkgate Café.

Evangeline Perry is looking for mesh bags (from fruit such as oranges). Any colour, but she needs a lot's. Marked box in entrance to the Kirk Centre.

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal – donations of used stamps or stamp collections can be left in the box in the Kirk Centre Foyer. Alternatively contact David Lamb 0131 664 3059 or email david@dlamb.co.uk

No Clothing Please! Sorry, we don't collect clothing in the Offering House – please re-cycle it yourself through charity shops etc. The monthly Bethany Care Van team can take with them some of the following: **Warm** coats/jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, **new** underwear or socks. **BUT** please don't just leave it – contact Eleanor Grieve on ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk and she will tell you what to do.

Please note that the Kirk Centre will be closed Monday 26th December until Tuesday 3rd January. Donations can not be accepted at the Church over this period.

Blister Packs from pills – can now be recycled. Please leave in marked box.

South East Edinburgh Food Banks – Donations can be left in the boxes provided or with the Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive (box outside garage if out). For special arrangements phone 01316643059, or email david@dlamb.co.uk

Fresh Start – please note that duvets, pillows, valance sheets and furniture cannot be accepted. Other household items (crockery, cutlery, towels etc) can be left in the McDonald Room but if you have large quantities to donate please contact Sylvia Bennett on 664 3189.

Milk Bottle Tops – All bottle tops with a 2 or a 4 in the triangle on the inside are welcomed, lids with other numbers are not suitable. Please leave in marked box.

Bible Verse for the Week

He has provided for us a mighty Saviour, a descendant of his servant David.

Luke 1 verse 69

Church website www.libertonkirk.net

To include anything in the Notice Sheet please contact Jacqui Tait (by Wednesday) on churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net or text 07743478468.

Office phone number 0131 664 8264.

Open on Thursday 10.30am-2.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm,

*Edna Matthews (Facilities Coordinator) to book halls
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