

LIBERTON KIRK NEWS EXTRA

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Dear Friends,

This month sees Jacqui stepping down from her role as secretary. Here is her faith story:

I thought I would share my church life with you. I was baptised at Inveresk Church as a baby aged just 12 weeks old. I went to Sunday school at St Andrew's Church in Musselburgh. Here is a photo of mum, dad, my younger sister and me at a Congregational Lunch.



In 1975 my mum and I began to attend Liberton Kirk and it was in September 1978 that married in Liberton Kirk.



Colin and I got

Over the next few years I went to South Leith Church, where I became a member and made my public confession to follow Jesus. It was here that Nicola and Jennifer were baptised. I remember the Duke of Edinburgh visited South Leith and Nicola at 10 months old shook his hand, I had to trot alongside them as she would not let his hand go and he happily carried out a part of his visit chatting away to her.

We then moved to East Craigs where I attended Craigsbank Church - it was a little building but had a lovely buzz to it. I helped with the Sunday School and took the girls along.

In 1987 we moved back to Liberton and in the November had Samantha baptised by Dr Orr, who was quite frail and was frightened he would let Samantha fall, as at 8 months she was very active and a tad heavy for him. Fortunately it all went well.

One Sunday Jim Henderson spoke saying that the church needed uniformed leaders and my mum kindly gave him my details, and so my Guiding life began. A role I did for 30 years which brought a mixture of fun and hard work.

When John Young came to Liberton he asked me to become an Elder and after a discussion I agreed. This followed me working in the office doing the Sunday Notices, then the Powerpoint and duties to help with the Kirk Session.

One of my proudest moments was when Colin became a member, which goes to show that prayer does work. Another proud moment was when Jennifer became an Elder before moving on to pastures new at Liberton Northfield. Jennifer came back last year to work as the Kirkgate Café Manager, a job she is loving doing.

It has been a pleasure and honour to work alongside the people of Liberton Kirk. I hope to continue to support the congregation and perhaps take on visiting some of you at home.

My prayer: Father God, I thank you for the blessings of Liberton Kirk members. I ask you to watch over and keep safe the team moving things forward, and in particular John. Amen

With love, Jacqui

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