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Summer and winter and Springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy an love. *Great is Thy Faithfulness (MP4)*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

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



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Prayer for February

Dear Lord,

Matthew teaches us that You care intensely about people. Most notably those who are on the margin of society; the aged, the blind, the infirm, the psychotic, and even those whom we would naturally distrust.

Give us encouragement and grace to follow Your example, that we may show Your Clory in our lives.

Amen

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One

This heading reminds me of a U2 song which, not so long ago, captured the imagination of a generation. It was the song 'One', and it contained the lines..

"We're one but we're not the same. We've got to carry each other"

When I first came to Liberton Kirk, our Kirk Session organised an annual outreach in the build up to Easter, where teams of volunteers visited a different part of the parish each year, knocking on doors, and inviting people to our services. What made this outreach different, however, was the fact that we also invited volunteers from other local churches to join us, and handed out information about all our different services.

There were two stand out moments from the first time I was involved in this. The first was when I teamed up with a Sister from the local RC church to visit the houses in Burnhead Crescent. I remember a man opening his front door, and when I explained that we'd come to tell them about local churches, his answer, as he shut the door, was "No thanks, we go to Liberton Kirk."

My second stand out moment was a bit more positive. It was the realisation that, if we had just gone round publicising our own church, that particular church would have been all that people would have heard about. But, because we were publicising ALL local churches, people were left wondering what we all had in common, and what we all have in common is Jesus.

" We're one, but we're not the same."

Unity does not mean uniformity, which means when different churches work together, they learn from each other about the Jesus we all believe in. "*We've got to carry each other.*" Unity is also a gift of the Holy Spirit, and a sign of his presence, and a source of real blessing.

Here in South East Edinburgh we have been blessed for many years with the spirit of unity. This is evidenced by the unity between local Church of Scotland churches (SEEPG), between Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Roman Catholic Churches (SEECAT), and between any local church who wishes to join with others in mission and evangelism (The BIG Idea). We have just finished our involvement in our annual *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, and in the coming months there will be regular services and outreach events organised by these different configurations of the Body of Christ in South East Edinburgh.

We live in an age when the Church is regularly criticised for its dis-unity. Every time we meet together is a witness to the world that this is not true, and points people to what we all have in common, which is Jesus. And the bigger the gathering, the bigger the witness.

Much Love,

Our Theme for 2023 is *"He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9.2)*



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Telling Others the Good News

Our Alpha Experience

Alpha is an opportunity to talk about the things that really matter in life. You meet up once a week to explore things you don't often get a chance to explore, and you make lots of good friends along the way.

John & I had our first experience of being part of an Alpha Course at our own home church when John was training for ministry. Then, when he was a probationer at Craiglockhart, we were involved in running a couple of Alpha courses, and the friends we made at that time are still our friends today, as we continue to pray for each other and each other's needs.

When we came to Liberton, it was Sue Duncan, the pastoral assistant at the time, who suggested we run an Apha course here too. This was to be the first of many, and we are about to begin Alpha number 46*.

Every one of these courses has been different. Sometimes they have involved live speakers, sometimes talks by one speaker on film, and sometimes we have used the Alpha Film series. Course members tend to be randomly gathered. E.g. mainly church or mainly non-church, youth or seniors, café volunteers, parents who have asked for their children to be baptised, people interested in becoming members of the church, daytime or evening, etc.

They have all been so different – not only because of the groupings, but because everyone who comes makes that particular course unique. Things discussed, things focussed on, friendships formed, support given, trust built up.

Alpha has been of huge benefit to our church at Liberton. It reinvigorates our faith, opens up new possibilities, and inspires hope. Thank God for Alpha.

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John & Lindsay Young

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(*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. Everyone is welcome, <u>whether</u> <u>or not</u> you have any church connection. If you want to come along, or simply to know more about it, please get in touch. 0131 664 3067; jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk)



World Mission Team (Philomusica)

On December 29th, the World Mission Team hosted another New Year's Lunchtime Concert. We saw Buster Keaton's 'The General' with live musical accompaniment from Lawrence Dunn and Philomusica of Edinburgh. The event gave a glimpse into the 1920s life when films were silent and cinemas each had their own orchestras.

Despite December 29th being a normal working day, we were delighted to raise £913, which will be used for World Mission Funds. Attendance was so good that we even ran out of mulled wine and only had a few mince pies left by the end of the concert.

The next New Year's Lunchtime Concert will be on Saturday, 30th December, 2023 at the usual time of 1 p.m. It will be the tenth New Year's Lunchtime Concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh, so we hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be another special event.

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AUSTRIAN EVENING - PLEASE NOTE!

For anybody who picked up a flyer about the Austrian Evening at the Philomusica Concert after Christmas: the date of this social evening has had to be changed and is now Saturday 4th March. See poster on page 14 for details.

Many thanks! Ruth

Offering House

The display in the Offering House is advertising our Alpha Course, due to start on 2^{nd} February, but from 4^{th} February there will be a display celebrating the Kirkgate Café, its staff and volunteers, and everything it does for the folk of Liberton Kirk and the community.





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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
Monday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
wonday our	7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 7th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
ruoodayrar	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 8th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	11am Pram Praise in the Small Hall
Thursday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 	7.00pm Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Sunday 12th	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 Road to Jerusalem (Luke 9. 51-62)
	Preacher: John Cowie
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
Manday 12th	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 13th Tuesday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
Tuesuay 1411	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Cale
	2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home
	7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	(No Alpha Course this week)
Saturday 18th	10am-12noon – Guild Spring Coffee Morning
 Sunday 19th	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 home of Mary and Martha (Luke 10.38-41)
	Preacher: Jared Hay
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	2.30pm SEECAT business meeting at St Gregory's

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		3.00pm Special Communion Service in the Anderson Hall
		6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
N	/londay 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
		7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Т	uesday 21st	SHROVE TUESDAY
		7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
		9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
V	Ved'day 22nd	ASH WEDNESDAY
		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 (on zoom)
Т	hursday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
		7.00pm Alpha Course resumes in the Wilson Hall
	Saturday 25th	
S	Sunday 26th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
		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 healing on the Sabbath (Luke 13.10-13)
		Preacher: tbc
		10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
		7.00pm Joint Evening Worship (venue tbc)
N	/londay 27th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	uesday 28th	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)

March 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
	2.00pm History Resource Group meeting (on zoom)
	7.00pm Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Friday 3rd	2.00pm World Day of Prayer service at Tron Kirk
Saturday 4th_	7.00pm_Austrian Evening in the Anderson Hall
Sunday 5th	COMMUNION SUNDAY
,	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter Communion service in the Kirk
	& 11am Family Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom
	(with Creche & Sunday Club)
	Theme: The Ten Lepers (Luke 17.11-19)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre

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Kirkgate Café Winter News

What an eventful month December was for the café and all the volunteers. We hosted 4 Christmas gathering for several groups which use the halls, it so lovely getting to know the hall users. Thank you to everyone who booked a



Christmas lunch with us, of which we served 71 customers over three days. All of this was achieved by the amazing teamwork put in by our dedicated volunteers.

We have welcomed another new volunteer Anne-Marie to the team, Anne-Marie has taken to serving with such ease. There is still space for more volunteers if you would like to be part of our friendly team. Feel free to pop in for a chat if you would like to know more.

It has now been six months since I started in Kirkgate café and I have felt so welcomed by all the customers and the volunteers. Making sure the café's daily business flows well is such a joy to me and I feel so blessed to be doing a job I love.

In January all the volunteers enjoyed an afternoon tea at Liberton Colf Club. It was lovely to be able to come together as the big team that we are as sometime volunteers on different days don't see each other very often

Kirkgate café now do \pounds 5 gift vouchers, these can be purchased at the till and have a six-month valid date on them. The vouchers were popular for gifts at Christmas but can be for anything, to cheer someone up or for a birthday gift.

Best Wishes Jenny Thomasi Kirkgate Café Manager







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Jacqui's 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 Colin and I got married in Liberton Kirk.

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 as God directs me.



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

Jacqui with love, hugs and all that jazz

Special Communion

Special Communion is a short Communion Service which takes place 3 times a year in the Anderson Hall at 3pm. This service is for anyone in the parish or anyone you know of who is unable to attend the normal Communion Service which takes place in the church due to mobility or any other health issues. Transport can be arranged to pick up and return the person home. If anyone needs transport please contact Eleanor, details below.



stay. include Tea / d

Whoever brings the person is also welcome to

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

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

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

Dates for Special	Communion	Sunday Sunday	19th Feb 21ºst Ma	-	2023 2023	at 3pm at 3pm
Rev John Young	JYoung@church	nof Scotlar	nd.org.uk	0131	664 30)67
Linda Wright	lscwright@hotm	iail.com		0785	50 4115	96
Eleanor Grieve	Convener Care 1	Feam		0751	2 8216	04

Ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

Transport

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

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Ecumenism-"Jesus Has Need of Many Peters"

Article From Riforma, Waldensian Weekly Paper, 2 December 2022

A Waldensian Pastor had for the first time, the liberty of speaking in the Basilica of St Peter in Rome, for the first time in its history, on 22 November 2022. He was the Theologian, Professor Paulo Ricca, invited by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, on the occasion of a "Lectio Petri" (Study on St Peter). Also taking part were Dimitrios Keramidas, a Theologian of the Orthodox Church, and Dario Vitali, a Catholic Professor. Prof Ricca spoke on the interpretation of the text – "On this stone will I build my Church". The quotation – "You are Peter" – affirmed Ricca, should be taken with "Your are the Christ" of v.16. "You are Peter" is the echo of "You are the Christ", which Peter had just spoken in the discussions with Jesus. These two declarations, Ricca maintained, are inseparable.

Ricca continued .. "The "You are the Christ" is the mother of the "You are Peter". In reality Peter was named Simon. Jesus changed his name (like Jacob, whom God changed his name to Israel). Jesus said : "Now I will call you Peter, because you are the rock and on this rock I will build my church". Rock ? Peter ? – But do you know Peter ? He was everything, other than a rock. Generous, yes, impulsive, but one who had to weep bitterly over himself, because it was he who had denied his master he loved so much, three times. Rock ? Yes, rock, with is contradictions. Like us, with contradictions, who are called to a task greater than us, like that of Peter. Jesus transforms into a rock this young man, who was not a rock. And why ? Because he was the first of all.. in fact Matthew calls him "protos", in Greek. The first in what sense ?

This was because Peter was the first to say "You are the Christ". No one had said it; no one was aware of it; perhaps no one had the courage to say it. And this is the premier, if we wish to call it this way. Peter is the first, but not the only one. The risen Jesus will call Paul, who will found many churches on the same foundation as Peter. based on "You are the Christ". And I ask myself if Jesus does not wish to make of us so many small "Peters". Jesus needs many Peters, not just one. And perhaps in this meeting he wishes to make us all small Peters, small household rocks on which he, Jesus, wishes to build his Church. The Christian Church was not born in Cathedrals, it was born in homes, the first form of the Christian Church is the household church. Jesus has need of many small Peters for his Church in our Europe which is largely secularised, and even in this city of Rome.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I cannot complete my comments without thanking from the bottom of my heart the Fratres Omnes (All Brothers) Foundation, who organised this event, for the chance to participate in this "Lectio Petri". It is surely the first time in the thousand-year history of this Basilica that a Waldensian Pastor, like me, can speak, and be given that opportunity in liberty and fraternity. It has not happened before in history. It is an absolutely new fact, one of these new things of which the Prophet Isaiah speaks, of God creating in his people. One of these first things of the

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Spirit, of which the apostle Paul speaks. This is what we are seeing here today. And what is this new thing ?

It is the ecumenical church which advances and takes form, even here, specifically in this Basilica, which is so significant from all points of view, for the whole of Christianity. Exactly here the ecumenical church, that is the church of all Christians, takes shape, becomes visible. It is an extraordinary thing, a thing for which we can only thank God who never tires of creating new things, even and special in our time. It is exactly the church of "All Brothers", or rather All Christians. We have been this always -All Brothers - but only in our times have we become aware of it, slowly, and some have not yet realised this.

The Word for Today

You can once again follow a Bible passage as you walk round the Kirkyard, words which speak to us across the centuries since they were written. Start beside the door of the Offering House, where there is a short introduc-



tion on the wall, and then you will find the Bible verses on various benches around the church building, starting with the bench at the Offering House.

IT Clinic in the Cafe

Is technology getting in the way?

Is IT causing frustration?

Help is at hand -

Come and discuss it at the IT Clinic



The IT clinic is now open at the Warm Hub in the Kirk Café on Friday afternoons from 1pm till 5pm (see page 25).

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AN AUSTRIAN EVENING

Looking at the mountains and valleys of the Austrian Alps, with some Austrian music from Calum Gubby, and some coffee or tea and cake Saturday 4th March, 7pm in Liberton Kirk Centre



Suggested donation of £8 in aid of the Scottish Bible Society and Liberton Kirk World Mission Funds. Tickets available or pay at the door.

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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

FEBRUARS B Everyone was amazed. "What kind of man is this?" they said. "Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Matthew 8 verse 27

During 2022 we were looking daily at the theme of GOOD NEWS as we journeved 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.



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 FEBRUARY 23

Wed 1st I	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 7-11 – consider these words as we pause with God
Thur 2nd	Midday Evening Morning	today. And then pray to Him in response to what you read. We pray God's blessing on those on our personal prayer list read the verses again – reflectand then pray to the LORD God MATTHEW 7 vs 12-14 – consider these words written here about Jesus. And then pause to pray to God in response.
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on those on our church prayer list read the verses again – reflect on what is said herethen pray to our God
Fri 3rd	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 15-20 – 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 wider world prayer list
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 4th	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 21-23 – 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 5th	Morning	MATTHEW 7 vs 24-27 – we take time to consider these words on
		this Sunday morningAnd then we pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Mon 6th	Evening Morning	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this God of ours. MATTHEW 8 vs 1-17 – as we pause with God, take time to
	WUTTINg	consider these particular words and truths todayAnd then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our family members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in response
Tues 7th	Morning	MATTHEW 8 vs 18-22 – as we pause with God today we consider
	Midday	these wordsand then turn to prayer with Him in response. 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 8th	Morning	MATTHEW 8 vs 23-34 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words written hereAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our neighbours
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 9th	Morning	MATTHEW 9 vs 1-8 - consider this verse today. And then pause in
	Midday	prayer to this God we believe in. We pray God's blessing on those on our colleagues and friends
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 10th	Morning	MATTHEW 9 vs 9-17 – 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
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
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Sat 11th	Morning	ours MATTHEW 9 vs 18-34 – as we pause with Jesus today, take the
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	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
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	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
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Sun 12th	worning	MATTHEW 9 vs 35-38 – take time to consider these words this
	Middov	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 this verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 13th	Morning	MATTHEW 10 vs 1-25 – as we pause with God, take time to
		consider these words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in
		response
Tues 14th	Morning	MATTHEW 11 vs 1-19 – as we pause with God today we consider
		these 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 words again – reflect and then pray in response to our
		God
Wed 15th	Morning	MATTHEW 11 vs 25-30 – Pause with this God this morning.
		Consider these words again, the truths writtenAnd then turn to
		pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Chris and Margaret Brandie and their
		family
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 16th	Morning	MATTHEW 12 vs 9-14 - 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 17th	Morning	MATTHEW 12 vs 22-32 – As we pause with God, take time to
		consider these words this morningAnd then pray to this God of
		ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Edna and Sunny as they serve us
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
		ours
Sat 18th	Morning	MATTHEW 12 vs 33-37 – 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you
		read
Sun 19th	Morning	MATTHEW 12 vs 43-50 - 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 againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 23

Mon 20th Morning	MATTHEW 13 vs 1-23 – take time to consider these words
Midday	todayAnd then pray to Him in response 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 21st Morning	MATTHEW 13 vs 24-43 – 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 22nd Morning	MATTHEW 13 vs 44-52 – Pause with this God this morn.
	Consider these words, the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to God
Midday	We pray God's blessing on Gary as he serves us
Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 23rd Morning	MATTHEW 13 vs 53-58 - consider these particular verse this morning
Midday	and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Evening	We pray God's blessing on Jenny Thomasi and her family read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 24th Morning	MATTHEW 14 vs 13-21 – As we pause with God, take time to consider
ITTZ-RIT Morthing	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 25th Morning	MATTHEW 14 vs 22-36 – as we pause with Jesus 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
Sun 26th Morning	And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday MATTHEW 15 verses 10-20 – take time to consider these words this
Sull Zouri Morning	Sunday 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 this verses againreflect and then pray to this God of oursas we
2101	step into a new week
Mon 27th Morning	MATTHEW 15 vs 21-31 – as we pause with God, take time to consider
	these words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
Midday	We pray God's blessing on members of our Kirk Session
Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 28th Morning	MATTHEW 15 vs 32-39 – as we pause with God today we consider these
Midday	wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday Evening	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Evening	read the words again – renect and then pray in response to our ood

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Senior Citz Club

The Club is still being run to the Scottish Parliament Covid-19 regulations which just now means you don't need to wear a mask or have your hands skooshed unless of course you feel safer!



Celebrating Seniors

The club has had a few new people join but there's still plenty of room for others. We have a variety of entertainers, plenty of birthday cards, cakes and most importantly plenty of chat.

Once a month we have a raffle and the money raised goes towards making our Christmas meal free for our members

So if you're free on a Thursday afternoon why not drop by - you'll be very welcome

February Birthdays:

7th Hugh Harkins **13th** Ellen Rillay **15th** Cathy Scott **20th** Lucy Patterson 22nd Romana Speakman

23rd Frank Pritchard 25th Brenda Oldrovd 25th Isa Olbert 25th Isa Whitson 27th Dot Lumsden

February Entertainers:-

- 2nd Stevie Quinn - jokes, song and guitar
- Rose McBeath with her powerful voice 9th
- **16th** Dougie McQ cracking guitar player
- 23rd RAFFLE Dougie

If you want to contact us please call/email

Jenni Ryalls our president on 0741 533 5889/0131 258 0764 Linda Wright our Pastoral Care on 0785 041 1596 Lou Oailvv admin on seniorslk@amail.com

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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Life and Work, February 2023

In the February issue:

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And Can It Be

One of the most famous Methodist hymns, "And Can It Be" was composed by Charles Wesley in 1738 while he was staying with Moravian friends in Smithfield, London, during a period of illness. The hymn first appeared in John Wesley's "Hymns and Sacred Poems" (1739), and its words were paired with the excellent tune Sagina in The Methodist Hymn Book (1933).

The tune was composed by Thomas Campbell and published in "The Bouquet" (1825): all the hymns had botanical names - Sagina (or Pearlwort) is a genus of small flowering plants.

Enjoy singing this wonderful hymn.

Willie Scott

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Guild News for Februaru



VineTrust On Monday 6 February Robert Alexander Will talk to us about the Vine Trust, our second Guild Project. There will be a sales table to raise funds.

On Monday 20 February we will be taken on a photographic tour of Wild Scotland and Norway by Graeme Gainey.





Saturday 18 February is The Guild Spring Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon in the Kirk Centre in aid of our projects. See the Notice Board for more details.



On 3 March the Guild will begin the month with the World Day of Praver Service held in Tron Kirk Gilmerton & Moredun Church, 6 Craigour Gardens at 2.30 pm. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Taiwan and their theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith".

On Monday 6 March you are invited to learn all about the Haggis Breeding Season by Rob Brechin. All welcome. Look forward to seeing you.





A note for your diary! The Guild are inviting you to afternoon tea on Friday 31st March 2023 in the Anderson Hall. We are delighted that Alan Campbell will host a conversation between our three special quests Ann Weir, Elizabeth and Bill Mercer who will share their special memories and thoughts of Liberton through the decades. Calum Gubby will also share his collection of photographs of old Liberton. If anyone has any photographs or documents they wish to share we would be delighted to hear from you. All are welcome to what promises to be a very special event in our community.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

Care for China

Scotland has a long connection with China, and many of you will be aware of our country's historical Christian connections through the pioneering medical and educational work of figures such as Eric Liddell in the early 20th century.

Today, the Scottish Churches China Group (SCCG) is an ecumenical charity that works with Chinese partners in public health and education. We are a small charity but proud to still be part of the long history of Scottish connection with China. Our purpose is still informed by a strong Christian desire to help people live life in all its fullness.

Modern China is a huge - and rich - country. But, because of its size, there is still an incredible amount of poverty. There are massive inequalities in health and education for hundreds of millions of people. We respond to requests from Chinese partners working on the front line in health and education, where there is most need.

Our Chinese partners include The Amity Foundation in Nanjing, a large NGO charity set up in 1985 by Chinese Protestant leaders for Chinese Christians to witness to their faith through good works; the Rende Foundation in Shanghai; the Caritas Social Service Centre in Liaoning Catholic Diocese, whose main focus is care for the elderly and HIV/Aids; and, Spiritual and Palliative Care professionals at Shengjing Hospital. Projects range from training for staff looking after children with additional support needs - including autism - to projects which are helping train medical staff involved in palliative and end of life care, neither of which are yet fully recognised specialisms in China.

The SCCG draws on expertise within Scotland and the UK, and shares that expertise responding to specific needs that arise. We have partnered with Scottish Autism, Macmillan Cancer Care and Alzheimer Scotland to provide training and expertise for Chinese partners. The SCCG funded travel for partners to come to Scotland for this as well as enabling Scottish experts to travel to visit Chinese partners. It is hugely rewarding to be able to respond quickly to partner requests for support.

It is fair to say that the turmoil caused by the pandemic, plus the current political situation in China, has meant we have had to work very hard - and sensitively - to support our Chinese partners. But the work remains vital for ordinary Chinese people facing real difficulties, and we remain encouraged by the commitment and energy of all our partners. We're looking forward to seeing them again in person, hopefully quite soon.

The SCCG AGM and Spring Plenary will be held in Edinburgh at the Quaker meeting House (7 Victoria Terrace, above, Victoria St, Edinburgh EH1 2JL) on Thursday 9 March at 11am (includes lunch at 12.30).

If you would like more details about our work or would like to be added to our

mailing list, please contact Rev Patricia Johnston by email for more details at patricia.johnston@sccg.org.uk. If you would like a speaker from the SCCG to come to your church or group, please let us know!

The Scottish Churches China Group is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Scottish Charity Number SC033740. Further information is on our website at www.sccg.org.uk



Crossword

Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8) 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3) 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clav pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge vou, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to vour bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On - – let them escape'

(Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4) Crosswords reproduced by kind permission of BRF and John

Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father'

(1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (collog.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' - salt to - your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)

12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always – to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)

16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to - (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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Congregational News

I am pleased to announce that as of 15th Dec 2022, Mrs Lucy Paterson and Mrs Elizabeth Souter and as of 9th Jan 2023 Mr Malcolm Heyward and Mrs Mary Heyward have all become a new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death on 9th January 2023 of Mrs Mary Lonie 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 February Mrs Lynn Maxwell : 0131 476 6428

- 5th Feb Mrs Mary Munro, in memory of her husband John Munro
- **12th Fed** Mrs Margaret Thomson, in memory of Ivy and William Jameson



- 19th Feb Alex and Christina Morrow, in memory of Dr Catherine Strang
- 26th Feb Flower Group, in memory of All past Flower Convenors

Admin Convener Jean Gray 0131 258 2081

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Struggling with heating bills? Trying to keep warm?



We are opening the Kirk Centre as a warm space on Friday afternoons from 1pm -5pm, January, February and March.

Free wifi, tech advice, knit and natter, or do your own thing! Tea and coffee available. All welcome!

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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.

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Editors note

Material for the March issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT <u>no</u> <u>later</u>than Sunday 12th February.

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Normal Hours of Services : 9-30am, 11am & 6.30pm 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

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