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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' Vision Statement



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### Prayer for April

Dear Lord,

After Your humiliation, You walked steadfastly on to a certain painful and brutal death. You were afraid for You sweated blood with anguish,

but You still went on so that all those of us who truly believe

may rise to be with You at the end of our mortal journey.

We praise You and joyously give thanks to You for Your steadfastness.

Amen.

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### Easter Arrival

Our son, Liam, was born on Easter Day, on the 3rd of April, 1988.

He was three weeks late in turning up, and Lindsay had reached the, *'please don't ask me when the baby is due* 'stage of her pregnancy. By the time we got to Easter Saturday, we were more or less resigned to the fact he wasn't going to turn up any time soon. Maybe that's just what he was waiting for, because suddenly, in the middle of the night, he started to give us due warning of his imminent arrival.

I have memories of a hurried phone-call to Bridge of Earn, and a less than an hour-long wait (!!) before Lindsay's mum and dad arrived to look after our two year old daughter, Lucy, who was sleeping through all the excitement. Then there was a nervous drive down through the Cowgate to Elsie Ingles Memorial Hospital, with Liam making his appearance around about dawn on Easter Sunday.

Lindsay and I were youth leaders at the time, and the young folks at church were due to sing at the morning service. They had to manage without us, and we later heard that our minister, Victor Laidlaw, had announced with excitement the birth of our Easter baby. It was a very special Easter for us all – our last one in Scotland before we went to Pakistan as a family.

That was a good few years ago, and Liam is happily married (Liberton Kirk, 2019), and now living near Reid Memorial Church. Since that day there has been only one occasion when his birthday has fallen on Easter Sunday, and that was in 1994. The next time Easter occurs on 3rd April, will be in 2067, so he would have 43 years to wait before it happens again!

And yet, for all of us, Easter is something we can always celebrate every single day of our lives, and especially on Easter Sunday. We can do this with an early morning walk up the Braid hills, followed by a dawn service at the top. Or by bringing our daffodils to the church services to transform the Easter Cross. However you celebrate Easter this year, may you do so in the knowledge that your Saviour has conquered death, that he is risen, and that he is celebrating along with you.

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 other the Good News:

#### Some Reflections on my Ten Years at Liberton Kirk

I was appointed as Organist of Liberton Kirk from January 6th, 2013. Prior to this, I was Sub-Organist of Craigmillar Park Church, but I was fortunate to have autonomy to deputize at other churches around Edinburgh. On two occasions in 2012, I was asked to substitute for my predecessor, Francesco Ghirix; however, I had already been booked to play elsewhere. It was only upon the third invitation that I was available, and I first played on September 9th, 2012. In retrospect, perhaps this was God affirming to me that Liberton is a Good place to be.

I was attracted to Liberton Kirk for a number of reasons: I could sense it was a lively and thriving congregation that offered something for everyone, and that it was not afraid to be radical and try new things. The reformed Church must, by its nature, continue to keep reforming, and it was clear that Liberton Kirk had the resources to support anything it wanted by God's grace.

It has never been my intention to just play the organ on a Sunday morning, for it is important that the gifts bestowed upon us are used to enhance church life. I have thus pursued other forms of musical outreach and mission, but these were only achievable through the support of a faithful congregation with the means to make my ambitions possible. Here are some:

I was invited to join the World Mission Team with a view to organizing fundraising concerts. We have twice welcomed the Edinburgh University Clarinet Choir, held a summer concert with the Rolling Hills Chorus and the Ruby Tuesday Quartet, and notably the annual New Year's Lunchtime Concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh since 2014 – all good income for W.M.T. funds.

I was privileged that my time coincided with the Bicenentary celebrations in 2015. I organized and hosted a Gala Concert, where we showcased the talents of the congregation; and I also researched and published a booklet on the history on the organs of Liberton Kirk (copies remain available on the console!); no real comprehensive history on the organs of Liberton Kirk had previously been compiled. The celebrations were concluded in December 2015 with a congregational lunch accompanied by a piano recital called 'Partridge Pie', twelve pieces inspired by 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' – no fowls were harmed in the preparation of either the lunch or the recital!

A salient event was the Evening Songs of Praise Service in 2018. On the eve of the centenary of the Armistice, we welcomed church members and visitors from all over Edinburgh to participate in a service of singing evening hymns of old interspersed with lessons, poetry, testimony, and reflection. A special choir was formed from members of the congregation and the community.

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Over my time, I have developed an effective partnership with Ruth Davies in running the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and I have since been able to realize my ambition to have a choir at the 9.30 a.m. service – a four-part group now supplements the congregational singing. My faith has also flourished from the seeds sown at my parish church of Craigsbank, and I was confirmed into the Church through baptism on August 31^a, 2014.

I have been blessed in finding a church that kept me busy, but not too busy – music is only my avocation, and I have never had a reason to leave whilst I manage to balance the music with my professional career in accountancy.

As for the future, it would take another fifteen years to obtain the record of longestserving organist. Bryce Gould, still remembered by some, was organist from 1940 until 1965.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. – Psalm 16: 5-6.

Calum Gubby

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Sunday 2nd	PALM SUNDAY
	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche &
	Sunday Club)
	Theme: The triumphal entry (Luke 19.28-44)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	7.00pm Joint Evening worship at the Faith Mission
	L – YOUTH SERVICE WEEK
Monday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
<b>T</b>	7.00pm – Passover meal at St Catherines (tickets essential)
Tuesday 4th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm – Stations of the Cross service in the Kirk
<b>F</b> .: 1	Thursday 6th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 7th	GOOD FRIDAY
	10.00am – Prayer walk leaves Liberton Kirk
	11.00am – Joint outdoor service at Morrisons
	3.00pm – Joint service at Gracemount High
0	_ 7.30pm – Short service of reflection at Liberton Kirk
Sunday 9th	EASTER DAY
	5.45am Gather at Braid Hills Driving Range
	6.15am Dawn service at the Braid Hills trig point
	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	& 11am All-age service in the Kirk and on zoom
	Theme: The Resurrection (Luke 24.1-12)
	Preacher: John Young
	(bring a daffodil to both church services)
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	7.30pm <b>RESURRECTION 2023 – Usher Hall</b>
	(book your free tickets from info@originscotland.org)
Monday 10th	NO KIRKGATE CAFE
Tuesday 11th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.00pm SEECAT Justice & Peace Holy Land Evening at
	Liberton Northfield
Thursday (19th	7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 16th	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)
	Theme: Jesus explains (Luke 24.36-48)

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	Preacher: tbc
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 17th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 18th	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 meets in the Kirk Centre
Wed'day 19th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
<b>,</b> -	2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home
	7.30pm Elders Training at Reid Memorial
Thursday 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	7.30pm Lukes Gospel in the Wilson Hall
 Sunday 23rd	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
Culluay 2014	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	& 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche &
	Sunday Club)
	Theme: The promise of a companion (Acts 1.1-7)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 24th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Monday 2401	7.30pm Book discussion group meets in the Bowling Club
Tuesday 25th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
Tuesuay 2011	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	2.30pm Service at Guthrie House
Wad'day Ofth	7.30pm Monthly Prayer Gathering (on zoom)
Wed'day 26th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 07th	7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 27th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
0 - 4	7.30pm Lukes Gospel in the Wilson Hall
Saturday 28th	_4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 30th	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: A seal and a deposit (Ephesians 1.1-14)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	6.30pm Joint Evening Worship at Liberton Kirk Centre

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Monday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 2nd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
•	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

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Sunday 7th

- 7.30pm Lukes Gospel in the Wilson Hall
- 8.00 am 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: A gift giver (Galatians 5.16-26) Preacher: John Young
  - 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
  - 12.30pm Coronation Garden Party in the Centre Court Gardens
  - 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre



The Kirkgate Trust will be holding a fundraising Treasure Hunt and BBQ on **Friday 12th May** 

How well do you know your local area?

How good are your skills of observation?

How do you like your burger cooked?

CAR TREASURE HUNT & BBQ

Come along for a bit of Friday Fun and a catch up at the BBQ. All the answers are visible from your car and based on your local knowledge.

£5.00 per person, Children under 12 £3, under 5s free

Cars will be leaving Liberton Kirk Halls from **5.30pm. BBQ from 6.30pm**.

To book your start time call **Jill Snowdon** on 07823 335585.

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# PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Please come and take part in some of the wonderful services and events in this most important week in church life.

# PALM SUNDAY

On **Sunday 2nd April there is joint evening worship** with other Big Idea Churches in the Faith Mission Auditorium at 7pm. Worship – interviews - focus on Young Life with Andy and Brad.



The first joint event is a **Passover Meal on Monday 3rd April**, 7pm in St. Catherine's Church Hall, when we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets are essential for this event, as numbers are limited.

On Wednesday 5th April there's "Journeying to the Cross", an SEECAT ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service, 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving

service. Refreshments afterwards in the Kirk Centre.

If you have any queries about these events or the Good Friday joint events please get in touch with Ruth Davies (664 3608 or r.davies335@btinternet.com)

# **GOOD FRIDAY (7th April)**

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a **Prayer Walk**, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. We stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our











community. In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an **Open** -air Service. We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk, St. Barnabas' and St. John Vianney's) and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a good place for after-service refreshments!

On Good Friday afternoon there is a **Joint Service at Gracemount High School** at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all. The speaker this year will be Right Rev. Dr. John Armes, Scottish Episcopal Bishop of Edinburgh. There is a cup of tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see very often.

If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a **Service of Wor-ship and Reflection** at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

## **EASTER DAY (9th April)**

Four opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead! There will be a **Dawn Service at the Braid Hills Trig Point** at 6.15am (meet at the Colf Driving Range at 5.45am). Then a **short traditional service** in the Kirk at 9.30am, and you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock **family service** – all ages welcome.

In the evening Origin Scotland lead "Resurrection 2023" in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed (donation optional). Details on their website www.originscotland.org





### Luke's Cospel:

#### Good News for the Church and the World

There is one gospel, but four Gospels, and each of them tells the story of Jesus in its own way. We often read Gospel snippets for Sunday sermons but don't see how the whole book fits together, missing the themes that each writer emphasises throughout the book. This course is an opportunity for a 'big picture' take on Luke's Gospel with our Verse of the Year in mind: He sent then out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Luke 9:2). It will take place over the **six Thursdays from 20 April to 25 May**, in the Wilson Hall from **7.30pm-9pm**, **in person and on Zoom**.

What will be covered?

- A 'bird's-eye' view of the whole of Luke looking at its structure and themes.
- The Birth Stories and what they tell us.
- Jesus's ministry in Galilee and its climax.
- Parables in Luke.
- The Road to Jerusalem and the cost of discipleship.
- The events in and around Jerusalem and what they tell us.

Each evening will include some teaching, discussion, and reflection on a section of Luke. You are warmly invited to share in this communal learning experience. Just come along no need to sign up unless you want to participate via Zoom. We need to know who needs the Zoom link and the numbers for the breakout discussion rooms.

If you have any questions, contact Jared Hay at <u>jaredhay3110@gmail.com</u>. Look forward to sharing this journey through Luke with you.

Jared Hay.



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### Telling other the Good News:

#### Ways of spreading the gospel

I was brought up in Denmark and my father was a Lutheran pastor. His father said to him: "Go to university and study theology—afterwards, forget about that and preach the gospel."

How do we preach the gospel when we are not pastors or ministers?

As students in Denmark, we would arrange Christian meetings in the colleges and invite our fellow students. I have to say that not that many were interested in the meetings, but you did get some good talks with people. I remember one student who became a Christian and later became a pastor. About 15 years ago, I saw his name as he was taking the funeral of the then prime minister's wife.

After moving to Scotland in 1976, I have had different expirences of "sowing seeds". Through my daughter, Leah, I heard about a man who had previously been addicted to drugs. Leah wanted him to give his testemony in her school. It was a nice job for me to arrange for him also to speak in other schools, prisons and youth prisons. He stayed with us for a week since he lived in the South of England. It was good for us all to hear how he was freed from drug addiction without "cold turkey" but through prayer.

These days I enjoy going out mainly in Princes Street to give Luke's Gospel to those who are begging there. Maybe 2 out of 200 individuals have said "no, thank you". The paper is not thin so it cannot be used for rolling cigarets. Will it inspire? I do not know. When I offered a book to one man, he said that I had already given him one but he did not mind gettibg another one. It has taken me maybe six years to hand out that many books as I am not in town so often and of course there are not many people begging at one time.

In Mark's Gospel we hear about a woman who anoints Jesus before his death on the cross. Mark 14 verse 8 tells us that she did what she could. I like that verse as it makes me ask myself:

"What can I still do?"

Marie Louise Robb

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### Guild News for April

#### On 10 February 2023

Liberton Guild hosted the Edinburgh Guilds Together Annual General Meeting and Afternoon Tea. 70 people attended and it was lovely to meet up with Guild members from many other churches. Rev Moira Macdonald was an excellent guest speaker, so inspirational. The afternoon was voted a great success.





#### On Friday 31 March

We spent an afternoon reminiscing with Ann Weir and Elizabeth and Bill Mercer about *All Their Yeste*rdays - their many memories of years spent living in the Liberton area. This was followed by Afternoon Tea.



#### A Date for Your Diary -

On Thursday 4 May the Guild are going to Swanston Brasserie for Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. Unfortunately, we could not get booked at Dobbies for 5 April, so have had to re-schedule.



Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel

Tel. 662 0692



# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

APRIL B ...Jesus said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind."Mark 16 verse 15

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,

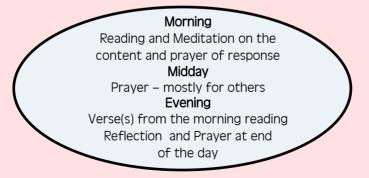
Luke and John, and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In April we journey with MARK after Easter.



#### We are all invited to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2023

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 APRIL 23

Sat 1st Morning		PSALM 53—as we pause with Jesus this morning, we take time to consider these words at this time of Lent and then pray to Him in
	Midday	response pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 2nd	Morning	Palm Sunday – PSALM 56 – we take time to consider these words this
		morning in LentAnd 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 againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 3rd	Morning	PSALM 57 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these
	Middav	particular words and truths todayAnd then pray in response We pray God's blessing on those who are facing health issues at this
	widday	time
	Evenina	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to this God in response
Tue 4th	Morning	PSALM 58 – as we pause with God today we consider these
		wordsand 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 5th	Morning	PSALM 59 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words
	Midday	written hereAnd then turn to pray to this God We pray God's blessing on those who are facing financial difficulties
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 6th	Morning	Maundy Thursday - MATTHEW 26 vs 17-35 - consider this passage
		today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those facing a tough decision at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 7th	Morning	Good Friday - MARK 15 vs 21-41 – As we pause with God, take the
	Middov	time to consider these words And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on those on our Church Family prayer list read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of
	Lverning	OURS
Sat 8th	Morning	LUKE 24 vs 50-56 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to
		consider these words on this day And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 9th	Morning	Easter Sunday – JOHN chapter 20 – take time to consider these words on this particular morning And then pray to our Risen Lord!
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this chapter againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 10th	•	MARK 1 vs 1-20 – 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 believers in Afghanistan
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 11th	worning	MARK 1 vs 21-45 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and eventsand then respond in praver 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 12th	0	MARK 2 vs 1-17 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these
	5	words again, the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to this God

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# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 23

Thur 13th	Midday Evening Morning	We pray God's blessing on the staff of Open Doors across our world read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God MARK 2 vs 18-28 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
Fri 14th	Midday Evening Morning	We pray God's blessing on Open Doors at work in North Korea read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray MARK 3 vs 1-19 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words this morningAnd then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on the few believers in Libya read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 15th	Morning	MARK 3 vs 20-35 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words on this Saturday And then pray to Him
Sun 16th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read MARK 4 vs 1-34 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning And then pray to this God in response
Mon 17th	Midday Evening Morning	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours. MARK 4 vs 35-41 – take time to consider these words about Jesus
	Midday	todayAnd then pray to Him in response We pray God's blessing on believers in Nigeria
Tue 18th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response MARK chapter 5 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Wed 19th	Midday Evening Morning	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear! read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God MARK 6 vs 1-29 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words,
	Midday Evening	and eventsAnd then turn to pray to this Jesus We pray God's blessing on Open Doors at work in Latin America read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 20th	5	MARK 6 vs 20-56 - consider these particular verses this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Fri 21st	Midday Evening Morning	We pray God's blessing on Open Doors staff in Africa read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray MARK chapter 7 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning And then pray in response to our God
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on believers in Sudan read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 22nd	Morning	MARK chapter 8 – as we pause with Jesus we consider these words and events And then pray to Him as the day starts
	Midday Evening	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer 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 23rd	Morning	MARK chapter 9 – take time to pause and consider these words this Sunday in AprilAnd then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today

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# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 23

	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this God of oursas
Mon 24th	Morning	we step into a new week MARK 10 vs 32-52 – 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 believers in Pakistan
Tue 25th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response MARK 11 vs 1-19 – as we pause with God today we consider these
Tue Zuiti	worning	wordsand then respond in praver 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 26th	Morning	MARK 12 vs 18-34 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words,
	Midday	the truths writtenAnd then turn to pray to God
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on believers in Central African Republic read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 27th	•	MARK 13 vs 14-36 - consider this particular passage this morning and then
	Worring	respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Open Doors staff in Asia
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 28th	Morning	MARK 14 vs 12-42 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these
	Middav	verses this morning And then pray in response to this Jesus We pray God's blessing on new team members in Open Doors
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 29th	Morning	MARK 15 vs 21-47 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider
		these particular words And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Cure ZOth	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 30th	worning	MARK chapter 16 – we take time to consider these words this morning as the month ends And then pray to this God in response
	Middav	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.

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### Youth News

#### Hi all!

Coming back from Australia it is straight into the planning for all our exciting Youth Events that are coming up. We have started preparations for Summer Buzz, Stage and Slam, the Youth Weekend Away, Service Week and our Young Life and Wyld Life Summer camps. It is so exciting to start to plan for these events. As we look forward to seeing how God uses these events to help people draw closer to him, please pray for the volunteers and helpers who work so hard to make them happen.

Our Service Week this year will be taking place during Holy Week. Our teenagers will be meeting together each day, reading the bible and serving the local community through different service projects for example an Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ hosted by the teenagers for local families or delivering home cooked meals to the house bound. It's such a wonderful experience to serve and live faithfully together with our young people.

There will also be some fundraisers to help raise money to send young people to Young Life and Wyld Life camp soon. We will have our Pizza Delivery Fundraiser on 1st April and a Car Wash on the 10th June. So much hard work and preparation goes into these events each year to try and make sure money is never a barrier between kids and the gospel. Please donate if you can and pray for these events.

Thank you all for every prayer you have said for our local young people.

#### Emily Kerrigan

Youth and Children's Worker

### **Elders'** Duties

9.30 am	West East	<b>Apr-23</b> George Thom Joan Thom	<b>May-23</b> Tom Baxendale Rosy Carmichael	<b>Jun-23</b> Eric Brown Christina Young
11 am	West	Jill Niven	Chris Brandie	Eleanor Grieve
	East	Janice Wilson	Marie-Louise Robb	Christine Johnson
	Gallery	Claire Mayberry	Bill Robb	Rink van Dijke
	Front gate	Mary Davidson	Margaret Brandie	David Colley
	Banker	David Lamb	Jacqui Tait	Stewart Heney

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### Crossword

#### Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6)

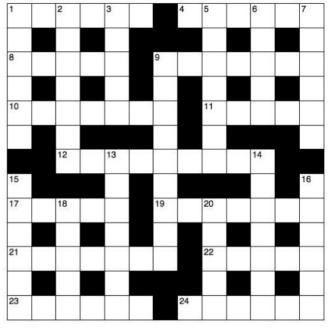
4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)

8 'Unless I see the nail marks —

- hands. I will not believe
- it' (John 20:25) (2.3)

9 He urged King Jehojakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry – (7) 11 'Look, here is – . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)



12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)

**17** Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)

**19** 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- **23** 'The lot fell to Matthias: so he was added to the apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

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#### Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- **3** Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- **9** Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)

2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)

**5** For example, the Crusades (4,3)

7 He reps (anag.) (6)

**13** Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

**15** The human mind or soul (6)

**16** O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is -' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

**18** We played the flute for you, and you did not - (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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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 (hurray!!) unless of course you feel safer!

We have a variety of entertainers, plenty of birthday cards, cakes and most importantly plenty of chat. This month is our last until September 😯.

Once a month we have a raffle and the money raised goes towards making our Christmas meal free for our members. We still have our wee beautiful hand-knitted Cinderella looking for her furever home. All you have to do is guess her birthday - simple as that. Guess the correct date and she's yours!!

So if you're free for the month of April on a Thursday afternoon why not drop by vou'll be verv welcome.

#### April Birthdavs:

- 6th Johan McKenzie
- 12th Margo Crawford
- 22nd Jessie Burns
- 27th **Fiona Scott**
- 30th Lena Ross

#### March Entertainers:-

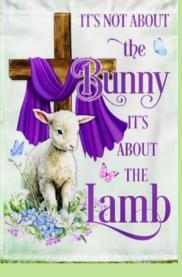
- David Vernon 6th
- **13th** Alan Weatherhead with Lilv & Fraser
- **20th** Honevsuckle Swing Diana & Richard
- 27th Margo & Stevie Double Trouble Closing Afternoon Tea RAFFLE

Jenni & her helpers wish all of our club members a lovely summer break & we look forward to seeing you all when we start up again for our 2023/2024 session on THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2023

Remember if you need 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 Ogilvy admin on seniorslk@gmail.com







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### Foodbank Donations

We continue to support the efforts at Tron Moredun, with their Basics Bank facility. Janet McKenzie from the Tron gives the following up to date Report :

"We now operate on the "pantry" basis, where clients come into the food room and "shop" for themselves, without having to pay. We provide a list of items we have in our fridges and freezers, which we will as our "specials". This is working very well.

We continue to be dependent on some very generous individuals, local organisations and local congregations for donations to the Foodbank for items such as tinned goods, cereals, toiletries and the perennial favourites, Pot Noodle and biscuits !

We are extremely grateful for everyone who supports us by giving monetary donations - we use the money to top up supplies we get from Fairshare and Edinburgh City Mission and in particular for the fresh food, which is particularly welcomed by the people who use our service.

Thank you to all at Liberton who have supported us so generously and a special shout out to Edna, who sent a large donation from Sainsburys to us ! "

Donations can be left in the boxes in the Offering House at the Kirk Gates, or passed to me, as with money donations, for transmission to the Tron Foodbank.

#### David Lamb

36 Liberton Drive EH16 6NN .. TEL 0131.664.3059 email - <u>david@dlamb.co.uk</u>



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### Kirkoate Cafe

#### Looking Forward 2023

At this time of year the prospect of longer, brighter and warmer days to come gives us so much pleasure. The April months of 2020, 21 and 22 were especially good for weather, so

we will think positive and hope to start using the courtyard for gatherings and lunches again soon. This space is really special as it benefits from sunshine (when it shines!) all dav long.

Looking forward to May when the King's Coronation takes place and the country has been granted an extra bank holiday on Monday the 8th. The café will be open that day, as usual, and will present a menu fitting the occasion. So we hope that our regular and non-regular customers will be able to come along to enjoy the day. We would like to thank our volunteers who, with grace and a smile, keep our café clean and running smoothly with Jenny's guidance, and especially Linda Crease who has

so ably kept the evening café going for so long. We are looking for an assistant volunteer for the evening cafe on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5pm until 8pm during term time so, if you feel that you can help please speak to Jenny or pop in to the café in the evening to have a chat with Linda.

Date to Note: As usual the café will be closed on Easter Monday 10th April and we wish you all a Happy Easter.

Jill Niven Café Board Convener

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### **Congregational News**

I am sorry to record the death on 7th February 2023 of Mrs Dorothy Lamond and Mr Alexander Shiell 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 needed for this month

- 2nd Apr Jackie Switzer, in memory of Edith Jones
- 9th Apr Mrs Veronica Craig, in memory of Geoffrey Craig
- 16th Apr Mrs Ann Weir, in memory of Allison Weir
- 23th Apr David Robertson, in memory of Margot Robertson
- 30th Apr Free

Admin Convener Jean Gray 0131 258 2081

#### 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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### SEECAT Events

The main joint events with the Scottish Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches are advertised with the rest of our Palm Sunday to Easter services on pages ?????, but among others which are planned are the following:

- **The Holy Land what is happening there?** A Justice and Peace Evening when we reflect on the present situation and ask how we, 3400 miles away, can help to bring peace. Liberton Northfield Church Hall at 7pm on Thursday 13th April.
- The annual **Weekend Retreat** is planned for 1st to 3rd September at Whatton Lodge, Gullane. The cost will be £75. For further information, or to book a place, contact Revd. David Dixon on 01875 812985.

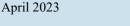
Ruth Davies, 664 3608

### Word for Today

The current Bible passage in the Kirkyard (starting at the Offering House at the main gate) is Psalm 139, verses 1-12: "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me". As the weather becomes

more spring-like, enjoy half an hour walking round the church and reading the Bible words and the thoughts and prayers alongside.

From Easter Day for two weeks there will be an Easter display including the empty tomb and the encounter Mary Magdalene had with the risen Jesus – come and read the words of the Bible, imagine yourself in the story and think how you would feel.



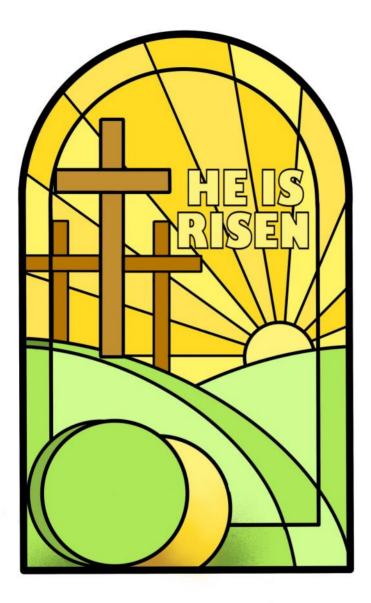




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### Editors note

Material for the December issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT <u>no later</u> than Sunday 16th April

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### March Crossword Solution



Julie Bell, FdA BA (Hons) BSc (Hons) **Key Piano Care** 



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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 through the day on Fridays.

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Weekly Groups Friday Fellowship - Friday morning in the Kirk Centre Ruth Davies, r.davies335@btinternet.com, 664 3608

#### **Fortnightly Groups**

Pathfinders - Tuesday evening in various homes Veronica Craig, veronicacraig41@gmail.com Thrive – Wednesday evening in the Kirk Centre Andrea Wilson, andrea.doeschl@amail.com. 07910 471174

New Habits - Wednesday evening in various homes Alastair Cameron, alastairfree@hotmail.com. 440 3090 Home & Away – Thursday evening, Mortonhall Park Gardens

Susan Jardine, susan@jardineclan.org.uk, 664 7112

The Cornerstone Group – Thursday evening, Swanston Grove Caroline & Roger Barlee, barlee@blueyonder.co.uk, 445 5918

Vista Group – Thursday evening, Kirk Park Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net. 664 2178

If you would like to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) or Caroline Barlee (barlee@bluevonder.co.uk) or the Group you are interested in.

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