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Holy God
our lives are laid
open before you
rescue us from
the chaos of sin
bring us healing
and make
us whole
in Jesus Christ
our Lord

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

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Prayer for March

Dear Lord,

Some of us come to the season of Lent
with an attitude or practice of self denial
to remind us of our Lord's 40 days fasting in the desert.

Whether or not we each do this,
please help us all to use this time
to prayerfully examine our way of life and our commitment to You.

Amen

A Mother's Love

"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20.12)

Every good relationship has its phrases – sayings that have been picked up over the years and invested with personal memories and meanings. One such saying in our family, said with a Yorkshire accent, is *"A mother's love is constant!"*

It's a line from book called 'North and South' that was screened as a drama series on TV a number of years ago. A young woman from the south of England moves to *'the north'* with her father, where they fall on hard times. At the same time she, rather reluctantly, falls in love with the gruff son of a northern mill owner, and the book is about the trials and tribulations of their relationship, set against the backdrop of industrial strife.

The mill owner's wife is a humourless woman with strong views as to the suitability of the young heroine, but, in time, their relationship begins to warm. And, at one point the older woman sums up her philosophy on life with the words: *"Whatever happens in life, a mother's love is constant"*.

And so it is. There is nothing more moving than seeing the self-

sacrificing godly love of a mother poured out on her children (and grandchildren) through passing years, whatever their age. Sadly, sometimes this is not the case, (just as sometimes fathers don't live up to the ideal of fatherhood), but this does not mean that constant love is what all mothers should be aiming for.

In the Christian tradition, we are encouraged to think of the Church as 'Mother Church', something we celebrate every year on Mothering Sunday. It's a day which also gives us an opportunity to say thank you to our own mothers, for the love they have shown us throughout our lives. So, let's enjoy Mothering Sunday, a day to remind ourselves that, whether Mother Church, or our own mother or grandmother, *"a mother's love is constant"*.

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)*



Telling Others the Good News

Just Listen

Some people think I am a natural evangelist. Not at all. But if I'm with someone I will try and have an enjoyable or worthwhile conversation.

Some of my best conversations are in the sauna. No, not that kind! The one after my swim on Friday. Saunas are interesting places. You sit in a hot box with hardly any clothes on. Should you talk or sit in silence? I don't start a conversation by saying, 'So you think it's hot in here...'

No, if it happens it goes like this: I just ask questions and show interest. 'How often do you get down here?' 'What do you do when you are not sitting in a sauna?' 'How often have you lived in Edinburgh?' Etc. But then something happens. They ask me about myself and what I do. I mention I'm involved with trypraying, 'You may have seen it on banners or buses'. 'Oh yes, I've seen that' is often the response. And then we are talking. I usually say that I became a Christian at university when I was studying Maths. I became convinced by the evidence. My life changed through discovering a relationship with Jesus. I don't use religious language. I don't get serious. I simply try to relate.

It's a time-limited conversation and ends with me saying, 'I'm cooked.'

You could try this. Pray for an opportunity. Ask questions and be genuinely interested. Use a bridge (Have you ever tried praying? Do you ever think about spiritual things?) God will give opportunities if we are prepared to take them.

David Hill

Trypraying - inviting people to experience the kindness of God.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in

Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised-washed in the river Jordan-to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

Please baptise me.



No, it should be the other way round.

No, this is the right way now to complete God's plan



So John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan.

The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke..

This is my precious son.



Jesus then went into the desert for 40 days.



He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry



The Devil came to test him.

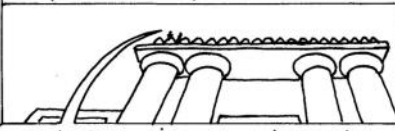
Show me you are God's Son by turning this stone into bread.



The Bible says 'You need more than bread to keep you alive.'



The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.



Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you

The Bible says 'Don't try to manipulate God.'



The Devil took Jesus to where he could see the whole world.



I have power over all this, and I could give it to you.

Just worship me



Go away! Only God is to be worshipped!

Then angels came to care for Jesus



Song For Easter Morning

We plan to have a special song at the 11am service on Easter Day, and if you would like to be in the choir to sing this (everybody welcome!) please let me or Calum know. Music will be available to collect from me on Sunday 12th March and there will be a practice after the 11am service on the following 3 Sundays – 19th and 26th March and 2nd April.

Hope to hear from you!

Ruth Davies (664 3608)

Elders' Duties

		Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
9.30 am	West	Fiona Knight	George Thom	Tom Baxendale
	East	Christina Young	Joan Thom	Rosy Carmichael
11 am	West	Netta Rough	Jill Niven	Chris Brandie
	East	Ruth Davies	Janice Wilson	Marie-Louise Robb
	Gallery	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry	Bill Robb
	Front gate	Linda Skinner	Mary Davidson	Margaret Brandie
	Banker	Alan Carmichael	David Lamb	Jacqui Tait

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

Take My Life and Let It Be



Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) was the daughter of William H. Havergal, an Anglican clergyman who also wrote and composed hymns. "Take My Life and Let It Be" was written by Frances on February 4, 1874, when she was visiting a group of friends.

She later wrote: "The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in prayer and in renewal of my own consecration, and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another, till they finished with, Ever, only, all for thee!"

The hymn is sung to various tunes, one of the most popular being Nottingham. This tune was formerly attributed to Mozart but is now generally believed to be by Wenzel Mueller (1767-1835).

Willie Scott

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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
Monday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 7th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 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 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café
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 Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18.18-30) Preacher: Nikki Kirkland 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 14th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Prayer Team meets in the Kirk Centre
Wed'day 15th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 1.45pm Afternoon Guild meets in the Small Hall 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.00-7.30pm Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall

Sunday 19th	MOTHERING SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk Theme: Jesus and the blind beggar (Luke 18.31-43) Preacher: John Young & 11am YOUTH SERVICE in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Club) 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12.30pm Lunch for uniform organisations in the Kirk Centre 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 21st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00-7.30pm – Minister available in the Kirkgate Café 7.30pm SEECoS Reps meeting at Reid Memorial
Thursday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Alpha Course in the Wilson Hall
Saturday 25th	4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 26th	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: Jesus and Zaccheus (Luke 19.1-9) Preacher: David Hill 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Joint Evening Worship at the Gilmerton Hub
Monday 27th	9.00am-2.00pm Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 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)
Wed'day 29th	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

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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
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South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland

It looks like we have a new name to get used to! At the most recent meeting of our area grouping, it was decided that the provisional name of our new parish will be South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland. While we will continue to worship in our congregations of Liberton Kirk, Liberton Northfield, Gracemount, Tron Gilmerton and Moredun and Reid Memorial, moving forward we will be governed as one parish served by a team of centrally and locally appointed leaders.

For quite some time now, we have been giving consideration to the future form of the Church of Scotland in our part of Edinburgh. This has come about in response to deliberations at the General Assembly and as part of the process of presbytery planning being undertaken by the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian. On 12th November last year, representatives of all our churches met at Tron Moredun to begin to consider how we can make the new arrangements work to our advantage, and to the advantage of all who live in our area through our key task of mission. Much thought is being given to how we can achieve a helpful balance between our local worshipping communities and the bigger picture.

Since 12th November, a range of groups with representation from all the churches involved have begun to meet to consider areas of interest, including communications, worship, mission, discipleship, youth work, pastoral care, finance and buildings. This work has been supported by the development of a covenant, which underpins the way we plan to work together to achieve the Five Marks of Mission of the Church of Scotland, namely:

- Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- Teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- Respond to human need by loving service.
- Transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

While many key decisions still remain to be made covering such areas as the Basis of our Union, charity status and charity law, we are fortunate to be able to work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect and a real desire to make a difference in our local communities, bringing others face to face with the good news of Jesus.

If you have any particular questions about the ongoing process of presbytery planning, John or I would be happy to speak to you.

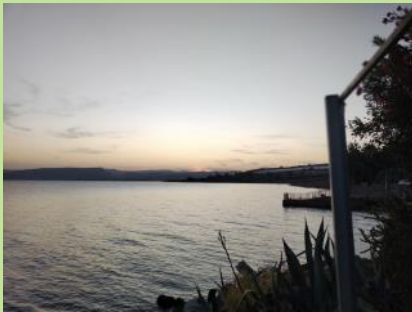
Chris Brandie – Session Clerk

The Holy Land in Pictures



In November last year my wife Fiona and I (your magazine editor) arrived at Tel Aviv airport before travelling to Haifa to begin our week long tour of the Holy Land with IEF International., an organisation promoting Christianity in Israel.

With a group of Christians from Scotland and Switzerland we visited Caesarea, Nazareth and Capernaum on our way to the Sea of Galilee.



We were led by John Sode-Woodhead, the son of Christian missionaries to Israel and published archaeologist who took us to the top of the Golan heights to look down into Syria.

I have so many photographs it is difficult to choose which ones to share.





We visited The River Jordan Baptismal site, En_Gedi, an oasis where King David is thought to have taken refuge in the Desert and the fortress of Masada. Then we visited Jerusalem starting on the Mount of Olives.

Experiencing the chaos of the streets we visited The Church of the Garden Tomb, The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, King David's Palace and The Western Wall. And we ended with a rainbow over the wall of the old city.



Finally after a visit to the southern desert, it was time to return home but before we leave, I thought I'd share a photo of our driver for the week, Mehir.



If you are interested in touring the Holy Land as part of a Christian group yourself, John, our leader, said to get in touch by visiting: <https://iefinternational.com/>

David Devoy

Guild News for March



On Monday 6 March you are invited to learn all about the *Haggis Breeding Season* by Rob Brechin.



On **Wednesday** 15 March, at **1.45 pm**, we look forward to a visit from pupils of Liberton High School. This is always an interesting afternoon.



On Monday 20 March we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at **7.00 pm** followed by a Beetle Drive.

On Friday 31 March at 2 pm you are invited to spend an afternoon reminiscing with Bill and Elizabeth Mercer and Ann Weir about their many memories of years spent living in the Liberton area. An Afternoon Tea will be served. Look forward to seeing you there!



On **Wednesday** 5 April we finish the Guild session with an outing for afternoon tea.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

Guild Projects

Every three years a strategy with three annual themes is decided by the **Guild**. We are currently in the second year of our strategy "**Look Forward in Faith**" and our theme is "**Wee Seeds Big Trees**".

The Vine Trust – the Kazunzu Village of Hope (Tanzania). Working with the Vine Trust and their partners on the ground, the Guild is helping them take forward the development of a sustainable village with homes, a school, a health centre, a community hub and 40 indi-

vidual homes. (Amount raised from 1 June '21 - 31 December '22 - £33, 543.53)

Beat – 'Blether with Beat' (Scotland). Eating disorders have a huge impact on young people and on their families. This project is helping to develop a network of young ambassadors who work in schools, colleges and universities, as well as with church congregations, the Boys' Brigade, the Girls' Brigade and school chaplains to raise awareness of the impact of eating disorders and engage people to seek help. (Amount raised from 1 June '21 - 31 December '22 - £29,426.83)

Home for Good (Scotland) is a Christian charity dedicated to finding a home for every child who needs one. (Amount raised from 1 June '21 - 31 December '22 - £35,673.86)

Pioneers – Chocolate Heaven,(South East Asia). This project is helping to build and develop a factory producing sustainable chocolate production. The project's success will be measured by: more farmers receiving fair prices and more workers experiencing regular employment which will support their families. (Amount raised FROM 1 June '21-31 December '22 - £18,056.97)

UNIDA – 'Hear our voice!', (Brazil). Faith in the Future' is a project at Faculdade Unida de Vitória (UNIDA), a higher education institution in Brazil, designed to empower young women through theological education. UNIDA believes in an education that can transform lives in a violently unjust Brazilian society. (Amount raised from 1 June '21 - 31 December '22 – £12,119.13)

Starchild (Uganda) is building, with the help of the Guild, a centre where children with a range of learning disabilities - but particularly autism - can come to learn alongside their peers. In Uganda, children with learning disabilities are often hidden away and do not receive the education they should. This project tackles that stigma, supporting the children and their families and also helping to educate community leaders. (Amount raised from 1 June '21 - 31 December '22 - £26,919.76).

These amounts have been raised by all the Church of Scotland Guilds. This year the projects we have chosen are the

The Vine Trust – the Kazunzu Village of Hope (Tanzania) and Home for Good (Scotland)

We look forward to telling you more about our projects and many thanks to those of you in the family of Liberton who have help to support these initiatives.

Gladys Montgomery (Convener)

Holy Week - SEECAT Events



Advance notice of the very special events to be held in Holy Week in conjunction with other churches in the area:

A **Passover Meal** in St. Catherine's, Gracemount Drive, on Monday 3rd April at 7pm (tickets only – available nearer the time)

"Journeying to the Cross" – an ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service in Liberton Kirk on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm

A **Good Friday (7th April) Prayer Walk** from our churches, ending in a service outside Morrisons at 11am

A **Good Friday Service** at 3pm at Gracemount High School

If you haven't been to any of these annual events before, please do come along – it's very special to join with Christians from the other SEECAT churches in recognising the sacrifice of Jesus, our Saviour, on the cross.

Ruth Davies (664 3608)

Fairtrade Fortnight

This year Fair Trade Fortnight runs from 27th February to 12th March and the focus is on the harmful effect of the climate crisis on the future of our food, particularly on staples such as bananas, cocoa and coffee. Liberton Kirk is a Fair Trade Church (and that includes the Kirkgate Café), but are all of you Fair Trade people? Fair trade goods do usually cost more than standard goods, but if we can afford to spend that little bit more, it can make a big difference to small producers – being able to send children to school or having medicines for the family, for instance.

Please look out for the Fair Trade symbol not just during this special fortnight, but all the time! You can make a difference!



LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

MARCH 23

...Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be handed over to men who will kill him; but three days later he will be raised to life." Matthew 17 verses 22 and 23

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



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

Morning

Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response

Midday

Prayer – mostly for others

Evening

Verse(s) from the morning reading

Reflection and Prayer at end of the day

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

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Wed 1st	Morning	MATTHEW 16 vs 1-12 – consider these words as we pause with God today. And then pray to Him in response to what you read.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD God
Thur 2nd	Morning	MATTHEW 16 vs 13-28 – consider these words from Jesus. And then pause to pray to Him in response.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our church prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here...then pray to our God
Fri 3rd	Morning	MATTHEW 17 vs 1-13 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words. Then pray to this Jesus 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	PSALM 1 – 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 response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 5th	Morning	2nd Sunday in Lent – PSALM 2 – we take time to consider these words this morning in Lent...And then we pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 6th	Morning	MATTHEW 17 vs 14-23 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words and truths today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who work in our city hospitals
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 7th	Morning	MATTHEW 18 vs 1-5 – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....and then turn to prayer with Him in response.
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you - ask, seek, knock - hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 8th	Morning	MATTHEW 18 vs 6-9 – Pause with this God this morning. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who are patients in our city hospitals
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 9th	Morning	MATTHEW 18 vs 10-20 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	Midday - 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 18 vs 21-35 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these words of Jesus. 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 ours
Sat 11th	Morning	PSALM 7 – as we pause with Jesus today, take the time to consider these words in this season of Lent.... And then pray to God

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		in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the Psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 12th	Morning	3rd Sunday in Lent – PSALM 8 – take time to consider these words this morning in Lent... And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read this Psalm again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 13th	Morning	MATTHEW 19 vs 1-15 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who have just got engaged to be married
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 14th	Morning	MATTHEW 19 vs 16-30 – as we pause with God today we consider these words from Jesus.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you - ask, seek, knock- hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 15th	Morning	MATTHEW 20 vs 1-16 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these words again, the truths written...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those about to be married
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 16th	Morning	MATTHEW 20 vs 17-28 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those experiencing the pain of divorce
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 17th	Morning	MATTHEW 21 vs 1-27 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these words this morning...And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on children and young people hurt by divorce
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 18th	Morning	PSALM 22 – as we pause with Jesus today take the time to consider these particular words in this time of Lent And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the Psalm again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 19th	Morning	4th Sunday in Lent – PSALM 23 – we take time to consider these familiar words this morning in Lent.... And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 20th	Morning	MATTHEW 22 vs 1-14 – take time to consider these words from Jesus today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those grieving at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 21st	Morning	MATTHEW 24 vs 3-31 – 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!

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	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 22nd	Morning	MATTHEW chapter 25 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those preparing for a family funeral
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 23rd	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs 1-16 - consider these particular verses this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on funeral directors/staff in our community
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 24th	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs 17-35 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those attending a funeral today
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 25th	Morning	PSALM 50 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these words in this time of Lent And then pray to Him as the day starts
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday
Sun 26th	Morning	5th Sunday in Lent – PSALM 51 – take time to pause and consider these words this Sunday in Lent...And then pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read this Psalm again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours...as we step into a new week
Mon 27th	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs 35-56 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those hurting in body, mind, spirit
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 28th	Morning	MATTHEW 26 vs 69-75 – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 29th	Morning	MATTHEW 27 vs 11-44 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who have heard bad news recently
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 30th	Morning	MATTHEW 27 vs 45-66 - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those missing the presence of a loved one
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 31st	Morning	MATTHEW chapter 28 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We rejoice with those who have heard good news recently
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours

Crossword

Across

1 These letters come between

Romans and Galatians (11)

9 'You will not — me to the
grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)

10 King of Moab to whom the
Israelites were subject for 18
years (Judges 3:14) (5)

11 Town possessing mineral
spring (3)

13 Mede (anag.) (4)

16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)

17 He succeeded his father Reho-
boam as king of Judah (1 Kings
14:31) (6)

18 A son of Simeon (Genesis
46:10) (4)

20 Controversial religious book of
the 1970s, The — of God Incar-
nate (4)

21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you
— — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)

22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)

23 Edit (anag.) (4)

25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been re-
vealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)

29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)

30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

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Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)

3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4

4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)

5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)

6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all!
Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)

7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)

8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to
which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)

12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)

14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

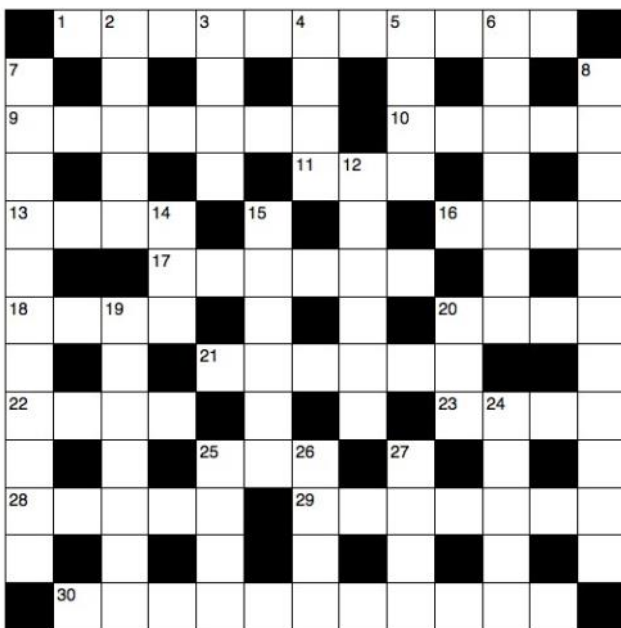
20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of
people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)

25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)

26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)





PALM SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE

**@ Faith Mission, Gilmerton Road
Sunday 2nd April 7pm**

**Worship – Interviews – Meet Ryan Corrigan
Focus on Young Life
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**Wednesday 10th May
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**@ INCH PARK
Saturday 13th May 2-5pm**

Stage N' Slam

**Launch Service and BBQ
Sunday 2nd July
6.30pm @ Liberton Northfield**

World Mission Team – Comfort International

We are delighted to introduce our latest mission partner -
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support their work. See www.comfortinternational.org or
www.shop.comfortinternational.org if you want to be a supporter yourself.

Robert & Elizabeth Snedden, World Mission Team

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!

Again the club has had a few new joinees and we find we're having to postpone new folks for a few weeks ☹️. 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. We have a beautiful hand-knitted Cinderella guess her birthday on the go just now.

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

March Birthdays:

5th	Our Linda Wright	18th	Roz Mckenzie
6th	Dot Jenkins 80	21st	Freda Forbes
10th	Dot Nobbs who is 100!!	26th	Sheila Graham
&	Billie Reid	28th	Millie Hay
11th	Mary Anderson	29th	Liz Haws 70

March Entertainers:-

2nd	Castaways 6 ladies fi Penicuik
9th	The Chicks in-house variety
16th	Kirk James
23rd	The Jabs in-house Bryan, Andy n the meenister John
30th	Rose McBeath (RAFFLE)

If you want to contact us especially if you want to join 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

Church Flower Dedications

Convener for March Audrey Hunter : 07503349727

5th Mar Mrs Helen Sutherland, in memory of
Grace Moss

12th Mar Mrs Mary Lonie (Deceased Feb 2023) , in memory of
Bert and Mary Lonie

19th Mar Mrs Karen Ross, in memory of ?????

26th Mar Veronica Craig, in memory of Geoffrey Craig

Admin Convener **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081

We desperately need more conveners and would welcome volunteers. Flower arranging skills are not necessary, giving time to put flowers [donated by others for a dedication] in a vase and deliver them after the 11am service on four Sundays in the year would be a wonderful help. Please consider offering your services.

Please contact Jean on the above number.



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

Kirkgate Café

On the 2nd February Kirkgate café celebrated being open for 8 years which is amazing. Customers on this day enjoyed a free piece of birthday cake to join the volunteers celebrating this great achievement.



We have welcomed another new volunteer Mandy to the team. Mandy thought the coffee machine looked a bit daunting but, after some training, is now making lovely coffees with the machine. No task in the café is too difficult to do and training will be given. We still have space in our friendly team, if you would like to join us, especially on a Thursday which is becoming quite busy.

Evening Café

Kirkgate café has an evening café on a Tuesday and Wednesday night 5pm – 8pm which sells coffee/teas and cakes. Come along and enjoy this nice warm space while meeting a friend or two. If you would like to volunteer in the café but can't do during the day then the evening café is also looking for help now. The evening café currently has 6 Duke of Edinburgh teenagers from the local school which is a good way of us being even more part of the community.

Best Wishes

Jenny Thomasi

Kirkgate Café Manager

Blister Packs

Many thanks for all the contributions to the blister pack re-cycling scheme in the Offering House. Can I ask that when you leave blister packs you tip them out of any plastic bags you may have brought them in and re-use those yourself as we are unable to re-cycle the bags.

Elsa Sterling





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No child admitted without an adult!**

Carbon Footprint: Measure – Reduce – Offset

The buzzwords “carbon footprint” are ever-present in the media currently; here, we introduce a Christian charity called Climate Stewards www.climatestewards.org who can help with the key dimensions of our individual carbon footprint: how to measure it, what to do about it, and, where emissions can't be avoided, providing an easy pathway to offsetting them.

Climate Stewards is part of the *A Rocha* www.arocha.org.uk family of organisations, whose aim is to help care for God's creation. The vision of Climate Stewards is to help everyone adjust to living with lower carbon outputs and to provide support for our global neighbours as they respond to the impacts of climate change.

Climate Stewards currently works with partner projects in six countries (Ghana, Kenya, Nepal, Peru, Tanzania, Uganda). The exciting feature of their work is that, rather than simply offering a financial transaction to offset carbon outputs, they partner with trusted local community carbon initiatives. As a result their projects, which are designed by local organisations, bring benefits to health, family finances and the local environment, as well as achieving the objective of carbon mitigation.

An example project in Nepal is the provision of smokeless metal stoves in the community. Rupsi used to cook for her family on an open fire, bringing increased risk of eye and skin irritations and infections. They had to collect 120kg of firewood each week for cooking and heating. Climate Stewards partner RIDS Nepal installed a smokeless metal stove, halving Rupsi's family's firewood requirements. They now don't need to collect wood each day, leaving the children more time for education and other activities. A chimney removes harmful soot and carbon monoxide directly from their home, and the efficient burning action of the stove reduces CO₂ emissions by 6.5 tons each year.

The Climate Stewards carbon offsetting calculator www.climatestewards.org/offset is easy to use and provides a direct opportunity for us to offset unavoidable carbon outputs associated with our activities. As an example, the cost of offsetting the emissions from a return train journey to London would be £1.43; a flight to the Mediterranean would cost around £15 to offset. If you've been thinking about offsetting and haven't yet found a way of doing so, feel free to give Climate Stewards a try! Even taking the first step of measuring my carbon footprint using their calculator led to some thought-provoking results.

Chris Weir, for the Liberton Kirk Eco-Congregation Team

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Information can be sent to me at 196 The Murrays Brae, EH17 8UH, phone 6661004. email to magazine@libertonkirk.net

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Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door,

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

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Weekly Groups

Friday Fellowship – Friday morning in the Kirk Centre
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Fortnightly Groups

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