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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'

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Prayer for June

Dear Jesus,

You proclaimed that You were the way,
the way to a better life.

You came to show us how to help provide a better life for
everyone worse off than ourselves. Lead us now, strength-
ening us to care for those who are vulnerable and the
strangers in our midst.

Amen

Be on the look out for wayside inns

How would you define a good meal out?

In my experience, there are certain basics that an establishment has to get right for this to happen. These are things such as good food and good quality service. In addition, however, for a really good quality experience, you have to take into account less tangible things such as a good welcome, a good atmosphere, and a feeling of being valued.

I say this because one of my favourite images of a church on Sunday is that of 'a wayside inn'. A place where weary travellers in the journey of life can stop off for spiritual nourishment in some good company. A place where they can compare notes about the road they've been travelling, and learn something about what might lie ahead.

These days I sometimes catch myself stopping and marvelling at the fact that we've just emerged from a worldwide pandemic, and that, a couple of summers ago, holidays were regularly being postponed or cancelled and stay-cations were as much as we could all hope for. This summer, however, it is almost back to 'normal' and very likely that many of us will soon be heading off to far flung destinations on various modes of transport.

If this means you, then I know that God will be with you as you travel, and will be using you to spread the light of his love. Could I encourage you, also, wherever you go, to be on the lookout for a good wayside inn. Somewhere to

top up your spiritual energy levels, and, by your very presence, bring encouragement to your fellow worshippers by reminding them that they, too, are part of a worldwide movement of people following in the footsteps of Jesus.

In the same way, could I encourage those of us who will be attending our local 'wayside inn', to be on the lookout for strangers in our midst - people who may be hoping for a 'good meal out'. Make sure they get a good welcome, good service, and are valued and encouraged. Make sure, too, that they are given the best seats, both in church and across in the café afterwards.

Much love,



"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13.2)

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'

Tim Keller says that deconstructing “defeater beliefs” held by unbelievers is vital for evangelism in secular cultures. “Every culture hostile to Christianity holds to a set of ‘common sense’ consensus beliefs that automatically make Christianity seem implausible to people. These are what philosophers call ‘defeater beliefs.’” (see Footnote 1)

If a person holds the belief that humans cannot know anything about God, that person is not likely to believe anything we tell him about God. In this regard, defeater beliefs are obstacles that need to be removed - by the power of the Word and the Spirit (and our patience and courage).

But let’s pivot from the unbeliever to ourselves for a moment. In general, whom do you most frequently speak to? Your partner? Your best mate? For most of us, the correct answer is ourselves! All day long, we are speaking to ourselves. What beliefs are we reciting to ourselves that prevent us from starting conversations with the lost? I might hold a defeater belief, “She won’t be interested in anything spiritual,” or “He will not want to read the Bible with me.” These defeater beliefs of ours are weeds to be pulled.

Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to identify a few of our defeater beliefs that prevent us from inviting others into discipleship conversations with us. Remember that it is the God of truth, the God who loves us, who gives us the command to make disciples. He is willing to transform our minds (Rom. 12:2) to make us fruitful disciple makers in 21st-century Scotland. Let’s not be discouraged. We are on this journey together!

Ryan Corrigan, Missioner with NOVO

Footnotes:

1. Deconstructing Defeater Beliefs, Keller.

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there..

Jacob saw angels and heard God.

I will be with you

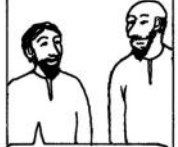


At Laban's house, Jacob met his cousin Rachel



Work for me for 7 years and you can marry her

7 years later



Can I marry Rachel now?

But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister Leah

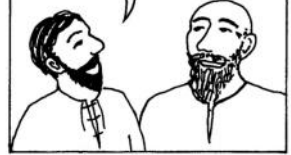


So Jacob worked 7 more years to marry Rachel



Then he said to Laban

As you aren't paying me wages, can I have the black sheep?



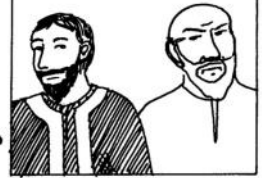
Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob and his black flock grew



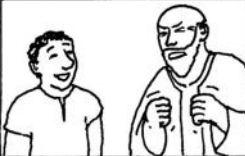
Laban became very jealous of Isaac



Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back to my home.



They waited until Laban was away..



but he was told ...

Jacob!



*Praise and Prayer
for summer youth mission:
Edinburgh and Lothians.*

All volunteers, staff and pastors welcome!

Come share your summer mission plans and join prayers for youth events across the area.

Tuesday June 6

Liberton Kirk

7:30-9pm

Call Andy on 07795 818 808 for more info.

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Elders' Duties

	June-23	July-23	Aug-23	Sept-23
9.30 am				
West	Eric Brown			Tom Baxendale
East	Christina Young			Eric Brown
11 am				
West	Eleanor Grieve	George Thom	Janice Wilson	Jill Niven
East	Christine Johnson	Joan Thom	Mary Davidson	Marie-Louise Robb
Gallery	Rink van Dijke	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry	Netta Rough
Front gate	David Colley	Ruth Davies	David Colley	Linda Skinner
Banker	Stewart Heney	Rink van Dijke	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael

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

June 2023

Thursday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Alpha Reunion in the Wilson Hall
Friday 2nd	Ceilidh in the Anderson Hall (Kirkgate Trust)
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Sunday 4th	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 Holy Spirit – a gift giver and unity bringer (1 Corinthians 12) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm HR Team Meeting in the McDonald Room
Tuesday 6th	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 Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 7th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
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Saturday 10th	9.30am-2.30pm – Joint Elders' Retreat at the Bruntsfield Hotel
Sunday 11th	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: Paul and Ananias (Acts 9) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12.30pm Summer Buzz Team Meeting in the Kirk Centre 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 13th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café Kirkgate Trust (Social)
Wed'day 14th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Elders Training at Reid Memorial
Thursday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 18th	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: Paul and Barnabas (Acts 11.19ff) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room No Evening Worship
Monday 19th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 20th	7.30pm The Book Group meets in the McDonald Room 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 21st	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 25th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 11am All-age 'Promotion' Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche) Theme: Paul and Silas (Acts 16.16ff) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12.30pm Annual Congregational Picnic in the Centre Court Gardens (Tea/coffee provided) No Evening Worship
Monday 26th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 27th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Guthrie House
Wed'day 28th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 28th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

July 2023

Note:	July & August - all Sunday Morning services at 10.30am <i>2nd-30th July - with Creche and Summer Sunday Club</i> <i>6th August - Holiday Club Sunday</i> <i>2nd September - Sunday Clubs resume</i> July & August - Peace Pathway open in the Kirkyard, 8am – 8pm
Sunday 2nd	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club) Theme: Paul and Timothy Preacher: John Young 10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Joint Stage 'n Slam Launch service (and BBQ) at Liberton Northfield church <i>3rd-7th July – Stage 'n Slam Sports and Arts Week (for high school students)</i>
Monday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 9th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am **Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club)

Theme: For me to live is Christ (Philippians 1)

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

No Evening Worship

10th -16th July – Teenagers' Service Week

Monday 10th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 11th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 12th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 16th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am **Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club)

Theme: The Attitude of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2)

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

No Evening Worship

Monday 17th No Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 18th No Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 19th No Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home

No Gathering for Praise

Thursday 20th No Kirkgate Café

Sunday 23rd 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club)

Theme: I strive towards the prize (Philippians 3)

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm **Summer Café Church** (in the Kirk Centre)

Monday 24th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Guthrie House

Wed'day 26th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 27th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Sunday 30th 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am **Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club)

Theme: I have learned the secret (Philippians 4)

Preacher: Jared Hay

10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

No Evening Worship

31st July – 6th August – Summer Buzz Holiday Club

(for Primary School Children)

Monday 31st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

August 2023

Tuesday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 6th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Summer Buzz Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche) 10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room No Evening Worship
Monday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 8th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 13th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club) Theme: Good news – for the lost Preacher: John Young 10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room No Evening Worship
Monday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 15th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 17th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Sunday 20th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Summer Sunday Club) Theme: Good news – for the weary Preacher: John Young 10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Summer Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 21st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 22nd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 24th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Saturday 26th	4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 27th	COVENANT SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10.30am **Joint Covenant Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with
 Creche & Summer Sunday Club)
 Theme: Good news – for the lonely
 Preacher: John Young

10.00am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
 12.30pm Congregational Meal in the Kirk Centre
 6.30pm **Joint Evening Worship (SEECoS)**
 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Monday 28th
 Tuesday 29th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.30pm Service at Guthrie House

Wed'day 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 31st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

September 2023

Sunday 2nd **Regular Sunday Club Resumes**
 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: tbc
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
 6.30pm **Café Church in the Kirk Centre**

Will Your Anchor Hold

"Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storms of Life" is the first line of a very popular hymn with a nautical theme. The words were written by Priscilla Jane Owens, who was a Sunday school teacher at a Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. The words are inspired by the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 6, Verse 19: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." This hymn has always been associated with the Boys' Brigade, whose motto is "Sure and Stedfast".

The tune was written by William J. Kirkpatrick, who also composed the tunes of many other hymns, including "Away in a Manger".

Willie Scott

Updates, from some of our mission partners

... from our Family Partner in Kenya

Fidelis and Nelson returned recently from their bi-annual trip to Embu and a visit to Rutune village, where they were warmly welcomed. Those they encountered were keen to hear about Liberton Kirk and expressed their gratitude for our support and prayers. It had been a very dry period with no rains since last year, so everyone was praying for the blessing of rain. During their last visit to the village and a week before their travel back, the rains did come, so everyone got very busy planting maize and beans as well as tatties.



...- from Mediterranean Hope in Italy

Fiona Kendall recently shared a meal of Afghani dishes cooked by refugees in an Italian Methodist Church in Rome. The refugees participating had arrived in Italy during the past eight months, thanks to the humanitarian corridors programme, managed by the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy. Two young women spoke of their terror as they crossed into Pakistan unaccompanied. Another woman had heard of people trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea in

small boats, at risk to their own lives. 'We', she said, 'have had the simple route, coming via humanitarian corridors. How grateful we are'.

Fiona Kendall is a Scottish lawyer, serving Mediterranean Hope in Rome



..... from Comfort International, working in Central Africa

Land and buildings have been acquired for a vocational training centre in the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to Comfort International, 'Wars, insecurity, land conflicts, ethnic conflicts and human rights violations have robbed young people

of their hope.' The area of Rutshuro in particular has experienced atrocities for over 20 years, forcing people to flee to people camps in neighbouring cities. Children under 17 years of age are forcibly required to join armed groups. We pray that this training centre will offer many a way out, with skills in masonry, carpentry, brick-building, sewing and literacy being offered, as well as strategies to cope with civilian life. The centre will also link young people with professionals and provide chaplaincy and discipleship.



Roslyn Wilson
World Mission Team

Preschool and Families

Hello all, We have been trundling along as usual in the Preschool and Families world.

We are reaching our Summer break from **Messy Church** this year, with the next one being on 26th August. We have been busy creating lots of masterpieces as we learn more about God and spend time worshiping. We have made jelly for Jesus to walk on, we have planted sunflowers, we have rolled the stone away from the tomb.

Pram Praise is also reaching its summer break with only 1 more session before summer. We have a small number of Toddlers and there carers joining us monthly for our worship service but we can still make alot of noise.

Our **Toddler group** is thriving at the moment and we have an ever growing waiting list. So please get in touch if you would like to join us.

We are looking forward to summer in the Sunday Clubs with the much loved **Summer Buzz** coming up in August.

We have had a busy term and are looking forward to a busy summer.

Laura : Laura@libertonkirk.net



Kirkgate Cafe - Summertime

On Monday 8th May we had a Coronation menu to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. The specials were Balmoral chicken, Coronation quiche and monarch meringue. The café was also decorated with union flags. This day was the King's idea to highlight volunteering and our café has one paid member of staff and the rest are all volunteers to cover the four days and two evenings.

Kirkgate café also supported Christian aid week by making some pea dishes during the week 15th May-18th May to highlight 'Pigeon Pea' campaign in Malawi.



Evening Café : The evening café will be closed over July and August, the last evening will be Wednesday 21st June. We are currently looking for a team of volunteers to help in the evening café from September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5pm-8pm. The evening café takes on more of a coffee shop feel doing coffees and cakes. Our hope is to get a team together to be more flexible and allow volunteers to do every fortnight or once a month. If this is something that you are interested in or would like more information on, then pop into the café and speak to Jenny or email kirkgate-cafe@libertonkirk.net

Courtyard : The outdoor seating area in the courtyard is now open and waiting for you. This is an ideal space for dog walkers or anyone that wants to enjoy the summer weather. As it is south facing it is really pleasant when the sun shines.

Café closed : Kirkgate café will be closed from Monday 17th July for a week. Reopening on Monday 24th July!

Facebook page : Kirkgate café has a Facebook page which is a good way to keep up to date with what is going on in the café. Follow the page to see what Kirkgate is doing .

Jenny Thomasi Kirkgate Café Manager

kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net

Senior Citz Club

Our club is off for the summer months, June, July and August BUT we still have some lucky friends who have their special day. So we wish everyone below a wonderful birthday 😊



June Birthdays

- 12 Mary McIntosh
13 Elsa Sterling
15 Hamish Robertson (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 5)
21 Anne Barrett AND Mairi Dodds
24 Iris Thomson
25 Liz McKenzie (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 0) AND Sue Gunn (one of our wonderful volunteers)

July Birthdays

- 2 Myra Henry (celebrating her special birthday ending with a 0)
6 Janette Home AND Cynthia Murray
12 Jenni Ryalls (our amazing President)
15 Jean Mclachlan
22 Jane Ferguson
31 Janet McEwan (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 0)

August Birthdays

- 3 Betty Thomson AND Julia Armstrong
9 Margo Scott (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 0)
12 Valerie Bunch
18 Margaret Laing
19 Margaret Hendry (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 0)
26 Anne Elder
27 Maureen Stitt (our fantastic Treasurer)
31 Ian Hay

We also offer our sympathy to Diane who has lost her mum Amy Michell

Sending our love to our friends who are ill and wishing them a speedy recovery

Should you need to contact us over the summer please contact the folks below:-

Jenni Ryalls our President on 0742 533 5889 or 258 0764

Linda Wright our Pastoral Care on 0785 041 1596

Lou Ogilvy admin on seniorslk@gmail.com

Centre Court - Younger Gardeners Needed

More familiarly known as the Kirk Centre Garden, those who attended the Coronation BBQ, Tea and home baking, after Church on Sunday 7th May, will have seen the new raised beds, vegetables, fruit and flowers, all the work of our garden volunteers. All the benches have been strengthened and treated, offering places to sit quietly at any time. If you haven't seen the garden, walk up the side of the Anderson Hall towards the Bowling Green.

Shortly, we will create a 'Remembering Corner', so that we can sit and think of friends and family we have lost.



Our volunteers, who are largely non members of the Kirk, do need help from 'younger' more able folks who can bend to weed the paths leading into the garden, the monoblock. around the grass, the borders and the new flowers boxes etc. Wee Maggie popped by recently, to help Irene. If anyone from our congregation can spare an hour or so at any time, please give me a ring on 664 1581 or 07967 666321. I'd be delighted to hear from you.

This happy place is an extension of our busy church halls. Lots happening this summer - Summer Buzz, Stage 'n' Slam - Details in the Kirk Centre. With the halls heavily booked for parties, they can extend into the garden too.

Thank you, to all our volunteers.
Grant Cook

Boys Brigade

We meet on Tuesday evenings in Liberton Kirk Halls, P1-P5 at 6.15-7.30pm and P6-S6 from 7.30-9pm. We are proud to be a Christian youth organisation and as well as games, crafts and badgework we have Bible stories or devotions dependent on the age group.

Any enquiries should come to myself, Heather Chambers on chambers1211@hotmail.co.uk.

Heather Chambers

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
-the adventure begins here-

3rd/8th Edinburgh Company
email: chambers2405@hotmail.co.uk

For Boys P1 to S6: 5-18 year olds
action, adventure, games, friends...

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

AUGUST 23

Someone is shouting in the desert, "Prepare a road for the Lord, make a straight path for him to travel!" Matthew 3 verse 3

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 August we pause in the PSALMS.



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.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST 23

Tue 1st	Morning	PSALM 11 – as we pause with God today we consider these words of confidence....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 Psalm again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 2nd	Morning	PSALM 12 – 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 the Bible Society in Guatemala.
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 3rd	Morning	PSALM 14 - consider this passage today... and look around at our world...and ourselves.....then pause in prayer to this God.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society in Turkey
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 4th	Morning	PSALM 15 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words.....What God requires..... And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society at work in Vietnam
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 5th	Morning	PSALM 18 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words of faith on this day.... And then pray to this God.
	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 6th	Morning	PSALM 19 – take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning ... And then pray to this God we believe and trust in.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this Psalm again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 7th	Morning	PSALM 30 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words of thanksgiving today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society in Egypt
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 8th	Morning	PSALM 31 – as we pause with God today we consider these words of trust in Him.....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 9th	Morning	PSALM 32 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these words about Confession.....And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society in Romania
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 10th	Morning	PSALM 33 - consider this passage this morning – a song of praise - and then respond in prayerful praise to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society in Brazil
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 11th	Morning	PSALM 37 – As we pause with God, take time to consider the truths behind these words this morning...And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Bible Society in Uruguay
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 12th	Morning	PSALM 38 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words of prayer And then pray to our God

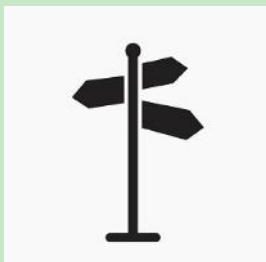
LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

JULY 23

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Sat 1st	Morning	LUKE 13 vs 1-9 – as we pause with Jesus today, we take time to consider these words as a new month starts and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	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	LUKE 13 vs 22-30 – as we pause with God today we take time to consider these words....and pray in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 3rd	Morning	LUKE 14 vs 7-14 – 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 Stage’N’Slam starting today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 4th	Morning	LUKE 14 vs 15-33 – 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 5th	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 1-10 – 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 attending Stage’N’Slam today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 6th	Morning	LUKE 15 vs 11-32 – as we pause with God today, we consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those leading Stage’N’Slam this week
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 7th	Morning	LUKE 16 vs 1-13 – As we pause with God this morning, we take the time to consider these words.. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those who have been at Stage’N’Slam
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 8th	Morning	LUKE 16 vs 19-31 – 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	LUKE 17 vs 1-6 – take time to consider these words on this particular Sunday morning ... And then pray to this Lord we believe and trust in
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 10th	Morning	LUKE 17 vs 11-19 – 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 summer events for children & young people
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 11th	Morning	LUKE 17 vs 20-37 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and events....and 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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	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on summer missions in our country

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JUNE 23

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	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the church family at Liberton Northfield
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 2nd	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 5-38 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the church family at Moredun Tron
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 3rd	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 39-56 – as we pause with Jesus this morning, we take time to consider these words and then pray to Him in response
	Midday	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 4th	Morning	LUKE 1 vs 57-80 – we take time to consider these words this morning in June...And 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 5th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – 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 the church family at Gracemount Church
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 6th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-22 – 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 7th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 39-52 – 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 the church family at Reid Memorial
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 8th	Morning	LUKE 3 vs 1-22 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe in.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on members of the SEECofS Cluster Session
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 9th	Morning	LUKE 4 vs 1-15 – As we pause with God, take the time to consider these words.. 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 10th	Morning	LUKE 5 vs 1-11 – 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 11th	Morning	LUKE 5 vs 17-26 – take time to consider these words on this particular morning ... And then pray to this Jesus
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 12th	Morning	LUKE 6 vs 12-19 – 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 the church family at Ferniehill
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

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Tue 13th	Morning	LUKE 7 vs 1-17 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and events.....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 14th	Morning	LUKE 7 vs 36-50 – 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 the leaders of the Big Idea Group of churches
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 15th	Morning	LUKE 8 vs 4-15 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the churches of SEECAT
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 16th	Morning	LUKE 8 vs 22-25 – 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 the Presbytery of Edinburgh and Lothians
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 17th	Morning	LUKE 8 vs 40-56 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words on this Saturday And then pray to Him
	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 18th	Morning	LUKE 9 vs 1-6 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 19th	Morning	LUKE 9 vs 18-27 – take time to consider these words todayAnd then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Cammy, Dilma and Pedrro
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 20th	Morning	LUKE 9 vs 46-62 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular eventsand 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 21st	Morning	LUKE 10 vs 1-12 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, and events...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Dougie Robertson
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 22nd	Morning	LUKE 10 vs 13-16 - consider these particular verses on this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Session clerks within our SEECofS cluster
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 23rd	Morning	LUKE 10 vs 17-24 – 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 the groups at work across SEECofS
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 24th	Morning	LUKE 10 vs 25-37 – as we pause with Jesus we consider these words written here And then pray to Him as the day starts
	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 And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday
Sun 25th Morning	LUKE 11 vs 1-13 – take time to pause and consider these words this Sunday in June...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 passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours... As we step into a new week
Mon 26th Morning	LUKE 11 vs 29-36 – 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 ministers and leaders within SEECofS
Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 27th Morning	LUKE 12 vs 1-7 – 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 28th Morning	LUKE 12 vs 8-21 – 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 ministers and leaders within Big Idea
Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 29th Morning	LUKE 12 vs 35-48 - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay, and their family
Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 30th Morning	LUKE 12 vs 49-56 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to Jesus
Midday	We pray God's blessing on Brad and Young Life International
Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God

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Thur 13th	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	LUKE 18 vs 18-30 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on beach missions in our nation
Fri 14th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	LUKE 18 vs 35-43 – 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 Andy and his work for Young Life Int'l
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 15th	Morning	LUKE 19 vs 1-10 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words on this Saturday And then pray to Him
	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 16th	Morning	LUKE 19 vs 28-48 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 17th	Morning	LUKE 20 vs 1-8 – take time to consider these words about Jesus today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Emily as she serves our Church Family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 18th	Morning	LUKE 20 vs 19-26 – 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 19th	Morning	LUKE 20 vs 27-40 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, and events...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Laura as she serves our Church Family
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 20th	Morning	LUKE 21 vs 25-38 - consider these particular verses this Thursday morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Brad and work for Young Life International
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 21st	Morning	LUKE 22 vs 1-23 – 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 the team of Kirkgate Trust
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 22nd	Morning	LUKE 22 vs 39-53 – as we pause with Jesus we consider these words and events And then pray to Him as the day starts
	Midday	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 And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday
Sun 23rd	Morning	LUKE 22 vs 54-71 – take time to pause and consider these words this Sunday in April...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 passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours...as we step into a new week

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Mon 24th	Morning	LUKE 23 vs 1-12 – 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 the work of Scripture Union
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
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	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	LUKE 23 vs 44-49 – 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 Young Life Int'l teams in our world
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 27th	Morning	LUKE 23 vs 50-56 - consider this particular passage on this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on leaders+workers of our children's activities
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 28th	Morning	LUKE 24 vs 1-12 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those hoping to go to university this year
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 29th	Morning	LUKE 24 vs 13-35 – 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 30th	Morning	LUKE 24 vs 36-49 – we take time to consider these words this morning as the month ends.... 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 31st	Morning	LUKE 24 vs 50-52 – take time to consider these words about Jesus today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on families in our SEECoS Church Family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

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	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 13th	Morning	PSALM 39 – we take time to consider these words of confession this Sunday morning 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 14th	Morning	PSALM 51 – take time to consider these honest words from David.....And then pray to God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Bangladesh
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 15th	Morning	PSALM 53 – 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 16th	Morning	PSALM 55 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words – a man betrayed - And then turn to pray to Father God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in the South Pacific
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 17th	Morning	PSALM 56 - consider these particular verses of trust in God this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Jordan
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 18th	Morning	PSALM 57 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning – a prayer for help - then pray in response to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Malawi
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 19th	Morning	PSALM 58 – as we pause with Jesus today we consider these words of prayer And then pray to Him as the day starts
	Midday	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 And then pray to this God in response as we step into Sunday
Sun 20th	Morning	PSALM 59 – take time to pause and consider these words for safety...And then pray to Father God in response on this Sunday
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours... as we step into a new week
Mon 21st	Morning	PSALM 71 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words of prayer today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in El Salvador
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 22nd	Morning	PSALM 73 – as we pause with God today we consider these Words about the Justice of God.....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 23rd	Morning	PSALM 74 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God

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	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Moldova
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 24th	Morning	PSALM 75 - consider this particular passage about God this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Armenia
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 25th	Morning	PSALM 77 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses of prayer this morning... And then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society of Scotland
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 26th	Morning	PSALM 78 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these words about God and His people - And then pray to Him
	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 27th	Morning	PSALM 79 – we take time to consider these words of prayer this morning as a new week is ahead.... 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 28th	Morning	PSALM 91 – 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 the Bible Society in Liberia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 29th	Morning	PSALM 103 – as we pause with God today we consider these great 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 30th	Morning	PSALM 115 – 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 the Bible Society in Cambodia
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 31st	Morning	PSALM 131 - consider this particular passage this morning about trusting God and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Bible Society in Rwanda
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray

Congregational News

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4th June Callum Gubby, in memory of Christine & Ken Logan

11th June Free

18th June Mrs Helen Colley, in memory of Kate Ross, my mother, of Ravenscroft

25th June Mrs Christine Johnston, in memory of Bill & Mary Davie



6th Aug Grant Cook, In Memory of Alaine Cook

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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

Henry V by William Shakespeare - part 2 of 3

Last time we looked at how the character of King Henry V brought courage to his soldiers by being amongst them the night before the battle. That same night he takes time to pray to God

ACT IV Scenes 1 & 3

*O God of battles, steel my soldiers' hearts;
Possess them not with fear*

And later

*Now soldiers, march away:
And how Thou pleasest, God, dispose the day!*

His army is outnumbered 5-1, and yet (spoilers) they win! When the King learns this, his first words are

Praised be God, and not our strength, for it!

I cannot count the number of times I have struggled with something in life and prayed for God's help, only to then congratulate myself when all goes well with "wow! I can't believe I was able to do that all along!" somehow completely missing that it was answered prayer.

But the King knows that this was not done by his strength alone, he remembers to give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Be joyful always; pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

When we need help, we should ask for it with meaning, and when it's received, we should recognise it with thanksgiving

A Prayer

*Thank you, God, for answered prayer! Help us to recognise it and to remember to give
You thanks when You come to help us
Amen*

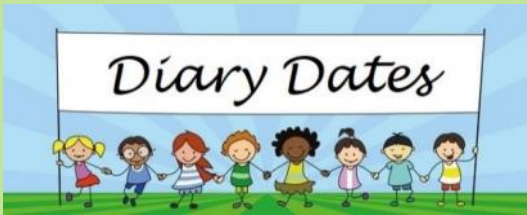
Juliet Storey

The Guild



On Thursday 4 May we enjoyed an Afternoon Tea together at Swanston Brasserie. A lovely way to finish a very busy Guild Session, relaxing and having time to chat

together. We also celebrated Jessie Burns' 97th birthday!



As the next magazine is not published until September, please make a note of the following dates - both Saturdays - 9th and 23rd September. Following the success of the two Historical Walks held last September, we are planning to hold two more this September. We will meet in the Kirk Centre between 10 and 10.15 am. More information in the September magazine.

Moiria Cocksedge Secretary



Youth News

I am happy to say that we have a lot of exciting things coming up for our Youth over the next couple of months!

As I am writing this, we have not yet had our Fischy Music Concerts for the primary schools, but we are set to have over 950 attending over the course of two of our concerts. It is such a great time every year that we get to spend with these local kids and teachers. This is our biggest year yet with the new addition of Frogston Primary School in attendance.

On the 25th June we will be hosting our Promotion Service at the 11am. This is a chance to celebrate our Sunday Club kids as they grow up through the groups. This will be followed by our annual church picnic across in the Kirk Halls Gardens straight after the service finishes. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for fellowship and games. Please bring some lunch and come along if you can!

Stage and Slam will be taking place on the 3rd – 7th July. Stage and Slam is our annual day camp that we run for ages P7-S6, we meet at 1pm at Gracemount High School for different sports and arts activities and then head up to Liberton Kirk for food, songs and games.

Summer Buzz will be taking place 31st July – 6th August. The team behind 'Summer Buzz TV' will be looking at the story of Moses and running the usual crafts, games, challenges and more!

If you are available at all to help out with Summer Buzz we would welcome any help with leading these young people in one of the best weeks of their summer. It is such a great opportunity for our church to meet young people and their families and the more people who can join in that the merrier! We need help with leading the teams of primary school kids urgently.

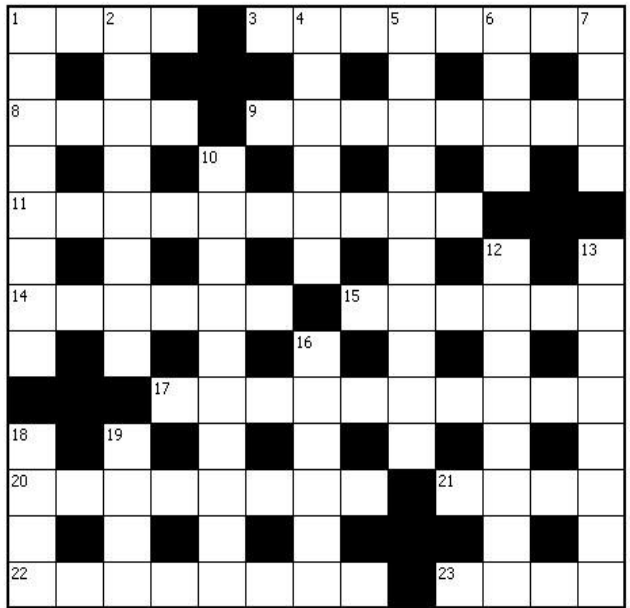
Thank you all for the prayers and passion that goes into running these wonderful events for our young people.

If you have any questions about any of these upcoming events please feel free to email me – youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net

Emily Kerrigan

Youth and Childrens Worker

Crossword



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
 8 Invalid (4)
 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
 7 Swirling current of water (4)
 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

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Peace Pathway

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If you start at the Offering House at the Main Gate you will be directed on a walk around the outside of the church building, with the benches providing a number of stopping points, and suggestions of something to think about or do for a few moments. Leave the pressures of life behind to enjoy God's creation and God's presence in this peaceful place.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Prayer for July

Lord, there are times when we feel overwhelmed by life
and do not know what lies ahead.

But Your gracious leadership shows us how to keep going
even though we may be confused or hurting.

Please continue to grant us your encouragement.

Psalms for August

These are Psalms of encouragement to read during the
holiday month.

Why not read one a week.

Psalm 33; Psalm 37vs 1-17; Psalm 85; Psalm 96

Eco-Congregation Programme:

Spiritual Living, Practical Action and Global Responsibility

Last year, Liberton Kirk joined a network of over 600 congregations across Scotland in registering with the Eco-Congregation programme, www.ecocongregationscotland.org

What is Eco-Congregation? Eco-Congregation is an international ecumenical programme which assists churches in making the link between environmental issues and the Christian faith, helping them to act in practical ways as individuals, as congregations, and in communities locally and globally. The programme has three main themes:

- ◆ Spiritual living: helping congregations to see the connection between faith and environmental concerns;
- ◆ Practical action: encouraging action on energy use and recycling for individuals and in church buildings; promoting biodiversity in church grounds and gardens;
- ◆ Global living: supporting local, national and global environmental initiatives and fair trade organisations.

What have we done so far? The initial step for a congregation registering for Eco-Congregation is to undertake a structured church environmental check-up. This covers twelve areas of activity covered by the three main themes listed above, allowing churches to identify current strengths and areas where further action could be taken. We have recently completed the check-up at Liberton Kirk.

What next for Eco-Congregation at Liberton Kirk? The next step is to develop an action plan which addresses the key points identified in the environmental check-up. Once these actions have been completed, there would then be the optional opportunity to apply for an Eco-Congregation award. This accolade is available at bronze, silver or gold levels, corresponding to the quality and depth of the activities recorded, and provides independent recognition of a congregation's achievements.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Eco-Congregation activities at Liberton Kirk and how you might contribute to them, please contact Chris Weir or Dorothy Morrison.

Chris Weir, for the Liberton Kirk Eco-Congregation Team




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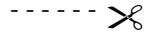
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