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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 May

Dear Lord God,

As we witness the trials and the groaning of your beautiful creation,  
which in large part we have caused, we ask You humbly  
to grant us Your wisdom to try to put right all that we have done to  
foul it up.

We also ask You to bring about that new Kingdom with a  
New Heaven and Earth to the end that we can see how Great is Our  
God!

We ask this of You, Mighty God, so that we may look forward to Your  
closer presence, through the blessings of Jesus our Saviour,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## The Holy Spirit – God with us still!

So far this year, our Sunday morning themes have been focussing on journeying with Jesus – first in Galilee, and then on the road to Jerusalem. Since the events of Easter, however, we've been focussing on the journey that continued after Easter, and our theme has been 'The road ahead – a companion for the way'.

While he walked the earth with his disciples, Jesus promised them that, after he had gone, he would send someone who would be with them in his place. By this, he meant his Holy Spirit.

The idea of 'the Holy Spirit' is often quite a difficult one for us to get our heads around, so I usually explain him by saying he is 'God in Action'. He is how God gets things done – in our lives and in the world around us.

For the next few weeks, our Sunday themes are going to focus on what the Bible says the Holy Spirit does. We'll see that he can be a '*fruit-grower*', a '*prayer carrier*', a '*Bible enlivener*', a '*signpost*' to Jesus, a '*spotlight*' on Jesus, a '*gift giver*', and a '*unity bringer*'. And that is us just skimming the surface.

My own experience has been that without the presence of the Holy Spirit, faith remains a dry intellectual exercise. In contrast, his work is to make our experience of God more real.

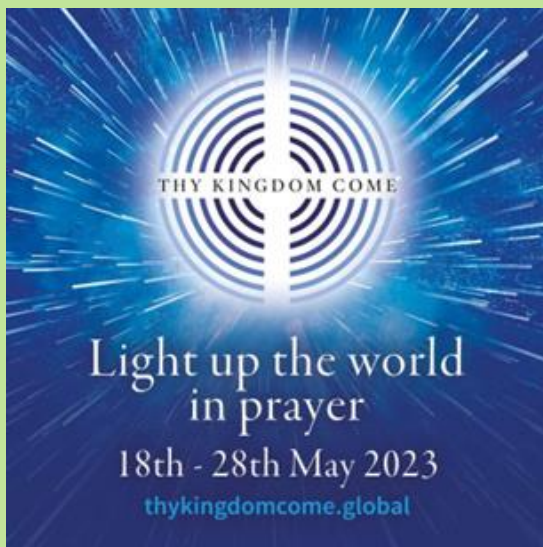
The Bible tells us that no one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. My hope is, that as we journey between Easter and Pentecost, we will become more aware of all he does and can do in our lives and in the world around us, and more willing to trust in his guidance for the road ahead.

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)





A **global** prayer venture.

Praying for **5 people we know** to meet Jesus.

**LK Daily Devotions** at 7am each morning on our website blog and social media pages.

**Daily reflections** on a different theme on social media each morning from Thy Kingdom Come.

Daily reflections on the themes on our **YouTube and social media** pages each evening at 7pm.

**Upper Room** creative focus on Thy Kingdom Come Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30am-7.30pm.

## Prayer Ministry Team

Would it help to talk? Our Prayer Team is available



If it would help to meet a member of our Prayer Team, to talk and receive prayer support, please make your way to the Prayer Station at the East Door after our Sunday services.

If you would prefer...there are prayer request boxes beside the East Door and in the Offering House. You can place your request there.

Or you can contact John and Lindsay Young at [jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk)

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads,  
and I will give you rest."*

## Service of Healing

The Balmwell in the grounds of the Toby Carvery on Howden Hall Road is an ancient site of pilgrimage and healing. Local SEECAT churches hold an annual service there, during which prayers for healing are offered to anyone who wishes to take part. This year's service is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, the day before Pentecost, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the service, and encourage anyone who would benefit from it to come too. Seats will be available, and if a lift is required please let John know. The Toby Carvery kindly allow us to use their grounds, and they will be open if you would like refreshments after the service.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

# Henry V by William Shakespeare - part 1 of 3

I'm a big fan of Shakespeare's History plays, and while they are often as historically accurate as *Braveheart*, I believe we can still learn from their very human characters.

A little context: It's the night before Battle of Agincourt, while the confident leaders of the French army play at dice in their tents, the far-outnumbered English soldiers wait for morning

## ACT IV Scene 1

*The poor condemned English,  
Like sacrifices, by their watchful fires  
Sit patiently ...*

*The royal Captain of this ruined band  
Walking from watch to watch, from tent to tent,  
... goes and visits all his host,  
Bids them good morrow with a modest smile,  
And calls them brothers, friends, and countrymen.*

The soldiers are hopeless, but their King chooses to come down to their level and is among them. Similarly, Jesus could have had the life of a King, with great armies and palaces, but God chose to be amongst us, to be with the ones who needed His love the most.

## Matthew 20 v.28

*Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

While this Henry V is a character inspired from a real historical king, Jesus actually lived and still lives with us each day, and will come to us when we need courage.

## A Prayer

*Thank you, God, for coming and meeting us where we are, help us to remember You are always here when we need comfort  
Amen*

Juliet Storey

# May Diary 2023

Monday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 2nd	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 3rd	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Luke's Gospel in the Wilson Hall
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Sunday 7th	8.00am Sunday Reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am <b>Shorter service in the Kirk</b> & 11am <b>Service in the Kirk and on zoom</b> (with Creche & Sunday Club) Theme: The Holy Spirit – a fruit grower (Galatians 5.16-26) Preacher: tbc. 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12.30pm Coronation Garden Party in the Centre Court Gardens 6.30pm <b>Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre</b>
Monday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 9th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 10th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 10.30am & 1.30pm – FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS in the Kirk 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre 7.30pm SEECoS Reps meeting at the Gilmerton Hub
Thursday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Luke's Gospel in the Wilson Hall
Friday 12th	(from) 5.30pm – Kirkgate Trust Treasure Hunt and BBQ
Saturday 13th	Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' in the Kirk Centre 2.00-5.00pm – 'MESSY IN THE PARK' in the Inch Park
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Sunday 14th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am <b>Shorter service in the Kirk</b> & 11am <b>Service in the Kirk and on zoom</b> (with Creche) Theme: The Holy Spirit – a prayer carrier (Romans 8.26-27) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 3.00pm <b>Special Communion in the Anderson Hall</b> 6.30pm <b>Café Church in the Kirk Centre</b>
Monday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – Link Leaders' Huddle at the Kirk Centre
Tuesday 16th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 17th	9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home

- 7.30pm – Elders Training at Reid Memorial  
18-28th May – THY KINGDOM COME (TKC) Prayer Initiative
- Thursday 18th ASCENSION DAY  
9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
- Sunday 21st -----  
7.30pm Luke's Gospel in the Wilson Hall  
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 Holy Spirit – a Bible enlivener (John 14.15-31)  
Preacher: John Young
- 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room  
2.30pm SEECAT planning meeting at St Barnabas  
6.30pm **Café Church in the Kirk Centre**
- Monday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
Tuesday 23rd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room  
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm TKC Prayer Gathering in the Kirk
- Wed'day 24th 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
- Thursday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm Luke's Gospel in the Wilson Hall
- Saturday 27th 3.00pm Healing Service at the Balmwell (SEECAT)  
4.00-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
- Sunday 28th -----  
PENTECOST  
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 Holy Spirit – a signpost and a spotlight (Acts 3)  
Preacher: John Young
- 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room  
6.30pm **Joint Evening Worship at Liberton Northfield**
- Monday 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
Tuesday 30th 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  
Wednesday 31st 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00-8.00pm – Kirkgate Café  
7.30pm – Kirk Session Executive meets in the Kirk Centre

## 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)



Sunday 4th

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am **Shorter communion service in the Kirk**

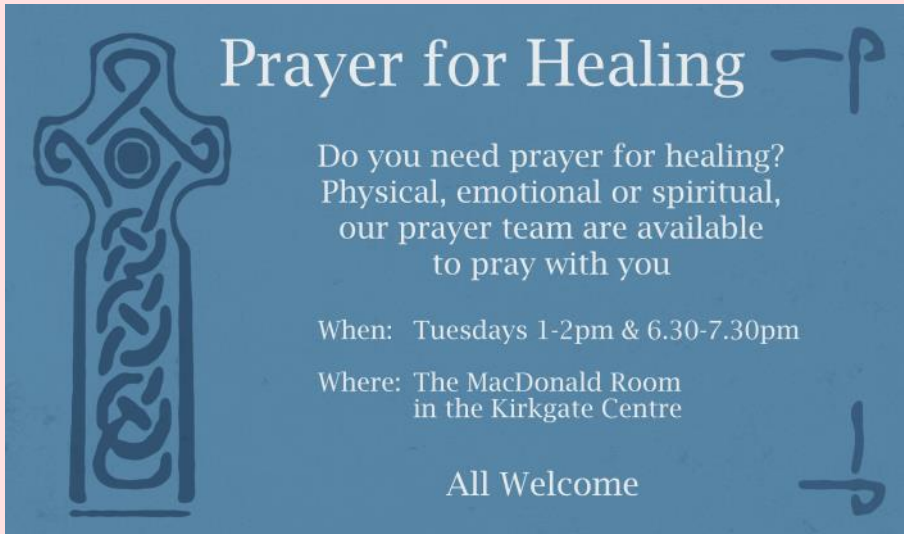
& 11am **Family Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom**  
(with Creche & Sunday Club)

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**



**Prayer for Healing**

Do you need prayer for healing?  
Physical, emotional or spiritual,  
our prayer team are available  
to pray with you

When: Tuesdays 1-2pm & 6.30-7.30pm

Where: The MacDonald Room  
in the Kirkgate Centre

All Welcome

## World Mission Team

### Used Stamp Donations

We would like to thank everyone who donated used stamps to the 2022-23 appeal for pastors in Lebanon, which raised the amazing sum of £4,100 - just from used stamps!

Please continue to support the 2023-24 appeal which will benefit the 'Firmly Planted' project in Malawi. The trees planted through this project will help counteract the impact of catastrophic events such as Cyclone Freddy.

Faith Impact Forum newsletter from the Church of Scotland

## The Warm Hub and IT Clinic

The Warm Hub is a space on Friday afternoons in the café area, for people to come and spend some time there in chatting or reading or doing their own thing. We also run the IT Clinic for anyone who needs a bit of advice with their technical issues.

It has been running on most Friday afternoons since Christmas, and it has been decided to continue this initiative for a longer period, with the help of a grant from the Church of Scotland's small grants fund. The future emphasis will be on friendship and tech support, with the help of a number of very faithful volunteers from the congregation and outside.

We were delighted to receive a visit to the Warm Hub from our local MP, Ian Murray on Friday 24 March 2023. The photo below shows the organisers receiving a booklet giving all sorts of practical advice on coping with the rising cost of living.

Ian stayed and had a cup of tea and cake whilst he spoke of the many things that occupied his time at Westminster. He asked how the warm hub was being received and told us how he very much wants to encourage us to continue providing this service in the community.



The second photo shows our visitor speaking with our volunteers and customers, who took full advantage of Ian's presence to ask him questions about local issues!

The hub is due to run on Friday afternoons from 1.00pm - 4.30pm throughout the year, with a break over the summer in August (see the posters in the café for more details of dates).

If you are interested in helping with this, please let us know. As always, in church life, there is a rota! It can be for as little as an hour of two once a month, or more frequently. Donations of home baking are welcome, and anyone who can challenge our customers to dominoes or other board games will be welcome with open arms!

If you would like more information about the Hub, or need IT support, but can't come down on Friday afternoons, but would like help at another time, please do get in touch. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact the organisers for more information or help:

**Robert Snedden** (07801420461)

**Fiona Devoy** (fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk)

Help with IT: 0131-666-1004

## Christian Aid Week

**This year Christian Aid Week is from 14 to 20 May.**

At Liberton Kirk, we have had a long history of involvement with Christian Aid, for most of its 50 years of existence. Please support our efforts again this year generously.

This year again, we'll be hosting another BIG BREKKIE, in the Kirkgate Café, to start the week off. This will be on Saturday 13 May, so do come along for a bacon roll, or vegan or vegetarian alternative, with your coffee of choice. As last year, three sittings are available - 9.15 am, 10 am and 10.45 am. Please email : [roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk) to book your slot and order your speciality coffee - or order in person after the church services in May. All are welcome.

Also, a good number of streets in the Parish will receive "return" donation envelopes, with instruction to return to authorised locations close by. For any not in receipt of an envelope, these will be available in the Kirk and at the Kirkgate Café during the week.

Our thanks go to the group of volunteers who have helped over many years, and to those assisting this year with the delivery of the "return" envelopes. As in earlier years, there will be a collection box at Scotmid Funerals on Liberton Brae.

**David Lamb**, 36 Liberton Drive, EH16 6NN. Tel. 0131.664.3059

Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

## Blister Pack Recycling

Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept blister packs for recycling,  
Thanks

Elsa Sterling

## 2022 Accounts

The signed and audited accounts for 2022 are now available on the side cupboards in the Church (in the 'Money Matters' display rack).

For further information, enclosed in the magazine, there is a sheet with two tables (one each side) showing an analysis of the figures on page 6 of the accounts.

One relates to Unrestricted Funds – the most important one being the General Fund (see below). This analysis shows our offerings as well as the costs of our staff and other expenses incurred in the running and maintenance of our Church, the halls and the activities which are held in them.

The second analysis is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Restricted Funds (for which a specific purpose has been stated by the donor).

## General Fund

In 2022 offerings remained at a similar level as in 2021. Income from Hall use has increased (in comparison to 2021 as there was little use in that year). The total received from groups using the Kirk Centre in 2022 was £23,300 as opposed to £7,700 in 2021.

Our Ministries and Mission contribution to '121' remained at a similar level to the previous year and the total cost of salaries to locally paid staff has reduced as the salary of the Youth Worker (currently being met by donations given from individual members, the Kirkgate Trust and share dividends from the Grace Gemmell legacy portfolio) is no longer included in the General Fund and is now listed under 'Youth' on the 'Restricted Fund' analysis.

As a result the General Fund had a surplus of £15,700 which has been transferred to Reserves to meet future deficits.

## Kirkgate Cafe

The cafe has done well in 2022 and has catered for a number of private events. This has resulted in an overall surplus for the year of £14,800.

## Other Funds

A number of donations have been given during the year which has enabled various projects to go ahead – a shed extension in the Centre Court garden, new computer for the office, a new screen door at the rear of the kitchen and new stainless steel worktops etc. The young folk held various events to fund a small kitchen area to be created in the Wilson Hall for their get-togethers.

## The year ahead – 2023

As we go forward into a new grouping for the various Church of Scotland churches in our area the financial impact is still being discussed and is, as yet, unknown.

It is likely that this year will be a normal year with the halls, and resulting income, maintaining a high level of use.. There may be other changes but, with the cushion of previous years' surpluses, it is expected that any shortfall can be met. Nonetheless, it is hoped that our income will be sufficient to meet our costs on an ongoing basis. The support of Liberton Kirk's members, both financially and spiritually, in the past few difficult years and on into the future is encouraging and appreciated. As a church family, and with God's help, we can face any uncertain times ahead.

**Judy Weston** (Treasurer)

## Special Communion

The next Special Communion is on Sunday 14th May at 3pm in the Anderson Hall. This shortened service is mainly for anyone who is unable to sit through the normal Communion Service or is unable to attend church for whatever reason. Transport can be arranged. If you would like to attend or know someone who may be interested can you contact:

<b>John Young</b>	0131-664-8264, JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk	or
<b>Linda Wright</b>	07850411596, lscwright@hotmail.com	or
<b>Eleanor Grieve</b>	07512821604, ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk	

Contact Eleanor using the above details if Transport is needed.

Enjoy the Fellowship after the service with a cup of tea/coffee and cake/biscuits  
Look forward to seeing you on the 14th May.

**Eleanor Grieve** Convener, Care Team

## Milk Bottle Tops

Thank you to everyone who continues to recycle their Milk Bottle Tops. Please remember **only tops with a 2 or a 4 will be accepted**. The clear Milk Bottle tops are being accepted. Can you not put loose lids into the box in the Offering House and have them in a bag etc before putting them in the box. Thank you.

**Eleanor**

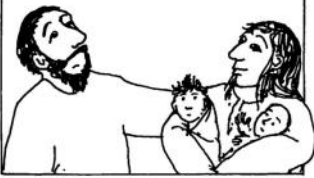
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('Grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...

Esau is older but Jacob will be more important.



The boys grew up...

Esau liked to go out to hunt, but Jacob stayed at home.



When Isaac was old and blind he told Esau



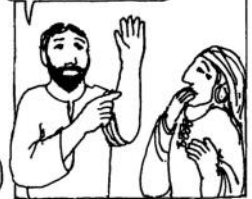
I want to give you my special blessing; first catch me some food.

But Rebekah went to find Jacob



You could have that blessing

But Esau is hairy and I am not.



Use goat skin to cover your arms and wear Esau's clothes



Here is your food, Father



Are you really Esau? Come nearer.

Jacob was tricked by the goat skin and Esau's clothes.



Then Esau returned



I'm sorry, I already blessed your brother

You must run away or Esau will kill you. Go to my brother Laban's home.



Jacob!



# LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

MAY 23

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6 verses 9 and 10

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

.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 May we consider the theme of THY KINGDOM COME as we share in the global prayer venture.



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.

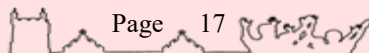
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Mon 1st	Morning	1 SAMUEL chapter 8 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on members of our Royal Family
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to this God in response
Tue 2nd	Morning	PSALM 24 – 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 3rd	Morning	PSALM 46 – Take time to pause with this God this morning. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to this God, our God.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our incoming King and Queen Consort
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 4th	Morning	PSALM 95 - consider this passage today. And then pause in prayer to this God we believe and trust in.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our national leaders at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 5th	Morning	MATTHEW 5 vs 1-16 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words.. And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Church in our nation at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 6th	Morning	MATTHEW 21 vs 1-11 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words today.... And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 7th	Morning	EPHESIANS 4 vs 1-16 – take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning ... And then pray to our Lord
	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 8th	Morning	EPHESIANS 4 vs 25-32 – 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 on our personal prayer list
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 9th	Morning	PHILIPPIANS 2 vs 1-11 – 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 10th	Morning	REVELATION 1 vs 1-8 – Pause with this Jesus this new morning. Consider the truths written...then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on family, neighbours, friends, colleagues
	Evening	read the words again – reflect... then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 11th	Morning	REVELATION 1 vs 9-20 - consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on CofS Presbytery in Edinburgh/Lothians
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 12th	Morning	REVELATION chapter 4 – 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 Church Family of SEECofS
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of



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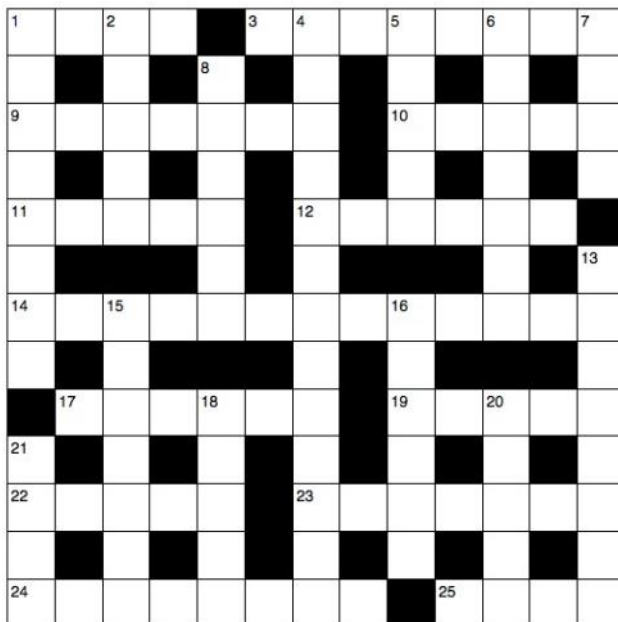
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Sat 13th	Morning	REVELATION chapter 5 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words today .... And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 14th	Morning	REVELATION 7 vs 9-17 – we take time to consider these particular words this Sunday morning .... 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 15th	Morning	REVELATION chapter 10 – take time to consider these words about the Kingdom rule of God....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church Family of SEECAT
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 16th	Morning	REVELATION 12 vs 7-18 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular 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 verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 17th	Morning	REVELATION chapter 19 – 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 the Church Family of Big Idea group
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 18th	Morning	Thy Kingdom Come global Prayer venture starts – REVELATION chapter 21 - consider these particular words this morning then respond in prayer to this God, our God – Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done!
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Kirk Session/Leadership Team
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19th	Morning	JOHN 3 v 16 - LOVE – As we pause with God, take time to consider this one verse this morning And then pray in response to our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who feel unloved at this time
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 20th	Morning	PSALM 29 - SPEAKS – 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 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 21st	Morning	GENESIS 1 vs 1-5 - CREATES – take time to pause and consider these words this Sunday in May...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 passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 22nd	Morning	1 JOHN 3 vs 11-24 - GIVES – 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 feel they have nothing to give
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 23rd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 1-14 – WALKS WITH US – as we pause with God today we consider these words.....and then respond in prayer with this Jesus
	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 24th	Morning	JAMES 3 vs 1-12 - LISTENS – Pause with God this new morning.



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		Consider these words, the truths written...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those calling out to God in prayer today
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 25th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 16-21 - SAVES - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those recently saved in Christ Jesus
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 26th	Morning	HEBREWS 12 vs 14-29 – CHALLENGES and ENCOURAGES – take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those struggling with God's Kingdom ways
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 27th	Morning	ROMANS 6 vs 1-14 - EMPOWERS – 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 28th	Morning	PENTECOST - ROMANS 8 vs 1-4 – we take time to consider these words this morning .... 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 29th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 5-17 – take time to consider these words about Life in the Spirit today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those in a spiritual struggle at this time
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 30th	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 18-30 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular truths .....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 verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 31st	Morning	ROMANS 8 vs 31-39 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words, these great truths...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those who need hope and joy at this time
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God

# Crossword



## Across

**1** 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)

**3** 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)

**9** According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)

**10** Group of eight (5)

**11** The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)

**12** — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)

**14** Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)

**17** 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)

**19** Attend to (3,2)

**23** Tea rite (anag.) (7)

**25** Test (anag.) (4)

**22** Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)

**24** Rule of sovereign (8)

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## Down

**1** The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)

**2** 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)

**4** 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)

**5** Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)

**6** Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)

**7** Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)

**8** Minister of religion (6)

**13** 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)

**15** 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)

**16** Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)

**18** 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)

**20** Establish by law (5)

**21** Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

# Easter 2023 in South East Edinburgh

On Good Friday the cross was carried from many churches all over the parish, including Liberton Kirk.



We stopped for readings and prayer along the way.

We eventually came together with others at the joint open air service outside Morrisons.





Later the Ecumenical service was held at Gracemount High School, with people from churches all over South East Edinburgh.

One of our members took this photo of sun rise over Braid hills on Easter Sunday at dawn.



And the day was celebrated by some early risers from Liberton, meeting together at the church to walk up to the trig point at Braid Hill, for prayer and worship.



# Senior Citz Club

Our club is off for May, June, July and August but even though we're off some still have birthdays 😊



## May Birthdays

- 5th Margaret Ellison
- 6th King Charles III coronation in Westminster Abbey
- 7th Heather Mortimer (1 of our lovely volunteers)
- 9th Johan Carlin (celebrating a special birthday ending with a 5!)
- 15th Pearl Scott
- 19th Bob Henderson
- 25th Ina Telfer and Alan Robb
- 28th Dennis Seatter
- 30th Edna Matthews (halls co-ordinator)



Have a wonderful special day everyone. If you're going to be celebrating Coronation Day we hope you have a lovely day. We have friends who are ill in the club so we send our love and wish them a quick recovery.

Jenni and our club helpers wish you a happy, safe and covid free summer break.

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

**Jenni Ryalls** our president of 0742 533 5889 or 0131 258 0764

**Linda Wright** our Pastoral Care on 0785 041 1596

**Lou Ogilvy** admin on seniorslk@gmail.com

## Elders' Duties

		<b>May-23</b>	<b>Jun-23</b>
9.30 am	West	Tom Baxendale	Eric Brown
	East	Rosy Carmichael	Christina Young
11 am	West	Chris Brandie	Eleanor Grieve
	East	Marie-Louise Robb	Christine Johnson
	Gallery	Bill Robb	Rink van Dijke
	Front gate	Margaret Brandie	David Colley
	Banker	Jacqui Tait	Stewart Heney

# Church Flower dedications

Convener needed for this month

7th May Mrs Dorothy Parr, in memory of Aileen, Helen & Jim Whyman  
Mrs Lucy Paterson, in memory of Robert Paterson

14th May Mrs Helen Hodgkinson, in memory of Janet McGregor

21th May Mrs Ann Weir, in memory of Hamish Weir

28th May Mrs Jane Thomson, in memory of Isabella & John Watt

Admin Convener **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081



## Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Linda Wright on 07850 411596, who will try to find someone to help

## KIRKGATE CAFÉ IN MAY



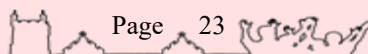
Just to let you know that the Café will be **OPEN EVERY** Monday in May which has many public holidays. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a special menu to mark King Charles' Coronation weekend.

As we go into summer it would be lovely to enhance our super courtyard with displays of flowering plants. There are a few pots to fill and we would be really delighted if you could spare one or two plants, annuals that you may have extra to your requirements, to help us with this project.

Jenny and I would to thank all our volunteers at the café who loyally give so much time and effort to the success and smooth running of the café and step up to cover sickness and holiday times.

**Jill Niven**

Café Board Convener



# The Guild



On 31 March we arranged an afternoon reminiscing with Ann Weir and Elizabeth and Bill Mercer called "*All our Yesterdays*". As all three are over 90 years of age and have lived most of that time in the Liberton area, they had many memories to share of how life was lived then and how the area and way of life has changed over all those years.

More than 100 people joined us to go down memory lane with Ann, Elizabeth and Bill. Alan Campbell was the perfect host with his keen interest in the history of Liberton, and he was able to coax many interesting stories from our three guests.

Calum, our organist, played pieces of music chosen by Ann, Elizabeth and Bill, and he also showed



many old photos on the screens and gave an explanation of each. It was fascinating to see how Liberton looked years before the houses we live in now were built.



Having evoked so many memories, we then all exchanged our own memories with each other over tea and cakes in the Anderson Hall. A lovely day to end our Guild session.



## Long Service Certificates

The following members were awarded with Long Service Certificates.

Margo Brandie  
Moira Cocksedge  
Sally Cuthbert  
Shirley Dawson  
Katy Harrison  
Brenda Lamb  
Sheila Maitland  
Elsa Sterling

Jessie Burns  
Margaret Collins  
Ruth Davies  
Margaret Goldie  
Pearl Kelly  
Helen Liddell  
Ann Weir  
Helen Sutherland

## Projects

Just to bring you up to date with the six projects being supported by all Guilds. The totals raised for the six projects from 1 June 2021 to 28 February 2023 are as follows.

**Blether with Beat**, supporting people living with an eating disorder and raising community awareness. **£35,773.10**

**Home for good Scotland**, Finding a home for every child, and supporting Christians to be involved in adoption and fostering. **£47,242.20**

**Starchild**, Finding the light in every child, supporting children with autism and other learning disabilities in Uganda. **£34,884.20** (see article on the next page)



**The Vine Trust**, Kazunzu Village of Hope, supporting the development of a sustainable village in Tanzania. **£40,526.84**

**Unida, Hear our voice**, supporting and empowering women in Brazil through theological education. **£16,148.55**

**Pioneers**, Chocolate Heaven, supporting the development of sustainable chocolate production in South East Asia. **£25,135.38.**



On Thursday 4 May it will be our turn to be waited on as we relax, after an exceptionally busy Guild session, and enjoy Afternoon Tea together at Swanston Brasserie.

Thank you for all your support so willingly given over the past year. We wouldn't have achieved all we did without your help.

**Moira Cocksedge (Secretary)**  
Tel. 662 0692

## Starchild - the Documentary

Michaela Foster Marsh has been working alongside BAFTA award winning director Alex McCall on a documentary about her book Starchild.



Many of you will remember the story Michaela told at our Guild meeting in February 2022. Michaela and her brother Frankie grew up as “twins” in Glasgow, in the sixties. Born only weeks apart, Michaela was white and Frankie was black, and they were an unusual sight in their dual pram. Despite the love from his adopted family Frankie’s life was rarely easy, and it ended far too soon when a fire took him when he was only twenty-six. But for a devastated Michaela, Frankie’s effect on her life was only beginning. She embarked on a search to learn what she could about Frankie’s birth family, a journey that took her to Uganda, to a culture and a family she never knew. Overwhelmed by the poverty Michaela witnessed, she came back to Scotland with a dream of setting up Starchild to help the most vulnerable and marginalised in Uganda - to build a sanctuary for families and children affected by autism.

Our Guild supported Starchild as one of our Guild Projects and some of you purchased Michaela’s book. She has asked to come back to give us an update on Starchild and her book which is being turned into a documentary. There will be a film crew with her making part of the documentary and she hopes that you will be happy to be part of the experience.

Michaela is an acclaimed musician, with three albums to her credit, whose work has appeared in television and film. In 2017 she was a finalist of Scotswoman of the Year by the Evening Times and has received a Prime Ministers Award for her work in Uganda. She has also received a Peace and Unity award and a Community Champion Award. Michaela was the last person to sing for the late Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral Castle before she died.

This invitation is open to everyone so please get your ticket and support Michaela and Starchild on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Anderson Hall. We look forward to seeing you there! Because of number restrictions only ticket holders will be admitted. The tickets are free but any donations will be gratefully accepted on the evening. Tickets will be available after the 9.30 am and 11 am Services on both 14th and 21st May.

**Gladys Montgomery**  
Convener

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

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# Link Groups

## Weekly Groups

**Friday Fellowship** – Friday morning in the Kirk Centre  
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## Fortnightly Groups

**Pathfinders** – Tuesday evening in various homes  
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