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Prayer for September

Father God, Thank you for sending Jesus
Son of God, Son of Man, From heaven to earth

Holy Spirit, Show us, Teach us, Help us
To follow Him, To love Him
To serve Him, More and more

In this world, We ask in Jesus' name
Amen

Joy comes in the morning

Have you noticed that it's been raining quite a bit lately? Here in Liberton, while June was unusually hot, the rest of the summer has been unusually wet.

We are early risers, and the view from our bedroom window is often wonderful to wake up to. It takes in Blackford Hill to the north, the Braids to the west and the Pentland Hills to the south, with Liberton Tower somewhere in the middle.

The Kirkyard can be even more beautiful, with its panoramic views of Edinburgh city and beyond to the Forth and Fife. There is a point at the north-east corner of the church itself, where you can see Arthur's Seat. Sometimes, when going round that corner, you can't see it at all, because much of this past summer there has been rain and low cloud. However, that does not mean that it is not still there. We know that when the clouds lift it will be there, rising up over our city again.

This is very true of our relationship with God. Most of us go through cloudy patches, where we find it difficult to see the presence of God. But He is still there. Just as we would be a bit daft to think that Arthur's Seat has actually gone away, so it would be the same if we doubted the existence of a loving, caring God, who has done everything for us, and has a plan for our lives despite the clouds and rain.

Back in March, 2020, at the very beginning of the first Covid lockdown, I was drawn to the words of these Psalms

*The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
A place of safety in times of trouble.
Those who know you Lord will trust you;
You do not abandon anyone who comes
to you. (Psalm 9)*

And

*Weeping may remain for a night,
But joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30)*

I don't know who you are, reading this today, or what your life is like just now. I do know that God cares for you as an individual, and wants the very best for you. I also know that our church at Liberton tries to be a loving, welcoming, caring community, and it's during those times when we are facing seemingly endless clouds that the presence in our lives of other people who have experienced similar clouds, can make all the difference. Please come and join us, so that together we may discover how to see things more clearly.

Much love



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



Telling Others the Good News

Several years ago two local ministers got together and a Big Idea was birthed.. Local churches were invited to join the venture.

Now

- ◆ Liberton Kirk
- ◆ Liberton Northfield
- ◆ Moredun Tron/Gilmerton Hub
- ◆ Gracemount Church
- ◆ Ferniehill Evangelical Church
- ◆ And Young Life International

work together to reach others with this Big Idea and tell others about JESUS

At Fischy Music concerts, Messy in the Park, joint services

At New Year and Easter and other events.

The new housing estates in SE Edinburgh are our next mission field.

Want to know more??

Ask your church leader, **John Young** or **Alastair Cameron!**



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

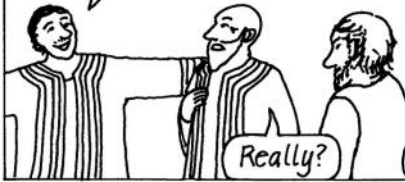
Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers hated him.



Daddy's little pet

I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to my star



Really?

He means us, doesn't he?



Not if we can help it!

Joseph visited his brothers as they looked after their flocks of sheep.



Let's kill him!

Put him down this dry well for now



Then some Ishmaelite slave traders came by



We'll sell Joseph instead!

What will we tell Father?



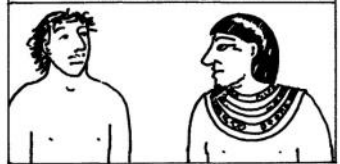
Put some goat blood on Joseph's fancy coat.

So they tricked Jacob



An animal must have killed him.

In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's Royal Guard



Potiphar was very pleased with Joseph's hard work and put him in charge of his household, but...



Potiphar's wife made up bad stories about Joseph..

so Joseph was put in prison



Christian Aid Week 2023

This year Christian Aid Week ran from 13 to 20 May. I am glad to give a report on this year's efforts in the Liberton Kirk Congregation.

Donations -	At the Big Brekkie Event on 13 May	£ 705
	Given in Return envelopes	£ <u>2,335</u>
	Total	£ <u>3,040</u>

In addition, a large proportion of the Return Envelopes donations included Gift Aid Declarations.

From these, there should be recoverable from HMRC, in the hands of Christian Aid, a further sum of £470.

Overall, this is very slightly down on the total received in Christian Aid Week, 2022, but is indeed a very good result in the present economic circumstances.

A big thank you is sent to all who took part – to the organisers and helpers at the Big Brekkie, to all who assisted with delivery of envelopes, and receiving filled envelopes, and to all who contributed in any way.

Watch out for the next event in May 2024 !

David Lamb, for World Mission Team

Basics Bank - [Foodbank] - Tron Kirk

For some time we have been supporting the work of the Basics bank, [formerly known as Food Bank] organised by the folks at Tron Kirk. Thanks go to all who have supported our work. It is hoped that this will continue, and others in the congregation may wish to assist. The boxes in the Offering House are available for any tinned, dried or long-life food donations. Donations may also be made of toiletries, or in monetary form. In addition, there is a box at the front of the garage at 36 Liberton Drive.

Janet McKenzie, of Tron Kirk, writes :-

"We now operate on the "pantry" basis where clients come to the food room and "shop" for themselves.... We provide a list of items we have in fridges and freezers, billed as "specials".... We continue to be dependent on generous individuals, local organisations and local congregations.... Thank you to all at Liberton Kirk who support us.. and special shout to Edna who earlier this year sent a large donation form Sainsburys/Argos to us !"

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive , EH16 6NN, tel. 0131.664.3059

Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

Sunday 3rd	Two morning service return & 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: Joshua leads the way (Joshua 1) Preacher: tbc 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 5th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11am-12noon, 6.30-7.30pm Healing Prayer in the McDonald Room 2.00pm History Resource Group meeting (on zoom) 2.30pm Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.30am BIG Idea planning meeting in the Wilson Hall
Thursday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 8th	1.30-4.00pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 9th	10am Guild Historical Walk from the Kirk Centre
Sunday 10th	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: Joshua makes plans (Joshua 2) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
Monday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm HR team meeting in the Kirk Centre
Tuesday 12th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11am-12noon, 6.30-7.30pm Healing Prayer in the McDonald Room
Wed'day 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Friday 15th	1.30-4.00pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 17th	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: Over the river (Joshua 3)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

2.30pm SEECAT AGM at St Catherine's Church

6.30pm **Café Church in the Kirk Centre**

Monday 18th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 19th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

11am-12noon, 6.30-7.30pm Healing Prayer in the McDonald Room

7.30pm Communications Team meeting (on zoom)

Wed'day 20th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home

7.30pm SEECoS Reps meeting at Tron Kirk

Thursday 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 22nd 1.30-4.00pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 23rd 9.30am-1.30pm – Prayer Team retreat at Prestonpans

10am Guild Historical Walk from the Kirk Centre

Sunday 24th HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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: Jericho (Joshua 6)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

12.30pm Teenagers Parents meeting in Wilson Hall

6.30pm **Joint Evening Worship at Liberton Kirk Centre**

Monday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

(7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall

Tuesday 26th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

11am-12noon, 6.30-7.30pm Healing Prayer in the McDonald Room

2.30pm Service at Guthrie House

Wed'day 27th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 29th 1.30-4.00pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 30th 4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre

October 2023

Sunday 1st 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 Ark of the Covenant (2 Samuel 6)
Preacher: John Young
10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
6.30pm **Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**

Choir for Lessons & Carols Service

Would you like to sing in a four-part choir for the Lessons and Carols Service on Wednesday 20th December? There will be six weekly rehearsals in the Wilson Hall in the Kirk Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm starting on 14th November. If you are used to part-singing and reading music that will help, but anyone who wants to sing and is prepared to learn will be welcome.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Friends International

An exciting new project is being led by Liberton Northfield involving SEECoS and Friends International, a Christian organisation who work with international students within the UK and Ireland.

With the help of Friends International, we hope to offer friendship and fellowship to overseas students within our community. In Liberton Northfield Church, on Thursday evenings from September, we are hosting a programme of activities with the aim of growing friendships, faith and sharing cultural experiences.

Naturally, we require volunteers to make this happen! If you wish to join us, share ideas or need more information then please contact:

Roslyn Wilson --- - 07772115978.

Gladys Montgomery --- - 07918103635

Memorial Service - Advance Notice

On the second Wednesday evening in December, the 13th, in the run-up to Christmas, we will hold our annual Memorial Service. This service gives people who have been bereaved (recently or some time ago) a chance to remember their loved ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed, and to light a candle. Anyone is welcome to come along at 7pm on 13th December, and there will be reminders nearer the time.



South East Edinburgh Churches



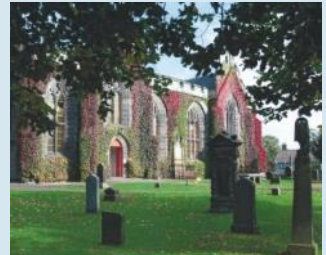
In this area we have four Church of Scotland churches, three Roman Catholic and one Scottish Episcopal, which all meet and worship and witness together under the banner of SEECAT, and have done so for the past 30 years. Over this time we have developed the programme of activities we have today - have a look at the website www.seecat.org to see what goes on. Through this programme we get to know each other better and realise that we are all following the same Saviour and working towards his Kingdom, and we find ways we can help each other in reaching out to others around us. You can pick up a copy of the latest quarterly newsletter *Crosstalk* from the Offering House at the Kirkyard gates or from the Liberton Kirk Centre Entrance (or read it on the website) to find out the latest news. Our programme of joint events in 2023/24 will be available later in the year (in print and on the website), and we invite you to join us whenever you wish!

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

In The Kirkyard

There is usually something to look at if you are walking round or through our peaceful Kirkyard!

The Word for Today begins on the wall of the Offering House (the small building just inside the main gate) and can then be found on the benches going round the church anti-clockwise. It sets out a short passage from the Bible, exploring what it says to us today. From 1st September it will change from the Peace Pathway to a passage from one of the psalms.



The Offering House itself has a space for collections for the Food Bank, Fresh Start, and bottle tops. It also has a history corner, with information about its own history, and some leaflets about the Kirk and Kirkyard. There are also general leaflets and the current church magazine to take away if you wish, and there is also usually a display about one particular part of Liberton Kirk life. The Offering House is open during the opening hours of the Kirkyard (8am to 5pm, with an extension to 8pm in July and August).

You are welcome to explore our lovely outdoor space, and to rest a while on any of the benches.

Youth News

Hello all! It has been an incredible summer so far – We have had so much fun at our different events and I wanted to share some of my highlights with you all!

We had over 50 local young people at Stage 'n' Slam who we have been working with over the last year – It was such an encouragement seeing kids we have met through various RE classes, Toastie Tuesday, P7 visits etc, come along and experience the fun and joy of Stage 'n' Slam. Each day they spent time developing relationships with local leaders and hearing the good news of Jesus.

We then went straight into Service Week where some of the local teenagers who already have a faith were given the opportunity put that faith into action. We had a great group of teenagers come along each day for a week and give up their time and energy to serve each other, the community and God. A highlight of mine was when we would gather at the end of each day to share how we had seen God at work; hearing each young person share about how they felt God had used them and blessed them was amazing.

Then onto Young Life Camp at Loch Monzievaird (AKA Cairn Brae Baby!). We had such a joyful time at camp together full of laughter and fun. I think my main highlight from this trip was seeing how well our young people cared for each other. They were always making sure that everyone was happy and involved- whether it was paddle boarding, volleyball or football golf, we were always having fun together. I felt blessed to be a part of such a kind, fun and energetic group.

Then come Summer Buzz! We really had a fantastic team of volunteers this year. I was admittedly a bit worried earlier in the year that we wouldn't have enough helpers but not only did we have the right quantity, we had quality! The whole leadership team worked together seamlessly. I think if you ask anyone who was there they would tell you that it truly was an excellent display of the body of Christ at work. Thank you to everyone who was a part of it.



This week I am heading off to Wyld Life for the last camp of my summer and I am looking forward to the memories we are about to make together- please continue to pray for the feeling of unity and fellowship in our young people and to thank God for his wonderful work that He has done this summer.

Emily Kerrigan, Youth and Children's Worker

Liberton Kirk Care/Pastoral Care Team

The Care/Pastoral Team

The Care /PastoralTeam is one of the many teams that are part of the wider organisation of the church. Each Team has its own remit. The following areas come under the remit of the Care/Pastoral Team.

"Catering for the needs of members of the church and wider community"

Care Home Services

A small team of four people have been providing monthly services to the three care homes in the parish, with occasional help from one or two others in the congregation.

We usually visit: Braid Hills on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon of the month,
 Liberton Brae Nursing Home 1st Tuesday of the month
 Guthrie House on the last Tuesday of the month

The services usually last up to half an hour, usually in the afternoon, and are attended by numbers ranging from 8 to 25, depending on who wishes to come and is able to do so. They are usually led on alternate months by John Young or Fiona Devoy

Home Communion

Home Communion is given to members of the congregation who are unable to attend any of the Communion Services whether they are at home or in one of the Nursing Homes.

News Extra

This is a newsletter which goes out to the housebound or Nursing Home residents keeping them in touch with all the Liberton Kirk News.

Special Communion Service

This shortened service is held 3 times a year, September, February and May. It is held at 3pm in the Anderson Hall and is a shortened Communion Service for people who are unable to sit through a normal Communion Service. The service is followed by Tea and Coffee and Fellowship. There is an open invitation to the other South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland (SEECoS) churches.

Next Special Communion Service is Sunday September 10th at 3pm in the Anderson Hall.

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens, runs from September until the end of April. Currently we have approximately 80 members. The members are a mix of people from church and from the local community. along. We have had a good range of entertainers and had some afternoon teas. Usually celebrating special events such as Christmas and Burns Day. We are very grateful to SEAG for providing buses and drivers,. As with most areas in church we would benefit from a few more volunteers.

Bethany

Care Van / Care Van Donations

The Bethany Care Van goes out 364 nights of the year providing soup, hot drinks, rolls, fruit, biscuits etc to the homeless in the city. It is staffed with volunteers from churches in Edinburgh and further afield. The Liberton team of 3 go out every 2nd Wednesday in the month on a rota basis. More volunteers are always needed. Volunteers must be over 18.

We would welcome any donations of warm jumpers, jackets/coats, trousers, new socks and underwear. Warm hats and gloves are also very welcome.

If you do have any donations, please contact Eleanor Grieve for instructions for drop off. Please do not leave in Offering House unless prior arrangement has been made. Thank you. (Eleanor Grieve, ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk)

Night Shelter

The Night Shelter runs from 31st October until 30th April approximately .It is situated in The Welcome Hub at Haymarket. A team of 7 volunteers from Liberton Kirk prepare and cook a hot 2 course meal which is then delivered and served to the clients who use the Welcome Hub. Liberton Kirk provide a team that go out twice a year, usually a Saturday evening ,November and March. More volunteers are always welcome.

Street Pastors

Last year over 3000 people in Edinburgh were helped by the Street Pastors. Liberton Kirk supports two Street Pastors, Aileen Deas and Andy Macgill. They go out on patrol every four weeks.

Food Bank / Foodbank Donations

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

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

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

Fresh Start

Fresh Start are still very busy supplying household goods to people being rehoused after being homeless. They're also helping refugees who have nothing. The cookery classes on Friday afternoons are well attended. Locals can go along and learn to cook nourishing low cost meals. They then sit down to enjoy the food with their children and other neighbours..

Fresh Start are always on the look out for more volunteers .More info on www.freshstartweb.org.uk

Warm Hub

This is running on Friday afternoons 1:30pm -4pm in the Kirk Centre and includes the IT Clinic Drop in for a Tea and coffee and a chat.

Safe Families

Safe Families is a Christian organisation which provides support to families who may just need an extra hand for a short time. Training is provided.

Crossreach

Crossreach is one of the outreach branches of the Church of Scotland. They support new mums , older people and many other areas. Liberton Kirk support Crossreach , mainly by selling Christmas Cards and Calendars at Christmas time.

Bereavement Support Group

This group provides support for people who have suffered loss. It runs twice a

year usually Autumn and Spring. The group gives people a safe space to talk , to be listened to and be given support through shared experiences.

Further Information

If there are any of the included activities or items you or someone else may be interested in please contact me and I'll forward your enquiry to the appropriate person.

Eleanor Grieve, Convener, Care Team, ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

Competition Time

Alastair is looking for a Prayer.

The Kirk's Daily Devotions will be in the Old Testament in 2024 with the theme '**Before the Good News**' and he is looking for a Prayer for the Year to accompany the devotional studies in the magazine and online.

No more than 10 lines (each shortish like a poem) and maximum 100 words please.

Submit your entry to him by Sunday 1st October on paper or at alastairfree@gmail.com and you could win this NKJV Journal Bible! If you are 10 and under there is a bonus Faith Mission voucher waiting for the younger winner!

Alastair Cameron, email : alastairfree@hotmail.com



Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Fundraising Afternoon Tea – 23rd September 2023, 11.45am-1pm and 1.30-2.45pm in the Kirkgate Café

Over the course of the last few years, Covid deprived us of many events when we could enjoy the fun of being together. Thankfully we can once more organise concerts and fundraising events that draw on and create community spirit, and so you are warmly invited to the Macmillan Fundraising Afternoon Tea to be held in the Kirkgate Café on 23rd September. There will be two 'sittings' for the tea, at 11.45am-1pm and 1.30-2.45pm. Tickets are essential and they will be available shortly for a suggested donation of £8 so get your ticket early because numbers in the café foyer are limited.

The charity benefitting is *Macmillan Cancer Support* which relies on public donations to sustain its activities. Each September they invite groups to create local events in support of their *Big Coffee Morning*, and our Afternoon Tea is inspired by that vision. While the purpose is a serious one, the event will be a fun time of chatting together over tea/coffee and sandwiches/scones/cakes.

Why is Macmillan Cancer Support worth this effort? It is a sad truth that almost all of us will know people who have had to battle cancer. More than ever, people are surviving and thriving, but there are others who have lost the fight. My niece has had two encounters with cancer, and is now well again, while my sister died in 2017 at the age of 62 when the cancer for which she had previously been treated returned and spread. There are many families across the country in a similar situation.

Such families face a whole range of challenges. Emotions feel like a roller-coaster ride, fearful of what is to come yet trying to enjoy every moment of life. And there are many practical or financial pressures as daily life gets reorganised around treatments and recovery. It is not surprising that people feel the need of outside help. Macmillan Cancer Support is there for just these kinds of needs. While Macmillan is probably best known for its nurses, specially trained in palliative and end of life care, it also offers a wide range of practical and emotional support for the whole family. You can find more information on their website at the following link: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk> . Check them out.

If you can't come on the day but would like to make a donation, you can do so online through the Macmillan website, or scan the QR codes on the advertising posters with your phone camera.

We look forward to seeing you and, on behalf of Macmillan, thanks for your support! And a special shout out to Jill Niven and all the team who are working hard to make this event happen.

Jared Hay

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 23rd September 2023

From 11:45-13.00

and 13.30 - 14.45

In the Kirkgate Café

**Suggested Donations
of £8 Each**



Two Questions from the World Mission Team

Have you read the Bible recently?

If the answer is “no” it is unlikely to be because you don’t have one at home and it is impossible to get hold of one in the English language! In bookshops and libraries, Bible Gateway on the internet, Bible verses on church notice boards or lying on the benches in Liberton Kirkyard – if you want to read it, you can – and that’s a privilege!



It’s not the same for millions of people around the world. Bibles are just not available in the language they are most familiar with – the language that speaks to their hearts – their “heart language”. In addition, in some countries the production and distribution of Bibles is restricted, in others there is a shortage of paper, and in others the literacy levels are low and the electricity to power audio Bibles is inadequate. People are longing to read God’s Word and they can’t.

This is where the Scottish Bible Society comes in – one of the charities Liberton Kirk supports through its World Mission Team. Working with Bible Societies in other countries, and with local churches and organisations, they support the translation of the Bible into “heart languages”, the production of print and audio Bibles and the provision of literacy classes, which have the added bonus of empowering people, particularly women, in their communities.

Do you worry about children round the world?

How many children are there who are traumatised by what life has thrown at them? Children who have never known a country at peace, or who have never known any home but a refugee camp, for example. Trauma Healing programmes based on the Bible are making a difference in many places such as Ukraine, Sri Lanka and Iraq. The Scottish Bible Society is supporting the provision of these programmes through local churches and Christian schools as well as on-line.

Please support the events run by the World Mission Team from time to time which raise money for a number of projects around the world, including those sponsored by the Scottish Bible Society.

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

Blythswood Shoe Boxes 2023



*Christian care for
body and soul*

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, and the preparation of the shoe boxes. We are confident that, as in previous years, we will have a great response from everyone.

Each person who receives a box filled with gifts feels very special, and knows that someone filled it with gifts (including a hat and scarf, toothpaste and toothbrush, a small toy and some soap) which bring sunshine, laughter and colour into the children's lives.

The shoe boxes will be given to families who have to make a choice between buying either food or fuel at Christmas, and where buying presents is not the greatest priority. A lot of these families live in houses with no running water, electricity or heating, and have to live in one or two rooms.



Leaflets that have to accompany the shoe boxes will be at both church welcome desks, and in the halls. There will also be a box in the halls for any spare wool you may have, and patterns for the hats and toys. These leaflets will give you suggestions of what to put in the boxes as well as all instructions. There will also be a box in the halls foyer for any donations which you might like to give.

Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you have empty shoe boxes that you can contribute these would also be very welcome.

Thank you, **Veronica Craig**

Pre-school and families

Hello everyone,

I hope you've all had a lovely summer. We're cleaning toys and planning crafts ready to start a new term of fun.

Toddlers returns on Wednesday 23rd August, we do still have a waiting list so please get in touch if you would like more information.

Messy Church returns on 26th August at 4pm in the Kirk Centre.

We are continuing **Summer Sunday Club** all through August (10.30am meeting in the Sunday service) with our normal Sunday Club returning in September (meeting at 11am.in the Sunday service). We are looking for a few new volunteers to help run our Sunday Club, working with our 3s-P3 or our P4s-P7s. If this sounds like something you would be interesting in doing or you just want to know a bit more then please get in touch with either myself or **Emily**.

Thank you for all your prayers over the summer for all the camps and events happening for the young people of the church. We have had a great time and are looking forward to the new term!

Laura : Laura@libertonkirk.net

Covid Memorial for South East Edinburgh

John's vision for this planned memorial is given in his comment *"The pandemic impacted many different people in different ways, and we want to provide a quiet place of remembrance, especially for those who are still processing the loss of loved ones – both near and far."* The memorial will be in a spot beside the main path through the Kirkyard to Liberton Cemetery and Liberton Brae, close to the cairn (see artist's impression below).

The oval granite memorial will remember the wide range of suffering during the pandemic as well as those who died. It is hoped that it will be unveiled on Sunday, 12th May, 2024, close to the first anniversary of the official close of the pandemic. Whilst those who died will not be remembered by name on the memorial itself, it will be possible for relatives to have their loved ones' names inscribed on brass plaques on the nearby benches. In future years a short service of remembrance for those who died will be held in early May.

Anyone may contribute to the cost of the memorial corner on Liberton Kirk's Covid Memorial Just Giving page. Alternatively there are gift envelopes available from the Kirk or Kirk Centre or you can contact the Treasurer (e-mail treasurer@libertonkirk.net) for other ways of giving. Any surplus received will be given to the care homes run by CrossReach (Church of Scotland), which, like all care homes, had such a difficult time throughout the pandemic.



(Artist's Impression)

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

SEPTEMBER 23

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth,
lived among us. John 1 verse 14

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 September, October and November we journey through JOHN's GOSPEL



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 SEPTEMBER 23

Fri 1st	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 1-18 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words.....the WORD is GOD..... And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on magazines distributed across the community
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 2nd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 10-14 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words again.... And then pray to this God we believe in
	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 3rd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 19-34 – take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning about John the Baptist ... And then pray to this God we believe 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 4th	Morning	JOHN 1 verse 29 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today..And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Gardening Team
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 5th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 35-51 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and people.....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 Lord
Wed 6th	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 40-42 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these actions and words by Andrew...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Facilities Team
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 7th	Morning	JOHN 2 vs 1-11 - consider this passage this morning – and then respond in prayer to this Jesus we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Kirkgate Café staff and volunteers
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 8th	Morning	JOHN 2 vs 12-25 – As we pause with God, take time to consider the truths behind these words this morning...And then pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those who use our halls today
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 9th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 1-21 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular words today ... And then pray to our 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 10th	Morning	JOHN 3 verse 3 – we take time to consider these words of Jesus this Sunday morning...and then pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own midday prayer today
	Evening	read these words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 11th	Morning	JOHN 3 verse 16 – take time to consider these significant words from Jesus again.....And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our World Mission Team
	Evening	read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 12th	Morning	JOHN 3 vs 22-36 – as we pause with God today we consider these



What's on in 2023/24 at Liberton Kirk



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Any updates and changes are advertised on the website, social media and notice boards.

Sunday Morning Worship **9.30am and 11am**

Everybody is most welcome at both services. The first service is a short traditional service and the second is contemporary family worship with programmes for the children. The second service is also on Zoom—for access details contact Gary on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net (There is one joint service at 10.30am in July/August and for two Sundays at Christmas)

Children and Young People

Children are an important part of our church from when they are born, and parents with children are welcome in church for the services. Details of the usual programmes for crèche, children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside. We have a Youth and Children's Worker (e-mail youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net) and a Pre-School Children and Families Worker (email laura@libertonkirk.net)

Sunday Evening Worship—Café Church at 6.30pm

Sunday evening worship is informal, and is held in the Kirk Centre, where refreshments are available from 6.30pm. On the last Sunday of the month (usually) we join with other local churches for Evening Worship (venue advertised in notice sheets, on the website and on notice boards).

Minister

JOHN YOUNG, 7 KIRK PARK, Tel. 664 3067
JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk .

A Typical Week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

Abbreviations AH - Anderson Hall; EP - Ewen Pavilion; ER - Elders' Room in the Church; F- Foyer; McD - McDonald Room; RH - Recreation Hall; SH - Small Hall; WH - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

SUNDAY

09-30 to 10-15 Morning Service
10-20 to 10-50 Prayer Group (except July and August) (ER)
10-00 to 10-20 Prayer Group (July & August only) (ER)
11-00 to 12-15 Morning Service (except July and August)
10-30 to 11-30 Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club (July & August Only)
10-45 to 12-15 Crèche, up to age 3 (EP)
10-45 to 12-15 Sunday Clubs (Various Halls)
18.30 to 20-00 Café Church in the Kirk Centre 18.30 for Chat, Barista Coffee / Tea and treats for 19:00 start.

MONDAY

09-00 to 12-30 Art Group (RH)
09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00 Ladies Badminton (RH)
18-00 to 20-30 Young Life Club (Hall varies)
19-30 to 22-00 Guild (See Guild Leaflet for exact dates) (AH)

TUESDAY

07-30 to 19-30 'Upper Room' Prayer Space (WH)
09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
17-15 to 18-15 93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
18-30 to 20-00 93rd Brownie Pack (AH)
18-30 to 20-00 93rd A Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 21-30 Boys Brigade (RH)
20-15 to 21-45 Scottish Country Dance Group - Oct to March (AH)

WEDNESDAY

09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
10-00 to 12-00 Toddlers (RH)
11-00 to 11-30 Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
18-30 to 19-45 93rd C Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 19-10 162nd Beavers (AH)
18-30 to 20-00 162nd Cub Scouts (RH)
19.00-19.30 Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe
19-30 to 21-00 93rd A Guides (AH)
19.30 to 21.00 Gathering for Praise (alternate weeks) (WH)
20-00 to 21-30 Thrive Link Group (WH) if you're interested contact Andrea Wilson
andrea.doeschl@gmail.com or mobile 07910471174

THURSDAY

09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00 Senior Citizens Club (AH)
19-00 to 20-30 93rd Guides (AH)
19-30 to 21-00 162nd Scouts (RH)

FRIDAY

10-15 to 12-00 Friday Fellowship Link Group (WH)
13-00 to 16.00 Warm Hub (Café Foyer)
17.00 to 18.30 Young Life, Wyldlife Club (Hall changes)

SATURDAY

Guild events including Coffee Mornings (see Guild leaflet for further info)
16.00 – 18.00 Messy Church (last Saturday in month - except June, July & December) all halls

Other regular users

- ◆ Nicky Pender, Pilates
- ◆ The Drama Studio
- ◆ Rhona Gordon, Flexercise
- ◆ MacMillan Cancer Support
- ◆ Jo Jingles
- ◆ Gilmerton Singers
- ◆ Redwoods
- ◆ Community Integrated Care
- ◆ Parkinsons
- ◆ Group Local Nurseries

For further information contact Church Office on 0131 664 8264
or Edna, Facilities Co Ordinator at email facilities@libertonkirk.net

Other Worship Opportunities

Pram Praise for Toddlers and their Carers

Once a month in the Small Hall, timed to coincide with the toddlers' group on Wednesday mornings, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. Dates will be advertised.

Messy Church

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually on the last Saturday of the month (except June, July and December) in the Kirk Centre from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, worship and food. Watch the website and notice boards for dates.

Gathering for Praise

The church musicians and singers meet on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Kirk Centre to worship God as they plan for the coming Sundays. This is open to all.

Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals

Liberton Brae—First Tuesday, Guthrie House – Last Tuesday, Braid Hills – Third Wednesday, all at 2.30pm.

A Praying Church

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church. Prayer requests can be left in the boxes provided, and will be prayed for by the Prayer Team. On the last Tuesday evening of most months at 7.30pm we meet to pray as a church community in the Kirk (or occasionally on Zoom). There is also a programme of daily devotions (see the centre of the magazine). Healing Prayer is offered on the second Tuesday of most months (11am-12 noon and 6.30-7.30pm in the Kirk Centre)

The Upper Room

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is open for private prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays, with a short time of prayer with others at 8am, 12noon and 7pm.

Link Groups

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, and support for the church's outreach programme. Group details and contacts are in the church magazine.

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		words about Jesus and Johnand 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 13th	Morning	JOHN 4 vs 1-42 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words – and all that happens here - And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on all our uniformed organisations
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 14th	Morning	JOHN 4 vs 21-24 - consider these particular words of Jesus again this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Care Team
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 15th	Morning	JOHN 4 vs 43-54 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these events this morning – a healing - then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 16th	Morning	JOHN 5 vs 1-18 – as we pause with Jesus today 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 17th	Morning	JOHN 5 vs 19-29 – take time to pause and consider these words of Jesus...And then pray to Him 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 18th	Morning	JOHN 5 vs 30-47 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words of Jesus today.....And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Buildings Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 19th	Morning	JOHN 5 vs 19-23 – as we pause with God today we consider these words again.....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 20th	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 1-15 – Pause with God this morning. Consider all that happens here...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Hospitality Team
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 21st	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 16-24 - consider this short passage about Jesus this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Finance Team
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 22nd	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 25-59 – 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 our Kirk Session Executive
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 23rd	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 60-71 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these words about eternal life - And then pray to Him

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	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 24th	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 35-40 – we take time to consider these words of Jesus again this morning And then pray to Him 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 25th	Morning	JOHN 7 vs 1-13 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these events and words today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Messy Church Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 26th	Morning	JOHN 7 vs 14-24 – as we pause with God today we consider these words of Jesus.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 27th	Morning	JOHN 7 vs 25-44 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words and the truths written here...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on John and Lindsay and their family
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 28th	Morning	JOHN 7 vs 45-52 - consider this particular passage this morning about unbelief and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on Emily and Laura and their families
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 29th	Morning	JOHN vs 28+29 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words of Jesus this morning – then we pray in response to this God we believe in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the wider SEECOS Church family
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 30th	Morning	JOHN 7 vs 41-44 – as we pause with Jesus today we consider these words of his about the Messiah 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

Kirkgate Cafe



Open Monday to Thursday
9am – 2pm (last serve at 1.30pm)

What an incredibly wet Summer we have had this year but, thanks to all our amazing customers and fantastic volunteers, Kirkgate café has been kept very busy over the last few weeks.

During July, 3 teenagers from the local area helped the cafe with cleaning, serving and baking among their weeks activities. All of them worked very hard and their contribution and high standard of work was very much admired and appreciated by the whole team.

Produce from the garden!

The café has been benefitting from the local produce, **with a zero carbon footprint**, grown in the Centre Court garden, tended by local volunteers, just behind the Kirk Halls. We have had wonderful courgettes, potatoes and strawberries so far and the tables have also been brightened up by the sweet peas, that have a great perfume.

Kirkgate Café needs YOU!!

As the café gets busier, we are looking for more volunteers to cover each day especially during lunchtimes. No experience is needed as all you need is a smile and be willing to join a busy but fun team who will guide you. Volunteering within the café takes all sorts of skills, from serving the customers, preparing food in the kitchen to cleaning the dishes. If you have been thinking about it for a while, or it's something that you are now thinking about doing, come in and have chat with me Jenny, Café manager.

Kirkgate Evening Café

Kirkgate Evening café is also currently looking for a team of volunteers to help in the evening café which is open Tuesday and Wednesday 5pm-8pm during term time. The evening café takes on more of a coffee shop feel doing coffees and cakes. Our hope is to get a team that's big enough to allow the flexibility for the 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 myself or email.

Jenny Thomasi , Kirkgate Café Manager

kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net tel.07894056216

Bereavement and Loss Support Group



Journeying together in a safe space

Meeting on Tuesdays at 7.30 - 9.00pm
from 19th September, for eight weeks
in The Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, EH16 6RY
(opposite Liberton Kirk)

For more information or to book a place,
contact Fiona Devoy on Tel. 0131-666-1004
or e-mail: pastoralcare@libertonkirk.net

Free parking. On bus routes 31 and 37.

A free community event, open to all. No faith content included, unless requested.

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Link Groups

Weekly Groups

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

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders – Tuesday evening in various homes
Veronica Craig, veronicacraig41@gmail.com

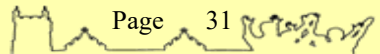
Thrive – Wednesday evening in the Kirk Centre
Andrea Wilson, andrea.doeschl@gmail.com,
07910 471174

New Habits – Wednesday evening in various homes
Alastair Cameron, alastairfree@hotmail.com, 440 3090

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

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

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



**SENIOR CITIZENSLOOK OUT!
ONLY 4 DAYS, 17 HOURS AND 42 MINUTES TO GO!!
Can't wait, Can you? That's right our Club starts again
on**

**THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2023
ANDERSON HALL
KICK OFF 2pm**

**Please don't miss the fun!
YOUR STREET-CRED IS IMPORTANT!**



We have an action-packed season ahead of us – AFTERNOON TEAS, BIRTH-DAY CAKES, RAFFLES, CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND LIVE BANDS!!

And wait for it we are resurrecting

**OUR EASTER BONNET COMPETITION! HURRAY, HURRAY, hurrray!!!
AND that'll be round about Easter, in case you were wondering!!**

Here is our September Program

7 Dougie McQ and Afternoon Tea
14 Stevie Quinn
21 The Jobs with Special Guests and Special Biscuits
28 Alan Weatherhead



Our September Birthdays

4 David Robertson, celebrating his 95th birthday	4 Shelia Maitland
9 Linda McCutcheon, celebrating her 75th	18 Stanley Bacon
20 Lucy Patterson	21 Bryan Ryalls, 80 years young
25 Pat Darlington	25 Jlim, one of our lovely SEAG drivers
28 Jean Ross, celebrating her 95th birthday	
30 Linda Haggarty, one of our lovely helpers	

We hope you all had a lovely summer, are keeping well, and are looking forward to another great season of our very special club. Don't forget, it's all you wonderful people who make it a wonderful club. Love from Jenni and all her willing elves!

Should you need to contact us 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 seniorsk@gmail.com

Some Photos from Last Year's Session



Last Year's Entertainers



Stevie Quinn



Rose Mcbeth



Kirk James

Sunday Help with the Tea and Coffee

Do you enjoy having a cuppa after the church services? How about joining our merry band of volunteers who provide you with tea, coffee and biscuits each week. (You can even come along and have a 'taster session' if that would be helpful). The more folk we have on the rota the less times per year you will have to be on duty.

For more information , please contact:-

Linda Haggarty (07986 230833/lindahaggarty@btinternet.com)

Harvest Thanksgiving

On the last Sunday in September (24th) we will be giving thanks for our plentiful food and drink, and there are two opportunities for us to give to others who don't have as much as we do.

Dried and tinned foods can be brought to church on Harvest Sunday, or left in the marked boxes in the Offering House during the previous week. These will be distributed to those in need through local charities.

Alternatively (or as well as this) we can support Self Help Africa, a charity which works with local people in fifteen African countries to enable them to be self-sufficient. 1 in 5 people in Africa are currently experiencing hunger. Most of them live in rural communities on land which has the potential to produce much more – this is where S.H.A. can help, with drought-tolerant seeds, and training in farming methods, storage and diversification. Have a look at their website www.selfhelpafrica.org You can give in one of two ways (and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able): on the website, under "Support Us", then "Harvest Appeal 2023", where there is a space for the name of the church, or in a donation envelope obtainable from mid-September from the welcome desks and the usual places, returnable either to the church on Sunday mornings, or to the church office. Please make your donation by mid October.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608, on behalf of the World Mission Team

Crossword

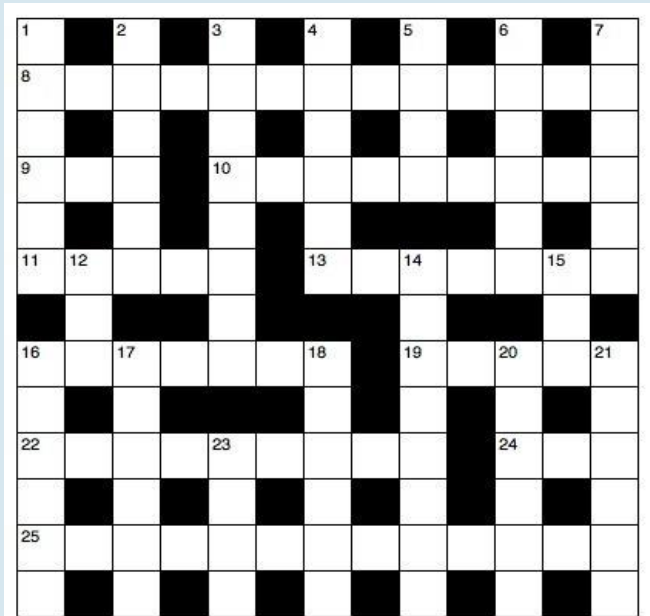
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- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3,10) Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

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Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6) 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6) 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6) 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



Guild News for September

The Guild's motto, which is taken from Acts 27 verse 23 is *"we are and Whom we serve."* The Guild at Liberton Kirk begins in and finishes at the end of March. We meet at 7.30pm on the first Mondays of the month in the Kirk Centre, apart from January when there is only one meeting. There will also be two afternoon meetings, one in December and one in March, as well as the evening meetings in both these months. Each meeting usually has a speaker, followed by a time to socialise over a cup of tea or coffee. We hold two coffee mornings during each session to raise money for the Guild Projects that we have chosen to support, and we enjoy an Afternoon Tea outing in May. Our new syllabus is based on the National Guild Strategy for this session *"Look Forward in Faith"*, with this session's theme being *"New Wine, New Wineskins"*. You can uplift a copy of the Guild syllabus from the shelf just inside the entrance to the Kirk Centre or the Church. Guild information can also be found on the church's website www.libertonkirk.net/guild on the church and Kirk Centre noticeboards, and in the monthly church magazine.



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Historical Walks

On **Saturday 9 and Saturday 23 September** at 10.00 am we are organising two short Historical Walks round Liberton led by Ruth Davies (following different routes). We will meet in the Kirk Centre between 9.45 and 10.00 am and will return there for coffee after the walks about 11.30 am. All welcome!

LIBERTON KIRK GUILD



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(about 11.30 am unless people walk slowly!)**

ALL WELCOME

New Guild Session

On **Saturday 9 September** at **11 am** in the **General Assembly Hall Edinburgh** is the 2023 Guild Annual Gathering. A few tickets are available from Moira Cocksedge 662 0692.

On **Monday 2 October** at **7.00 pm** our first Guild Meeting of the Session takes the form of a Dedication Service by Rev John Young in Liberton Kirk, followed by tea and coffee in the Anderson Hall opposite.

On **Monday 16 October** at 7.30 pm in the Anderson Hall in Liberton Kirk Centre we will learn about Edinburgh Zoo. All welcome. More details will be in the October magazine. The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery, and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild this session. There is a charge of £3 per meeting.

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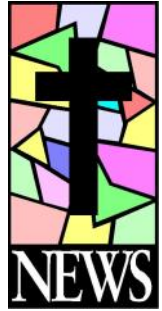
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Congregational News



I am pleased to announce that as of 18th June 2023, Miss Emily Kerrigan and Miss Helen Shepherd and as of 3rd July 2023, Mr Trevor Martindale and Mrs Dandan Martindale have all become new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death on 9th of April of Mrs June Campbell, on 17th April 2023 of Miss Isobel Erskine, on 22nd April of Mr Dennis Hetherington, on 29th April of Mr Muir Twigg and Mr John Rigg early in 2023. I send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.

Editor

If you have any items of interest about members, or their friends, that you would like to share, please pass details to the Editor, for inclusion in the Congregational News section of the Magazine.

Church Flower dedications

20th Aug Mrs Ann Gruber, in Memory Alastair W Walker

27th Aug Mrs Jean Main, in Memory John Main

3rd Sept Mrs Jesse Burns, in Memory of James Burns

10th Sept Mrs Margaret Thomson, in Memory of Ivy Jameson

17th Sept Free

24th Sept Harvest Thanks Giving

Admin Convener **Jean Gray** 0131 258 2081



Scottish Country Dancing

The Scottish Country Dancing Class meets every **Tuesday evening in the Anderson Hall from 8.10 p.m. – 9.45 p.m.** The new session begins on **Tuesday 3rd October** and classes run until the end of March. We learn some new dances but we also enjoy some of the old favourites.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced – the class is very informal and we all help one another. The most important thing is that we enjoy ourselves, while giving our bodies (and our brains!) a bit of a workout.

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

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