



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.

Gift Sunday 26th November 2023

Reading: 1 Kings 8.62-66 (p. 347)
Romans 12.1-8 (p. 1139)

Preacher: John Young
Theme: Solomon praises God

Morning Worship 9.30am Service (in church)

Call: (ps113)

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

CH4 9 O God, my refuge, keep me safe.

CH4 534 Make me a captive, Lord

CH4 268 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

11am Service in church and on Zoom (with **Crèche and Sunday Club** in the Kirk Centre).

Call: Song We are here to praise you

Song 10,000 reasons

Song Clap your hands, stomp your feet

CH4 505 All that I am

CH4 182 Now thank we all our God

Registration of voters
Congregational meeting

- Children are welcome throughout the service.
Sound **and vision** are also piped into the church vestry (toys available).
- We have a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.
- **Offerings** - Please put any Offering Envelopes or other donations into the Donations Boxes on the Welcome Desks.

Zoom - Join from 10.30am to chat. For access contact Gary Ross on rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

Coffee and teas will be served after the services in the Kirk Centre Foyer.

Fairtrade stall in the Kirk Centre after both services

Evening worship: 6pm for 6.30pm Joint Celebration for Advent in the Kirk
(8pm finish)

WEEKLY DIARY

TODAY

10.20am	Elders' Room	Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services	Cross at East Door	Prayer Team Ministry
After services	Kirk Centre	Fairtrade stall (see notices)
6.30pm	Kirk Centre	Café Church

Monday 27th November

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
10am-2pm	McDonald Room	Fairtrade stall (see notices)

Tuesday 28th November

7.30am-7.30pm	Upper Room	Prayer Space (see below)
9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
2.30pm	Guthrie House	Service
7.30pm-9pm	Kirk	Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 29th November

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
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Thursday 30th November

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
2pm (Doors open 1pm)	Anderson Hall	Senior Citizens

Friday 1st December

1pm-4.30pm	Foyer	Warm Hub & IT Clinic
7.30pm-9pm	Anderson Hall	Beer and Curry Night

Saturday 2nd December

10am-12noon	Kirk	Church Open Saturdays (see notices)
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Advent Sunday 3rd December

8.00am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
10.15am	Prayer Time in Elders' Room

Morning Worship

9.30am	Shorter service in the Kirk
11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club) Preacher: John Young.

6.30pm – Café Church in the Kirk Centre

Prayer Requests - can be sent to either John (see page 4) or Lindsay at nicolyoung3@gmail.com who will pass details on to the rest of the prayer team.

Upper Room – a safe quiet space above the Kirkgate Café open 7.30am-7.30pm every Tuesday, with time of prayer with others at 8am, 12 noon and 7pm.

NOTICES

December/January Magazines – ready for distributors to uplift from the East Door in alphabetical order of distributors' names. Thereafter from the Kirk Centre McDonald Room. Spare magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also available online.

Parish Christmas cards – are available for distribution at the West Door A-L and East Door M-Z. Please take one or two bundles and deliver them as soon as possible.

SEECAT Statement/Petition on Israel/Palestine war on Welcome Desks for signatures.

Christmas Cards and Fairtrade Gifts Sale – Sunday 26th November after both services in the Kirk Centre Foyer and Monday 27th November from 10am-2pm in the McDonald Room. Come and help artisans from developing countries to work their way out of poverty. A big thank you, from the World Mission Team.

SEECAT Advent Reflections – on four Monday evenings from 27th November, 7pm-8.30pm at St Gregory's Church, Walter Scott Avenue. See flyers and posters.

Church Open Saturday 2nd December 10-12am – place with space for time-out. Hot drinks available.

The Guild Monday 4th December – Ruth Box will talk about one of our Projects, Pioneers, Chocolate Heaven, a small chocolate kitchen on a beautiful island in Southeast Asia, which provides employment and fair prices, producing delicious chocolate and sharing God's good news. All welcome.

Annual Memorial Service – This service, especially for anyone who has lost loved ones and finds Christmas difficult, will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm in the Kirk. All are welcome to come along. Flyers and invitations on welcome desks and the usual places – please invite anybody you think might appreciate it.

The Guild - We are looking for donations for needy children in Frogston Primary School area. Please see the posters and the box in the Offering House and donate any of the items if you can. Thank you

Life and Work – is the magazine of the Church of Scotland, and you can subscribe to it for £42 for a print copy delivered to you, or £20.99 for the digital format, by visiting their website at www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe

Kirkgate Evening Café - would like to open again on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening 5pm-8pm, during term time when uniformed organisations meet. We need a team – if you can volunteer, even for one night a month, contact Jenny Thomasi (café manager) in the café, at kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net or on 07894056216.

Harvest Appeal for Self Help Africa – the total raised including Gift Aid (through the Church collection and online) was £1,846 – a great total! Thank you letter and certificate on the Foyer Notice Board.

Crosstalk (SEECAT's Newsletter) – November edition now available from the usual places and on the SEECAT website www.seecat.org

Covid Memorial – see website for details. If you would like to contribute, gift envelopes marked “Covid Memorial” are available in the usual places, or the link to the Just Giving page is www.justgiving.com/campaign/covid-memorial-liberton-kirk

Lara Perry School Junk Kouture project - designing a dress from recycled materials. If anyone has ring pulls (from food or drinks cans) or old playing cards please put in the box in the Kirk Centre entrance.

Fresh Start – Are now accepting donations again. Please note that duvets, pillows, valance sheets and furniture cannot be accepted. Other household items (crockery, cutlery, towels etc) can be left in the Offering House. If you have large quantities, contact Sylvia Bennett on 0131 664 3189.

Milk Bottle Tops – only tops **with a 2 or 4 (including the new clear lids)** will be accepted. Please put all tops in bags (not loose) into the box in the Offering House.

Southeast Edinburgh Food Banks - Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the Offering House or with the Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive (box outside garage if out). For special arrangements phone 0131 664 3059, or email david@dlamb.co.uk

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal – donations of used stamps or stamp collections can be left in the box in the Kirk Centre Foyer. Alternatively contact David Lamb 0131 664 3059 or email david@dlamb.co.uk.

No Clothing Please! - The monthly Bethany Care Van team can take some: Warm coats/jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, new underwear or socks. BUT please don't just leave it – contact Eleanor Grieve on ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk for instructions.

A reminder that we do NOT currently accept glasses or Blister Packs – please find another way to recycle.

Bible Verse for the Week

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21 verse 25

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