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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 November

O Lord you have said
that we would have troubles in this world,
but,
You have overcome the world.
Keep us, therefore,
in your grace as You have promised.
Amen

Our future unity will be a matter of trust

The thread of 'friendship' can be traced throughout the Bible, but it comes to the fore in the words of Jesus. One of the most significant things he said, particularly when it comes to his church, is 'I have called you friends' (John 15.15).

The phrase 'Dear Friends', occurs 23 times in the New Testament. It's a term of affection, implying the existence of a relationship based on trust. Probably the best known occurrence is in the first letter of John – a passage often read at weddings...

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4.7)

It has been our experience over the years in South East Edinburgh, that unity between different churches cannot be engineered by legal documents and structural changes. For unity to work, it has to be real, and for it to be real, it has to be built on the trust generated by true and lasting friendships.

It was with this in mind that the small steering group which has been meeting regularly over the past 3 years, (comprising representatives from all the local churches), has agreed that our relationship with

each other should be 'covenantal'. In other words, it should be based on trust, as expressed in a 'covenant document' to which we have all committed ourselves (see pages 14 and 15).

As you can see, central to the covenant is our commitment to meet regularly together, for we know it's only when we spend time together that true friendships can develop. One such gathering is going to take place later this month, on Saturday 18th November at the Faith Mission Auditorium. This will be our Annual Conference, to which people from all our churches are invited, including you.

We hope to spend the morning together discussing mission, inspired by Rt. Rev. Martin Fair. We will also celebrate communion together followed by a buffet lunch. But, most importantly, we will be making new friends, and getting to know each other better, as well as the challenges facing our different churches.

Saturday 18th November will be our first real opportunity to meet together as one church, and lay the foundations of trust for the joint future that awaits us. Please don't miss it.

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)



Sharing The Good News

Once a month at Liberton Kirk we host something called Messy Church. This is a church service that, like the name suggests, can get a bit messy. We start the afternoon off with some crafts and activities related to the theme of that month. We have made lots of different things over the years ranging from pet rocks to wells made of cake, we've even built giant whales that you can climb inside. If the weather is good, we play outside in the garden where we can play in the sand pit, join in with some games or just spend a bit of time outside.



We then move to a short service where we sing songs, dance, pray, celebrate birthdays and learn a bit more about Jesus and his love for us.

After all that we sit down for a family meal, often a hot meal but occasionally finger food if the weather is nice. We have a team of volunteers who work away in the kitchen, while we are making mess in the recreation hall, preparing yummy food for us to devour. Meal time is always fun, we get to sit and discuss what we have just heard, hear what everyone has been up to and of course eat all the food....and the cakes, so many cakes!



We have been running Messy Church at Liberton for 12 years, and throughout that time we have seen many families come through our doors. Some of these families are local to us, some are visiting, some families have come to us through our Summer Holiday Club, some heard about us through the Toddler Group, some attend church on Sundays, some don't. All ages are welcome, from the really tiny babies all the way up to the more mature folk out there. All we ask is that children bring an adult and adults bring a kid!

We have had a large team of volunteers help us make crafts, play games, cook for us, build with us, eat with us and share in God's glory over the past 12 years. Some of our current team have been with us from the start. We've changed how we do things over the years: changed which rooms we worship in, split to smaller dinner tables due a pandemic, no longer put birthday candles on the birthday cake (also due to a pandemic) but the idea behind it is still the same: learning about Jesus, having fun, and making friends.

We meet on the last Saturday of each month at 4pm in the Kirk Centre and we aim to finish by 6pm. We do not charge entry but if you are able to give a donation to wards the cost of food then we do appreciate it.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch. And if you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to get in touch

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28


Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,
now in charge of the stored food as famine
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food.



Joseph saw they did not recognise him. He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

To prove you are not spies, you must bring your other brother to me...



They needed more food so they had to take Benjamin to Egypt.



Joseph gave them food...



but to test them he had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.



Then as they went home...



Stop!

You have stolen my master's special cup.



It was in Benjamin's sack.

The servant took them back to Joseph.



You are a thief and must stay as a slave.




But Judah said



It would break our father's heart. Let me take his place.

Joseph saw that his brothers had changed.




I am your brother Joseph. You sold me but God sent me to Egypt.

I can look after you. Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's family moved to Egypt.





Sale of Christmas Cards and Fairtrade Gifts



***Sunday 26 November in the Kirk Centre Foyer
after both services and
Monday 27 November in the McDonald Room in the
Kirk Centre from 10 am - 2 pm***

Why not take this opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at our annual sale of cards and gifts. The Fairtrade range of gifts is sourced from different companies such as Asha and Noah's Ark in India, Manos Amigos in Peru and jute works in Bangladesh. Every sale is of real benefit to artisans from developing countries who are working their way out of poverty and into a more stable life.

So do come along and support a good cause while making a start on your Christmas shopping. Thank you.

Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

Calling All Singers!

Once a year we invite anybody who would like to sing to join our four-part choir for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which this year is on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm. Rehearsals take place on the six preceding Tuesdays, starting on **Tuesday 14th November, from 7.30pm to 9pm in the church.** If you would like to sing please come along on 14th November – nobody has to audition! Being able to read music is a big help, particularly if you want to sing the alto, tenor or bass parts. If you can't come on the 14th but would like to join the choir from the following week please let me know.



Everybody is welcome to come along to the service and hear the results of the six weeks of hard work, as well as joining in with Christmas hymns and hearing the well-loved readings.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

November 2023

Wed'day 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 2nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 3rd	1.30-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 4th	10am SEECAT Big Read at St Gregory's
Sunday 5th	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 and Sunday Club) Theme: David and Mephibosheth Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre Theme: Significant moments - Deborah Speaker: Brad Laing
Monday 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 7th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 9th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 10th	1.30-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 11th	10.45am Act of Remembrance in the Kirk (Church open 10am-12noon)
Sunday 12th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 10.45am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche & Sunday Club) Theme: David's big mistake Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 12noon Act of remembrance at the War Memorial 12.30am Lunch for Uniformed Organisations 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre Theme: Significant moments - Ruth Speaker: Charlie Banks
Monday 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 14th	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 15th	7.30pm First Carols Choir Rehearsal in the Kirk 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 9.30am BIG Idea planning meeting in the Wilson Hall 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Kirk Session Executive
Thursday 16th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 17th	1.30-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre 7.00pm Film Quiz Night – Kirk Centre
Saturday 18th	9.30am-2pm – SEECoS Annual Conference at the Faith Mission Auditorium
Sunday 19th	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 and Sunday Club) Theme: Solomon's Temple Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 2.30pm SEECAT Business meeting at Liberton Northfield 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre Theme: Significant moments - Hannah Speaker: Kenny McCartney
Monday 20th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm – The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 21st	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm SEECoS Cluster Reps meeting - Liberton Northfield
Wed'day 22nd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 23rd	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 24th	1.30-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 25th	10am – 12noon – Guild Christmas Coffee morning 4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 26th	GIFT SUNDAY 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club) Theme: God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7) Preacher: John Young 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room Fairtrade stall in the Kirk Centre after both services 6pm for 6.30pm Joint Celebration for Advent in the Kirk
Monday 27th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café Fairtrade stall in the McDonald Room
Tuesday 28th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.30pm Service at Guthrie House
 7.30pm Congregational Gathering for Prayer (on zoom)
 Wed'day 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 Thursday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall

December 2023

Friday 1st 1.30-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
 Saturday 2nd 10am-12noon – Church open as Quiet Space
 Sunday 3rd **ADVENT SUNDAY**
 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
 & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club)
 Theme: tbc
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
 6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
 Theme: Significant moments - Mary
 Speaker: tbc

Young Life Pizza Night





Order Now!

Buy a pizza and support a friend!

Every penny spent on pizza is taken off the cost of camp! So, spend £50 on pizza? Well, that £50 comes directly off the cost of camp for you!

Saturday 4th November
5.30pm - 8.30pm

Handmade Pizza - Delivered to your door! 3 mile radius of Liberton Kirk

Liberton Northfield Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th November, Inch House Community Centre,

Tea / coffee and treats in the Dining Room, from 10.30am – 3.00pm

Stalls in the Main Hall, from 10.30am – 3.30pm

Elaine Patterson from Shellainey Designs: resin ornaments, jewellery, tote bags, wall hangings coaster and secret Santa mystery bags.

Gillian Buchan from Pride and Joy: homemade cakes and sweets and Christmas ornaments.

Pauline Austin from Pretty Pollys Hampers, Christmas gifting with Avon, Christmas scents and novelties , perfumes and aftershaves.

Margaret Telford from Maggie's Den , Christmas accessories, jewellery, keyrings, wax melts, bath bombs and children's prize dip.

Kerry Lindell Fine Art - Artist who draws portraits of dogs, sketches from photograph, will demonstrate and bring her portfolio to show dogs she has sketched.

Mike Dempsey from Pens of Distinction - Wooden engraved pens, Christmas decoration, coasters and wooden plaques.

There will also be a 'Church Stall' of Christmas cakes, jams etc.



For venue details see : <https://www.inchhouse.co.uk/>

Note: Parking is limited outside the Inch Community Centre



Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

Invite you to

A Beer and Curry Night

Friday 1st December

7.30-9pm Kirk Centre

£5pp (*BYOB*)

Sign up by Friday 24nd November, sign up sheets will be on welcome desks at both doors!

(Or see David Colley after then)



Warm Hub and Welcome Centre

The Warm Hub and Welcome Centre will continue through 2024.

It is hoped to attract a further grant from the Church of Scotland which will allow the service to extend to serving homemade soup. If you are already qualified to prepare hot food, such as soup, please make yourself known to us.

If anyone would like to volunteer and join the team rota please contact either:-

Robert Snedden on robertsnedden1950@gmail.com or on mobile 07801420461

Liz Snedden on lizsnedden@gmail.com or on mobile 07801420462

We plan to continue the IT Clinic which still attracts visitors. Again, if you feel you have something to offer in this area use the above contacts.

We are open to ideas on how to better engage our visitors as, based on our experience from 2023, it looks more and more to require one-on-one personal connections. We do our best to keep the volunteer rota to one engagement per month.



To learn more please contact Liz or me at the 11:00 church service or Sunday evening praise in the cafe.

Robert Snedden

Guild News for November



On **Monday 6 November at 7.30 pm** in the Anderson Hall, Graham McGeogh will give a talk on one of our Projects for this session. Unida is designed to empower young women in Brazil through theological education that can transform lives in a violent and unjust Brazilian society. There will be a sales table. We look forward to seeing you there.



On **Monday 20 November**, discover the fascinating story of stonemason, preacher and poet, Hugh Miller. Kath Hay is going to tell us about Hugh Miller, a Scottish geologist and lay theologian who was considered one of the finest geological writers of the 19th century and whose writings were widely successful in arousing public interest in geologic history. A man of genius from Cromarty, admired by Darwin, Dickens, Carlyle and Ruskin yet unknown by many today. We look forward to seeing you there.



On **Saturday 25 November** we are holding our Guild Christmas Coffee Morning from **10 am-12 noon**. There will be baking, stalls and lots of Christmas cheer. We look forward to seeing you there.



On **Monday 4 December**, Ruth Box will talk about our other Project, *Pioneers, Chocolate Heaven*. Chocolate Heaven is providing employment for chocolate makers, fair prices for local growers, producing and selling delicious chocolate in all the flavours we love - and also some wonderfully exotic ones! - and sharing God's good news with their employees and wider community whenever they have the opportunity to do so.



Gladys Montgomery
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The South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland (SEECoS)

Revised Covenant (a basis for ongoing unity)

For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: *'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'* (1 Kings 17:14)

We, as leaders and members of the Parish of South East Edinburgh make the following covenant...

- To consider ourselves as one Church – part of Christ's body in South East Edinburgh, acknowledging him as our Saviour and Lord.
 - To balance the need for vibrant centres of worship and mission in each of our recognised communities, with the need to share our people and resources for the benefit of the Church's mission to the parish as a whole.
 - To work together in implementing the Five Marks of Mission of the Church of Scotland.

We will do this guided by the following values...

- Unity built on mutual trust and good communication
- Willingness to engage together in worship, discipleship training, mission and evangelism
- Willingness to share our people and resources
- Willingness to make sacrifices for the sake of the mission of the parish as a whole
- Openness to doing things differently
- Openness to sharing ownership of new pioneering projects
- Openness to working with other church denominations
- Openness to working with partner organisation

We commit to developing and maintaining our unity and missional purpose through...

- **Balancing centralised and local leadership**
 - We recognise the importance of maintaining distinct local worshipping communities, each with their own recognised leader and mission base
 - Local worshipping communities will have the final say in the appointment of their own leader
 - Local worshipping communities will retain their name, identity, and eldership under the leadership of a Local Eldership Team
 - Each local eldership team will be administered by a Local Eldership Team Clerk
 - The parish as a whole will be led by the United Kirk Session (Trustees), made up of a balance of elders from each Local Eldership Team on a

rotational basis as well as all ministers, deacons, and other representatives as required

All ministers and deacons will be expected to commit a portion of their time for the service of the parish as a whole, taking into account the different skillsets required to serve the needs and requirements of the area (e.g. training programmes, outreach events, schools work, community initiatives, joint services, etc.)

No big decisions will be made by the Parish-wide Kirk Session without due consultation with Local Eldership Teams

- **Regular Meetings**

The United Kirk Session will meet at least four times a year for general decision making and to agree future aims and strategy

Local ministers and deacons will meet monthly for prayer and planning

Local Eldership Team Clerks will meet together at least twice a year

All elders and members, ministers and deacons, and other local appointees will meet annually for worship, conference & communion

- **Joint Initiatives**

Regular discipleship training programmes

Regular programmes of outreach (including those targeting New Housing areas)

SEECAT "Big Read"



New events for SEECAT start off their programme for 2023/24. On Saturday 4th November, starting at 10am at St. Gregory's Church, Walter Scott Avenue, a "Big Read" of St. Mark's Gospel in its entirety read aloud. Please come along, with a Bible translation of your choice. There will be refreshments. We also hope to have a 4-week series of studies through the Advent Season – watch out for details in the weekly notice sheets.

The new Chair of SEECAT, appointed at the September AGM, is our own Christine Johnson. Please pick up a programme card (yellow) from the Welcome Desks, Offering House, or Kirk Centre Entrance to see what's happening in conjunction with other churches (including Episcopal and Roman Catholic) in South East Edinburgh. Another source of information is the quarterly newsletter *Crosstalk* which will be available to pick up from the usual places in mid-November or on the SEECAT website www.seecat.org, where you will find the programme as well.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



SEECOS Annual Conference

Saturday 18th November 2023
Faith Mission, Gilmerton Road

9.30am-2pm £10 pp
Including a buffet lunch

‘The Church and her Mission’

Guest speaker : Rev Martin Fair

Sign up by Sunday 12th November, sign up sheets will be on
welcome desks at both doors!

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Church Open Saturdays **At Liberton Kirk**

A quiet place

A safe place

A place for time-out

10am – 12noon

November 11th

Service of Remembrance 10.45am

December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

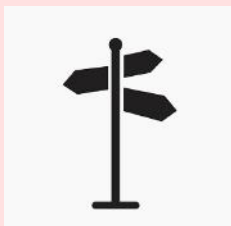
NOVEMBER 23

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

During 2022 we were looking daily at the theme of GOOD NEWS as we journeyed with Paul through his letter to the ROMANS.

.In 2023, we will be looking at TELLING OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In September, October and November we journey through JOHN'S GOSPEL



We are all invited to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2023

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 NOVEMBER 23

Wed 1st	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 1-4 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these words of His...And then turn to pray to Him
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church in Scotland
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 2nd	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 5-16 - 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 Church of Scotland
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 3rd	Morning	JOHN 16 vs 17-33 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words of Jesus And then pray to this God of ours.
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our church Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 4th	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 1-26 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words of prayer.... 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 5th	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 1-5 – take time to consider these words again on this Sunday morning ... 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 6th	Morning	JOHN 17 verses 6-19 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words again. And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church across UK
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 7th	Morning	JOHN 17 vs 20-26 – 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 Lord
Wed 8th	Morning	JOHN 18 vs 1-11 – Pause with this Jesus this morning. Consider these verses today...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church across Europe
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 9th	Morning	JOHN 18 vs 12-14 - 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 Church across Africa
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 10th	Morning	JOHN 18 vs 15-27 – 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 on our Church Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 11th	Morning	JOHN 18 vs 28-40 – 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 12th	Morning	JOHN 19 verses 1-16 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning...and then pause to pray in response.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 23

	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 13th	Morning	JOHN 19 verses 17-27 – take time to consider these words about JesusAnd then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church across Asia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tues 14th	Morning	JOHN 19 vs 28-37 – as we pause with God today we consider these words about Jesusand 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 15th	Morning	JOHN 19 vs 38-42 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words – and what happens here - And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the Church across the Americas
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 16th	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 1-9 - consider these particular words and events this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on pastors and preachers in our nation
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 17th	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 10-18 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these events this morning -- then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 18th	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 19-23 – as we pause with Jesus today we consider these words 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 19th	Morning	JOHN 20 vs 24-31 – take time to pause and consider these words and truths..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 20th	Morning	JOHN 21 vs 1-14 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words about Jesus today - And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our neighbours
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 21st	Morning	JOHN 21 vs 15-24 – 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 22nd	Morning	JOHN 21 verse 25 – Pause with God this morning. Consider what is said here...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our church neighbours in Kirkgate
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 23rd	Morning	JOHN 1 vs 1-34 - consider these words again about Jesus this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on friends and family members

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Fri 24th	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
	Morning	JOHN chapter 3 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses again this morning... And then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Sat 25th	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
	Morning	JOHN 6 vs 16-59 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these words again - And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Sun 26th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	JOHN 10 vs 1-21 – 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
Mon 27th	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
	Morning	JOHN 11 vs 1-44 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these events and words again today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Kirk Session members
Tue 28th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
	Morning	JOHN chapter 14 – as we pause with God today we consider these words of Jesus again.....and then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Wed 29th	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
	Morning	JOHN chapter 16 – 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
Thur 30th	Evening	read the words again – reflect. And then pray to the LORD our God
	Morning	JOHN chapter 20 - consider this particular passage this morning afresh and then respond in prayer to this Jesus we follow
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on the wider SEECOS Church family
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray

The Word for Today

The Bible passage currently on view in the Kirkyard is Ephesians chapter 1, verses 3-14. Start at the Offering House, where there is a notice on the wall near the door, and then move to the bench at the side of the Offering House, where you will find the first Bible verse, with thoughts and a prayer. The others are on benches around the Kirk building, giving the opportunity for a pause for thought in lovely surroundings.

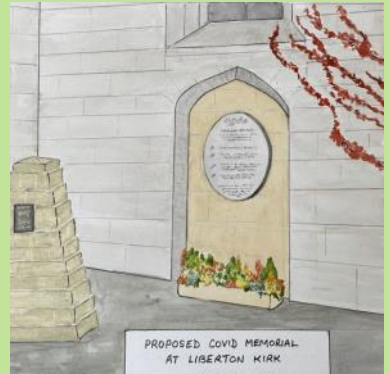
As Advent and Christmas approach, the passage will change to an Advent theme from week beginning 12th November.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

COVID Memorial

Progress is being made on the memorial to all those who suffered in the Covid-19 pandemic. The doorway has been filled in with stone, and the granite plaque itself is on order. The stone trough or troughs will be placed at the foot of the doorway in the coming months, and the somewhat unsightly pipe will be removed. In the spring two new benches will be added to the corner, and brass plaques remembering individuals will be added to them at that point. These plaques will be ordered from February onwards, and more information will be given nearer the time. Everything is therefore on schedule for the unveiling on 12th May next year.



The opportunity is still there for people to contribute to this memorial if they would like to be part of it – gift envelopes can be picked up from the usual places and returned via the Donations boxes or directly to the Treasurer, or donations can be made on line through Liberton Kirk's Covid Memorial page on Just Giving. The link is www.justgiving.com/campaign/covid-memorial-liberton-kirk

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Neighbourhood Scheme

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

Kirkgate Cafe News



By the time you read this article the clocks will have gone back which reminds us that Christmas is not far away. As in previous years the Café will be offering Christmas lunches consisting



of soup, turkey sandwich and mince pie. We plan to hold them on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December in the Small Hall where it will be relaxed and peaceful. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 13th November and will be priced at £10. Booking is essential.

You may have noticed the new vinyl flooring which was laid in October and 2 new tub chairs and a two seater sofa to replace the old set we have had for over 8 years. We have also

renewed the menu boards. We do hope you are delighted with the new floor which will comply with cleaning regulations. The café board would like to thank Jenny, the café manager, for the extraordinary effort she has put into the planning and overseeing the fitting of the flooring.

It has to be noted that the café's ongoing success is a combination of our faithful customers who come into our café every week, our café manager and board, and of course our dedicated volunteers who serve them. So a huge thank you to everyone. Our aim is to keep prices at a level that allows us to cover our costs and provide for replacement equipment when required.

The café's ethos remains the same – to provide a safe place where



people can have a coffee or tea and cake or a lunch and enjoy the company of friends. We very much look forward to seeing and serving you in the future.

Jill Niven, Café Board Convener



Friends International – Conversation Corner

In September, we wrote about our exciting new project based at Liberton Northfield Church with SEECOS and Friends International, so we thought it would be a good idea to update you on recent activities.

Our project, now called Conversation Corner, commenced at the end of September and meets on **Thursday evenings from 7.30 - 9pm** in Liberton Northfield Church.

Through our programme of activities, the aim is to offer friendship and fellowship as well as sharing cultural experiences with those from overseas living within our community.

Each week there is a topic prepared by Kirsty and Kim from Friends International. It may be, for example, money, shopping or travel. We start the evening with light refreshments, followed by an ice breaker challenge and then we go into our “conversation corners” to chat about our topic, using prepared questions to lead the discussion. There is definitely a lot of chat!

People come from countries such as China, Venezuela, Morocco and not all of them are students but they are all eager to improve their language skills and learn about different cultures.

There is definitely a buzz at the Conversation Corner - a warmth and a great enthusiasm to share friendship and experiences.

If you want to know more about Conversation Corner or join the conversation please contact:

Gladys Montgomery - 07918103635 (The Guild)

Roslyn Wilson - 07772115978. (World Mission Team)

Annual Memorial Service

Our annual memorial service will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm. This service is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died, or for those whose memories of long-lost loved ones can be painful at this time of year. There will be flyers available from mid-November to give to anyone you know who might find this service comforting. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.





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Dear Friends,

We are full of praise and thanks as we come into October this year. We had a wonderful time joining with friends and supporters at Supporters' Day and we are continually overwhelmed and amazed at God's provision and guidance. Please join us as we offer up our thanks to him, and as we continue to seek his Kingdom, please also pray for continued guidance and provision.

Thank you,

Comfort International

Crossword

Across

1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given —, he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)

4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)

8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)

9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)

10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)

11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)

12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)

17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)

19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7) **21** Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)

22 'And feeble as —, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)

23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)

24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)

2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)

3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)

5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)

6 and **16** Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)

7 A three (anag.) (6)

9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)

13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)

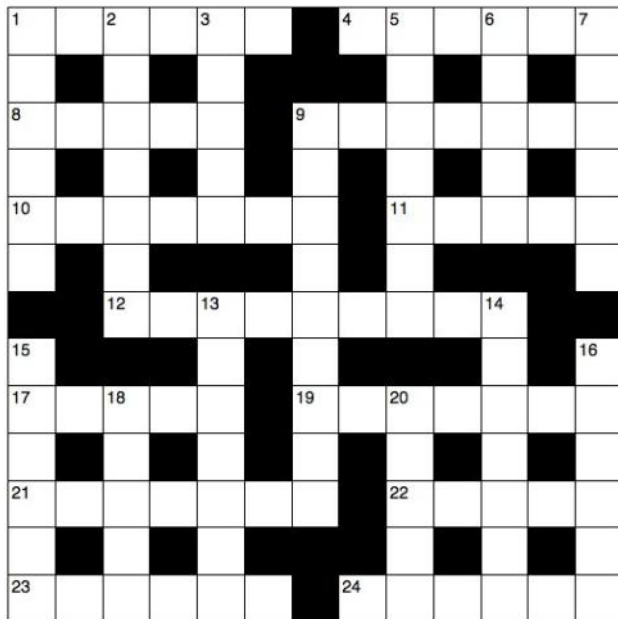
14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)

15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)

16 See 6 Down (6)

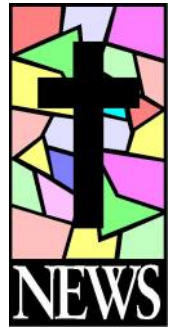
18 Paste (anag.) (5)

20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



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Congregational News



I am pleased to announce that as of 25th September, Mrs Amanda Coates and Mr Avinash Neeradi and as of 2nd October Mrs Rene Young have all become new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death of Mrs Susan Ross on 9th of September and Mr Brian Cocksedge on 11th October. Also the deaths of Mr Dennis Hetherington who died in April and Mrs Irene Hetherington who died in May and 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

- 5th Nov Mrs Gladys Montgomery, in memory of Robert & Ethel Hamilton and their son 12th
- 12th Nov Mr William Penman, in memory of Isobel Penman
- 19th Nov Ms Rosemary Leask, in memory of Laura Leask
- 26nd Nov Free



Donations should be made out to : Liberton Kirk Flower Fund. and sent to :

Ms Kim Denholm at 58 Liberton Dykes Avenue, EH17 8ND

Phone 07896581931

Senior Citz Club

It's a pleasure to see our Club growing since we restarted in September.

Covid struck the Club a few weeks ago but we are healthy once again.

We will soon be looking forwards to St Andrew's Day on the 30th



November Birthdays:

18th Sheila Pritchard

22nd Jean Buchanan

23rd Cathie Ainslie

24th Sheila McBryde ... one of our fab helpers

November Entertainers:-

2nd The Castaways ... a wonderful 6 part female harmony group from Penicuik and Our monthly RAFFLE will be today too

9th KIRK JAMES ... a wonderful tenor back to sing to us

16th Our annual visit from our local MARIE CURIE CENTRE with their CHRISTMAS SALE so please bring your purses & wallets to support the work of this great charity
Our entertainer is newbie Stevie Cowan ... so why not stay on to support him?

23rd ALAN WEATHERHEAD & his keyboard is back in town!

30th In-house madness, The JABs with their fun songs, banter & variety.

As you are aware that pesky bug is still roaming around but this variant seems to start with the sniffles. We are asking our members if you feel like you're heading for a cold please check by taking a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) before coming to the Club just to keep each other safe. To keep covid to a minimum in the club we have plenty of face masks & hand gel both readily available for anyone who wishes them.

Contact

Jenni Ryalls our president on 0741 533 5889/0131 258 0764

Linda Wright our Pastoral Care on 0785 041 1596

Lou Ogilvy admin on seniorslk@gmail.com





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The quiz will cover a number of film categories:-

- SiFi
- Musicals
- Westerns
- Cops & Robbers
- Romantic Comedy
- General Knowledge
- Star Wars

A top prize for the winning team, everyone will receive a runner's up prize!

Tickets on sale at the church or approach Robert Snedden or any member of the Mission Team

We Will Remember Them



There will be two opportunities to remember those who have given their lives in wars in the last century and to pray for peace. On Armistice Day, Saturday 11th November, there will be a short time of reflection and prayer in the church at 10.45am, which will include the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, please note that the second service begins at 10.45am, and there will an Act of Remembrance and the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. This service will be followed by a short time of remembrance at around 12 noon at the war memorial in the cemetery.

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

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

Normal Hours of Services : 9-30am, 11am & 6-30pm

Please see diary pages for details of our services

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact John Young if you have a special request. Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.



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Weekly Groups

Friday Fellowship – Friday morning in the Kirk Centre
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Pathfinders – Tuesday evening in various homes
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