



*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.*

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Reading:** Isaiah 7:1-14 (p.691)  
**Preacher:** John Young  
**Theme:** And she will call him Immanuel

**Advent Call:** We have lit a candle for hope and now we light the second candle for the peace we have in knowing Jesus  
**May we be channels of his peace and light in the world**

**Morning Worship** **9.30am Service** (in church)

CH4 303 It came upon the midnight clear  
CH4 309 Still the night, holy the night!  
CH4 304 O little town of Bethlehem

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

Call Come and light the candles on the Advent Ring  
CH4 286 Tell out my soul  
Song Don't be grumpy  
Song Arise and Shine  
Song Holy Spirit, we welcome You  
CH4 316 Love came down at Christmas  
Song From the squalor of a borrowed stable

- 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](mailto:rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net)

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

**No Evening Worship Tonight**

## WEEKLY DIARY

### TODAY

10.20am	Elders' Room	Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services	Cross at East Door	Prayer Team Ministry
<b>5.30pm-7.30pm</b>	<b>Car park</b>	<b>Ice-Cream Wonderland</b> (see notices)

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7pm	St Gregorys	Advent Reflections
7.30pm	Anderson Hall	Guild Christmas Social (see notices)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
1.45pm	Kirk Centre	Guild
7pm	Kirk	Memorial service (see notices)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

1pm-4.30pm	Foyer	Warm Hub & IT Clinic
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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

9am	Kirk	Decorating the Church for Christmas
10am-12noon	Kirk	Quiet Space for Advent (see notices)
12noon	Morrisons	Carol Singing at Morrisons (SEECAT)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook	
10.20am	Prayer Time in Elders' Room	

#### **Morning Worship**

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Shorter service in the Kirk</b>	
<b>11am</b>	<b>All Age Nativity Service in the Kirk</b> (& on zoom) Theme: Good News for Joseph (Matthew 1.18-25) Preacher: John Young.	

**7pm      The Big Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall**

Prayer Requests - can be sent to either John (see page 4) or Lindsay at nicoloyoung3@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** – Spare magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also available online.

**Word for Today** – There is a new Word for Today in the Kirkyard for Advent – thoughts on Luke 1, 26-38. Start at the Offering House and follow the passage round the church building.

**Ice Cream Wonderland** – TODAY 5.30-7.30pm in the Kirk Centre car park with YoungLife.

### **Guild**

On Monday 11 December we are holding our Christmas Social Evening - join us for a fun evening. All welcome.

On Wednesday 13 December at 1.45 in the Anderson Hall we will be joined by pupils from Liberton Primary School.

**Advent Reflections Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm at St Gregorys, Walter Scott Avenue (see flyer) an hour led by members of Connect Groups on the R.C. cluster, followed by refreshments.

**Church Open Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10-12am** – place with space for time-out. Hot drinks available.

**Carol Singing Saturday 16th December** – at Morrisons Gilmerton Road (indoors), from 12noon to 1pm, with the other SEECAT churches. Please come along and swell the numbers cheering up the busy shoppers!

**Annual Memorial Service** – This service, especially for anyone who has lost loved ones and finds Christmas difficult, will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Young Life Mini Trees and Reindeer for sale** – in the Kirkgate Cafe- 1 for £1:50 or 3 for £4. All proceeds towards taking local young people to Camp in the summer.

**Crossreach calendars** – are available to order from Sheila McBryde at [smmcb34@gmail.com](mailto:smmcb34@gmail.com) There are also sign-up sheets on the tables at the East and West doors, with photocopies of the monthly pictures. Still a bargain at £5!

**Fresh Start** – First pick up for 2024 is the 11<sup>th</sup> January. **Please do not leave anything for Fresh Start before then.** Please note that duvets, pillows, valance sheets and furniture cannot be accepted.

**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](http://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](mailto:kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net) or on 07894056216.

**Lara Perry School Junk Kouture project – NO MORE ring pulls or old playing cards needed.** Thanks to everyone who helped by giving.

**Please note – Food Bank and Milk Bottle Top Collections have moved to the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre until 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

**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 McDonald Room.

**Southeast Edinburgh Food Banks - Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the McDonald Room 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk) for instructions.

### **Bible Verse for the Week**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.

*Isaiah 43 verse 18-19*

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