



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 17th December 2023

Reading: Matthew 1. 18-25 (p.965)
Theme: Good news for Joseph

Advent Call: We have lit candles for hope and peace, and now we light the third candle for the love of God, which surrounds us every day, and which gave us Jesus
May we shine the light of his love wherever we go

Morning Worship 9.30am Service (in church)
Preacher: Trevor Martindale
CH3 193 Once in royal David's city (omit vv. 3 and 4)
CH4 305 In the bleak midwinter (omit v. 3)
CH4 294 On Christmas night all Christians sing

Morning Worship 11am All-age Nativity Service (in church and on Zoom)
Preacher: John Young
Song: Like a candle flame (MP 420)
CH3 195 Away in a manger
Song: Great is the darkness
CH3 173 The first Nowell (omit vs 4&5)

- 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.

Evening Worship, 7pm in the Anderson Hall – Big Carol Sing

WEEKLY DIARY

TODAY

10.20am	Elders' Room	Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services	Cross at East Door	Prayer Team Ministry
7.00pm	Anderson Hall	Big Carol Sing

Monday 18th December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7pm	St Gregorys	Advent Reflections

Tuesday 19th December

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

Wednesday 20th December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7.30pm	Kirk and Zoom	Service of Lessons and Carols (See notices)

Thursday 21st December

9am-12noon	Foyer	Kirkgate Café (re opens 8 th Jan) (free tea/filter coffee & mince pies)
7.30pm	Anderson Hall	International Peace Light service (see notices).

Friday 22nd December

9.30am	Kirk	Gracemount Primary School
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Sunday 24th December

8.00am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook	
10.00am	Elders Room	Prayer Time
10.30am	Kirk and on Zoom Preacher: John Young	Joint Service (with Creche)
4.00pm	Kirk and on Zoom	Christingle Service - Remember to bring an orange.
11.15pm for 11.30pm	Kirk and on Zoom	Watchnight Service

Christmas Day Monday 25th December (Please note: one morning service at 10:30am)

10.30am	Kirk and on Zoom Preacher: John Young	Christmas Day Service
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Prayer Requests - can be sent to either John (see page 4) or Lindsay at nicolyoung3@gmail.com

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.

Advent Reflections Monday 18th – 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. A SEECAT event open to all. Last one of four.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – Wednesday 20th December, 7.30pm, in the Kirk and on Zoom. Hear the Christmas story, join in congregational singing and listen to lovely choir carols. Followed by refreshments.

International Peace Light service, Thursday 21st at 7.30pm to be held in the Anderson Hall. All welcome, bring a candle or lantern to take a piece of the light home with you.

Saturday 30th 12.30pm for 1pm in the Kirk – Lunchtime Concert – “An Invitation to the Dance” presented by Philomusica of Edinburgh. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30-1.00pm. Tickets (with suggested donation of £8 in aid of the World Mission Fund) available after both services or by contacting Mary Davidson (tel. 0131 664 6789)

Spring Alpha Course – Begins Thursday 1st February at 7pm in Liberton Kirk Centre. If you are interested, add your name to the sheet on Welcome Desk, or, for more details, contact John Young.

Young Life Mini Trees and Reindeer for sale – in the Kirkgate Café - 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 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!

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

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.

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

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

Please note – Food Bank and Milk Bottle Top Collections have moved to the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre until 6th 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.

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.

Bible Verse for the Week

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Isaiah 61 verse 1

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