



*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.*

## **Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

**Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.686)  
**Preacher:** John Young  
**Theme:** The Mountain of the Lord

**Advent Call:** We light the first candle for the hope we have in Jesus  
**May we shine the light of this hope in the world**

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

CH4 277 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
CH4 290 The race that long in darkness pined  
CH4 477 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

**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 273 O come, o come Emmanuel  
Song The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy  
Song These are the days of Elijah  
Song Light of the world  
CH4 715 Behold! The mountain of the Lord  
Song O holy night

- 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.

**Evening Worship:** **6.30pm for 7pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre**

## WEEKLY DIARY

### TODAY

10.20am	Elders' Room	Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services	Cross at East Door	Prayer Team Ministry
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Kirk Centre</b>	<b>Café Church</b>

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Tuesday 5<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 6<sup>th</sup> December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
11am	Small Hall	Christmas Pram Praise
7.30pm	Kirk Centre	Gathering for Praise

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

1pm-4.30pm	Foyer	Warm Hub & IT Clinic
3pm	Tron Kirk	24 hours of prayer <b>begins</b>

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

10am-12noon	Kirk	Quiet Space for Advent (see notices)
3pm	Tron Kirk	24 hours of prayer <b>ends</b>

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

8.00am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook	
10.20am	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.

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 Pigeonholes outside the office. Spare magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also available online.

**Parish Christmas cards** – there are some bundles still to be delivered in the Kirk Centre Entrance, please help if you can.

**SEECAT Statement/Petition on Israel/Palestine war** on Welcome Desks and Kirk Centre entrance for signatures.

**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** – The last pick up for Fresh Start this year will be the 7th December and the First Pick up of 2024 is the 11th January. **Please do not leave anything for Fresh Start in Offering House or Kirk Centre between these dates.** Please note that duvets, pillows, valance sheets and furniture cannot be accepted.

**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.

**The Guild Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Church Open Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10-12am** – place with space for time-out. Hot drinks available.

**Ice Cream Wonderland** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5.30-7.30pm in the Kirk Centre car park with Young Life.

**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.

**Remembrance Sunday** – Retiring Offering for Poppy Scotland raised £378.50.

**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.

**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.

**Crosstalk (SEECAT's Newsletter)** – November edition now available from the usual places and on the SEECAT website [www.seecat.org](http://www.seecat.org)

**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.

**Please note – Food Bank and Mil Bottle Top Collection will move from the Offering House to the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre from 9<sup>th</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January See separate note from Fresh Start**

**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](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.

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

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

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9 verse 6*

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