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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 December

Wonderful Counsellor

Prince of Peace

Son of God

Son of Man

Be born afresh in us

Live in us

Live through us

Living Lord Jesus

Amen and Amen we pray.

Is there life after Christmas?

Is it just me, or are we celebrating Christmas earlier and earlier each year?

In the old days, the weeks before Christmas (which we call Advent), were a time of reflection and preparation. The decorations would only go up on Christmas Eve, and all the fun and celebrations would happen in the 12 days that followed.

Don't get me wrong – Christmas is a lovely time of year, but I'm aware that most parties and night's out now seem to be happening either late in November or early in December. So much so that I'm beginning to worry that, in the future, by the time we actually get to Christmas Day, the sense of joy and the celebration will have worn thin!!

"Is there life after Christmas?" It's a question we will be exploring at our next **Alpha Course**, which begins on **Thursday 1st February**. This will be the **47th** time such a course has been run here at Liberton, and the 100s of people who have attended over the years will tell you how much they have enjoyed the experience.

Alpha is a weekly course in Christian basics. Each evening begins with a meal, followed by a talk and then a time of discussion. This course is ideal for someone who...

- Wants to know more about what Christians believe

- Wants to experience Christianity first hand
- Has been a church-goer for some time but wants to brush up
- Has been to Alpha before but missed a number of the sessions
- Knows someone who is interested who they could bring along
- Would like to make some good friends, who enjoy talking about deeper issues

The stated aim of any Alpha Course is simply is to introduce people to this man called Jesus, who has promised us "*life in all its fullness*" (John 10.10). Is there life after Christmas? We believe that there is, and that it can be found in Jesus. So, why don't you come along and find out for yourself.

Much love,



(You can check our website for more details of Alpha at Liberton, or contact John – jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk, 0131 664 3067)

Our Theme for 2023 is "He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9.2)



Telling Others the Good News

You've been created by a God who knows you infinitely better than anyone else. He knows exactly how you tick, the way you think and what your gifts are.



In the same way,
let your light shine
before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16 (NIVUK)

And He made you with a purpose. He has called you to put your unique set of gifts and skills to work for His Kingdom. But He doesn't just want your time and your talents. He's after more. He wants you. In all your beauty and all your brokenness.

He wants to walk with you, to draw near to you, and for the transforming work He's doing in you to be reflected outwards to a world that so desperately needs Him.

It's God's mission, not ours. He saves, not us. As He invites us to partner with Him in what He's already doing, it doesn't just bring transformation to those around us. It happens to us too.

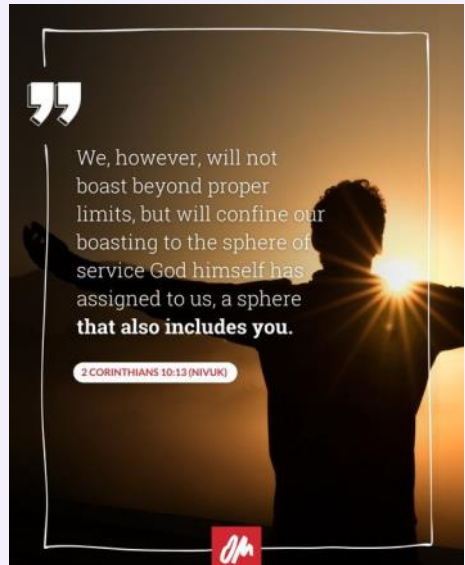
This is what Operation Mobilisation (OM) is about. We want to see you grow in your relationship with God, and step out to

have an impact in His world. We're about seeing people experience the radical, sacrificial, unconditional love we see at the cross – whether they're in Birmingham or Buenos Aires.

We believe everyone should have the chance to hear the gospel at least once.

Thousands of peoples and communities with their own cultures and languages have never heard about Jesus, ever. Our passion is that they would hear of His fame and renown.

Find out more about OM's ministry in the UK and abroad: www.uk.om.org



We, however, will not
boast beyond proper
limits, but will confine our
boasting to the sphere of
service God himself has
assigned to us, a sphere
that also includes you.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (NIVUK)

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

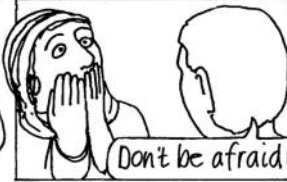
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 1:26-56 & Matthew 1:18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.

In one year we will complete our wedding



Then God's messenger angel came to see Mary.



Don't be afraid!

You will have God's baby, and call him Jesus, 'God saves,' because he will save people

from what they do wrong.



How can this happen?



With God, nothing is impossible.

Your cousin Elizabeth, who couldn't have children, is now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited Elizabeth.



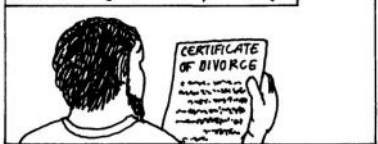
When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he was very upset



This will bring shame on me and my family.



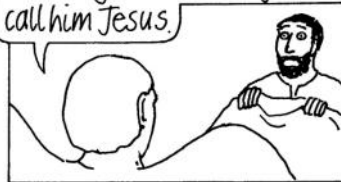
He always did what was right so he decided to end their marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is God's, and you will call him Jesus.



So Joseph and Mary completed their marriage.



Thanks from John Gill

I would like to thank John Young and the Kirk Session, and all who contributed to the very generous gift which was given to me at Church service on 29th October, in thanks for my time at magazine editor. I much enjoyed the 15 years of editorial duties, and appreciate the gift and the good wishes that have been expressed.

John Gill

Blythswood Shoe Boxes 2023



Thankyou to everyone who generously prepared shoeboxes this year. We reached a great total of 48 and I am truly grateful. As usual they will go to countries in Eastern Europe such as Kosovo.



*Christian care for
body and soul*

Veronica Craig



December 2023

Friday 1st	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 2nd	10am-12noon – Liberton Kirk open as Quiet Space for Advent
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
Monday 4th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Advent Reflections at St Gregorys 7.30pm The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 5th	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 6th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Christmas Pram Praise in the Small Hall 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 8th	11.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre 3.00pm 24 hours of prayer begins at Tron Kirk
Saturday 9th	10am-12noon – Liberton Kirk open as Quiet Space for Advent 3.00pm 24 hours of prayer ends at Tron Kirk
Sunday 10th	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 & Sunday Club) Theme: tbc Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 5.30-7.30pm – Ice-Cream Wonderland in the Kirk Centre Car Park (Young Life Fundraiser)
Monday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Advent Reflections at St Gregorys 7.30pm The Guild Christmas Social in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 12th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 13th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 1.45pm Afternoon Guild with Liberton Primary School 7.00pm Annual Memorial Service in the Kirk
Thursday 14th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 15th	2.00pm Senior Citizens Club Christmas Party 1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 16th	9.00am Decorating the Church for Christmas 10am-12noon – Liberton Kirk open as Quiet Space for Advent 12noon Carol Singing at Morrisons (SEECAT)
Sunday 17th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk Theme: Good News for Joseph (Matthew 1.18-25) Preacher: John Young & 11am All Age Nativity Service in the Kirk (& on zoom) 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 7.00pm The Big Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall
Monday 18th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.00pm Advent Reflections at St Gregorys
Tuesday 19th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 20th	2.30pm Carol Service at Guthrie House 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Carol Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols in the Kirk (& on zoom)
Thursday 21st	9.00am-12noon – Kirkgate Café
Friday 22nd	9.30am – Gracemount Primary School Christmas service In Liberton Kirk
Sunday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche) Theme: Good news for the wise men (Matthew 2.1-15) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 4.00pm Christingle Service in the Kirk (& on zoom) - remember to bring an orange 11.15pm Watchnight service in the Kirk (& on zoom)
Monday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY (No Kirkgate Café) 10.30am Christmas Day Service in the Kirk (& on zoom) Theme: Good news for everyone (Rev 22.12-21) Preacher: John Young
Tuesday 26th	BOXING DAY (No Kirkgate Café)
Wed'day 27th	(No Kirkgate Café)
Thursday 28th	(No Kirkgate Café)
Saturday 30th	12.30pm – Philomusica Lunchtime Concert in the Kirk
Sunday 31st	NEW YEAR'S EVE 8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 10.30am Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche) Theme: The flight to Egypt (Matthew 2.13-23) Preacher: tbc

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
No Evening Worship

January 2024

Monday 1st	(No Kirkgate Café)
Tuesday 2nd	(No Kirkgate Café) 2.30pm – Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 3rd	(No Kirkgate Café) 7.30pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 4th	(No Kirkgate Café)
Friday 5th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 7th	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 & Sunday Club) Theme: Keeping our lamps burning (Matthew 25.1-13) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 7.00pm Joint Service for New Year at the Faith Mission
Monday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall
Tuesday 9th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall
Thursday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 12th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 14th	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: Nehemiah Builds (Nehemiah 2.1-20) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 16th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm SEECoS Reps meeting - Liberton Northfield
Wed'day 17th	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 Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 18th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Friday 19th	2.00pm – Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 21st	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) 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: Following Nehemiah (Nehemiah 12.27-43) Preacher: John Young
Monday 22nd	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 23rd	2.00pm – Short WPCU service at St Barnabas' 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 24th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 25th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Main WPCU service at St Gregory's
Friday 26th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 27th	4.00pm-6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 28th	----- WORLD MISSION 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 & Sunday Club) Guest Speaker – Calum Henderson from Comfort International
Monday 29th	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 30th	7.30pm Link Leaders' huddle (on zoom) 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 31st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

February 2024

Thursday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 2nd	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 4th	----- 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: The Potters House (Jeremiah 18.1-12)
Preacher: John Young
10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
6.30pm **Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**

Church Open Saturdays At Liberton Kirk

A quiet place
A safe place
A place for time-out

10am – 12noon

December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th

Eco-Church

Just a special nudge for the Christmas:

Reduce - do we really need to buy that? Or can we buy it from a charity shop?

Re-use - can we reuse decorations etc ?

Recycle - can we buy wrapping paper and cards that do not have glitter, and recycle removing any sticky tape?

Not a lot to ask but we CAN protect our environment without a lot of effort.

Liberton Kirk Eco team.



Guild News for December



On Monday 4 December, Ruth Box will talk about our second Project, *Pioneers, Chocolate Heaven*. Chocolate Heaven is providing employment for chocolate makers in South East Asia, 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.



On **Monday 11 December** we are holding our Christmas Social Evening - Join us for a fun evening. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



On **Wednesday 13 December** at **1.45** in the Anderson Hall we will be joined by pupils from Liberton Primary School. This is always a joyful afternoon. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



Monday 15 January
"Anither Nicht Wi' Burns".
Join us for a *Anither Braw Nicht!*

Guild National Convener's Challenge 2023-24

The challenge for the next session might be surprising. It's a challenge but not a competition, as there will be no individual winner. Hopefully, we will all benefit from the exercise.

Because books can change lives in so many ways, the challenge is that you read a Christian book and summarise the positive effect it has had on your thinking. Then, please submit your comments to the Guild Office. Your profiles will be collated, and then a list of recommendations will be made. Your choice of book might be a novel, a biography, a Bible study/commentary, a book defending the Christian Faith, or your favourite translation of the Bible etc. It is your choice and your personal challenge.

Please submit your comments to the Guild office in no more than 300 words.

Moiria Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel 662 0692

Youth News from Emily : Shetland

Hello everyone! As some of you may know Emily and I were invited during the October school holidays to travel to Shetland with Kenny McCartney and his youth group from St Stephen's Comely Bank Church. The incentive for this trip was to partner with Burra Baptist Church in Shetland to run a holiday club for primary school children. We were both also helping Kenny lead the youth group.

When we arrived we were warmly welcomed by the church and we met everyone who we'd be working with throughout the week. The holiday club was every morning from Monday to Friday. I led the group of P1-2 and Emily led the group of P3-4, whilst we also had local Shetland teenagers help lead as well as the youth from St Stephen's. Every morning we'd meet in Burra Baptist, before we'd set up, to gather in prayer and devotions. Emily led us in devotions each morning and this led us to feel more connected as two groups and become one to run the holiday club. When the children arrived we gathered in the age groups and then gathered together for songs and a bible story. After this we'd go to the different activities which were games, crafts and snacks and bible discussion. We'd finish the morning by a leader bringing their testimony to tell the children. As the week went on we began to grow deeper relationships with the children as they grew to know us better as well as them beginning to learn more about God from the testimonies and bible stories they were hearing.

In the afternoons and evenings we'd join together with the youth from Burra Baptist. We'd spend time with them playing games, exploring Shetland and sharing food. It was so encouraging to join with them in fellowship and get to know them better.

It was a blessing to see the relationships formed with both the children and the teenagers and we do pray that that has created a lasting impact that Burra

Baptist can continue to sow into long after we have left. We also pray that what the children heard about God from the bible and the testimonies planted a seed within them so they can continue to be open and learn more. We're so grateful for the unity that was created and all the amazing work God did throughout the week.

Emily Kerrigan



Mission Sunday 2024

Our annual Mission Sunday will take place on January 22nd 2024, when members of our World Mission Team will lead the service. You'll hear updates from some of our mission partners and we especially look forward to welcoming Callum Henderson from Comfort International.



Callum will speak about the work of this charity, whose broad remit covers projects such as provision of healthcare and hospital facilities to rehabilitation of ex-child soldiers in central Africa. This practical and loving work aims to transform lives and communities.

You are warmly invited to come along.

Roslyn Wilson, World Mission Team

Silent Night

Silent Night (Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht in the original German) is almost certainly the most popular Christmas song ever written.

The story begins in 1816, when Joseph Mohr, a young priest, wrote a poem in six stanzas. He later served as priest at Oberndorf, near Salzburg, and on Christmas Eve 1818.. He asked his friend Franz Gruber, a schoolmaster and organist, to compose a suitable tune for the words of his poem. The music was written in a few hours, and during the midnight service they both sang while Joseph played his guitar. It was thought at one time that the church organ was out of commission, but it is more likely that this famous carol was originally composed for voice and guitar.



The popularity of this Christmas song grew rapidly, and it is now sung all over the world in many languages.

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On Christmas Eve, 1914, British troops heard the singing of Silent Night and other songs coming from the German trenches. The British soldiers responded by singing carols and the Christmas truce began.

Willie Scott

THE ANNUAL LIBERTON KIRK
NEW YEAR'S LUNCHTIME CONCERT



TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

'An Invitation to the Dance'

presented by

Philomusica of Edinburgh

featuring classical and traditional dance music from the 16th to 20th centuries

Saturday 30th December

1 p.m.

Liberton Kirk

Mulled wine and mince pie
reception from 12.30 p.m.

Tickets available at the door for a suggested donation
of £8 per person in aid of World Mission Fund.

Liberton Kirk is a Scottish registered charity: SC011602

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

Memorial Service for the Bereaved

This service will be held on *Wednesday 13th December, at 7pm* in the church, and is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died. Everyone is welcome. Tea or coffee afterwards for those who wish to stay.

Family Nativity Service

The second morning service on *Sunday 17th December*, starting at *11am*, in church and on Zoom, will be an all-age service with the young people of our church family, Emily (Youth and Children's Worker) and Laura (Pre-School Children and Families Worker) involved.

Big Carol Sing

Also on *Sunday 17th December, at 7pm*, we are in the Anderson Hall for the "Big Carol Sing". Informal, fun, and lots of favourite carols, followed by refreshments – ask friends and neighbours along!

Service of Lessons and Carols

Join in singing some well-known hymns, listen to some lovely carols sung by the choir, and hear again the Christmas story from creation onwards in readings from the Bible. This traditional service is on *Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm*, and on Zoom.

Christmas Eve Morning

One all-age service at *10.30am* in the church and on Zoom.

Christingle Service

This service, at *4 o'clock on Christmas Eve*, is particularly suitable for young children and families, but everyone is welcome. If you want to make a Christingle, **please bring an orange with you**. The service is also on Zoom and packs for "zoomers" can be collected from the Offering House from 10th December – you will still need an orange!

Watchnight Service

Later on Christmas Eve, we'll sing carols together from *11.15pm* and the *service will start at 11.30pm*, leading up to the very first chance to celebrate the day Jesus was born. This service will also be on Zoom.

Christmas Day

Our *Christmas Morning Service starts at 10.30am* in the church and on Zoom, and children are invited to bring one of their new toys.

Sunday 31st December

One all-age morning service at *10.30am* in the church and on Zoom.



LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

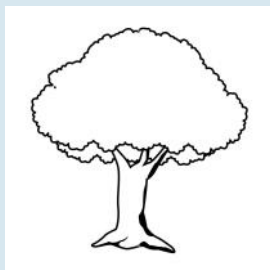
JANUARY 24

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..
Genesis 1 verse 1

During 2023 we were looking daily at the theme of TELLING OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS as we journeyed with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John through their gospels.

.In 2024 we will consider BEFORE THE GOOD NEWS – GOD’S PLAN BEGINS - as we step back into the Old Testament and pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In January we journey through GENESIS together.



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 JANUARY 24

Mon 1st	Morning	GENESIS chapter 1 – as we pause with our Creator God, take time to consider these particular words..And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on family and friends and neighbours
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 2nd	Morning	GENESIS 2 vs 4-25– as we pause with God today we consider these particular wordsand 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 this God
Wed 3rd	Morning	GENESIS chapter 3– Pause with Jesus this morning. .Consider these verses and events today...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Street Pastors on duty across Scotland
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 4th	Morning	GENESIS 6 vs 9- ch.8 v22- consider this passage today – and then respond in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Street Pastors on duty tonight in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 5th	Morning	GENESIS 12 vs 1-9– 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 6th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 15 – 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 Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 7th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 17 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning...and then pause to pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 8th	Morning	GENESIS 18 vs 1-15– take time to consider these words this new dayAnd then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 9th	Morning	GENESIS 18 vs 16-33 – as we pause with God today we consider these wordsand then respond in prayer with this God
	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 10th	Morning	GENESIS 22 vs 1-19 – As we pause with God this morning we consider these words - And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 11th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 24 - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those sleeping on our streets tonight
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 12th	Morning	GENESIS 25 vs 19-34 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these events this morning -- then pray in response to Father God
	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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

DECEMBER 23

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

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 December we journey through ADVENT together.



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.

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Fri 1st	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 6 – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words of prophecy 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
Sat 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 7 – as we pause with Jesus today, take time to consider these words of prophecy.... 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 chapter again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH 9 vs1-7 – take time to consider these words 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 4th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 1-8 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words..And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Street Pastors on duty tonight in our city
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 5th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 9-17 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular wordsand 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 6th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 18-26 – Pause with Jesus this morning. Consider these verses today...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on Street Pastors on duty across Scotland
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 7th	Morning	ISAIAH 40 vs 27-31 - consider this passage this morning – and then respond in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Street Pastors leadership team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 8th	Morning	ISAIAH 42 vs 1-9 – 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 9th	Morning	ISAIAH 42 vs10-17– 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 10th	Morning	ISAIAH 42 vs 18-25 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning...and then pause to pray in response.
	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 11th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 43 – take time to consider these words this new day And then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the work of Bethany Christian Trust
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 12th	Morning	ISAIAH 48 vs1-11 – as we pause with God today we consider these words from Himand then respond in prayer with this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

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	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 13th	Morning	ISAIAH 49 vs1-7– Pause with God this morning. Consider these words - And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the work of Edinburgh City Mission
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 14th	Morning	ISAIAH 51 vs1-16- consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those sleeping on our streets tonight
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 15th	Morning	ISAIAH 52 vs7-12 – 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 16th	Morning	ISAIAH 52 v13- ch.53 v12– 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
Sun 17th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 55 – take time to pause and consider these words and truths...And then pray to God 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...
Mon 18th	Morning	ISAIAH 56 vs1-8 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words 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 19th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 59 – as we pause with God today we consider these words....and then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
	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 20th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 61 – Pause with God this morning. Consider what is said here...And then turn to pray to this God
	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 21st	Morning	ISAIAH 63 vs7-19 - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on friends and family members
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 22nd	Morning	ISAIAH 65 vs1-16 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response 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 23rd	Morning	ISAIAH 65 vs17-25 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these words and truths - And then pray to this God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 24th	Morning	ISAIAH 66 vs1-16 we take time to consider these words of prophecy this particular morning And then pray to our God in response

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	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these set verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into CHRISTmas Day
Mon 25th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 1-7 – 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 those eating Christmas meal alone
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 26th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs 8-20 – as we pause with God today we consider these words about Jesus again.....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 God
Wed 27th	Morning	LUKE 2 vs21-40 – 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
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 28th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs 1-12 - consider this particular passage this morning 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 happens here and then pray
Fri 29th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs13-18 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to this Jesus
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our church Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect & pray to this God
Sat 30th	Morning	MATTHEW 2 vs19-23 – as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these few verses - And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 31st	Morning	MATTHEW 3 vs 1-17 – we take time to consider these words about Jesus this particular morning And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a New Year – together – with Him



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Sat 13th	Morning	GENESIS 27 v1 – ch 28 v9– as we pause with Jesus today we consider these words about Jacob And then pray to God as the day starts
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 14th	Morning	GENESIS 28 vs 10-22 – take time to pause and consider these words and events...And then pray to God in response on this Sunday
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours...
Mon 15th	Morning	GENESIS 29 v 31 -ch 30 v24 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these words today - And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our family members
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 16th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 32 – as we pause with God today we consider these events.....and then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
	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 17th	Morning	GENESIS 35 vs 1-15– Pause with God this morning. Consider what happens here...And then turn to pray to this God
	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 18th	Morning	GENESIS 37 vs 1-11- consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on local businesses near your home
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19th	Morning	GENESIS 37 vs 12-36 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these events this morning... And then pray in response 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
Sat 20th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 39– as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and events - And then pray to God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 21st	Morning	GENESIS 41 vs 1-40 - we take time to consider these words this particular morning And then pray to our God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these set verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 22nd	Morning	GENESIS 41 vs 41-57– as we pause with God, take time to consider these events and words today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those who live alone in our community
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tues 23rd	Morning	GENESIS chapter 42– as we pause with God today we consider these eventsand 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 God
Wed 24th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 43 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these events written here...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those who live in care and nursing homes

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	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 25th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 44 - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the wider SEECOS Church family
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
Fri 26th	Morning	GENESIS chapter 45 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to Father God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Sat 27th	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect & pray to Father God
	Morning	GENESIS 46 v26- ch 47 v12– as we pause with Jesus today take time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Sun 28th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
	Morning	GENESIS chapter48 – we take time to consider these words about this family this particular morning And then pray to God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him
Mon 29th	Morning	GENESIS 49 vs 1-28 – as we pause with God, take time to consider this family blessing today.....And then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on families where there is a lack of peace
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 30th	Morning	GENESIS 49 v29 -ch 50 v14 – as we pause with God today we consider these particular wordsand 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 God
Wed 31st	Morning	GENESIS 50 vs 15-26 – 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
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God



Advent Reflections

There will be four Advent Reflections on Monday evenings from 27th November to 18th December at St. Gregory's Church, Walter Scott Avenue from 7-8pm, followed by refreshments 8-8.30pm. The Connect Groups in the RC Cluster of Churches have prepared the programmes, giving time and space to listen to God's Word, sing, pray and share with one another. Everyone is welcome to join for one or all of the evenings.

Carol Singing

We sing carols to shoppers in Morrisons, Gilmerton Road, on Saturday, 16th December, from 12 noon to 1pm. Come and join in!

Christian Unity Week

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually held across Britain and Ireland between 18th and 25th January. This year we have two services:

- 1) Monday 22nd January (short service) 2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View.
- 2) Thursday 25th January (main service followed by refreshments) 7pm at St. Gregory's Church, Walter Scott Avenue

If you can't go to the services, please pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Desks in January and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is *"You shall love the Lord your God . . . and your neighbour as yourself."* (Luke 10:27)

Full Programme

The full programme is on the website www.seecat.org or printed copies on yellow card are available from the welcome desks, the Offering House or the Kirk Centre entrance.

Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)

Kirkgate Cafe

The Café is open Monday to Thursday
9am – 2pm (last service at 1.30pm)



Christmas Lunches

Tickets now on sale! Christmas lunches will be held on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th with two sittings 12pm and 1pm. The menu is a set menu and will consist of soup of the day, turkey sandwich and mincemeat treat with tea/coffee. Tickets are £10, and booking is essential.



Thank you for 2023

On Thursday 21st December the café would like to thank all the loyal customers and everyone who has helped to make 2023 a success by opening 9am – 12pm for free mince pies with free tea/filter coffee. Please note that there will be no other menu on offer that day. Last trading day will be Wednesday 20th December.

Christmas Holidays

Kirkgate café will be closed from 12pm on Thursday 21st December, reopening on Monday 8th January 2024. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and wish you a happy new year.

Jenny Thomasi Kirkgate Café Manager
kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net tel.07894056216

Appeal for Help: Kirkgate Evening Café

Kirkgate Evening café would like to open again in 2024 on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening 5pm-8pm during term time when the uniformed organisations are on, providing a space for parents and carers to sit and have a cuppa while they are waiting for the children. To be able to open we need a team of volunteers, even for one night a month, then please get in touch with Jenny (Kirkgate café manager) at kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net tel.07894056216

A Prayer for the Month of January

*O God of Adam
Abraham, Jacob and Joseph
Our God
Travel with us*

*God of beginnings
Journeys, dreams and family
Our God
Go before us*

*God of future planning
Speaking, moving and tomorrows
Our God
Be with us*

*Today, tomorrow and forever
In Jesus' name
Amen*

Laura: December! And we are busy!



Like most of you, we are winding up to the Christmas period now in the Liberton Kirk age group.

We kick off our Christmas festivities with our final Messy Church for the year on 25th November (4-6pm ish). Our November **Messy Church** is always based around the Christmas story, with an assortment of crafts (involving significantly more glitter than the rest of the year – it is Christmas after all), games, a bible story, songs, yummy food and all the cakes!

Our December **Pram Praise** is on 8th December (11am)– and you guessed it, the theme is Christmas!

This years' **Nativity Service** is on 17th December at our 11am service as usual. Cute kids in costumes and the story of Jesus birth – what more could you ask for?! Oh! A **Christingle Service** I hear you say? Well don't worry, we have one of those on the 24th December at 4pm – don't forget your orange! (Both of these services will be on Zoom as well if you are unable to make it in person.)

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that you find time to rest and relax amidst the fun (and chaos).

Merry Christmas!

Love **Laura and all the volunteers.**

Christingle
4pm Christmas Eve
at Liberton Kirk

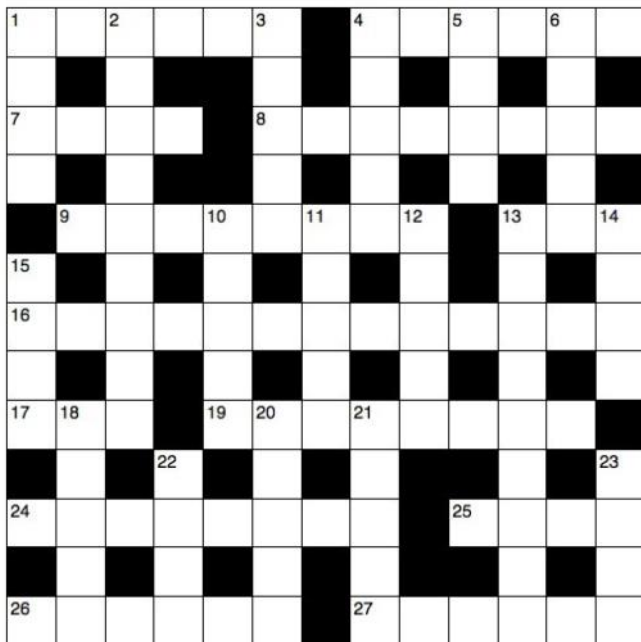
This is a family service, all ages
welcome.
No need to book.

Don't forget to bring an orange

Crossword

Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)



- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4) 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4) 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6) 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

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Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2) 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5) 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

Congregational News



I am pleased to announce that as of 25th October Mr Bill Witherspoon has become a new member of Liberton Kirk.

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



- 3rd Dec Mrs Margaret Burns
- 10th Dec Mrs Dorothy Parr, in memory In memory of Grandma G & James & Helen Whyman
- 17st Dec Mrs Ann Morgan and family, in memory of Margaret Barrow
- 24th Dec Flower Group
- 31st Dec Flower Group

Please note that the church will b open at 9 a.m. on 16thSaturday for Christmas deco-oration for which we shall be grateful for help. **Jean Gray** Convener

January Convener Jill Snowden

- 7th Jan Claire Mayberry, in memory of my parents Grace and Vic Willshire
- 14th Jan Katie Harrison, in memory of David Harrison
- 21st Jan Caroline Barlee, in memory of David C.B. Maitland
- 28th Jan Judy Weston, in memory of Elsie Weston

**Can you believe we're into December already?
That can only mean PAR-TY TIME!**



**Our Christmas party is on
THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER**

**It's as usual in the Anderson Hall
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Lou**

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**Our club closes for the Christmas holidays and opens again on
Thursday 11th January 2024**

Our December Entertainers

- 7th DOUGIE MCQ and our last raffle of the year
- 14th OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH STEVIE QUINN, SANTA OR A PAL

Our January Entertainers

- 11th OUR OPENING MEETING with ALAN WEATHERHEAD
- 18th KIRK JAMES and the 1st raffle of the year
- 25th BUTTERFLY MUSIC Margo

OUR DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th MARION RHODES
8th PEARL KELLY
9th JOHN PAUL
10th ALISON ROBB
17th EVELYN EADIE
17th ANN McCANN
17th HELEN DAVIDSON
18th ANN WOODWARD
25th CATHY MUIR our Christmas
baby

OUR 2024 JANUARY BAIRNIES

1st LIA GIBSON has a special
birthday
5th BESSIE KEITH has a special
birthday
12th EFFIE MMCGRATH
13th ELLEN RILLAY
17th ELIZABETH SOUTAR
19th JACK ABBOT
20th ANN KNOX
23rd BILL MERCER

We hope you all have a lovely break, that you will keep well, and we look forward to another great season of our very special club.

Don't forget, it's all you wonderful people who make it a wonderful club

Jenni and all her helpers wish you a very special Christmas and a Happy New Year..

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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



Elders' Duties - December to February

		Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
9.30 am	1 West	David Lamb	Tom Baxendale	Christina Young
	2 East	Eric Brown	Grant Cook	Alan Carmichael
10.30/	1 West	Ruth Davies	Mary Davidson	Chris Brandie
11am	2 East	Janice Wilson	Jill Niven	Marie-Louise Robb
	3 Gallery	Claire Mayberry	Netta Rough	Bill Robb
	4 Front gate	David Colley	Linda Skinner	Margaret Brandie
	5 Banker	David Lamb	Jacqui Tait	Stewart Heney

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

Please see diary pages for details of our services

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Weekly Groups

Friday Fellowship – Friday morning in the Kirk Centre
Ruth Davies, r.davies335@btinternet.com, 664 3608

Fortnightly Groups

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Veronica Craig, veronicacraig41@gmail.com

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