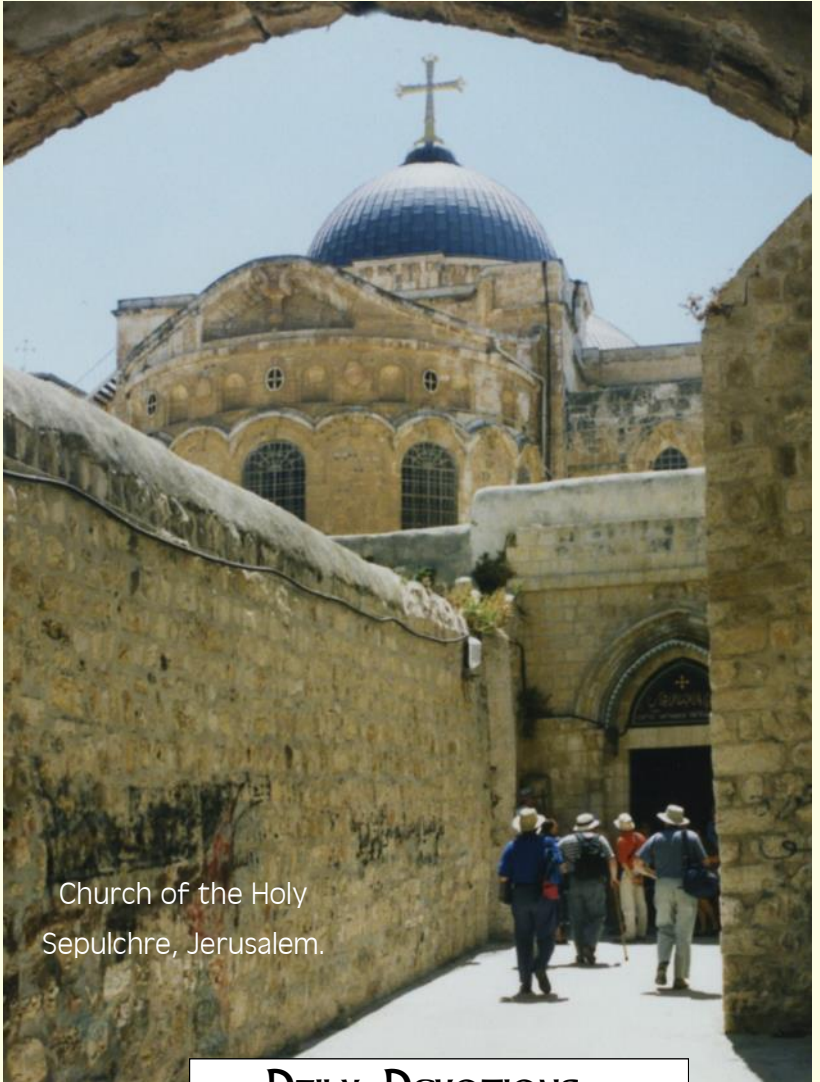


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Prayer for February

O LORD our God, The God of Moses and Joshua
The God of miracles and signs, O LORD our God
Come near to us

O LORD our God, The God of miracles and signs
The God of holy things, O LORD our God
Be merciful to us

O LORD our God, The God of holy things
The God of battles and victories, O LORD our God
Help us we call out

In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen

A lesson from Mr. Bates

Over the past few weeks, our news headlines have been dominated but what has become known as 'The Post Office Scandal', something which was brought into the public domain very effectively by the ITV drama series, 'Mr Bates versus the Post Office'. As a result, not only are attempts being made to speed up the compensation being offered to the hundreds of victims of the scandal, but there is also talk of parliamentary legislation for them all to be given an official pardon.

One of the things which this has highlighted is the power of our judicial system. How, if we know we have been treated unfairly, and if we are willing to pursue our case through the courts, then, eventually, justice will be done.

Justice in Jesus day was a bit more arbitrary, and much more dependent on the character of the judge involved. But he uses this to make the point that, if you persist with your case, even the most unjust judge is likely to give in in the end. He tells the story of a widow who has been badly treated, and who petitions a judge again and again for justice.

The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't

fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!" (Luke 18.4-5)

And Jesus goes on to say...

"Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?" (18.6-7, New Living Translation)

Jesus had told this story as a way of encouraging us to be persistent in prayer, and not to give up. The judge in the story might not have cared about the widow, or her cause, but God cares about us, and knows our needs – more than we will ever know.

So, we can learn a lesson from the persistence of Mr Bates. Is there something you have been praying about for so long that you have been tempted to give up? Jesus is encouraging us to keep going. And he has promised that all our prayers will be heard and none of them will be wasted.

Much love



Our Theme for 2024 is 'Be dressed and ready for service, and keep your lamps burning' (Luke 12.35)



Faith Story from Janet McKenzie



I am Janet McKenzie and I am the Ordained Local Minister at Tron Kirk Gilmerton and Moredun. I hate having my photo taken. This one is called 'the only good photo of me ever' and I must admit, it is quite old – two pairs of glasses ago!

I worked for the City of Edinburgh Council in many roles for 32 years and was active in my home church of London Road as an elder and Session Clerk, though at a course for Session Clerks, my skills profile looked like an upside down version of all the others. I scored highest in preaching and teaching, while they were the organisers!

I became a lay reader in 2011, having done a lot of what I call 'the Moses' – not me, God, not now! And then I soon realised that I was frustrated by not being able to lead congregations in the celebration of communion, so did some further training and got 'through the transfer window' to become an OLM.

This is a lot of what I do at Tron:

I am very involved in food poverty measures at Tron, running the Foodbank and community lunches as well as regularly leading worship (and communion!). This work is so important for the communities on our doorstep where addiction, benefit and budgeting issues hit hard. We are blessed to be supported by all the SEECoS churches financially and by food donations. We couldn't keep going without you!



Janet McKenzie

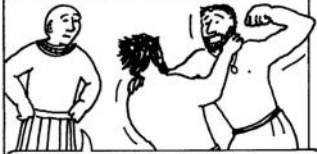
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Exodus 2:13-4:23, 4:27-5:2

Moses: a Hebrew adopted by an Egyptian princess. He killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave, and hid the body.

The next day...



Why are you beating up one of your own people?

Are you going to kill me like you killed that Egyptian?



Moses had to run away from Egypt.



He went to Midian, got married and looked after his father-in-law's sheep.



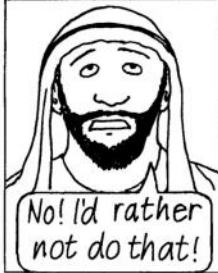
One day, on Sinai Mountain, he saw a burning bush that didn't burn up. Now God had got Moses' attention, He said..



You will go to Pharaoh and tell him to let my people leave Egypt.



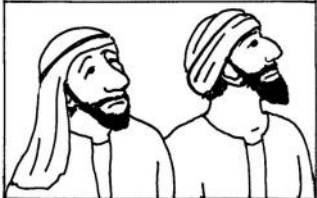
No! I'd rather not do that!



It's not a choice. Your brother Aaron can help you



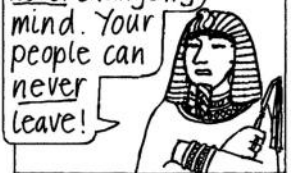
Aaron and Moses met up and went to see Pharaoh



Our God says you must let all his people leave Egypt.



Your God means nothing to me. I will never change my mind. Your people can never leave!



February 2024

Thursday 1st	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Spring Alpha Course begins in the Kirk Centre
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
Monday 5th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Kirkgate Cafe Board Meeting 7.30pm The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 6th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm History Resource Group (zoom) 2.30pm Service at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wed'day 7th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 11.00am – Pram Praise in the Small Hall
Thursday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre
Friday 9th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 11th	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: Jeremiah buys a field (Jeremiah 32) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 3.00pm Anderson Hall - Special Communion Service 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 12th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 13th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre
Friday 16th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Saturday 17th	10am-12noon – Kirk Centre – Guild Spring Coffee Morning
Sunday 18th	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: Jeremiah's Scroll (Jeremiah 36)
 Preacher: Alastair Cameron

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

2.30pm SEECAT business meeting at St Gregory's

6.30pm **Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**

Monday 19th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm The Guild meets in the Anderson Hall

Tuesday 20th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm Kirk Centre – Israel/Palestine information evening
 (World Mission Team)

Wed'day 21st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home
 7.30pm Kirk Session Executive in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.00pm – Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
 7.00pm – Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre

Friday 23rd 1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 24th 4.00pm-6.00pm – **Messy Church in the Kirk Centre**

Sunday 25th **SOUPER 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)
 Theme: Jeremiah in a well (Jeremiah 38)
 Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

12.30pm Bread and soup lunch in the Anderson Hall

6.30pm **Joint prayer and worship at the Gilmerton Hub**

Monday 26th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 27th 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 28th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
 2.00pm – Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
 7.00pm – Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre

March 2024

Friday 1st	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre 2.00pm World Day of Prayer service at Ferniehill Evangelical Church
Saturday 2nd	2.30pm Kirk Centre – afternoon concert with Bruce Davies
Sunday 3rd	COMMUNION SUNDAY (All welcome!) 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: A man at work (Matthew 9.1-13) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Invitation to Souper Sunday 2024:

A Fundraiser for HIV Projects

The Liberton Kirk World Mission Team are excited to announce that our annual Souper Sunday event is back! This year, we are hosting it at our church halls on Sunday 25th of February 2024 from 12.30pm. We invite you to join us for a warm bowl of soup, while supporting a worthy cause in fundraising for HIV projects globally.

Souper Sunday is an event where we serve a simple lunch of soup and bread to raise funds for HIV projects. The funds raised from this event go towards supporting people living with HIV and AIDS, as well as towards research and awareness programs. Souper Sunday has a rich history of supporting HIV-related partner projects all around the world, from Scotland to the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. Since its inception in 2002, Souper Sunday has raised over £500,000.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the LK family, your friends and everyone in the community to come and join us for this event. Whether you are a long-time supporter of Souper Sunday or a first-time attendee, we promise you a time of fellowship, fun and inspiration.

Please, mark your calendars for Sunday 25th February and come join us for Souper Sunday 2024. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS as part of our call to mission.

God bless you.

Nelson Muturi LK World Mission Team



Bruce Davies Concert

Saturday 2nd March at 2.30 p.m. in the Kirk Centre



Those of you who have been at Bruce Davies' previous concerts in Liberton Kirk will know what a wonderful entertainer he is. Expect the best of music from Scotland and beyond when he makes a welcome return on Saturday 2nd March. Not only is he a faithful interpreter of the music of Scotland, he is also an award winning songwriter. He has performed in the United States and has a long list of radio and television credits, including Songs of Praise. Tickets, with suggested donation of £8, will be available after services in February or by contacting Mary Davidson on 664 6789. The proceeds from the concert will go to support the work of the Kirk's World Mission Team.

Mary Davidson (World Mission Team)

Elders' Duties - February to April

			Feb-24	Mar-24	April-24
9.30 am	1 West		Christina Young	David Lamb	Tom Baxendale
	2 East		Alan Carmichael	Eric Brown	Grant Cook
10.30/	1 West		Chris Brandie	Derek Jardine Christine John-	Alastair Cameron
11am	2 East		Marie-Louise Robb	son	Janice Wilson
	3 Gallery		Bill Robb	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry
	4 Front gate		Margaret Brandie	Eleanor Grieve	David Colley
	5 Banker		Stewart Heney	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke

Thanks from Lucy Paterson

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped when I took ill at the Philomusica Concert. All the prayers and kind thoughts are very much appreciated. Thankyou also for the lovely flowers delivered after the service on Sunday 7th January I am at home again now and feeling fine.

Lucy Paterson.

Basics Bank - [Foodbank] - Tron Kirk

As members will know, for some time we have been supporting the work of the Basics bank, [formerly known as Food Bank] organised by the folks at Tron Kirk. Continued thanks go to all who have supported our work. It is hoped that this will continue, and others in the congregation may wish to assist. The boxes in the Offering House are available for (a) any tinned, dried or long-life food donations, instant foods like Pot Noodle and Cuppa Soups, and (b) toiletries and household necessities.

During the Easter and Christmas seasons, the donation boxes are located within the Kirk Centre. In addition, there is a box at the front of the garage at 36 Liberton Drive.

In the calendar year 2023, significant monetary donations have been given by generous members of the congregation, and this has enabled us to send the Basics Bank support of over £2,500. Donations in cash or by cheque can be passed to me for immediate onward transmission to the Tron Bank account; I then give the Tron Treasurer intimation of these funds – destined specifically for the Basics Bank.

I would be happy to answer queries or discuss at any time.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive , EH16 6NN, tel. 0131.664.3059

Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

Kirkgate Café

What an eventful month December was for the café and all the volunteers. Thank you to everyone who booked a Christmas lunch with us, we served 72 customers their lunches over three days which took amazing teamwork from everyone involved.



Kirkgate Café turn 9!

On 2nd February Kirkgate café opened its door 9 years ago, as the 2nd is on a Friday this year, we will be celebrating our birthday on Thursday 1st February instead.

Join the Kirkgate Café team

We have a couple of days where we could do with another pair of hands to help in the café. Tuesdays 11.30-1.30 or Thursday 11.30-1.30, no experience is needed. Would you like to be part of a lovely friendly team? Contact Jenny (Café manager) on 07894056216 or kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net for a chat.

A Habit of Mind

The latest book by local author and loyal customer, Roderick Hart, is now available in the café for £10.

A Habit of Mind is the second title in the Douglas Hunter series and, as before,

all proceeds will go to the café. For anyone who missed it, last year's title, *Interleaved Lives*, is available from the author. Again, all proceeds will go to the café. Just mention it to Jenny.

The new book begins where the previous one left off. To quote the cover: Setting up a private detective agency is easy, getting it to operate properly is not. The radical response to a stalker by one of his colleagues is bad enough, but his technology expert stretches the boundaries of legality so far it would sink the business if word got out. Which makes it difficult to win the approval of DS Anastasia Cook, something he needs to do for business reasons, but increasingly wants to do for other reasons as well. With film conventions, psychics, incendiary devices, and electronic sleights of hand, who could blame him for feeling autumn leaves were falling and winter was just round the corner.

Best Wishes, **Jenny Thomasi**, Kirkgate Café Manager

Israel-Palestine Conflict an Information Evening



**Tuesday 20th February, 2024, 7:30pm – 9:30pm,
Liberton Kirk Centre**

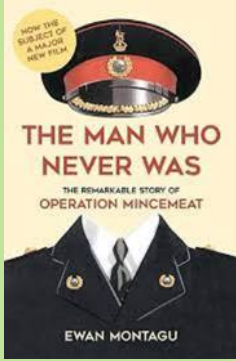
Are you concerned about the current conflict in Israel, and interested in understanding better what is going on? Do you wonder what to hope and pray for, in this situation?

The evening will focus on offering a conceptual framework to help people process their thoughts and feelings about the current conflict. Everyone is welcome to bring their questions, emotions, and opinions.

Rev James Aitken, minister of St. Ninian's, Corstorphine, will lead this event. He has extensive experience living and working in the Middle East, as well as an informed understanding of the historical context of the current conflict in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

This event is organised through Presbytery, and supported by Liberton Kirk's World Mission Team. Tea and coffee will be served. Free entry, no ticket required.

Guild News for February



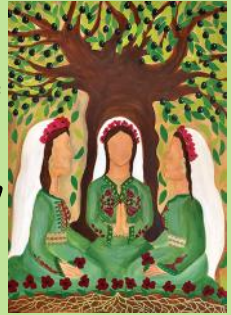
On [Monday 5 February](#) Roy Johnstone is going to tell us all about *The Man Who Never Was* which is based on the book of the same name by Lt. Cmdr. Ewen Montagu and chronicles *Operation Mincemeat*, a 1943 British intelligence plan to deceive the Axis powers into thinking the Allied invasion of Sicily would take place elsewhere in the Mediterranean. There will be a sales table. We look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 17 February is the **GUILD SPRING COFFEE MORNING**. This is from 10am to 12 noon in the Kirk Centre in aid of our two projects *UNIDA* and *PIONEERS*. We look forward to welcoming you. Admission Adults £4.00 and Children free. See Notice Board for more details.



On **Monday 19 February** Our speaker is Tom Gordon and his talk is entitled *Did That Actually Happen?* Tom is a retired Church of Scotland minister, a former hospice chaplain and a bereavement care facilitator. He writes extensively and has had several books published. We look forward to seeing you there.

On **Friday 1 March** the Guild begin the month with the World Day of Prayer Service held in Fernieside Evangelical Church, 19 Ferniehill Road, EH17 7AA at 2.30 pm. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Palestine and their theme is "*I beg you bear with one another in love*".



On **Monday 4 March** Gary Ross is going to share with us his memories of a holiday he took last year to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

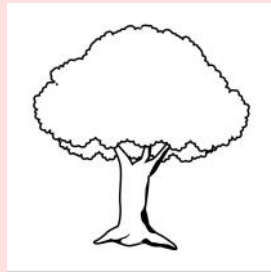
FEBRUARY 24

I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt,
where you were slaves. Exodus 20 verse 2

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 February we journey through EXODUS and JOSHUA 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 FEBRUARY 24

Thur 1st	Morning	EXODUS chapter 1 - consider this passage today – and then respond in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Colombia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 2nd	Morning	EXODUS chapter 2 – As we pause with God, take time to consider God at work 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 3rd	Morning	EXODUS chapter 3 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these particular events 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 4th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 5 – we take time to consider these events 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 5th	Morning	EXODUS 7 vs 8-24– take time to consider these verses this new dayAnd then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Indonesia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 6th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 11 – 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 7th	Morning	EXODUS 12 verses 1-42 – As we pause with God today we consider these dramatic events - And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Syria
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thurs 8th	Morning	EXODUS 13 vs 17-22 - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Central Asia
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 9th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 14 – 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 ours
Sat 10th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 15 – as we pause with Jesus today we consider this song of Moses And then pray to this 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 11th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 19 – 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...

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Mon 12th	Morning	EXODUS 20 vs 1-17 – 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 OPEN DOORS at work in Uganda
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 13th	Morning	EXODUS 23 vs 1-13 – as we pause with God today we consider these truths.....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 14th	Morning	EXODUS chapter 32 – Pause with God this morning. Consider all that happens here...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Iraq
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 15th	Morning	JOSHUA 1 vs 1-9 - consider these particular events this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Nigeria
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 16th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 3 – 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 17th	Morning	JOSHUA 5 vs 13-15 – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these few verses today - 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 18th	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 7 - 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 19th	Morning	JOSHUA 10 vs 1-15 – 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 OPEN DOORS at work in Malaysia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 20th	Morning	JOSHUA 13 vs 1-7 – as we pause with God today we consider these versesand 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 21st	Morning	JOSHUA 14 vs 6-15 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words about Caleb written here...And then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Armenia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 22nd	Morning	JOSHUA 18 vs 1-10 - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Laos
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
Fri 23rd	Morning	JOSHUA chapter 20 – 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
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect & pray to Father God

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 24

- Sat 24th Morning JOSHUA chapter 23 – as we pause with Jesus today. Take time to consider these words of Joshua - And then pray to his 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 25th Morning JOSHUA 24 vs 1-4 – we take time to consider these few words 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 26th Morning JOSHUA 24 vs 5-13 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these verses today.....And then pray in response
Midday We pray God's blessing on OPEN DOORS at work in Philippines
Evening read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 27th Morning JOSHUA 24 vs 14-18 – 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 verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 28th Morning JOSHUA 24 vs 19-28 – 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 OPEN DOORS at work in Niger
Evening read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 29th Morning JOSHUA 24 vs 29-33 - consider this short passage this morning and then respond in prayer to our Faithful God
Midday We pray God's blessing on the OPEN DOORS leadership team
Evening read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB FEBRUARY 2024



The club has been back since 11th January after our Christmas break. Unfortunately we have lost 2 of our club members Anne Bowman and Annie Ogden we will miss them. We send our thoughts & prayers to their grieving families & friends. ☐

On a happier note we have more great entertainers, a new entertainer Kirsty Duncan on the 15th, more birthday cakes, more chat, more afternoons, more visiting charities, more fun & more friendships.

February Birthdays

- 2 Jean O'Donnell
- 15 Cathy Scott
- 22 Romana Speakman celebrating her amazing 100th birthday. We have to tell everyone!
- 23 Frank Pritchard
- 25 Isa Whitson
- 25 Brenda Oldroyd celebrating a special '0' birthday
- 27 Dot Lumsden



February Entertainers

- 1 Stevie Quinn Our lovely favourite guy
- 8 Dougie McQ making his geetar talk
- 15 Kirsty Duncan a brand new singer & RAFFLE
- 22 The lovely local lass Rose McBeath
- 29 Our one & only in-house entertainers The Jobs

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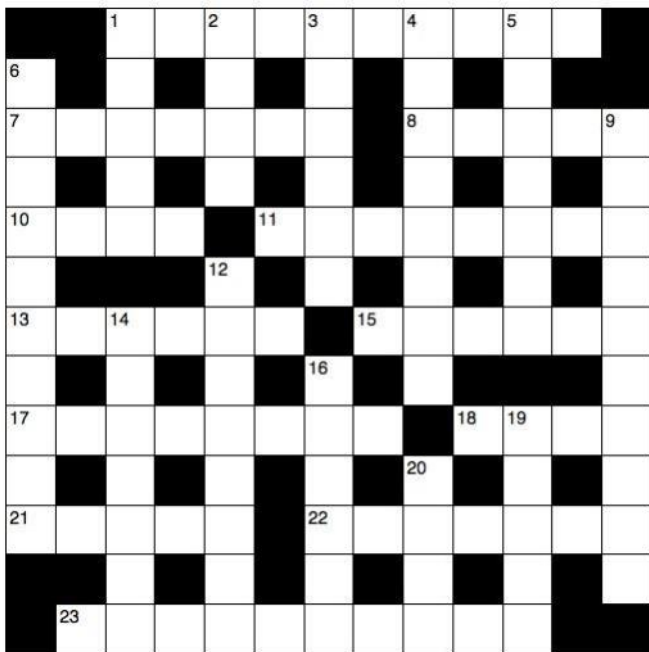
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Secretary- Lou Ogilvy on seniorslk@gmail.com



Across

- 1** Success or wealth
(Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7** Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8** Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10** Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11** Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13** Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15** Breakwater (6)
- 17** Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18** More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21** After living for 365 years, it was said of him that ‘he walked with God’ (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22** Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23** For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

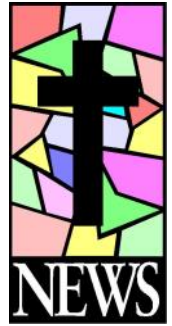


Down

- 1** Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2** Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3** So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4** Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5** Paul’s ‘fellow worker’, to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6** God’s foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9** Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12** ‘The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever’ (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14** ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ’ (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16** The central element in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19** ‘On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it’ (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20** City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

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Congregational News



I am pleased to announce that as of 15th November 2023, Mr George Young, 19th November 2023, Miss Miriam Chittick and Miss Lydia Chittick, 26th November 2023, Mrs Jenny Thomasi and Mr Andy MacGill and 8th January 2024, Mr Christopher McLeod, Mrs Elizabeth McLeod and Miss Fiona McLeod have all become new members of Liberton Kirk.

Meanwhile I am sorry to record the death of Mrs Marion Pride in June 2023, Mrs Margaret Williamson on 5th November 2023, Mrs Annette Blane on 11th November 2023, Mrs Jesse Loraine on 24th December 2023 and Professor Maureen Meikle on 31st December 2023 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



February Convenor Mrs Lynn Maxwell

4th Feb Vacant

11th Feb Ms Margaret Thomson in memory of Ivy and William Jameson

18st Feb Mrs Mary Munro in memory of husband John

25th Feb Flower Conveners in memory of all past Flower Conveners

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Rwanda Flood Relief Report

When the floods and landslides hit on the night of May 2nd 2023, it was a big disaster in the northern and western provinces of Rwanda. There were about 136 people who immediately died during that night. About 5000 houses were destroyed and many families were forced to leave their homes because they were in a high risk zone.



<https://comfortinternational.org/blog/summer-appeal-report-part-1-rwanda-flood-relief/>

World Mission Team News

Mission Sunday at Liberton Kirk is scheduled for the 28 January 2024.

This will take the usual format and amongst what will be presented is a Q&A session on the children's work of Comfort International in Rwanda. Callum Henderson, CEO will also be speaking on his charity work which started soon after the 100 day genocide in 1994 when sadly, some 800,000 people were victims of the violence that took place between the Tutsis and Hutus.

To support Mission Sunday Liz and Robert Snedden are planning a Mission trip familiarisation session sometime in the second half of February 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed).

Liz and Robert have visited Rwanda on several occasions and the idea of the evening will be to show people what's involved in a typical Mission trip.

If there is sufficient interest there is the possibility of arranging a trip in 2025 that Comfort International will lead.

If you are interested in such an evening please contact **Robert Snedden** by email, on robertsnedden1950@gmail.com. Watch out for more information in the church notices.

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Hushed was the Evening Hymn

This hymn may be fondly recalled by many. It does not appear in CH4 but may be found in Mission Praise and some older hymn books. It is sometimes marked "for children" but many older people singing it. The words were written by James Drummond Burns, a Presbyterian minister who was born in Edinburgh. They tell the story (in 1 Samuel, chapter 3) of the boy Samuel hearing the voice of the Lord while Eli the priest slept. The end of the second verse reads:



*And what from Eli's sense was sealed
The Lord to Hannah's son revealed.*

The hymn is sung to the tune Samuel, composed by Sir Arthur S. Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan fame. Sullivan wrote the tunes for a number of hymns, but Samuel is arguably the most attractive.

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

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Weekly Groups

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Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders – Tuesday evening in various homes
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New Habits – Wednesday evening in various homes
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If you would like to join one of these groups
(where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly),
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