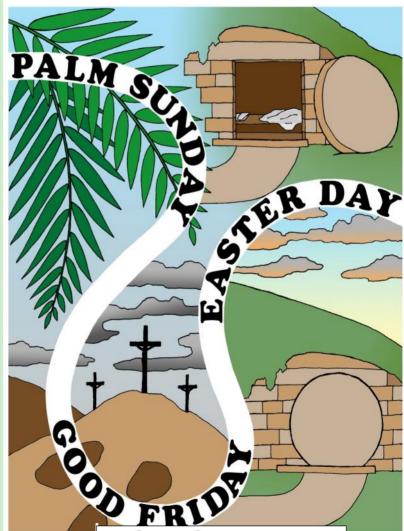
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'Our aim is
to draw
closer to God
and to each
other, so that,
through us,
He can make
known to all
people the
joys and
challenges of
following
Jesus'

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Prayer for March

LORD God, Our God Father God, Thank you For sending Jesus

Lord Jesus, Our Saviour Redeemer, Thank you For taking our place

Amen and Amen



The Knock-on Effects of Kindness

How many times have you had a conversation about Edinburgh buses recently, and, in particular, about the fact that often no buses come for ages, and then two turn up at once?

My sociology lecturer explained this to us once. Apparently it's less to do with bad timetabling, or even laziness on the part of the drivers. The main cause of this mysterious phenomenon, which is very much part of our daily lives, is kindness.

His explanation went something like this –

- When the first driver see's someone running for their bus, they have a choice – to drive on without them or to stop and wait for them to get on board
- If they choose to stop and wait for them, this will add an extra minute to the bus's journey time
- This will mean that, it will arrive at the next stop a minute later, and so another minute's worth of passengers will have arrived and be waiting for it
- Processing these additional passengers will also add to it's journey time, and, as a result, the number of passengers waiting at subsequent stops will also increase
- Their bus will, therefore, get more and more behind in its schedule

- In the meantime, the driver of the following bus will have less and less passengers to pick up – because they now are being picked up more and more by the first bus driver
- The second bus will, therefore, inevitably catch up with the first

Of course, if the first driver hadn't chosen to wait a minute for the person running for the bus, none of this would have happened in the first place. The fact that their bus is now late is due to their act of kindness

Kindness is not a bad thing. I often feel that civilization survives, not because of its rules and regulations, but because of individual acts of kindness.

Kindness, along with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness and self-control, is one of the 'fruits of the Spirit' (Galatians 5.22). Kindness is also one of the virtues we are encouraged to clothe ourselves with, along with compassion, humility, gentleness, and patience (Colossians 3.12).

Kindness doesn't cost us anything, but it can have a big impact on someone's life, especially if they are having a hard time. So, let's be kind to our bus drivers, and especially the ones who's buses are a bit late. Who knows, maybe it will help to make their day.

Much love

Jan.

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



Ready for Service - Meet the SEECOS Family

Our family moved to S. E. Edinburgh in 2003 and we have been members of Liberton Northfield for seven years, having previously been at a church in Tollcross. Both Marie and I are elders and I have recently taken over of Convener of the SEECOS Communications Group.

Our three kids are all in their 30s and making their way in their careers. We are very fortunate that they all live in Edinburgh, so we get to see them and our grandsons regularly.

Prior to retiring last summer, I worked for the Church of Scotland. I was (mainly) Asia Secretary for 20 years, an endlessly fascinating role working with church partners in 12 countries in the most diverse continent on the planet.



Before that Marie and I were mission partners in Pakistan where two of our colleagues, albeit 1,000 miles away at the other end of the country, were a certain John and Lindsay Young.

Since retiring I have really enjoyed being able to read for pleasure (the Ambrose Parry Raven and Fisher series, Amitav Chosh's Ibis trilogy among others) and have been warned to stop buying books about China and Korea!

I am season ticket holder at Airdrieonians FC and Saturdays are centred around

following the Diamonds. After a decade in League 1, it is so good to be back in the Championship!

We both enjoy the cinema and most weeks we go to see a film at the Cameo. Recent favourites are Anatomy of a Fall, Fallen Leaves, and Past Lives.

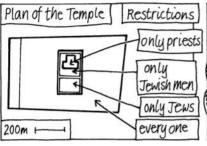
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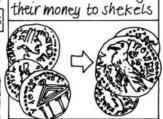
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It can be read in the Bible in Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19: 45-48

A short story from the Bible

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...





Visitors had to change

They had to buy special animals to sacrifice...













SAT-7, A Talk About Their Work

Wednesday 3rd April in the Small Hall at 7.30pm, Liberton Kirk Church Halls



The World Mission Team warmly invite you to join us for an evening presentation and talk about the hopeful and transformative work of SAT-7, led by the charity's Scottish Ambassador, John Duncan.

Sat-7 broadcasts prayerful, faith-filled, inspirational and educational Christian television and digital media throughout the Middle East and North Africa, including discipleship, children's and women's programmes.

Programmes are produced and presented by local people in three local languages – Arabic, Turkish and Farsi – and are led by a vision to see a growing church in this region. Some programmes are live and invite viewer participation, while others respond to



messages sent to their social media pages. Viewer support teams receive an average of 1,000 contacts a day.

SAT -7 offers hope

- to children caught up in the Holy Land war
- to isolated believers in Iran, particularly during and after the Iranian protests, in the wake of the killing of Mahsa Amini (Sept.'22)
- to those suffering after the Turkish earthquake (Feb.'23) and the Moroccan earthquake of September 2023.

Supporting this in the UK through giving, prayer and influencing is SAT-7 UK, a UK based charity.

Please email or text Roslyn Wilson on 07772115978, or <u>roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk</u> for a free ticket.

Donations will be welcome on the evening teas and coffees will be available.



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 2.30pm Kirk Centre – afternoon concert with Bruce Davies Saturday 2nd **COMMUNION SUNDAY** (All welcome!) Sunday 3rd 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 Monday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 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 7.30pm SEECOS Reps meeting at Gilmerton Hub Thursday 7th 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre 1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre Friday 8th Sunday 10th MOTHERING 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: A woman in need (Matthew 15.21-28) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Monday 11th (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – Kirk Session meets in the Wilson Hall Tuesday 12th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm SEECOS HR Team in McDonald Room 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Wed'day 13th 11.00am Pram Praise in the Small Hall 1.45pm The Guild meets Liberton High at the School 7.30pm Communications Team (on Zoom) 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre 9.00am-2.00pm - Kirkgate Café Thursday 14th 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall 7.00pm Spring Alpha Course in the Kirk Centre

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Ouriday 17th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
	9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
	Theme: A rich young man (Mark 10.17-27)
	Preacher: John Young
	11am All age Youth Service in the Kirk and on zoom 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	12.30pm LKC - Lunch for Uniformed Organisations
	6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 18th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
-	7.00pm The Guild AGM in the Anderson Hall
Tuesday 19th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 20th	7.30pm Service of Healing in the Kirk 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed day 2011	2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home
	7.30pm Kirk Session Executive in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 21st	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 22nd	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 24th	PALM 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)
	Preacher: John Young
	10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	7.00pm Joint Palm Sunday Evening Service at
Monday 25th	Ferniehill Evangelical Church 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Monday 25th	7.00pm Passover Meal at Tron Kirk (tickets essential)
Tuesday 26th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room
, -	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
	2.30pm Service at Guthrie House
	(No Congregational Gathering for Prayer this month)
Wed'day 27th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 28th	7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Catherines 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday Zolli	2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 29th	GOOD FRIDAY
, .	10.00am Prayer walk leaves Liberton Kirk
	11.00am Joint outdoor service at Morrisons
	3.00pm Joint service at Gracemount High
Caturday 20th	7.30pm Short service of reflection at Liberton Kirk
Saturday 30th	2.00-4.00pm – Toddlers Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic



Sunday 31st EASTER DAY

(British summer time – Clocks go forward 1 hour)

6.15am Gather at Braid Hills Driving Range

6.45am Dawn service at the Braid Hills trig point

8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk

& 11am All-age service in the Kirk and on zoom

Preacher: John Young

(bring a daffodil to both church services)

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

7.30pm RESURRECTION 2024 – Usher Hall

(book your free tickets from info@originscotland.org)

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Monday 1st NO KIRKGATE CAFE

Tuesday 2nd 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 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Thursday 4th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall

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 and

Sunday Club)
Theme:

Preacher: Rev John Cowie (tbc)

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

A Prauer for the Year

LORD God, Of all Time Of our times, Have mercy

LORD God, The Perfect Planner Of our times, Have mercy

LORD God, Of Yesterday Today and Tomorrow, Have mercy, Amen.

Cuild News for March



On Friday 1 March the Guild begin the month with the World Day of Prayer Service to be held in Ferniehill Evangelical Church, 19 Ferniehill Road, EH17 7AA at 2.00 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 to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.





Wednesday 13 March at 1.45 pm

We look forward to our visit to Liberton High School to spend an afternoon with some of the pupils.



Monday 18 March at 7 pm

Is our Annual General Meeting.

This will be followed by a Beetle Drive.





PROJECTS UPDATE

The latest updates on the six projects we have supported from 1 June 2021 to 31 January 2024 and are as follows.

Blether with Beat, supporting people living with an eating disorder and raising community awareness. £64,025.47

Home for good Scotland: Finding a home for every child, and supporting Christians to be involved in adoption and fostering. £85,666.80

Pioneers: Chocolate Heaven, supporting the development of sustainable chocolate production in South East Asia. £48,149.48



Starchild: Finding the light in every child, supporting children with autism and other learning disabilities in Uganda. £62.127.45

Unida: Hear our voice, supporting and empowering women in Brazil through theological education. £40.151.38

The Vine Trust: Kazunzu Village of Hope, supporting the development of a sustainable village in Tanzania. £67,332.55

The total raised for the Projects from 1 June 2021 to 31 January 2024 is £367,453.13.

Next Session we will start another fundraising cycle with new projects to support.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692



Pastoral Care Workshops

Saturday 27th April, 10am to 1.00pm, Liberton Northfield Church

Are you interested in supporting other people in need?

The SEECoS Pastoral Care Team have organised a morning of short workshops, as taster sessions, on the following topics:

- Bereavement support
- Suicide prevention
- First aid for everyone
- Dementia awareness

These are aimed at anyone who would like an introduction to the topic. Each workshop will last 30 - 40 minutes, and participants can attend as many or as few of the workshops they wish. Tea and coffee will be available. There is no cost involved, although donations for refreshments are welcome.

For more information, contact **Eleanor Grieve** (e-mail: ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk) or **Fiona Devoy** (e-mail: pastoralcare@libertonkirk.net)

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PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Please come and take part in some of the wonderful services and events in this most important week in church life.

PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday 24th March there is joint evening worship with other Big Idea Churches at 7pm in Ferniehill Evangelical Church, 19 Ferniehill Road, EH17 7AA. The speaker is Paul Haringman from Acorn Scotland.



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

The first joint SEECAT event is a **Passover Meal on Monday 25th March,** 7pm at Tron Kirk Moredun, Craigour Gardens, EH17 7NX (hosted by Tron and Liberton Northfield). We remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples just before his death. Tickets are essential for this event, as numbers are limited.

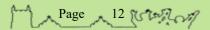
On Wednesday 27th March there's an ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service, 7.30pm in St. Catherine's Church, Gracemount Drive, EH16 6QP, at 7.30pm. We follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross and it is a very moving service. Refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall.

If you have any queries about these events or the Good Friday joint events please get in touch with Ruth Davies (Tel. 664 3608)

GOOD FRIDAY (29th March)

The day begins for us outside Liberton Kirk at 10 o'clock, when we set off on a **Prayer Walk**, meeting up with Liberton Northfield and St. Gregory's/St. John Vianney's at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. We stop at various points on the way where people gather (schools, residential homes etc.) to pray for our community. In the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock we hold an







Open-air Service. We are joined for this by others who have walked from Moredun (Tron Kirk and St. Barnabas') and from Gracemount (St. Catherine's and Gracemount Church), and by others not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a good SEFCAT place for after-service refreshments!

On Good Friday afternoon there is a **Joint Service at Gracemount High School** at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all. There is a cup of tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see very often.

If you are unable to be at either of these events, there will be a **Service of Wor-**

ship and Reflection at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

EASTER DAY (31st March)

NB Clocks move forward one hour at 2am

Four opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead! There will be a **Dawn Service at the Braid Hills Trig Point** at 6.45am (meet at the Golf Driving Range at 6.15am). Then a **short traditional service** in the Kirk at 9.30am, when you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock **family service** – all ages welcome.

In the evening Origin Scotland lead "Resurrection 2024" in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm, which is free but ticketed (donation optional). Details on their website www.originscotland.org





SEECAT Events – Holy Week

The very special events to be held in Holy Week in conjunction with other churches in the area are detailed on pages 12 and 13

If you haven't been to any of these annual events before, please do come along – it's very special to join with Christians from the other SEECAT churches in recognising the sacrifice of Jesus, our Saviour, on the cross. The Passover Meal on Monday 25th March is a ticketed event because of the catering involved and I will have our allocation of tickets nearer the time. All the other events and services are open to all who wish to come.

Ruth Davies (664 3608)

Song for Easter Morning

We plan to have a special song at the 11am service on Easter Day, and if you would like to be in the choir to sing this (everybody welcome!) please let me or Calum know. Music will be available to collect from me on Sunday 3rd March, and there will be a practice after the 11am service on the following 3 Sundays – 10th, 17th and 24th March

Hope to hear from you! Ruth Davies (664 3608)

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5 verse 1

e Manage

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 March we journey through Lent and Easter 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

Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet - Or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

of the day

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 24

Fri 1st	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 40 – As we pause with God, take time to consider the
		truths behind these words this morningAnd then pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on believers in North Korea
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God
Sat 2nd	Morning	ISAIAH 52 v13 - ch.53 - 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 3rd	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 55 – we take time to consider these words this Sunday
	NAC delege	morningand then pause to pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
NA (141a	Evening	read these words againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 4th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 56 – as we pause with our God, we take time to
	Midday	consider these particular words. And then pray to Him in response
	Midday Evening	We pray God's blessing on believers in Yemen
Tue 5th	Morning	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response ISAIAH chapter 59 – as we pause with God today we consider these
rue Jui	MOLLING	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 6th	Morning	ISAIAH chapter 61 – Pause with Jesus this morning. Consider these
	J	verses and events todayAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Egypt
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 7th	Morning	ISAIAH 65 vs 17-25 - consider this passage today – and then respond in
		prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Somalia
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 8th	Morning	PSALM 2 – As we pause with God, take time to consider the truths
		behind these words this morningAnd 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
0.4.041		ours
Sat 9th	Morning	PSALM 5 – as we pause with Jesus take the time to consider these
	Middav	particular words today And then pray to our God 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 10th	_	PSALM 6 – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday
Juli Totil	Morring	morningand then pause to pray in response.
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these words againreflect and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 11th	•	PSALM 8 – take time to consider these words at the start of this new
	J	weekAnd then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Eritrea
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 12th	Morning	PSALM 11 – as we pause with God today we consider these words
		and 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

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 24

Wed 13th	n Morning	PSALM 213 – 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 believers in Nigeria
	Evening	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 14th	n Morning	PSALM 14 - consider these particular words on this morning and then
		respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Pakistan
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 15th	Morning	PSALM 15 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses
		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 16th	Morning	PSALM 16 – as we pause with Jesus today we pause and consider
		these words 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 1/th	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 1-7 – take time to pause and consider these words and
		truthsAnd then pray to God in response on this Sunday
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
M = 4 O + le	Evening	read this passage againreflect and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 18tr	Morning	ROMANS 1 vs 8-32 – as we pause with God, we take time to consider
	Midday	these words today - And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Sudan
Tuo 40th	Evening Morning	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
rue istii	MOLLING	ROMANS 2 vs 1-16 – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand 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	1 Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 1-8 – Pause with God this morning. Consider what is said
WCG ZOG	i worriing	hereAnd then turn to pray to this God
	Middav	We pray God's blessing on believers in Iran
	Evenina	read the words again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 21st	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 9-20 - consider these particular words this morning and
		then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Afghanistan
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 22nd	Morning	ROMANS 3 vs 21-31 – As we pause with God, take time to consider
		these truths 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 23rd	Morning	ROMANS 5 vs 1-11 – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider
		these words and truths - 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 24th	Morning	Palm Sunday - ROMANS 5 vs 12-21 - we take time to consider these
		words this 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 againreflect and then pray to this God of ours

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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 24

Mon 25th	Morning	ROMANS 6 vs 1-14 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these
	Midday	particular words todayAnd then pray in response
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in India
Tue 26th	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response ROMANS 6 vs 15-23 – as we pause with God today we consider these truths
Tue Zouri	MOLLING	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	_	ROMANS 7 vs 7-25 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words
WCG 27 CH	Wichining	written hereAnd then turn to pray to God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Saudi Arabia
	Evenina	read the verses again – reflectand then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 28th		ROMANS 8 vs 1-17 - consider this particular passage this morning and then
	J	respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on believers in Syria
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to
		this God we believe in
Fri 29th	Morning	Good Friday - ROMANS 8 vs 18-39 - As we pause with God, take time to
		consider these verses And then pray in response to Father God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our family members and friends
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
Sat 30th	Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 1-11 – as we pause with Jesus today we 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
Sun 31st	Morning	EASTER Sunday – 1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 12-34 – we take the time to
		consider these significant words on this particular morning And then we
		pray to Father God in response
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read these verses againreflect and then pray to this God of ours as we
		step into a new week – together – with Him



Invite all men to A Beer and Curry Night Friday 19th April 7.30-9.30pm Kirk Centre £5pp BYOB Sign up sheets available soon!



SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB March 2024



Our Club reminds me of one of my favourite songs written by Tommy Sands, the chorus goes like this ... "Let the circle be wide round the fireside & we'll soon make room for you, Let your heart feel no fear for there's no strangers here, just friends that you never knew" That, to me, is what our Club is like!

Since the last magazine 3 of our members have passed on. We lost John Paul on 28th January, David Robertson on 31

January & Ellen Rilley on 1st February. We will miss all 3. David Robertson was our treasurer for many, many years & was well liked by all members. We send our thoughts & prayers to their grieving families & friends.

On a much happier note we have more great afternoons full of chat, more special birthday cakes for those members lucky enough to have a birthday ending with a 0 or 5, more fantastic entertainers, more visiting charities, more fun & more friendships. Good Friday is on 29th March & Easter Sunday 31st. We have resurrected our Easter Bonnet competition on 4th April so please decorate a hat & bring it. There will be prizes for the best hat(s). Last time the bonnets very amazing!

The clocks go forward early Sunday 31st March so make sure you put your clocks forward an hour or you'll walk into church an hour late & everyone will see you coming in



If you feel you or someone you know would benefit from coming to the Club please contact Jenni our President & she will advise you when you might be able to join. We do have 2 SEAG buses but there's a waiting list.

March Birthdays

5th Linda Wright our wonderful Pastoral Chaplain

6th Dot Jenkins, celebrating her 80th

10th Billie Reid celebrating a special birthday ending with a '0'

11th Mary Anderson

18th Ros McKenzie

21st Freida Forbes

23rd Jean Main, another special birthday ending with a '0'

26th Sheila Graham

28th Marion Alexander

28th Milly Hay

29th Liz Haws



March Entertainers

7th Kirk James with his wonderful tenor voice & another visit from our friends at Marie Curie bringing their goodies to sell

14th The Castaways a local 6 piece ladies group fi Penicuik

21th Alan Weatherhead & a visit from Bridgend Farmhouse with their amazing jams, chutneys & other items to sell

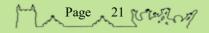
28th Stevie Quinn, Our 'auld' pal n his geetar & our March RAFFLE

Contact

President – Jenni Ryallls on 0131 258 0764 or 0741 533 5889 Chaplain – Linda Wright on 0785 041 1596 Secretary- Lou Ogilvy on seniorslk@gmail.com

Elders' Duties - March to May

9.30			March-24	April-24	May-24
am	1	West	David Lamb	Tom Baxendale	Rosy Carmichael
	2	East	Eric Brown	Alan Carmichael	Christina Young
10.30/	1	West	Derek Jardine	Alastair Cameron	Ruth Davies
11am	2	East	Christine Johnson	Janice Wilson	Alan Perry Margrethe van
	3	Gallery	Kim Denholm	Claire Mayberry	Dijke
	4	Front gate	Eleanor Grieve	David Colley	Linda Skinner
	5	Banker	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke	Jacqui Tait



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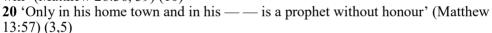
Crossword

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- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on —

 ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you

will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)



21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew

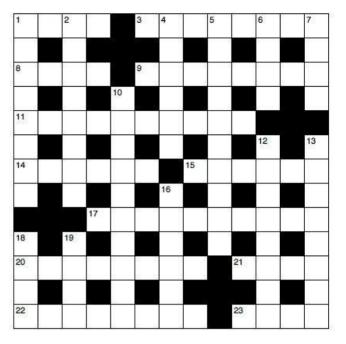
27:26) (8)

23 Eye sore (4)

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Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that —, Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 '——, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: '—— of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- **18** Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)



Congregational News

I am sorry to record the deaths of Mrs Alison Reid in November last year, Mr David Robertson on 17th January 2024, Mrs Marion Hughes on 4th February 2024, and Mrs Anne Cameron on 5th February 2024 and I send my sympathies and condolences to all family and friends.



Fditor

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 Audrey Hunter

3rd Feb Helen Sutherland in memory of Grace Moss

10th Feb Free

17th Feb Karen Ross

24th Feb Veronica Craig in memory of Geoffrey Craig

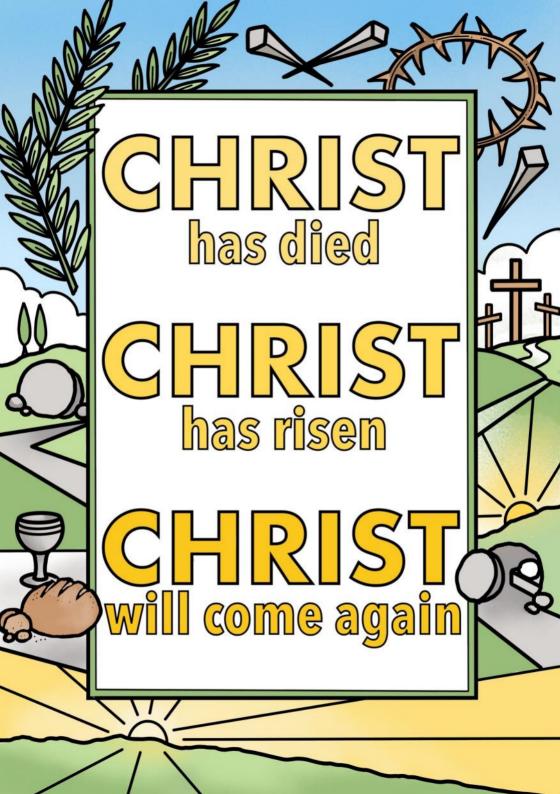
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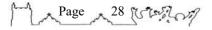
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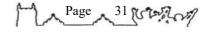
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For church notices. email: churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door.

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

Please see diary pages for details of our services

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact John Young if you have a special request. Contact can be made with the minister, by telephone, at the above number, but please note that he is **not** available through the day on Fridays.





Weekly Groups

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

Fortnightly Groups

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Linked to the Lord – Thursday evening in Liberton Grange. Linda Brown mammab176@gmail.com, 07516 811854, or Laura Crooke lauraec83@gmail.com, 07566 265816.

If you would like to join one of these groups (where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or you just want more information, contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net) or Caroline Barlee (barlee@blueyonder.co.uk) or the Group you are interested in.
