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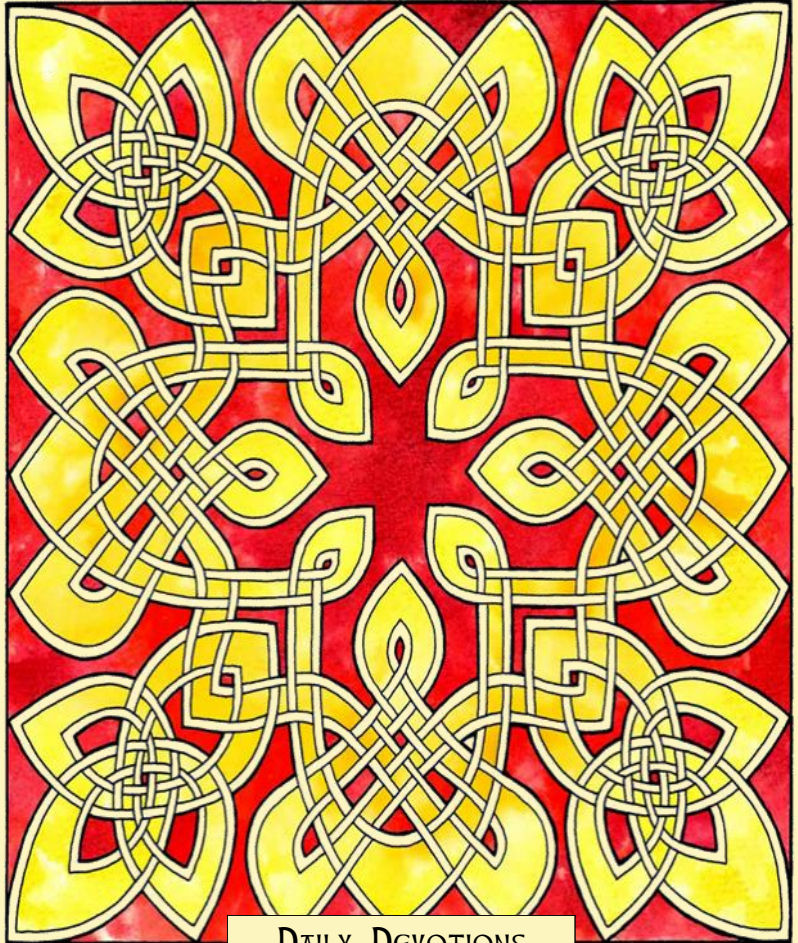


'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

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DAILY DEVOTIONS

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Prayer for May

*O Sovereign God
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy Will be done
In our world*

*O Almighty LORD
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy will be done
In our Church life and work*

*O Father God
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy will be done
In our lives
In my life*

*In Jesus' name
Amen and Amen!*



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



Travelling Well

Like Lindsay and I, you may have had the chance to watch the 'real life' television documentary which was screened during the Easter season called *'The Pilgrimage'*.

It follows a group of celebrities as they walk together through the beautiful North Wales countryside on their way to Bardsey Island. At first sight they appear to be a disparate bunch of people from different backgrounds and faith traditions, but what they all seem to share in common is a sort of 'wistfulness' – a hope that they are going to be changed by the pilgrim experience.

In the very first episode I was struck by one of the participants in particular, who made it very clear on several occasions that she had no time for what she labelled as 'organised religion'. The irony of her saying this was that, by going on a pilgrimage, this was exactly what she was so happily participating in.

Jesus doesn't call us to be part of an organisation, he simply says 'Come and follow me!' And, in time, his disparate bunch of followers, journeying together in the company of the Master, came to be known, collectively, as 'the church'. And, as the above mentioned TV program aptly demonstrates, when you spend time walking with others, and stopping off at various places to talk about the deeper things of life, you learn about and experience things you would never experience on your own.

Looking back over the years, this has been something we've experienced here at Liberton. Back in 2015 a bunch of us did this when we went on a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne. Every year, it is something that is seen over and over again by those who participate in the Good Friday prayer walk to Morrisons, and on the trek up to the top of the Braids for the dawn service on Easter morning.

And all year round, for those who love the challenge of outdoor exercise, there is the companionship offered by the 'Liberton Trotters' and the cycling group, while for those for whom this is now too much of a challenge, there is the joy of being part of a Link Group, or of volunteering together in things like the Kirkgate Café, or the Gardening Group.

When Jesus sent out his first disciples two by two, he did this for a reason. We learn along the way and more so as we share our experiences with each other. So, as our Spring slowly heads into our Summer, here's a challenge for us all.

When it comes to learning about your faith and putting it into practice, who are you walking with?

Much love
John x





This is a **global** prayer venture.

We are invited to pray for **5 people we know** to meet Jesus.

Daily Devotions from the Bible at 7am each morning on our website blog and social media pages.

Daily reflections on a different theme on social media each morning from Thy Kingdom Come.

Daily reflections on the themes **for Scotland** via the new Prayer Journal ... available in the Offering House and Kirk.

Upper Room creative focus for Thy Kingdom Come on Tuesday 14th May 7.30am-7.30pm.

Gathering for Prayer during these dates (and others) with others around the world as we pray for Thy Kingdom Come in our lives, our churches, communities, city, nation and world.

More information and resources from

www.thykingdomcome.global

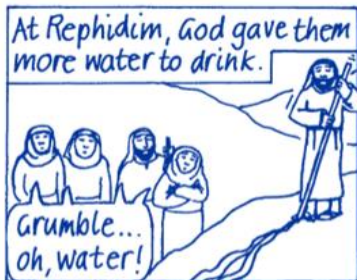
There are prayer request boxes available in the Offering House, Kirk and Cafe Foyer.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15: 22 to 19: 2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days...



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 2024

12th TO 18th MAY



This just a reminder that **Christian Aid Week** is from 12th to 18th May.

As last year, we will be using the "return-only" envelopes to a number of areas of the parish, with return places close to the deliveries.

In addition, there will be available **Christian Aid Envelopes** in the Kirk Centre and in the boxes at the gates of the Kirk and the Kirk Centre.

The BIG BREKKIE event is also on Saturday 11 May in the Kirk Café. Further details from Ros Wilson – email roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk

Please support this year's efforts.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, Tel 0131 664 3059

Email david@dlamb.co.uk

THE GUILD News for May

PROJECTS UPDATE

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

Blether with Beat, supporting people living with an eating disorder and raising community awareness. **£67,720.47**

Home for good Scotland: Finding a home for every child, and supporting Christians to be involved in adoption and fostering. **£89,829.32**

Pioneers: Chocolate Heaven, supporting the development of sustainable chocolate production in South East Asia. **£51,332.18**

Starchild: Finding the light in every child, supporting children with autism and other learning disabilities in Uganda. **£67,850.15**

Unida: Hear our voice, supporting and empowering women in Brazil through theological education. **£45,413.43**

The Vine Trust: Kazunzu Village of Hope, supporting the development of a sustainable village in Tanzania. **£72,121.55**

The total raised for the Projects from 1st June 2021 to 31st March 2024 is **£394,267.10**

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) Tel. 662 0692

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

May 24 Diary

Wednesday 1st 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
Thursday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
Friday 3rd 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 5th 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: Mary and Martha (Luke 10.38-42)
Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 6th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 7th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm – Service at *Liberton Brae Care Home*
7.30pm – SEECOS HR Team in Kirk Centre

Wednesday 8th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
11am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
7.30pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk Centre

9TH – 19TH MAY: THY KINGDOM COME (GLOBAL PRAYER INITIATIVE)

Thursday 9th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.00pm – *Alpha Reunion* in the Wilson Hall

Friday 10th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 11th **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** begins with...
9.15-11.30am – 'The Big Brekkie' in the Kirk Centre



Sunday 12th **COVID REMEMBRANCE DAY**
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)
Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

12.15pm – Dedication of Covid Memorial

6.30pm – Café Church & baptism in Liberton Kirk Centre

- Monday 13th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 (7.00pm for) 7.30pm – meeting of Liberton Kirk Elders and office bearers in the Wilson Hall (i.e. the newly named *Local Eldership Team*)
- Tuesday 14th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm – SEECOS Service of Union in the Kirk
- Wednesday 15th AM & PM – FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS IN THE KIRK
 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.30pm – Service at *Braid Hills Care Home*
- Thursday 16th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Friday 17th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Saturday 18th **3.00pm – Healing Service at the Balm Well (SEECAT)**

- Sunday 19th PENTECOST 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: The Power of the Spirit
 Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

- Monday 20th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Tuesday 21st 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Wednesday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk Centre
- Thursday 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Friday 24th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Saturday 25th **4.00pm – 6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre**

- Sunday 26th SUNDAY CLUB OPEN DAY**
 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: Gifts of the Spirit
 Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
12.15pm – Sunday Club Open Day in the Kirk Centre
2.30pm – SEECAT planning meeting at St Barnabas

6.30pm – Joint SEECOS Service at the Gilmerton Hub

Monday 27th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 28th

7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*

9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

2.30pm – Service at *Guthrie House*

7.30pm – Monthly Prayer Gathering in the Kirk

Wednesday 29th

9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 30th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Friday 31st

1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

June 2024

Sunday 2nd

COMMUNION SUNDAY (All welcome!)

8.00am – Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am – Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk

& 11am – All-age Communion Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club)

Theme: Introducing Stephen (Acts 6.1-7)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

PENTECOST



Senior Citizens Club - April 2024

Our Club had a bit of excitement in April . . .
 We revamped our Easter Bonnet Competition, where individuals decorated their hats, and brought them to the Club to be entered into the competition. We have **42** entries of all sorts.

So, WHAT DO 42 Easter Bonnets look like? THIS !!



Some of our winners . . .



Oor JENNI



INA 1st Prize winner



RUTH



SHEILA & FRANK



JEAN



BILL



MARGARET



Our Young Piper

Fraser John Donald MacLeod

So as you can see we have many clever artistic folks in our club! Thanks to café volunteer, & fab artist, **Meg**, for being our talented judge (see some of Meg's paintings with white backgrounds on the café wall)

On a sad note we've just heard that we have lost our lovely wee **Jean Ross**, a lady who's been in the club for a long while. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family & friends at this sad time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 7 **HEATHER MORTIMER** one of our young volunteers
- 9 **JOHAN CARLIN** celebrating a special birthday ending with a '6!'
- 15 **PEARL SCOTT** celebrating a special birthday ending with a '0'
- 19 **BOB HENDERSON**
- 25 **INA TELFER** celebrating a VERY special birthday ending with two '0's' *100 years young*
- 25 **ALAN ROBB**
- 27 **JOHN WILSON** a special birthday ending with a '5'
- 28 **DENNIS SEATTER** another special birthday ending with a '0'
- 30 **EDNA** church caretaker

At the moment our club is stapit fu' and, for health and safety reasons, we can't accept any new members but keep your ears and eyes open.

We do have 2 SEAG buses; but, just like the membership, there is a waiting list .

THE CLUB IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER BREAK; BUT WE WILL BE BACK ON THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2024 ... HURRAY!

DOORS ARE OPEN AT 1pm and THE CLUB STARTS AT 2pm

Jenni and her wee elves wish every single member of our club a wonderful summer break.

Service of Healing

The Balmwell is an ancient site of pilgrimage and healing – it can be found in the grounds of the Toby Carvery on Howden Hall Road.

The SEECAT churches hold an annual service there, during which prayers for healing are offered to anyone who wishes to take part. This year's service is the day

before Pentecost, Saturday 18th May, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the service, and encourage others to come too. Seats will be available, and if a lift is required, please let John know. The Toby Carvery kindly allow us to use their grounds, and they will be open if you would like refreshments after the service.



Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

Prayer for Pentecost

Dear Lord,

May, the loveliest of months; and this year, as we welcome the blossom and the beauty of late Spring, we also welcome Your Holy Spirit afresh, as we celebrate Pentecost.

May we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit, as Your people did on that first Day of Pentecost. May we be filled and empowered and emboldened to witness to Your goodness and love.

May we be transformed by Him and reflect Your transforming grace to the broken world in which we live.

May people who meet us ask, "What does this mean?"

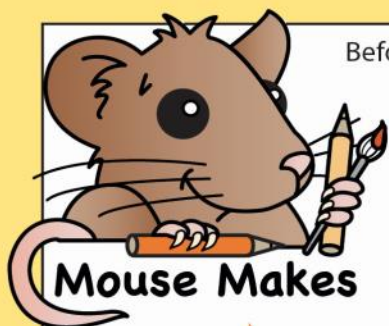
May they turn to You and hear You speaking in ways they can understand.

Without Your Holy Spirit we can do nothing. With Him living in us, we can do all things.

Come Holy Spirit, come to us, we pray,
In Jesus' name.

Amen.





Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples
 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
 has come upon you, and you will be my
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived,
 they were all together in one place,
 and they were all filled
 with the Holy Spirit."



READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2
 Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

How many words can you make from the letters of:
 DAY OF PENTECOST



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*
- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*
- 9 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*

Fresh Start

URGENTLY REQUIRED A CO-ORDINATOR, PLUS MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR FRESH START.

Liberton Kirk have supported FS for many years and have always sent a team of volunteers from the kirk.

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances I have to give up being the co-ordinator, which only leaves 2 volunteers, both in their 80s. We really need younger people to take over.

The job involves picking up donations from the Offering House and taking them to FS at 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, at present on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We normally work for 1½ hours at the warehouse; but this can be changed to suit you and the company.

If this is something you might be interested in please contact me at the following number

thank you, Sylvia Bennett,
0131 664 3189



Leading Worship in Church – Training Opportunity

Are you someone on the rota to read the lessons, or lead the prayers in Church on Sundays? Or would you like to do this, but are not sure what it involves?

The SEECOS Worship Team is planning a training session on Sunday 19th May, after the 11.00am service. A free sandwich lunch will be provided as an incentive to come along and find out what is involved in speaking into the microphone effectively, and in preparing and leading prayers.

If you are experienced, come and improve your skills and help others develop theirs! If you haven't tried it yet, find out what the view from the front is like! Learn what is involved in the using the scary microphone to best advantage!

Please contact Alastair Cameron or Fiona Devoy (Fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk) for information or to book a place, as we need numbers for lunch. We will finish by 2.30pm at the latest.

Try it - there is no obligation involved!

SEECOS Worship Group

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

MAY 24

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6 verse 33***

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 May we journey with Esther and Thy Kingdom Come 2024.



We are all invited to listen for God's voice and make our response as we journey together daily in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2024

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 MAY 24

- Wed 1st Morning – ESTHER chapter 4 – 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 the Royal Family members
Evening – read the words again – reflect... and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 2nd Morning – ESTHER chapter 5 - consider this passage today and then respond
in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Government at Westminster
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 3rd Morning – ESTHER 6 vs 1-13 – 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 & pray to this God of ours
- Sat 4th Morning – ESTHER 6 vs 14- chapter 7 – as we pause we 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 5th Morning – ESTHER chapter 8 – we take time to consider these words on
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 .. then pray to this God of ours.
- Mon 6th Morning – ESTHER 9 vs 1-19 – take time to consider these words at the
start of this new week ... and then pray to this God in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Scottish Parliament
Evening – read the verses again – reflect then pray to this God in response
- Tues 7th Morning – ESTHER 9 v20 – ch10 v3 – 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
- Wed 8th Morning – PSALM 24 – 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 SEECOS Kirk Session
Evening – read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 9th Morning – REVELATION 21 – TKC Global Prayer venture starts –
Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done we pray in response!
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those feeling hopeless and helpless
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here, then pray
- Fri 10th Morning – JOHN 3 v 16 – God Loves us – As we pause with God, take time to
consider these words 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 11th Morning – PSALM 29 – God speaks! – as we pause with God today we
pause and consider these words ... and then pray to Him as the day starts

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 24

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 12th Morning – GENESIS 1 vs 1-5 – God Creates - take time to pause and consider these verses...And then pray to this 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 13th Morning – 1 JOHN 3 vs 11-24 – God Gives – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these words today - And then pray to Him in response

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those in our Finance Team

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

Tue 14th Morning – JOHN 1 vs 1-14 - God walks with us – as we pause with God 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 15th Morning – JAMES 3 vs 1-12 – God Listens – Pause and listen with this God Consider what is said here ... then turn to pray to this God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team members

Evening – read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God

Thur 16th Morning - JOHN 3 vs 16-21 – God saves - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those who feel trapped and guilty

Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray

Fri 17th Morning – HEBREWS 12 vs 14-29 – God challenges and encourages. As we pause with God, we 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 18th Morning – ROMANS 6 vs 1-14 – God empowers us – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths - And 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 19th Morning – PENTECOST – ROMANS 8 vs 1-4 - we take time to consider these words this morning and then we pray to our God in response ‘Come Holy Spirit!’

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 20th Morning – MATTHEW 22 vs 1-14 – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today and then pray in response

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on local shops and businesses

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

Tue 21st Morning – MATTHEW 25 vs 1-13 – as we pause with God today we consider these truths 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



LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 24

- Wed 22nd Morning – MATTHEW 25 vs 14-30 – Pause with God this morning.
Consider these words written here ... and then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on those making career changing decisions
Evening – read the verses again – reflect .. and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 23rd Morning – MATTHEW 25 vs 31-46 - consider this particular passage
this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on those facing end of life decisions
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then
pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 24th Morning – REVELATION 1 vs 1-8 – As we pause with God, we take time to
consider these verses ... And then pray in response to Father God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our singers and musicians
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
- Sat 25th Morning – REVELATION 2 vs 1-7 – 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 26th Morning – REVELATION 2 vs 8-11 – we take the time with God to consider these
significant words on this particular morning 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as
we step into a new week – together – with Him
- Mon 27th Morning – REVELATION 2 vs 12-17 – as we pause with God, take
time to consider these particular words today... And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our World Mission Team partners
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 28th Morning – REVELATION 2 vs 18-29 – as we pause with God today
we consider these truths 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 29th Morning – REVELATION 3 vs 1-6 – Pause with God this morning.
Consider these words written here... And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our SEECOS church partners
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 30th Morning – REVELATION 3 vs 7-13 - consider this particular passage
this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on John, Cammy, Dougie and Adrian
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then
pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 31st Morning – REVELATION 3 vs 14-22 – As we pause with God, we take time to
consider these verses ... And then pray in response to 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

Crossword

Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbr.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)

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- 24 For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic & Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

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Kirkgate Café

I hope you all have had a lovely Easter, and are now enjoying the longer days. Recently some of the sunsets have been beautiful.

Kirkgate **Evening** Café is now open on
Tuesdays from 5pm to 8pm
and
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If you wish to meet friends for a coffee and a cake in a nice warm sociable place, this is the perfect space for that to happen. Also, if your child/children attend Scouting or Girlguiding in the halls it is a great opportunity to sit and have a cuppa.

As the days get warmer and brighter, we have reopened the courtyard. The courtyard is an outdoor seating area which can be accessed from the carpark. This space is excellent, if you have been out on a dog walk or out for a walk with friends, to sit and enjoy some refreshments.

Have you got a few hours to spare each week? If so, would you like to be part of our team? There is space for you to join the team of volunteers helping in the café. I am happy to have a chat, with no commitment, if you would like more information.

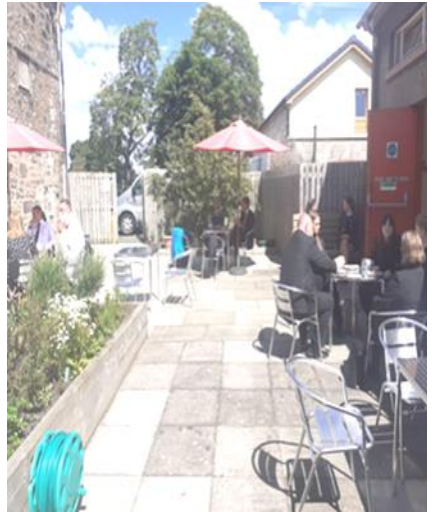
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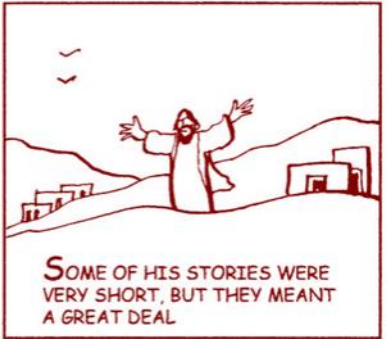
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The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

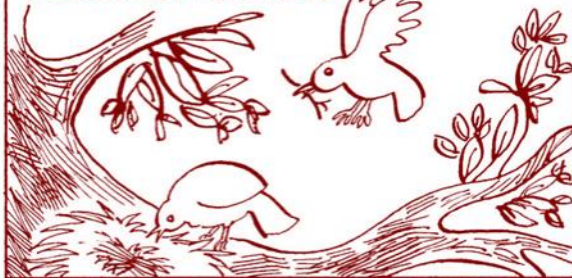


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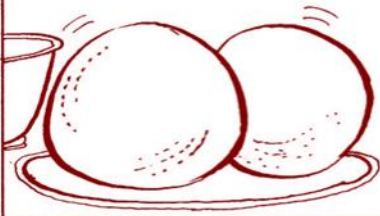
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.

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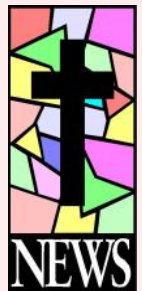
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Congregational News

I am sorry to record the death of **Gina Wormald**, Lindsay Young's mum, who passed peacefully on 10th April. My sympathies are with Lindsay and John and family

Condolences also to family and friends of **Elizabeth McLeod** and **Grant Cook** who passed in mid April



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.

Duke of Edinburgh appointed as Lord High Commissioner

Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, has been appointed as the Lord High Commissioner to the 2024 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, a decade after he last took on the role of royal representative at the annual gathering.

The Lord High Commissioner is the Sovereign's personal representative to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and is appointed by His Majesty the King to attend proceedings on his behalf. The Duke of Edinburgh is also expected to participate in other events and functions while visiting the capital.

Prince Edward was previously Lord High Commissioner in 2014, when he held the title of Earl of Wessex, and represented his mother, the late Queen.

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Nature and science meet faith in stunning new Baptist-led films

God Saw That It Was Good is a four-part film series that aims to reconnect people with the wonder of the natural world and a sense of the divine within it - and inspire a renewed vision of creation care.

The four short films focus on environmental issues around themes of coasts, sky, trees, and life, weaving stunning visual imagery with a narrative entwining science and faith.

They are written and presented by the Revd Dr Dave Gregory, a Baptist minister and former meteorologist and climate scientist at the Met Office and European Weather Centre.

He says, "In our visual age, people are captivated by stunning images of our world and cosmos seen in nature and science programmes streamed to our TVs and phones. They are entranced by the wonder they see, yet often left with a sense of mystery and asking is there more to know?"

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**GOD SAW THAT IT
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Sunday 12th May

**at 12.15pm approx. (following 11am service)
at the South West Corner of the Church (beside the Cairn)
followed by light refreshments in the Kirk Centre**

You are invited to bring a red rose, or another flower if you wish, to add your own remembrance.

All Welcome

This is a memorial for South East Edinburgh remembering the wide range of suffering during the pandemic as well as those who died. It provides a quiet place of remembrance in peaceful surroundings.

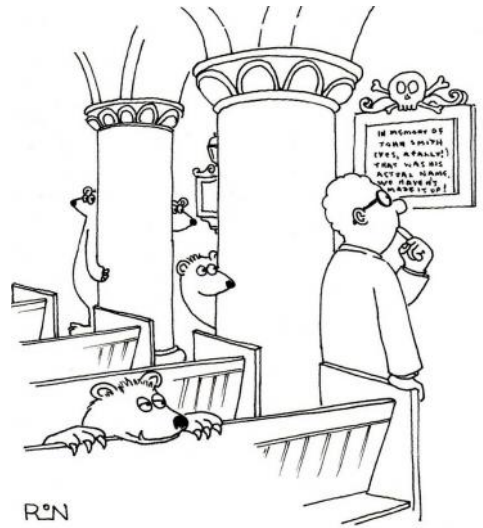


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Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door.

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

Please see diary on pages 7-9 for details of our services

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the household. 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.



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Friday Fellowship – Friday morning in the Kirk Centre
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