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DAILY DEVOTIONS

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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 April

*O Sovereign King, We bow before You
Lord of all, Our Lord*

*O Gracious King, We bow before You
Lord of all, Our Lord*

*O Just and Righteous King, We bow before You
Lord of all, Our Lord*

Amen

Safe and Secure

Have you noticed that the term 'security' can mean different things in different contexts?

My daughter once told me of a time when she was working as an archaeologist for a firm tasked with inspecting a site cleared for building work in inner city Glasgow. She and her colleague had just parked their car when they were engaged in conversation by a couple of very young and enterprising local lads.

The lads were very interested in what was going on, what the site was for, and what their role was in clearing it for development. One of them then glanced very pointedly at their car and said, "Is that your car then?"

"Yes it is", my daughter replied.

"So", said the young lad, "you'll be needing some security then?"

We live in a world where 'security' is packaged in different shapes and sizes. Our job security is guaranteed by our job contract. Our buildings, possessions, health and travel are covered by insurance agreements, and our retirement is covered by our pension plans. There is even room, on occasion, for enterprising people of whatever age to come up with ad-hoc schemes to 'protect' our cars from the threat of vandalism.

Where does your security lie? We

live in an increasingly insecure age, where there are, and will be, pandemics, wars, and natural disasters, and where the security offered by the world is likely to prove less and less adequate for our needs.

My experience has shown me that, when all is said and done, the best place to find security is in the promises of God. Listen to these words of Jesus...

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 5.25-27; 33)

Real and lasting security lies in the knowledge that God loves us and will always be there for us. Knowing this can set us free to be God's children living the life we were created to live.

Much love



Ready for Service: Cammy MacKenzie

At the risk of showing my age, (currently 64 years and about 33 days,) I wonder if any of you remember Candid Camera? It was a comedy programme from the 60s and early 70s which played tricks on unsuspecting members of the public. If you are blessed and do not remember it then let google lead you to a treasure trove of delights.....

One skit above the hundreds I likely watched as a child sticks in my mind. They had a team of guys push a small car up to about 25 miles an hour or so and then let it freewheel from just outside a mechanics workshop. The driver ran the car into the guy's bay, pulls on the handbrake and tells the mechanic" I am having some issues with my car, is there any chance you could have a look at it and perhaps give it a service please? The mechanic then lifts the bonnet of the car only to find there is no engine!!! As a child and an adult I am still grinning to think of that mechanic's face as he scratched his head trying to figure out what was going on.....

I was asked to write a little piece titled READY TO SERVE for the good folk of Liberton Kirk and so I want to use this small space to let you know what I think it means to be "ready to serve".....

From the day I became a Christian back in July 1987 I immediately began to serve in my local Church called St.Ninian's in Paisley. It was not a difficult choice for me to give up time in my week, nor to lose income in my desire to serve the Lord of Glory by turning up for duty at various points through the week.

I began by driving the Church Minibus and it grew from there to include visiting the housebound, turning up morning and evening to shift chairs, going along to the BB to cut the children's hair and donating the cash for BB funds. Gradually this grew and included giving up work to study at both school and college to prepare for the full time university course that would lead to my becoming either a missionary or an ordained minister.

Perhaps then, I am the wrong person to ask to write this piece as it came so "easy" to me. It must be said I was a single man with no mortgage, not much in the way of bills to pay and perhaps I had it easy whilst others have families to support which I did not. Either way there are three things I want to leave with you before I let you go....

A. If it's good enough for Christ, it's good enough for me.

In Mark 10 v 45 Jesus says this of Himself " the son of man came not to be served but to serve. If Jesus came to teach us anything, it is that the purpose of our lives from day one in our faith is Service. That service will take different forms for different people but it is essential that we report for duty just like Jesus did.

B. Service is an obligation not a suggestion.

2 Corinthians 5 v 15 tells me all I need to know about this. " He died for all and those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. It is our great King who commands our service and I for one do not want to be found AWOL.....

C. There is Blessing for those who do as Christ bids.....

Matthew 10 v 42. And whoever gives even as much as a cold cup of water to one of these will not lose their reward. We are surrounded by people and organisations that need our service. Without our input work that would have been accomplished perishes on the vine. We cannot do everything but barring age or infirmity we mostly can do something.

One of the toughest things that I do every month is to go out on patrol as a street pastor walking the city centre streets till the wee small hours in all weathers. It makes me really tired and last week I was feeling lousy and really didn't feel like it but I went as the team could not have gone out without me. But I was so glad I did as we were able to serve some of the most vulnerable and also touch base with and have conversations with young people from all over this country and abroad. I was knackered on Saturday but it was worth it.

To close I want to take you back to Candid Camera. The TV viewers were always watching. They were always in on the joke. They saw the puzzled, confused looks on the faces on those who got pranked. Without wanting to make God our Father seem like a voyeur, He is watching us live our lives and every single time she sees us do something for His a Kingdom, for His people, for His World we make Him smile.

God bless you all in His Service. **Cammy MacKenzie**



SAT-7: A Talk About Their Work

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



Making God's Love Visible

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 roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk for a free ticket.

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

April 2024

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 7.30pm World Mission Team Event with SAT-7
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: The Emmaus Road Preacher: Rev John Cowie 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room No Evening Worship
Monday 8th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 9th	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
Wed'day 10th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 11th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall
Friday 12th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 14th	8.00am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook 9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk & 11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club) Theme: Jesus at Nazareth (Luke 4.16-21) Preacher: John Young 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 15th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Tuesday 16th	7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café
Wed'day 17th	9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café 2.30pm Service at Braid Hills Care Home 7.30pm – Liberton Kirk Executive in the Kirk Centre
Thursday 18th	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 19th	1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 21st	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: Jesus heals (Luke 5.17-26)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

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

Monday 22nd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 23rd 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Wed'day 24th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

7.30pm – Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm – Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall

Friday 26th 1.00-4.30pm – Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 27th 10.00am –1.00pm – Pastoral Care Workshops -
Liberton Northfield

4.00pm – 6.00pm – Messy Church in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 28th 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 with a gift (Luke 7.36-50)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm **Joint SEECOS service at Liberton Northfield**

Monday 29th 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 30th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Guthrie House

May 2024

Wed'day 1st 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

Thursday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm – Kirkgate Café

2.00pm Senior Citizens Club in the Anderson Hall

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**

Kirkgate Café



Easter Monday – 1st April

All at Kirkgate Café wish you a lovely Easter Time. Please note that

Kirkgate Café will be closed on Easter Monday 1st April. Don't panic though it is just for one day only and we will be back open on Tuesday 2nd April.

Alpha Meals

During February and March Kirkgate café supplied an evening meal and refreshments for the Alpha course, which had circa 22 attendees, and was run by Liberton Kirk. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the meals. They have been delicious and appreciated by all.

Bethany Care Van

It is lovely to be able to help our community in Edinburgh, and from January we have re-started providing soup once a month for the van. This important service also provides an opportunity for a student from Kaimes School to come along and help prepare the veg for the soup which makes it such a community effort.

A Massive Thank You

Over the last month we have received several donations of brand new equipment or money towards replacing much needed bigger equipment. This is a great help in keeping the kitchen running as we just seem to be getting busier and busier. These gifts are much appreciated and we give a massive thank you to everyone who has generously given.

Kirkgate Evening Café

I have amazing news to share with you all, after a call out for volunteers to reopen the evening café, we can now announce that from Tuesday 16th April the evening café will be open on a Tuesday 5pm-8pm and a Wednesday 6pm-8pm during school term time.

Each evening will require 2 volunteers and there is still space for more people to join the team. Please get in touch for more information if this is something you would be interested in.

Best Wishes from **Jenny Thomasi**

Email: kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net Phone number: 07894056216

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB April 2024



The club is in fine fettle, & enjoying our times together



Romana Speakman

In March we lost one of our oldest club members. Romana Speakman managed to celebrate her 100th birthday but we sadly lost her the week after. She will be very much missed at the club.

We send our thoughts & prayers to her grieving family & friends especially Janet McEwan who sat beside Romana at the club.

We are such a lucky club being able to have such great entertainers, more birthday cakes, more chat, more afternoons, more visiting charities, more fun & more friendships. There is room for more members & room for more on the buses. Get in touch!

Easter Bonnet Competition 4th April

In your easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,

Jenni has been reminding us that today is our Easter Bonnet Competition. It's your turn to make your very own bonnet. Time to let your imagination run wild! Whether it be crosses, chicks, bunnies, eggs you decide! There will be winners, prizes & photos for next months magazine!



Bridgend Farmhouse

Is a Community owned & run organisation in south Edinburgh running a centre for Learning, Eating & Exercise. They have visited us a couple of times bringing items for sale & are especially known at the club for their tasty jams & chutneys. They're providing us with our Afternoon Tea on the 25th April – YUM!



April Birthdays

12th Margo Crawford
22nd Jessie Burns
27th Fiona Scott
30th Lena Ross



March Entertainers

4th Dougie McQ & our Easter Bonnet Competition (see above)
11th Honey Suckle Swing, Diane & Richard singing our favourite requests
18th Our one & only in-house entertainers The Jobs
25th Stevie Quinn & Margo Butterflies (Double Trouble) Afternoon Tea & Raffle

Our club closes its doors for this session on Thursday 25th April but resumes again on THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER. Jenni & her elves wish you all a wonderful summer break, come back safe & sound with lots of tales to tell us.

Contact

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



Liberton Kirk Men's Collective **Invite all men to**

A Beer and Curry Night
Friday 19th April
7.30-9.30pm Kirk Centre
£5pp B Y O B
Sign up by 14th April!



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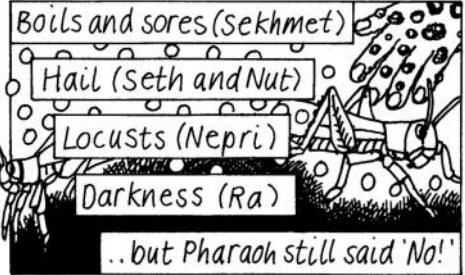
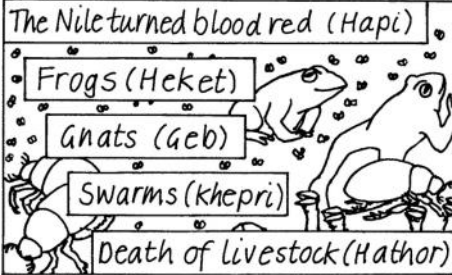


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...



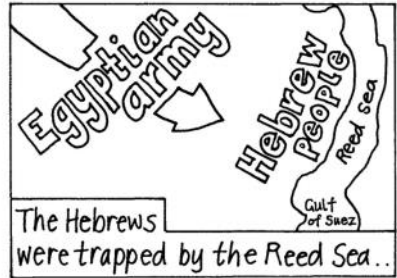
God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..



Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.



That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.



God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..



and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..



Elders' Duties - April to June

			April-24	May-24	June-24
9.30 am	1	West	Tom Baxendale	Rosy Carmichael	David Lamb
	2	East	Alan Carmichael	Christina Young	Tom Baxendale
10.30/	1	West	Alastair Cameron	Ruth Davies	Jill Niven
11am	2	East	Janice Wilson	Roslyn Wilson Margrethe van Dijke	Helen Colley
	3	Gallery	Claire Mayberry	Linda Skinner	Netta Rough
	4	Front gate	David Colley	Jacqui Tait	Mary Davidson
	5	Banker	Rink van Dijke		David Lamb

CONVERSATION CORNER



A welcoming space to practice English and make new friends

THURSDAYS
7:30-9:00pm

22 Feb - 21 Mar/
18 Apr - 23 May

Liberton Northfield
Church Hall
EH16 5TT



For more information, contact
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Liberton Northfield Church of Scotland
(Charity No. SCO 008891)



A **global** prayer venture.

Praying for **5 people we know** to meet Jesus.

LK Daily Devotions 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.

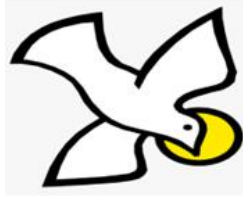
Daily reflections on the themes for Scotland via the new Prayer Journal.

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

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

Prayer Ministry Team

Would it help to talk?
Our Prayer Team is available



If it would help to meet a member of our Prayer Team, to talk and receive prayer support, please make your way to the Prayer Station at the East Door after our 11am Sunday service.

If you would prefer...there are prayer request boxes beside the East Door and in the Offering House. You can place your request there.

Or you can contact John and Lindsay Young at
jyoung@churchofscotland.org.uk

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

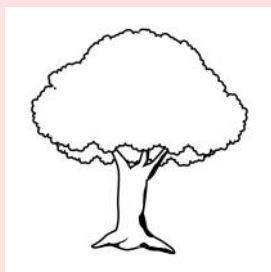
APRIL 24

We will obey all that the LORD, our Lord, commands us; and that we will keep all his laws and requirements. Nehemiah 10 verse 29

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 April we journey with Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.



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 APRIL 24

Mon 1st	Morning	1 CORINTHIANS 15 vs 12-34 – as we pause with our God, we take time to consider these particular words..And then pray to Him in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Guild
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 2nd	Morning	RUTH 1 vs 1-5 – as we pause with God today we consider these wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to this God
Wed 3rd	Morning	RUTH 1 vs 6-22 – 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 our Cubs and Scouts
	Evening	read the words again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 4th	Morning	RUTH chapter 2- consider this passage today – and then respond in prayer to this God we believe and trust in
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our BB group
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 5th	Morning	RUTH chapter 3 – As we pause with God, take time to consider the truths behind these words this morning..And then pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on those on our Church Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 6th	Morning	RUTH 4 vs 1-12 – as we pause we take the time to consider these particular words today And then pray to our God
	Midday	pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
	Evening	read the passage again – reflect + pray in response to what you read
Sun 7th	Morning	RUTH 4 vs 13-22 – 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.. and then pray to this God of ours.
Mon 8th	Morning	EZRA chapter 1 – take time to consider these words at the start of this new weekAnd then pray to this God in response
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on our Brownies and Guides
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 9th	Morning	EZRA 3 vs 1-7 – as we pause with God today we consider these wordsand then respond in prayer with this God
	Midday	take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
Wed 10th	Morning	EZRA 3 vs 8-13 – 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 our Buildings Committee
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 11th	Morning	EZRA 4 vs 1-6 - consider these particular words on this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God’s blessing on the Café Management Board
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray

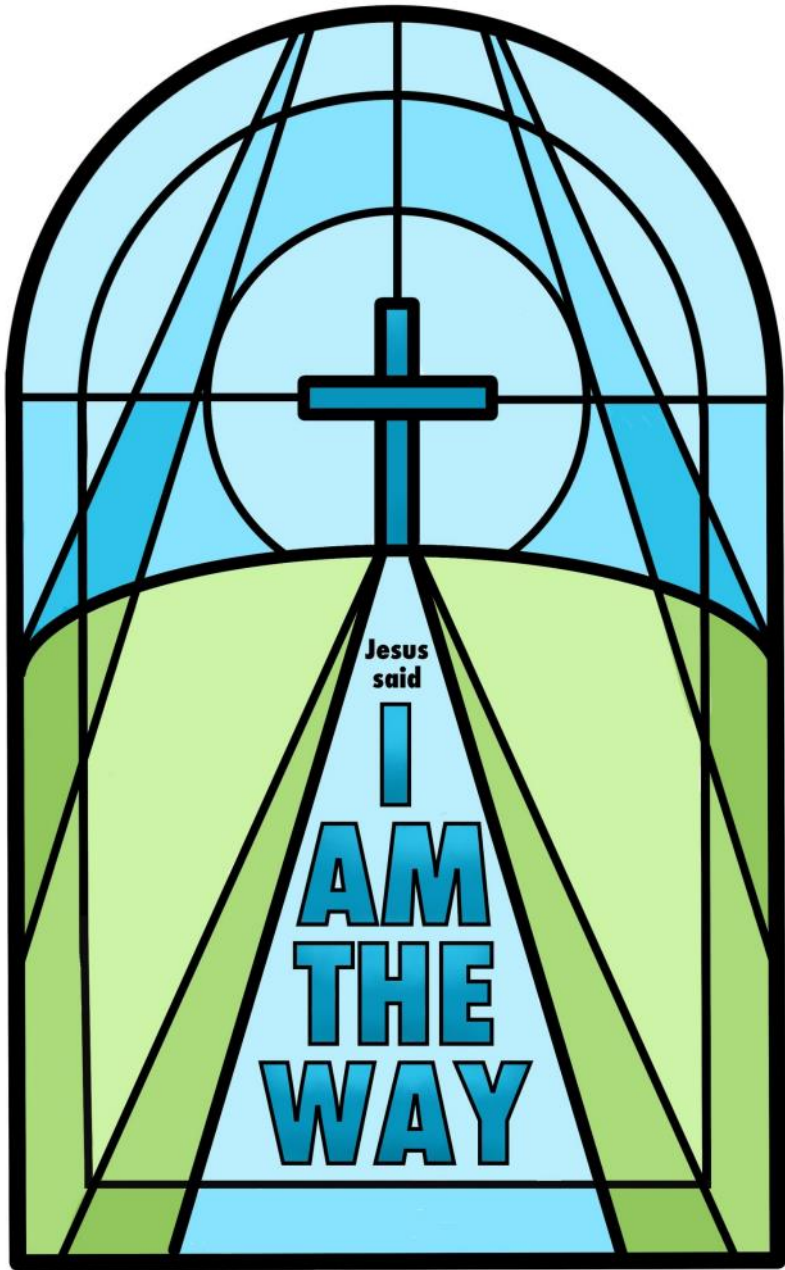
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Fri 12th	Morning	EZRA 4 vs 7-24 – As we pause with God, take time to consider these verses this morning -- then pray in response to Father God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on those on our Prayer List
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God of ours
Sat 13th	Morning	EZRA 5 vs 1-5 – 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 14th	Morning	EZRA 6 vs 1-18 – take time to pause and consider these words and truths...And then pray to God in response on this Sunday
	Midday	pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
	Evening	read this passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours...
Mon 15th	Morning	EZRA chapter 7 – 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 our Care Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 16th	Morning	EZRA 8 vs 15-23 – 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 17th	Morning	EZRA chapter 9 – Pause with God this morning. Consider what is said here...And then turn to pray to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Communications Group
	Evening	read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 18th	Morning	EZRA 10 vs 1-17 - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Finance Team
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
Fri 19th	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 1 – 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 20th	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 2 – 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 21st	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 3 - 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
Mon 22nd	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 4 – 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 Hospitality Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 23rd	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 5 – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand 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 APRIL 24

Wed 24th	Morning	NEHEMIAH 6 v1- ch.7 v7 – 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 Messy Church Team
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
Thur 25th	Morning	NEHEMIAH 8 vs1-12 - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
	Midday	We pray God's blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team
	Evening	read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
Fri 26th	Morning	NEHEMIAH chapter 9 – 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 family members and friends
	Evening	read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
Sat 27th	Morning	NEHEMIAH 12 vs 27-47 – 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 28th	Morning	ESTHER chapter 1 – we take the time with God 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 again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him
Mon 29th	Morning	ESTHER 2 vs 1-18 – 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
	Evening	read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
Tue 30th	Morning	ESTHER 2 vs 19 – chapter 3 – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand 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



Money Matters

2023 Accounts

The signed and audited accounts for 2023 are now available on the side cupboards in the Church (in the 'Money Matters' display rack).

For further information, and in the same place, there is also a sheet with two tables (one each side) showing an analysis of the figures on page 6 of the accounts.

One relates to Unrestricted Funds – the most important one being the General Fund (see below). This analysis shows our offerings as well as the costs of our staff and other expenses incurred in the running and maintenance of our Church, the halls and the activities which are held in them.

The second analysis is a breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Restricted Funds (for which a specific purpose has been stated by the donor).

General Fund

In 2023 offerings (including gift aid tax reclaimed) rose by £9,000 when compared to 2022. Income from Hall use has also increased by £7,000 over the previous year. Grants of £1,000 was received in relation to the Warm Hub running on Friday afternoons in the foyer.

The 'Giving to Grow' contribution (previously 'Ministries and Mission') to '121' was significantly higher than previously and the total cost of salaries to locally paid staff has also increased due to there being two additional members of staff to cover more hours when the halls are open and in view of the increased use of our facilities. The increase in the expenditure was £22,000 overall.

It is encouraging, however, that the General Fund had a surplus of £12,500 which has been transferred to Reserves to meet future deficits.

Kirkgate Cafe

The cafe has done well in 2023 and has catered for a number of private events. The flooring in the foyer has been replaced and this was charged equally to the cafe and church funds. Despite this cost the cafe made a small surplus for the year.

Other Funds

The major problem of water ingress into the church building is being addressed – this is being funded from part of the legacy received from Christine Seaton previously. While some of the costs of the scaffolding and the stonework have been met in 2023

the majority of the expense will be incurred in 2024 as more of the stonework damage is addressed.

The year ahead – 2023

By the time you read this Liberton Kirk will have become part of a union with Liberton Northfield, Gracemount and Tron Kirk (Gilmerton and Moredun) – date of union: 31 March 2024.

Although we are united as one new parish of South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland (SEECOS) there will remain a worshipping community in each of the church buildings and the daily activities, both in the churches and halls, will continue as before. It is hoped that all members of the new parish will embrace the change and support the new parish, both financially and spiritually, as we go forward into an exciting new era.

Judy Weston (Treasurer)

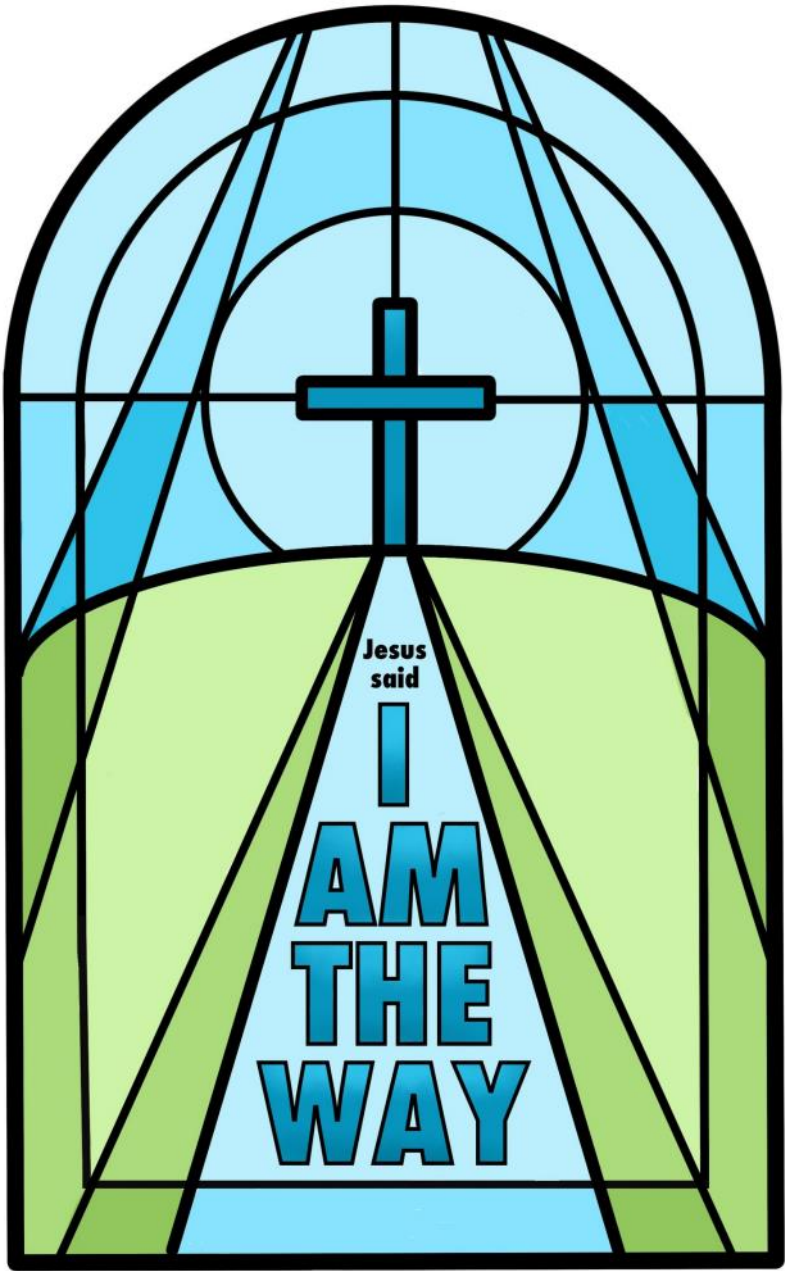
Treasurer's Note

You may (or may not) have noticed that the name of the Treasurer for our new church (SEECOS) on the back of the April magazine is no longer mine!

Jenny Mackenzie is the new Treasurer for the union and will take over from 31 March. She is an accountant who runs her own business and has been assisting with Liberton Kirk's accounts for the past few years. She is also the Treasurer for Tron, Liberton Northfield and Polwarth churches so is familiar with church financial matters.

In the short term, however, I will remain as the intermediary between Jenny and Liberton Kirk folk while the new systems are worked out. Also, there will always be a need for someone 'on the ground' to help sort out any day-to-day financial queries and, for the moment, I am happy to be that person. So please feel free to continue to ask me about any financial matters which concern you.

Judy Weston



Christian Aid Week, 2024: 12 to 18 May

This year, Christian Aid Week is from 12 to 18 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. Contribution envelopes should be returned, not later than 18 May, to :

The Manse, 7 Kirk Park, or to
The Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive.

In this way, we were able to raise over £3,000 for the work of Christian Aid in 2023. This is an important service in which our church can assist in promoting one of the most important Charities assisting in the development, and in the relief of poverty and disaster-stricken parts of our world - underscoring our Christian commitment to the life of the world.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, Tel. 0131.664.3059

Email – david@dlamb.co.uk



Big Brekkie 2024

Join us for our fundraising Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie', on Saturday 11th May, from 9.15-11.30am, in the Kirkgate Cafe. Bacon/vegan/vegetarian rolls are available, along with tea and coffee by donation.

Please email **Roslyn** on: roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk, to book a slot.

Everyone is welcome.

Pastoral Care Workshops **Saturday 27th April, 10.00am – 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:

Dementia awareness
First aid for everyone

Suicide prevention
Bereavement support

Each workshop will last 30 - 40 minutes, and participants can attend as many of the workshops as they wish. No booking is required. Tea and coffee will be available, along with hand-massage. There is no cost involved (donations for refreshments welcome). For more information, contact Eleanor Grieve on pastoralcare@libertonkirk.net.



Crossword

ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

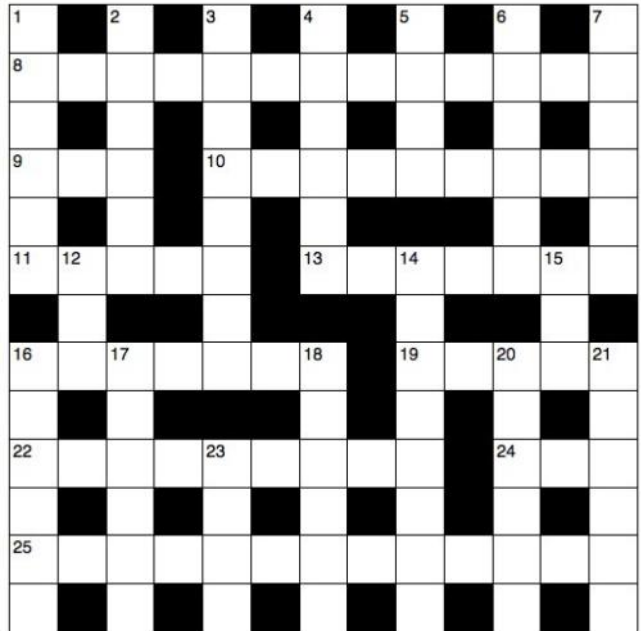
16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you slug-gard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)



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DOWN

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

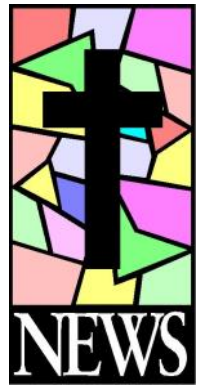
18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Congregational News



I am sorry to record the deaths of
Mrs Marion Alexander on 18th February 2024 and Mr Brian Harrison
on 9th March 2024 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

April Convenor Audrey Hunter

7th Jackie Switzer , in memory of Edith Jones

14th Veronica Craig, in memory of Geoffrey Craig

21st Ann Weir, in memory of Allison Weir

28th Free



Thanks from Linda Brown

I try to challenge myself every February to complete a challenge and raise some cash for a charity. Cancer Research UK is very close to my heart as I lost my Dad when I was 30 and my lovely Mother-in-law Mary last year to Cancer. They both fought so bravely and the family miss them terribly however we are reassured they are with the Lord.

I would like to thank my family, church family and friends for their encouragement, prayers and donations. I was aiming to raise perhaps £300 however as you can see I managed a good bit more with all the support.

I cannot thank everyone enough and here's to next February for another year.

Linda Brown 2 m · 👤

Final total in my February 29 day 100 mile **Cancer Research UK**. Finally managed to the bank to deposit cash. Was trying to raise £300, I'm totally blown away with everyone's support and generosity and super proud to have been part of this. Thank you, thank you. The blisters were so worth it. 🥰

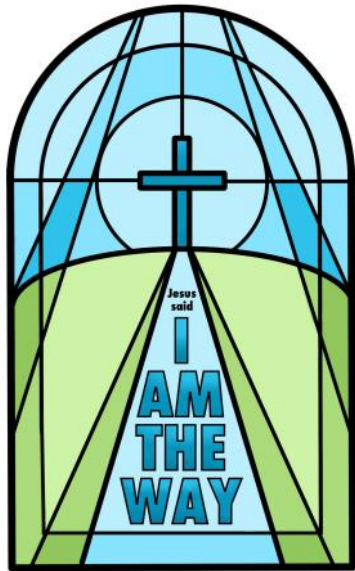
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Moving date

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March Crossword Solution

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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.



Link Groups

Weekly Groups

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

Fortnightly Groups

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(where we meet together to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly),
or you just want more information,
contact Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net)
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