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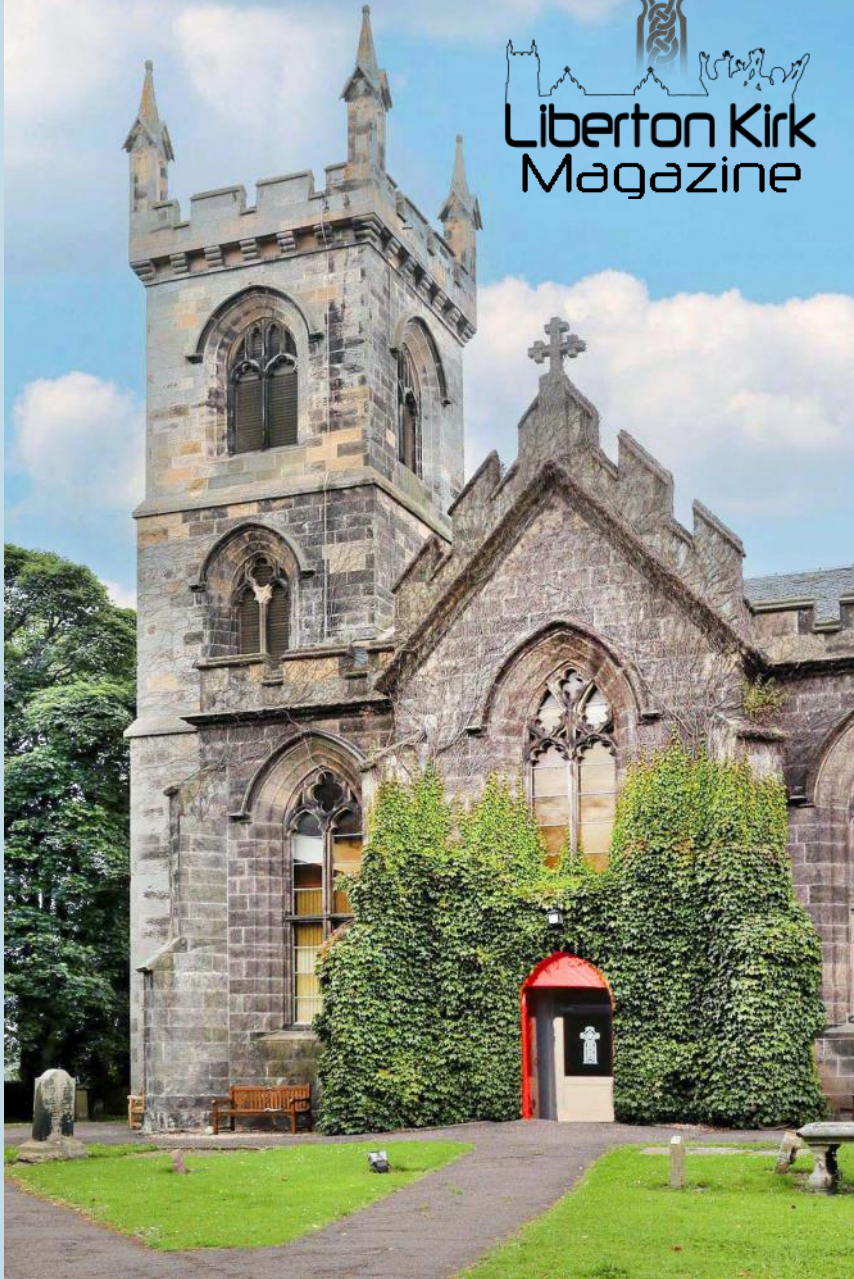


Liberton Kirk
Magazine

News
about
what is
happening
in your
local
church
this
Autumn

*'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 September

*O LORD my God
Faithful and Eternal
Planner and Potter
Guide my steps*

*O LORD my God
Saviour and Teacher
Guide and Protector
Lighten my load*

*O LORD my God
Merciful and Forgiving
Helper and Provider
Walk with me*

*This month
This day
This moment
Amen and Amen.*



We hope you enjoy this edition of Liberton Kirk Magazine which is being distributed throughout our Parish Area.

The four centre pages listing **What's On at Liberton** are designed as a pull out section for you to keep for future reference

John Gill, Editor

DAILY DEVOTIONS

See pages 19,20,25,26

A time for hope

The best definition of hope I've ever come across is this:

"Hope is what's left when all else has failed"

Hope is a powerful emotion.

A couple of months ago, it spurred thousands of Scots to buy tickets for the Euros. Throughout July and August it is what encouraged so many of us to sit with our eyes glued to the Paris Olympics, whether it was the diving, the skateboarding, the heptathlon or the tennis!

On a more serious note, however, as I write these words I'm aware that there's a real shortage of hope in our world just now. We are worried about our futures, about our finances, and about the state of our Health Service. An awful lot of people are feeling fed up and trapped in circumstances that look unlikely to change, and when that happens, it's easy to look for someone to blame – be they asylum seekers or, more simply, those who just appear different.

Of course, looking for someone to blame doesn't usually solve much, and it makes us more susceptible to those who are quick to offer simple solutions to complex problems. Here at Liberton Kirk, offering simple

solutions is something we try to avoid. Instead we offer the opportunity to be part of a community, where none of us are perfect, but where we try to listen to, share in, and understand each other's fears and concerns, and to help and support each other whenever we can.

Why do we do this? Because we all share in a common hope. Not hope for hope's sake, but hope in a real person – someone who can and does make a difference. Someone whose coming was predicted thousands of years ago in these famous words...

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, the one I love in whom I delight. I will put my Spirit in him and he will proclaim justice to the nations... In his name the nations will put their hope" (Matthew 12.18, 21)

Liberton Kirk is a community united by our common faith in Jesus. And, if you are looking for someone to place your hopes in, we'd love you to come along and join us, as each week we celebrate his presence among us and learn more about the greatness of his love.

Much love



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



WHAT IS SEECOS?

Many of you will be reading this magazine because it dropped through your letter box. That's because you live in the area served by Liberton Kirk.

Since the end of March this year Liberton Kirk is part of a much bigger parish area within the Church of Scotland called **SEECOS**, which stands for "South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland". It includes Gracemount, Burdiehouse, Gilmerton, Moredun and the Inch as well as Liberton.

The other churches within that area are:

Liberton Northfield, at the corner of Gilmerton Road and Mount Vernon Road

Tron Kirk (Gilmerton & Moredun) at the Hub, Ravenscroft Street, in Gilmerton and at Craighour Gardens in Moredun

Gracemount Church, currently meeting in Gracemount Primary School.

We've been worshipping and working with these churches for many years, but this new relationship gives us the opportunity to draw even closer. We can focus our prayers and our action on areas of need, and share our resources.

It's early days in this new set-up; but if you want to find out how we are getting on, there's a website, www.seecos.org.uk, and a quarterly newsletter (next issue in mid-September) called **Heartbeat** which is on the website, or in print, in and around the churches and their communities.



Bereavement and Loss Support Group



Journeying together in a safe space
Meeting on Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.00pm
from 17th September, for eight weeks
in The Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, EH16 6RY
(opposite Liberton Kirk)

For more information or to book a place,
contact Fiona Devoy on Tel. 0131-666-1004
or e-mail: pastoralcare@libertonkirk.net

Free parking. On bus routes 31 and 37.
A free community event, open to all.
No faith content included, unless requested.

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In the Kirkyard

You are welcome to explore our lovely peaceful outdoor space, and to sit for a while on any of the benches. There is work being done on the church stonework, so do take care around scaffolding or barriers. Feel free to walk on the grass, where there are interesting gravestones, but take care if it is damp and slippery.



The Kirkyard is open from 8am to 5pm (extended during July and August to 8pm).



The Covid Memorial was dedicated in May this year, to remember those who died and all those who suffered during the pandemic, and there are two new benches beside it.

Together with the cairn this forms a quiet corner near the church tower for pausing and remembering people and events in our lives.



There is usually something to look at and read if you are walking in the Kirkyard. *The Word for Today* sets out, in several stages, a short passage from the Bible, exploring what it says to us today. It begins on the wall of the Offering House (the small building just inside the main gate) and can then be found on the benches going round the church anti-clockwise. During July and August each year it takes the form of a Peace Pathway.



The Offering House itself has a space for collections for the Food Bank, Fresh Start, and bottle tops. It also has a history corner, with information about its own history, and some leaflets about the Kirk and Kirkyard, together with a reference book giving the gravestone inscriptions.

There are also general leaflets and the current church magazine to take away if you wish, and there is usually a display about one particular part of Liberton Kirk life. The Offering House is open during the opening hours of the Kirkyard.

September Diary

Sunday 1st

REGULAR SUNDAY CLUB RESUMES

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 and John the Baptist (Mark 1.1-11)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

6.30pm – Café Church in the Kirk Centre

Monday 2nd

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.15pm – 9.00pm 'Equipping for Leadership' course
at Liberton Northfield

Tuesday 3rd

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

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

2.00pm – History Resource Group (on Zoom)

2.30pm – Service at *Liberton Brae Care Home*

7.30pm – United KS meeting at Tron

Wednesday 4th

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

7.30pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 5th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

2.00pm – *Senior Citizen's Club* in the Anderson Hall

Friday 6th

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

Sunday 8th

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 is tempted by Satan (Matthew 4.1-17)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

12.30pm – Small Hall – *Messy Church* volunteers lunch

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 9th

9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

7.30pm – *The Book Group* meets in LKC

Tuesday 10th

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

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

Wednesday 11th

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

11am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

7.30pm – *Praise Gathering* in the Wilson Hall

- Thursday 12th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizen's Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 13th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
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- Sunday 15th** 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 meets Nicodemus (John 3)
Preacher: John Young
- 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
2.30pm – SEECAT AGM at Liberton Kirk Centre
6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
- Monday 16th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.15pm – 9.00pm '*Equipping for Leadership*' course at Liberton Northfield
- Tuesday 17th 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Wednesday 18th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm – Service at *Braid Hills Care Home*
7.30pm – *Gathering for Praise* in the Kirk Centre
- Thursday 19th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Friday 20th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Saturday 21st 9.30am – *Prayer Team* retreat at Davidson's Mains Church

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- SUNDAY 22nd** 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 meets a Samaritan woman (John 4)
Preacher: John Young
- 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
3.00pm – Special Communion Service for the elderly and housebound in the Anderson Hall
- Monday 23rd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
(7.00pm for) 7.30pm – LK Leadership Team (KS) meets in the Wilson Hall
- Tuesday 24th 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 Care Home*
7.30pm – Gathering for Prayer in the Kirk

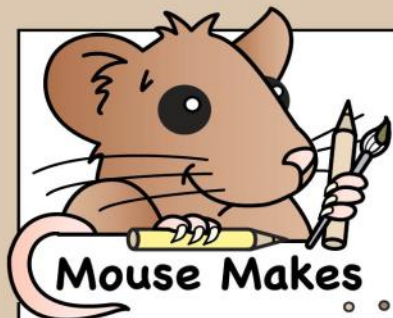
- Wednesday 25th 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm – *Praise Gathering* in the Wilson Hall
7.30pm – LK Comms Team (on Zoom)
- Thursday 26th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizen's Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 27th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Saturday 28th 4.00pm – 6.00pm – Messy Church at Liberton Kirk Centre**

- Sunday 29th HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
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 meets some sick people (Mark 5.21-43)
Preacher: John Young
10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
6.30pm – Joint Worship at Liberton Northfield Church
- Monday 30th 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.15pm – 9.00pm *'Equipping for Leadership'* course at Liberton Northfield

October 2024

- Tuesday 1st 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*
- Wednesday 2nd 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Thursday 3rd 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizen's Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 4th 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

- Sunday 6th COMMUNION SUNDAY (All welcome!)**
8.00am – Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
9.30am – Shorter communion service in the Kirk
& 11am – Family communion service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche and Sunday Club)
Theme: Jesus meets a man possessed (Mark 5.1-20)
Preacher: John Young
10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre



Mouse Makes

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.

He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and
 spring _____
 at the right time.

He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."

Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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HARVEST • THANKSGIVING • LAND • EARTH • FERTILE • SOIL • SEED • SOWN
 NEED • WATER • SUN • SEASON • AUTUMN • SPRING • YIELD • PRODUCE
 FRUIT • GATHER • CROPS • PLENTY • PRAY • GOD • PROVIDE • JOY
 BLESSED • GOODNESS • SHARE

Find the words from the questions too!

Harvest Thanksgiving

On the last Sunday in September (29th) we will be giving thanks for our plentiful food and drink, and there are two opportunities for us to give to others who don't have as much as we do.

Dried and tinned foods can be brought to church on Harvest Sunday 29th, or left in the marked boxes in the Offering House during the previous week.

These will be distributed to those in need through local charities.

Alternatively (or as well as this) we can support **Self Help Africa**, a charity which works with local people in fourteen African countries to enable them to be self-sufficient. The World Food Programme estimated that by the end of August this year, 49.5 million people could be going hungry in West and Central Africa. S.H.A. helps by training in farming methods, storage and diversification, encouraging co-operative working, empowering rural communities to feed their families despite climate change and economic instability. Have a look at their website www.selfhelpafrica.org You can give in one of two ways (and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able)

(1) on the website, under "Support Us", then "Harvest Appeal", where you can enter the name of the church, or (2) in a donation envelope obtainable from mid-September from the welcome desks and the usual places, returnable to the church on Sunday mornings, or to the church office. Please make your donation by mid October.



Ruth Davies (664 3608) on behalf of the World Mission Team



Church Flowers Dedication list

1st September	Mrs Jessie Burns	<i>in memory of</i> James Burns
8th September	Mrs Margaret Thomson	Ivy Jameson
15th September	Ms Carol Anderson	Sonny
29th September	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	

The Flower Group, who put in the church flowers each Sunday, would be delighted if you could become one of the volunteers who do this. **We are needing 5 new conveners.**

The cost of flowers is reimbursed. Your time to buy the flowers, to put them in 2 vases, and help to distribute to the sick or lonely after the second service, would be invaluable in keeping this service running. This would be a nice thing for some of our newer (and younger?) members to get involved in.

For further information, or to have a dedication in memory of a loved one entered in the Kirk Magazine please contact me. Jean Gray 0131 258 2081 or 0792 790 4860



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
A vineyard owner went to the marketplace
at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal
wage for a day's work.



He went out again
at 9 o'clock ...



and again with just 1 hour
to go before sunset.



At the end of the day..



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a
whole day's wage..



and so were those who
had worked all day.



You paid them the same
and we worked all day!



My friend, you agreed to
work for a day's wage

I want to give those
who were hired last
the same as you got.



Can't I do what I want
with my own money?

Or are you jealous because
I'm good to others?



Jesus concluded...



So those
who are
now last will be
first, and the first last.

Kirkgate Café

Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
(last serve at 1.30pm)

What an incredibly wet time we have had so far this year, but thanks to all our amazing customers and fantastic volunteers, Kirkgate café has had another busy Summer.

Produce from the Garden !

The café has been benefiting from local produce that has zero carbon footprint as it grown in the garden behind the Kirkgate Centre Church Halls. A big thank you to the volunteer gardeners who have supplied strawberries, potatoes, and lots and lots of lettuce so far. Our tables have also been brightened up by the colourful and scented sweet peas.

During July and August we welcomed 2 young ladies, from the local area, who volunteered in the cafe before they head off to University in September. They have enthusiastically and cheerfully tackled the full range of tasks required to run the cafe smoothly. All at Kirkgate café wish Lois and Catriona the very best for their next chapter in life.

Kirkgate Café needs YOU !!

As the café gets busier, we could do with some extra volunteers to help especially during lunchtimes. Volunteering within the café offers you a chance to meet many people. Currently Monday, Tuesday and Thursday have space for more volunteers.

No cafe experience is needed, except a smile and a readiness to join a busy but fun team. There are a variety of tasks, from serving the customers, preparing food in the kitchen, to cleaning the dishes. If you have been thinking about it for a while or its something that you are now thinking about doing, come in and have chat with myself (Jenny, Café manager).



Kirkgate Evening Café

Kirkgate Evening café is now open during school term time, Tuesday 5pm – 8pm and Wednesday 6pm-8pm. The evening café takes on more of a coffee shop feel serving hot and cold drinks and cakes.

Jenny Thomasi

Kirkgate Café Manager

kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net 07894 056 216

Senior Citizens club 2024/25

Our Senior Citizens Club is like an extended family & celebrates our wonderful seniors. Wonder what another name for Senior Citizen's could be? I know; how about Recycled Teenagers!! ?

We normally have up to 90 members but even though there are so many people we are still a friendly crowd! When you come you will be made very welcome by our lovely President Jenni Ryalls & her team of helpers/Elves.

Our club at the minute meets January - April and September - December. But we may have some exciting news when we meet up!! We meet in the Anderson Hall within the Kirk halls on Thursdays from 2pm-3.45pm, although the hall is open from 1pm. The cafe is still open for a cuppa beforehand if you fancy. We have such a variety of excellent entertainers, and every week is something different, from choirs to solo folks, to groups, to in-house entertainers. Each month we have a raffle, with a variety of prizes to be won.



We also have visits from Bridgend Farmhouse, who bring their various famous jams, chutneys & handmade gifts; and Marie Curie who visit us with their Christmas gifts in early November.



Like any family we celebrate the annual milestone in every single members life ... their birthday! On the Thursday of their birthday week every member gets a handmade birthday card! We've had many a birthday as you can imagine, but our eldest member is our lovely Ina Telfer who celebrated her 100th birthday! (See one of the photos on next page).

We have afternoon teas throughout the year, and at our last meeting before Christmas, Santa or Mr Snowman always manages to call into the club before their marathon deliveries round the world.

If you need it, transport can be provided – just ask Jenni & she'll see what she can do! We use 2 of the local SEAG buses so there may be a small waiting time.



- 4 Sheila Maitland . . celebrating a birthday ending with a 5
- 9 Linda McCutcheon
- 16 Bill Witherspoon
- 18 Stanley Bacon
- 20 Lucy Patterson
- 21 Bryan Ryalls
- 25 Pat Darlington, and Jim, one of our bus drivers
- 30 Linda Haggarty, one of our lovely volunteers

Entertainers

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Steve Cowan our opening Afternoon Tea
- 12 The JABs in-house fun
- 19 Butterfly Music with Margo
- 26 Alan Weatherhead making his keyboard talk & RAFFLE

For further details about the Senior Citizens meeting including info about transport contact Jenni

President – Jenni Ryalls – 0131 258 0764 or 0741 533 5889

Pastoral Support Worker – Linda Wright – 0785 041 1596

Louise Ogilvy can be contacted by email at seniorslk@gmail.com

We start up on 5th September. Keep an eye on the Kirk's website libertonkirk.org for further details



Ooor Bryan Ryalls celebrated his 80th



Our very own
Ina Telfer
celebrating her
100th



We brought back our Easter Bonnet parade which was very successful with over 40 bonnets.
Wonder what this session will hold!

**You are welcome to our
Senior Citizens Club 24/25**



Blythswood Shoe Boxes 2024

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, and the preparation of the shoe boxes. We are confident that, as in previous years, we will have a great response from everyone.

Each person who receives a box filled with gifts feels very special, and knows that someone filled it with gifts (including a hat and scarf, toothpaste and toothbrush, a small toy and some soap) which bring sunshine, laughter and colour into the children's lives.

The shoe boxes will be given to families who have to make a choice between buying either food or fuel at Christmas, and where buying presents is not the greatest priority. A lot of these families live in houses with no running water, electricity or heating, and have to live in one or two rooms.



*Christian care for
body and soul*

Leaflets that have to accompany the shoe boxes will be at both church welcome desks, and in the halls. These leaflets will give you suggestions of what to put in the boxes as well as all instructions.



There will also be a box in the halls for any spare wool you may have, and patterns for the hats and toys.

'Please note this box is ONLY for spare wool and patterns. It is not for other items. We are hoping that shoeboxes have been filled already'

There will also be a box in the halls foyer for any donations which you might like to give. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you have empty shoe boxes that you can contribute these would also be very welcome.

Thank you, **Veronica Craig**

Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

Invite all men to

[A Men's Breakfast](#)

+ Guest from world of football

Saturday 28th September 9.30-11am Kirk Centre Caf   5 on the day

[A Men's Curry & Beer Night + Quiz](#)

Friday 15th November + BYOB 7-9.30pm Kirk Centre

 5 or  10 donation to TEARFUND

[A Curry & Beer Night FOR ALL \(18+\)](#)

Friday 10th January BYOB 7-9.30pm Kirk Centre  5 on the day

Sign up before each event

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – Advance notice

On the second Wednesday evening in December, the 11th, in the run-up to Christmas, we will hold our annual

Memorial Service. This service gives people who have been bereaved (recently or some time ago) a chance to remember their loved ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed, and to light a candle. Anyone is welcome to come along at 7pm on 11th December. There will be reminders nearer the time.



Guild September news

Saturday 7th September. Following the success of previous Historical Walks held in September, Ruth Davies is planning to hold another one this September.

We will meet in the Kirk Centre between 9.45 am 10 am, and return there for tea/coffee after the walk, at about 11.30 am.

This walk is open to all in the congregation.



Saturday 21st September

Irene Malcolm is going to display her **Knitted Gospel** and talk about her life experiences while producing it. This will be held in the Anderson Hall from 2 until 4 pm, and will be followed by light refreshments.

This is open to all in the congregation.

Moira Cocksedge, Secretary



Pilgrimage Walk for the Season of Creation Saturday 21st September, 2024

Where, when and how?

From Roslin to St Catherine's Well
A morning departure from Roslin
6+ miles including Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve, and Burdiehouse Burn Local Nature Reserve
One way route helped by 37 bus
Bring a picnic lunch and dress for all weathers!



As well as enjoying the company, the chat and the scenery we also intentionally include prayer, listening and silence (from humans) and perhaps share any reflections among the group. Finishing at the Balm Well in the grounds of the Toby Carvery, there will be a short symbolic act of worship with the well water there for the Season of Creation.

This route is suitable for people who walk or exercise regularly, 30 mins per day of brisk walking that makes you feel a bit warmer and breathe a bit faster is recommended for most people, if you are not already doing this, then that will be a good start to preparations for our pilgrimage (and good health).

In addition, if you have not walked 6 miles in the past 6 months then it would be a good idea to do a 3 mile walk before our pilgrimage to make sure your shoes are still comfy. These preparatory walks will add to the pleasure of the season.

Folk who prefer to sit or have a gentle stroll are welcome to join us at the Well, Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve or Burdiehouse Burn Local Nature Reserve. However, be aware our timings will not be precise because pilgrims never know what they will encounter on the way!

It would help the organisers get an idea of numbers and be able to update you on plans if you email to note interest, but you are free to just turn up on the day if you prefer.

Get the full itinerary by emailing pilgrim@seecat.org or on the SEECAT website.

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

*"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls. **Jeremiah 6 verse 16***

In 2024 we are considering *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.

From August-October we are journeying with the **major prophets of
Isaiah, JEREMIAH, Ezekiel and Daniel**



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 which the information provided fits into,
based on the Kirk's origins of the Celtic and Northumbrian traditions
which we started as a church family back 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 SEPT 24

- Sun 1st Morning – JEREMIAH chapter 1** – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning...and then pause to pray to this God in response.
Midday - pray the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these words again... reflect .. and then pray to this God of ours.
- Mon 2nd Morning – JEREMIAH 2 vv.1-12** – take time to consider these words at the start of this new week...and then pray to our God in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our friends and family members
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 3rd Morning – JEREMIAH 3 vv.6-20** – as we pause with God today we consider these words 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 verses again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 4th Morning – JEREMIAH 5 vv.14-19**– As we pause with God this morning we consider these words - And then turn to pray to this God we trust
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the wider SEECOS Church family
Evening – read the words again – reflect. and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 5th Morning – JEREMIAH 6 vv.16-19**– we pause and consider these words this new morning and then we pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Big Idea group of churches
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 6th Morning – JEREMIAH 7 vv.1-20** – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words – 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 7th Morning – JEREMIAH 8 vv.4-12** – as we pause with God today we consider these words And then pray to Him 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 8th Morning – JEREMIAH 8 v18- ch 9 v11** - take time to pause this morning and consider these verses...And then pray to this God in response today
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 9th Morning – JEREMIAH 9 vv.23-26**– as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words today - And then pray to Him in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on SEECAT group of churches
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 10th Morning – JEREMIAH 10 vv.6-10** – as we pause with God this morning we consider these words..... and then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock, hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 11th Morning – JEREMIAH 10 vv.23-25** – Pause and listen with God this new morning. Consider what is said here ... then turn to pray to Him

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What's on in 2024/25 at Liberton Kirk

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www.seecos.org.uk



Sunday Morning Worship **9.30am and 11am**

Everybody is most welcome at both services. The first service is a short traditional service and the second is contemporary family worship with programmes for the children. The second service is also on Zoom—for access details contact rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net (There is one joint service at 10.30am in July/August and for two Sundays at Christmas)

Children and Young People

Children are an important part of our church from when they are born, and parents with children are welcome in church for the services. Details of the usual programmes for crèche, children of nursery school age upwards and young people are given inside.

We have a Youth and Children's Worker (e-mail youthandchildrensworker@libertonkirk.net) and a Pre-School Children and Families Worker (email laura@libertonkirk.net)

Sunday Evening Worship - Café Church at 6.30pm

Sunday evening worship is informal, and is held in the Kirk Centre, where refreshments are from 6.30pm and worship from 7pm. On the last Sunday of the month (usually) we join with the other SEECOS churches for worship and fellowship (venue advertised in notice sheets, on the website and on notice boards).

Minister

JOHN YOUNG, 7 KIRK PARK, Tel. 664 3067
JYoung@churchofscotland.org.uk .

Any updates and changes are advertised online and on notice boards.

A typical week at Liberton Kirk

The extent to which our Kirk and Kirk Centre are in use, not only on Sunday; but every day of the week is shown in the following outline of a typical week.

Abbreviations **AH** - Anderson Hall; **EP** - Ewen Pavilion; **ER** - Elders' Room in the Church; **F**- Foyer; **McD** - McDonald Room; **RH** - Recreation Hall; **SH** - Small Hall; **WH** - Wilson Hall (Upper Hall);

SUNDAY

09-30 to 10-15 Morning Service
10-20 to 10-50 Prayer Group (except July and August) (ER)
10-00 to 10-20 Prayer Group (July & August only) (ER)
11-00 to 12-15 Morning Service (except July and August)
10-30 to 11-30 Family Service, with crèche and Summer Sunday Club (July & August Only)
10-45 to 12-15 Crèche, up to age 3 (EP)
10-45 to 12-15 Sunday Clubs (Various Halls)
18.30 to 20-00 Café Church in the Kirk Centre 18.30 for Chat, Barista Coffee / Tea and treats for 19:00 start.

MONDAY

09-00 to 12-30 Art Group (RH)
09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00 Ladies Badminton (RH)
18-00 to 20-30 Young Life Club (Hall varies)
19-30 to 22-00 Guild (See Guild programme for exact dates) (AH)

TUESDAY

07-30 to 19-30 'Upper Room' Prayer Space (WH)
09-00 to 14-00 Kirkgate Café (F)
17-00 to 20-00 Kirkgate Café (F) *
17:00 to 18:00 Squirrels
17-15 to 18-15 93rd Rainbow Unit (SH)
18-30 to 20-00 93rd Brownie Pack (AH)
18-30 to 20-00 93rd A Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 21-30 Boys Brigade (RH)
20-15 to 21-45 Scottish Country Dance Group - Oct to March (AH)

For further information please contact

Facilities > tel 07478 111 407

Bookings should be emailed to facilities@libertonkirk.net

WEDNESDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Café (F)
10-00 to 12-00	Toddlers (RH)
11-00 to 11-30	Pram Praise (once a month) (SH)
18-00 to 20-00	Kirkgate Café (F) *
18-30 to 19-45	93rd C Brownies (SH)
18-00 to 19-10	162nd Beavers (AH)
18-30 to 20-00	162nd Cub Scouts (RH)
19.00 to 19.30	Minister available in the Kirkgate Cafe
19-30 to 21-00	93rd A Guides (AH)
19.30 to 21.00	Gathering for Praise (alternate weeks) (WH)
20-00 to 21-30	Thrive Link Group (WH) if you're interested contact Andrea Wilson andrea.doeschl@gmail.com or mobile 07910471174



THURSDAY

09-00 to 14-00	Kirkgate Café (F)
14-00 to 16-00	Senior Citizens Club (AH)
19-00 to 20-30	93rd Guides (AH)
19-30 to 21-00	162nd Scouts (RH)

FRIDAY

10-15 to 12-00	Friday Fellowship Link Group (WH)
13-00 to 16.00	Warm Hub (Café Foyer)
17.00 to 18.30	Young Life, WyldLife Club (Hall changes)

SATURDAY

Guild events including Coffee Mornings (see Guild leaflet for further info) 16.00 to 18.00
Messy Church (last Saturday in month - except June, July & December) all halls

* evening café only during school term times

Other regular users

- ◆ Nicky Pender, Pilates
- ◆ Rhona Gordon, Flexercise
- ◆ Jo Jingles
- ◆ Cheyne Gang
- ◆ Sing and Sign
- ◆ FATOWL
- ◆ Gilmerton Singers
- ◆ Redwoods
- ◆ Community Integrated Care
- ◆ Parkinsons
- ◆ Local Nurseries
- ◆ Private Parties

Other Worship Opportunities

Pram Praise for Toddlers and their Carers

Once a month in the Small Hall, timed to coincide with the toddlers' group on Wednesday mornings, 20 minutes of relaxed worship especially for the under-threes. Dates will be advertised.

Messy Church

Messy Church gives young families a chance to be part of a church community on a day other than Sunday. Usually on the last Saturday of the month (except June, July and December) in the Kirk Centre from 4pm to 6pm, it is a fun time of crafts, games, friendship, worship and food.

Watch the website and notice boards for dates.

Gathering for Praise

The church musicians and singers meet on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Kirk Centre to worship God as they plan for the coming Sundays. This is open to all.

Monthly Services in Homes and Hospitals

Liberton Brae— First Tuesday,
Guthrie House – Last Tuesday,
both at 2.30pm.

A Praying Church

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance and the power of prayer, individually, in small groups and as a church. Prayer requests can be left in the boxes provided, and will be prayed for by the Prayer Team. On the last Tuesday evening of most months at 7.30pm we meet to pray as a church community in the Kirk (or occasionally on Zoom). There is also a programme of daily devotions (see the centre of the magazine).

The Upper Room

The Wilson Hall (upstairs in the Kirk Centre) is open for private prayer from 7.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesdays, with a short time of prayer with others at 8am, 12noon and 7pm.

Link Groups

Liberton Kirk believes in the importance of small groups in the life of the congregation and encourages everybody to get involved. In these groups people find companionship and support in their daily lives. All have an element of fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, and support for the church's outreach programme. Group details and contacts are in the church magazine.

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- Wed 11th Midday** – We pray God’s blessing on the Church of Scotland
Evening – read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 12th Morning** - **JEREMIAH chapter 12** - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Church in Scotland
Evening – read the passage again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 13th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 15 vv.19-21** – As we pause with God, we consider these verses this morning... And then pray in response to Him
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 14th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 16 vv.19-21** – as we pause with God we take time to consider these words and truths as the day starts- And then pray to this God
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
- Sun 15th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 17 vv.1-10** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this 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 our God
- Mon 16th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 17 vv.19-27** – 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 your neighbours
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tue 17th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 18 vv.1-12** – 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
- Wed 18th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 23 vv.1-8** – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on colleagues at work
Evening – read the verses again – reflect...and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 19th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 23 vv.25-32** - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Kirkgate Cafe
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 20th Morning** – **JEREMIAH 25 vv.30-38** – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words...And then pray in response to Father God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our Church Prayer List
Evening – read this verses again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
- Sat 21st Morning** – **JEREMIAH 29 vv.10-14** – as we pause with Jesus today we take time to consider these meaningful verses - And then pray to this God

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LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS FOR SEPT 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 22nd Morning – **JEREMIAH chapter 30** – we take the time with God to consider these words on this Sunday morning And then pray to God in response

Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

Evening – read these verses again... reflect. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him

Mon 23rd Morning – **JEREMIAH 31 vv.21-26** – as we pause with God, take the time to consider these particular words today...and then pray in response

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on friends and family members

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

Tue 24th Morning – **JEREMIAH 31 vv.31-34** – 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 25th Morning – **JEREMIAH 33 vv.1-3** – Pause with God this morning.

Consider these words written here... And then turn to pray to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the wider SEECOS Church family

Evening – read the verses again – reflect... and then pray to the LORD our God

Thu 26th Morning – **JEREMIAH 42 vv.1-12** - consider this particular passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers persecuted for their faith in Jesus

Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then we pray to this God we believe and trust

Fri 27th Morning – **JEREMIAH 44 vv.1-10** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning ... And then pray in response to 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 28th Morning – **JEREMIAH chapter 45** – as we pause with God this morning take time to consider these words and truths - and then pray to this God

Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today

Evening – read the passage again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

Sun 29th Morning – **LAMENTATIONS 3 vv.19-24** - we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning And then pray to this God in response

Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

Evening – read the verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week with Him, together

Mon 30th Morning – **LAMENTATIONS 3 vv.25-30** – 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 Local Leadership Team at LK

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

SCOTTISH WALDENSIAN SOCIETY

LIBERTON KIRK WORLD MISSION TEAM

"WITH GREAT PLEASURE"

a programme of songs, poems, music and readings,
mostly in a light-hearted spirit

presented by DAVID A. LAMB
with help from the younger members
of the Lamb Family

at Liberton Kirk Centre, Kirkgate, Edinburgh
on SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2024 AT 2.30 PM

Suggested donation £8 to include refreshments

This event is presented for the benefit of the
Scottish Waldensian Society,
and the World Mission Team of Liberton Kirk

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Alpha

The Alpha team from the South-East Edinburgh cluster will be running Alpha from Tuesday 27th August-Tuesday 29th October in Liberton Northfield Church Hall, 280 Gilmerton Road, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7pm. Alpha is open to anyone who wants to explore faith, life and meaning. Whether you already have a faith or are searching for something more, Alpha can help deepen your relationship with God. It provides an opportunity to explore the big questions of life. The format is simple. We share some food, watch a film and have a chat. There's no obligation to stay if you're unsure and there's no judgement or pressure. Please come and see! If you are interested in coming along or would like more information, please let us know at cluster.alpha@outlook.com.

'Celebrate Recovery!' @ The Hub

Launching on Thursday 5th September 2024

- ◆ Do you ever think that your hurts, habits and hang-ups are something you just have to live with?
- ◆ Have you ever thought that it might be possible to live in a healthier way emotionally and/or spiritually?
- ◆ Have you ever asked yourself or the Universe: Is this it? Where am I to find a way to live with a bit more grace, love, forgiveness and blessing?

In September we are going to launch **Celebrate Recovery**, a group which is a mix - a balance, between a recovery group and a discipleship group. Every person who is alive now, has been and gone, or is still to be born will suffer or cope with a life where their hurts, habits and hang-ups can get in the way of life and living.

There are four key elements to the evenings:

Fellowship or friendship, **Worship**, **Teaching**, and **Discussion** groups ... one for females, one for males

Then add a big dollop of God's grace and goodness and there you have it -

'Celebrate Recovery!'

Starting at The Hub, 6 Ravenscroft Street, Edinburgh EH17 8QJ
on Thursday 5th September, 7 till 9 pm, or any week after that.

Contact: Cammy MacKenzie, Minister, Tron Kirk & Moredun
email: cammy.mackenzie@churchofscotland.org.uk tel: 07838 912361

What is SEECAT?

As well as the four SEECOS churches (see page 4), there are three Roman Catholic Churches (the South Edinburgh Cluster) and one Scottish Episcopal Church in South East Edinburgh. Over the last thirty years we have met and worshipped and witnessed with them under the banner of SEECAT (South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together).

Through our annual programme (published in October) we get to know each other better – we are all following the same Saviour and working towards his Kingdom, and we find ways we can help each other in reaching out to others around us. Have a look at the website www.seecat.org to see what goes on. It has links to the churches. The quarterly newsletter **Crosstalk** is on the website, or available in churches when it is published. You are warmly invited to join us!

The first event for 2024/2025 (a Pilgrimage Walk) is on 21st September.
See advert on page 18



Ruth Davies tel. 664 3608

Crossword

Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 & 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8) 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth.. will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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Church Records available on line

The moment the Church of Scotland defied King Charles I is among a vast number of historical documents now available to view on the ScotlandsPeople website

www.ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk

As part of a wider release of almost 4,000 volumes of church court records, National Records of Scotland (NRS) has added papers from the church's governing court, the General Assembly, for the first time.



This includes the minutes of the meeting held in Glasgow in November 1638 when delegates representing Scotland rejected the monarch's rules for worship.

NRS archivist Jessica Evershed said: "The 1638 meeting of the General Assembly is a turning point in Scottish history. It sees the ministers disobey the King to remove the bishops and the new common prayer book he had introduced.

"As part of the wider Covenanters' movement, this led to 50 years of war and upheaval.

"This is one item among the church court records available on ScotlandsPeople. The latest release includes approximately 300,000 digitised images of mostly handwritten historical records dating from the 1500s to 1900.

"These records are a treasure trove for professional historians and amateurs working on their family tree. The records of local church courts contain details of parish work such as grants for the poor, mediating family disputes, payments for services and issuing punishments for minor offences."

The Revd Fiona Smith, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: "I am delighted that National Records of Scotland are making further Church of Scotland records available in a digitised format, providing a unique window into the history of Scotland itself, as well as aspects of daily life in our parishes, unfolding over the course of hundreds of years.

ScotlandsPeople is run by National Records of Scotland. It offers access to a wide range of official records including births, deaths, marriages and census records from the 16th century to modern times. Modern records are restricted but older records can be searched free of charge; but viewed online on payment of a fee.

South East Edinburgh Food Banks

Donations for the food banks can be left in the boxes provided in the Offering House at the Kirk, or left at 36 Liberton Drive (box outside garage)



For special arrangements please contact David Lamb on 0131 664 3059, or send email to david@dlamb.co.uk

Donations to church funds

We are now more than four months into our new church life as part of SEECOS. The new financial arrangements bringing the four parishes together are operating well. There have been some teething issues but most have been sorted out.

Because we retained Liberton Kirk's main bank account and charity number for SEECOS, Liberton members who donate by standing order were not required to change their arrangements.

But as regards one-off, or additional donations, there *are* new arrangements. If you wish to pay a donation by cheque, please make it payable to **SEECOS KIRK SESSION**, and not Liberton Kirk as before, otherwise the bank will reject it. Similarly, if you wish to make a transfer from your bank account using the details from your standing order, please note the name of the account is now **SEECOS KIRK SESSION**, but the sort code and account number remain the same.

Finally, if you do not give by standing order but would like to do so, there are forms, including gift aid declarations available in the church by the entrance doors.
Eric Brown., Gift Aid Convener

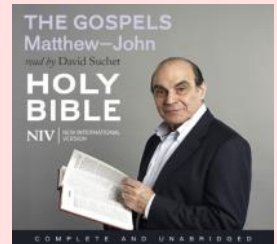


Bible Audio recordings

We bought a set of Bible audio readings by David Suchet, which we enjoy, and hope that a mention in the magazine might help to make folk aware of these recordings. This is a project he had planned for years since coming to faith. The recordings are available as a paid-for version, or free version, which comes with adverts.

Marie Louise Robb

(various audio files by David Suchet, covering the entire NIV bible, are also available to download from your usual audio file supplier ED)



Choir for Lessons & Carols Service

Would you like to sing in a four-part choir for the Lessons and Carols Service on Wednesday 18th December?

There will be six weekly rehearsals in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on 12th November.

If you are used to part-singing and reading music that will help considerably; but anyone who wants to sing and is prepared to learn will be welcome.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



Bethany Care Van/ Night Shelter Open Evening

Liberton Kirk's **Bethany Care Van Open Evening** is taking place on Wednesday 25th September from 7pm to 8:45pm at Kirk House (house next to Kirk Halls)

Come along to hear members of the team speak about their evenings out on the Care Van.

The Liberton Kirk Team go out on the Care Van every 2nd Wednesday on the month.

We will also give information on our work with Bethany Night Shelter. Liberton Kirk currently cater for the Night Shelter on 2 evenings during October to May - usually 1 night in the winter and 1 in the spring.

Find out more at our open evening.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments are free. If you have any questions, please contact me on ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk



Tribute to Linzi Conway

Sadly Linzi Conway, our Jo Jingles play leader and such a beautiful, kind, fabulous lady, passed away on Thursday evening 1st August from a heart attack.

Those of us at Kirk Centre, who had the honour of chatting with Linzi on a Monday and Thursday are heartbroken, as she was very special and full of fun.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, and her Jo Jingles team, as we cannot begin to imagine the grief they are suffering. She will be missed greatly by the children she entertained so well each week. Such a fun time.



An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Later linked in name to the Apostle Matthew, it is generally believed that the anonymous Gospel author used Mark's Gospel as a basis and then added other material that had become available



Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author.

This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (28:vv18-20)

Reprinted from "Parish Pump"/news

Congregational News

A warm welcome is extended to **Mrs Elizabeth (Bessie) Keith** who has recently joined Liberton Kirk.

I am sorry to record the deaths, in July, of **Constance Mackenzie**, a long time member of Liberton Kirk, with involvement in many of its clubs and organisations, particularly Liberton Kirk Drama Group, and of **Dot Nobbs**, a member of Senior Citizens, at the grand old age of 102. My condolences to all family and friends.



Special Communion

Special Communion is a shortened Communion Service which takes place 3 times a year in the Anderson Hall. It starts with a short service at 3pm, followed by tea, coffee and home baking, which gives everyone a chance to catch up and hear everyone's news.

This service is mainly for people who are unable to come to the normal Communion service for whatever reason. However everyone is welcome.

Transport can be arranged.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to attend this service please let the people below know, and tell us if transport is needed.



Linda Wright Pastoral Care Worker 07850 411 596
or Eleanor Grieve, Convener Care Team 07512 821 604

The dates for Special Communion are

Sunday 22nd September 24, Sunday 9th February 2025, Sunday 11th May 2025.

If you wish any more information please contact me on Ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

Scottish Country Dancing

The Scottish Country Dancing Class meets every Tuesday evening in the Anderson Hall from 8.10 pm until 9.45 pm. The new session begins on Tuesday 1st October and classes run until the end of March. We learn some new dances; but we also enjoy some of the old favourites.



We would be delighted to welcome new members to join our group. Don't worry if you haven't danced for a while or if you are not very experienced; the class is very informal and we all help one another. The most important thing is that we enjoy ourselves, while giving our bodies (and our brains!) a bit of a workout.

If you wish any further information please contact Mary Davidson on 664 6789 or email: marydavidson77@hotmail.com.

In July we organised a coffee morning for past members of the country dance class. This was a great opportunity for our former teacher, Christina Douglas, to catch up and reminisce with old friends. A good time was had by all!



WORLD MISSION TEAM - Christian Aid Week 2024

This year Christian Aid Week ran from 12 to 18 May. I am pleased to give a report on this year's efforts in the Liberton Kirk Congregation

Donations -	At the Big Brekkie Event	£ 775
	Given in Return envelopes	£ <u>2367</u>
	Total	£ <u>3142</u>



In addition, a large proportion of the Return Envelope donations included Gift Aid Declarations.

From these, there should be a further sum of in the region of £500 recoverable from HMRC.

Girlguiding
in Liberton Kirk Centre

Rainbows
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Brownies
For ages 7 to 10
Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.

Guides
For ages 10 to 14
Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

Rangers
For ages 14 to 18
Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.

Find a group near you girlguiding.org.uk
Registered charity number. Exempted from registration

Overall, this is very slightly higher than the total received in Christian Aid Week, 2023, and so is indeed a very good result in the present economic circumstances. A big thank you is sent to all who took part – to the organisers and helpers at the Big Brekkie, to all who assisted with delivery of envelopes, and receiving filled envelopes, and to all who contributed in any way.

Watch out for the next event in May 2025!

David Lamb
for the World Mission Team



See "What's On" section, pp 22,23 for details of days and times ED

Drop-in Pilates Classes for Beginners/Intermediates

with Nicky Pender



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Editors note

Material for the October issue can be sent to me at any time; BUT **no later than Sunday 15th September**

Information should be sent to magazine@libertonkirk.net



From the Editor

I have enjoyed producing the Magazine for the last three issues, and would like to express my thanks to David Devoy who has been sitting in the 'hot seat' since November 2020, for all his hard work since then.



From next month the Magazine will be edited by Rev. John Cowie, who can be contacted at the same email address - magazine@libertonkirk.net.

I wish John well as he takes up his new responsibilities .

John Gill

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Weekly Groups

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

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders – Tuesday evening in various homes
Veronica Craig, veronicacraig41@gmail.com

Thrive – Wednesday evening in the Kirk Centre
Andrea Wilson, andrea.doeschl@gmail.com,
07910 471174

New Habits – Wednesday evening in various homes
Alastair Cameron, alastairfree@hotmail.com, 440 3090

The Cornerstone Group - Wednesday evenings in various homes
Fiona Devoy, Fiona.devoy@yahoo.co.uk

Vista Group – Thursday evening, Kirk Park
Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net, 664 2178

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)
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Thanks very much

Name (s)

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NEW Address

NEW Telephone

Moving date

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June Crossword Solution

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September Crossword Solution

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

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