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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'

Vision Statement



Daily Devotions

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Prayer for October

O LORD our God
 The God of Ezekiel and Daniel
 Yesterday, today and forever
 Breathe upon us.

O Living LORD our God
 The God of Daniel
 Yesterday, today and forever
 Empower and use us.

O Spirit of our God
 The God of Ezekiel
 Yesterday, today and forever
 Renew and Restore us.

O Holy Spirit of our God
 The God of Ezekiel and Daniel
 Yesterday, today and forever
 Fill us afresh.

Amen and Amen!

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



What are you waiting for?

It struck me today how much time Lindsay and I have spent in the last couple of months simply waiting. This is probably because, as I write this, we are sitting in a waiting room at the Royal Infirmary waiting for Lindsay's turn to have an X-ray of her shoulder. After that we'll be heading through to 'the green room' where we will sit and wait to see her consultant.

As a nation, we're very good at waiting. We are happy to form a queue at a bus stop, (as long as no one jumps on the bus out of turn!) We are probably less happy to sit in the queue of cars on Lasswade Road, waiting for the temporary lights to change while the road resurfacing work continues its relentless advance down from Captain's Road, (although we will probably welcome it when it's done.) The same can probably be said for the one way system at the foot of Liberton Brae, (although it does seem to have been there for a very long time).

We wait for exam results, test results, and hospital appointments. We spend countless minutes on the phone trying to talk to our GP, reassured by the artificial voice that regularly informs us how many callers are still waiting in the queue in front of us.

We spend even longer on the phone trying to renew insurance policies, or to explain to BT that our mother no

longer needs a phone line. If we added up all the time we spent waiting, I'm sure we'd be surprised.

Sometimes, however, waiting can be a really good thing. Waiting to hear some good news about the birth of a child. Waiting at the airport for the loved one flying in from far away.

As followers of Jesus, there is one wait we all share in common – the wait for Jesus to fulfil his promise that he will come again and make all things new. In the meantime, as we wait together, here are some words of encouragement from Psalm 130...

*I wait for the Lord,
my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait
for the morning,
more than watchmen
wait for the morning.*

*Put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love,
and great is his power to deliver.*

Much love

John x

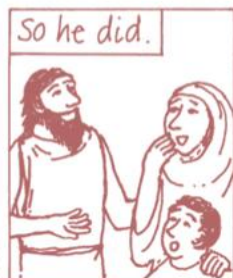
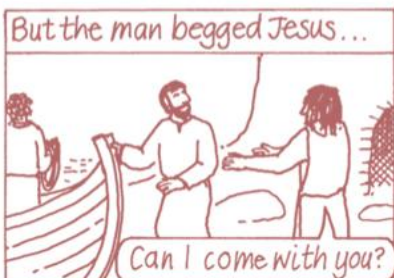
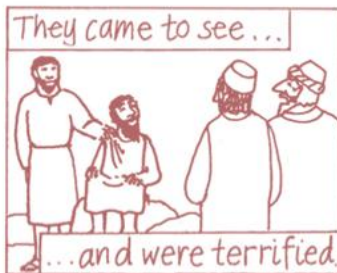
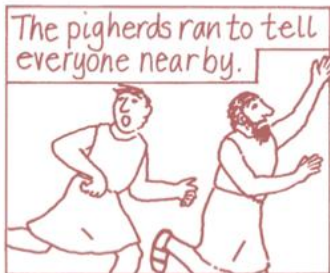
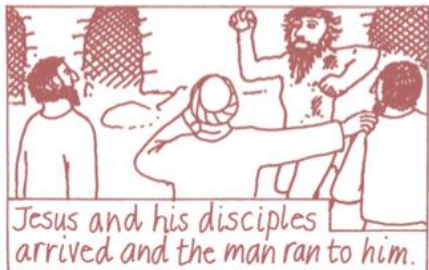


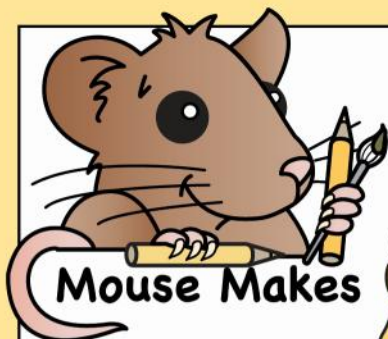
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.





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WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

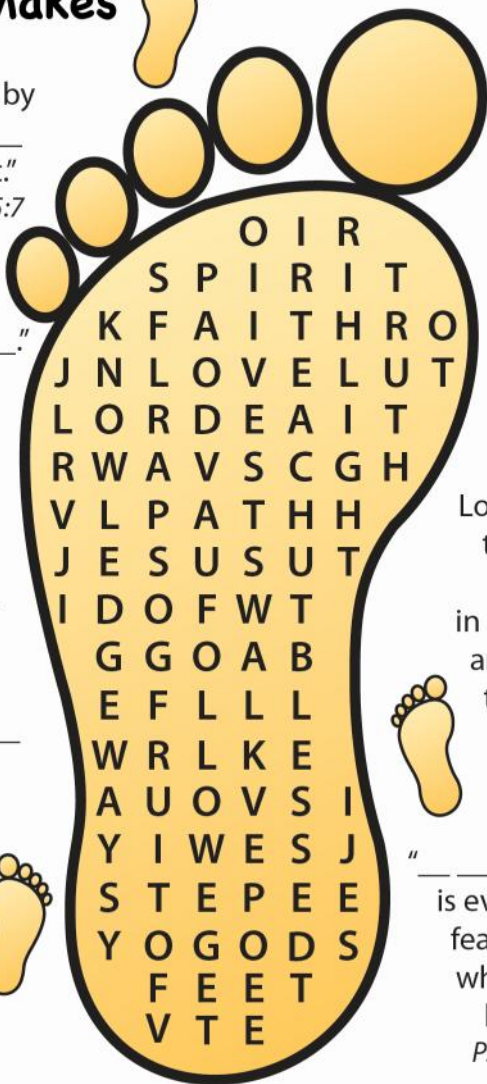
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."

John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in

a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

October 24 Diary

- Tuesday 1 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 2 9.00am—2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Thursday 3 9.00am-2.00pm—*Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm—*Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 4 1.00-4.30pm—*Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
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- Sunday 6 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**

- Monday 7 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.00pm – *The Guild* dedication service in the Kirk
- Tuesday 8 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
3.00pm – *Kirkgate Café* Board meeting
- Wednesday 9 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 10 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 11 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
3.00pm (to 3.00pm on Saturday) – SEECOS 24/7 prayer gathering at the Tron Kirk
- Saturday 12 2.30pm “With Great Pleasure” – WMT Event in LKC
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- Sunday 13** 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 Mary and Martha (Luke 10.39-42)
Preacher: Alastair Cameron
- 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room
- 6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**

Monday 14 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Tuesday 15 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Wednesday 16 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Thursday 17 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
 Friday 18 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

SUNDAY 20 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 little children (Luke 11.15-17)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room
6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 21 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Tuesday 22 7.30am-7.30pm – Prayer space available in the *Upper Room*
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 Wednesday 23 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm – *Praise Gathering* in the Wilson Hall
 Thursday 24 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
 Friday 25 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 26 4.00pm – 6.00pm – Messy Church at LKC

Sunday 27 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 rich young man (Mark 10.17-31)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room
6.30pm – SEECOS worship gathering at Gilmerton Hub

Monday 28 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.15pm – 9.00pm *‘Equipping for Leadership’* course at Liberton Northfield
 Tuesday 29 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 30 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 31 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall

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Friday 1 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 2 7pm “The Road to the Isles” – WMT Scottish Evening in LKC

Sunday 3 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 Zaccheus (Luke 19.1-10)

Preacher: John Urquhart

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre



Our Service of Lessons and Carols will take place on Wednesday 18 December. Rehearsals for the choir will begin on **Tuesday 12 November** (7.30pm in the Kirk) and continue for six Tuesdays. If you would like to sing in this choir please put all the dates in your diary now. If you are familiar with part-singing and can read music that will be a help, but anybody who wants to sing will be welcome. Just come along on the 12th, with a pencil at the ready, and you will be made very welcome.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608

Liberton Kirk Eco-Congregation

We are frequently reminded to read the small print.

The print on many recyclable plastic bottles is often unbelievably tiny. When it says recycle with cap on - that is exactly what it means. The cap can now be recycled with the bottle - and many are now attached as instructions have been ignored.

If you remove the cap, foreign objects can enter the bottle during sorting and can contaminate the bottle which then is ditched so please leave cap on when instructed. It is so important that plastic should be recycled or reused.

I still use a brand of storage containers given as wedding presents 60 years ago and they show no signs of deteriorating, so please do not add to the landfill problem when the plastic can and should be recycled.

Dorothy Morrison



MAGGIE'S

On behalf of MAGGIE's Edinburgh, the family of Grant Cook would like to thank everyone for donating to the collection at the service of thanksgiving for Grant's life on 3rd May. The collection raised over £2,000 for MAGGIE's Edinburgh.

Maggie's Edinburgh, Western General Hospital,
Crewe Road South, Edinburgh, EH4 2XU

THE GUILD



The Annual Gathering 2024 was held in the General Assembly Hall in Edinburgh on Saturday 7 September. Some members from Liberton Kirk Guild attended and thoroughly enjoyed the day. The day began with Holy Communion led by the Moderator. We were joined by five guests from Malawi. We learned a bit more about the new Projects for 2025-2027.



Historical Walk, led by Ruth Davies on 7 September.

Despite the weather, the Guild and friends enjoyed our annual walk lead by Ruth Davies. This year we made our way down Kirk Brae, along Double Hedges Road to Gilmerton Road.

We arrived at Nether Liberton, which was once a village of considerable size with a population of 267 at the end of the 18th Century. It held weekly markets and an annual horse racing event which attracted large crowds. We then crossed the road to Inch Park and made our way to Inch House which we were fortunate enough to be able to access.

We were given a brief history and shown the vaulted cellar in the original part of the house, as well as the garden. From Inch House we made our way to Nether Liberton House and some other charming properties including Mill House which still has the mill wheel attached to it. We then made our way back to the Kirk Centre where Eleanor was waiting for us with tea, coffee and homemade shortbread made by Helen Sutherland.

It was a very pleasant morning and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and learn a little bit more about the history of Liberton from Ruth.



See the next page for future activities.

Future Guild events

On **Monday 7 October** at **7.00 pm** our first Guild Meeting of the Session takes the form of a Dedication Service by Rev. John Young in Liberton Kirk, followed by light refreshments in the Anderson Hall opposite.

On **Monday 21 October** at **7.30 pm** in The Anderson Hall, Liberton Kirk Centre, Kath Kay's talk is entitled "*Shetland Bus*".

The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery, and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild this session. There is a charge of £3 per meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary), Tel. 662 0692

Thank you, everyone!

On Sunday, 25 August I received from John Young a lovely framed text and an envelope containing a very generous gift to recognise my retirement from the role of Treasurer of Liberton Kirk.

Back in the summer of 1999 I was approached by Ian Strachan (the then Convenor of the Finance Committee) to take over the role of Treasurer from Bill Watson, who had held the post for 30 Years! As I, at that time, worked in Finance and had always worked with figures this suggestion did not phase me and I had a strong feeling that I should take on the post and serve my church family in this way.

Over the years, as well as doing all the duties involved, I have attended many meetings on other aspects of church life (as generally there is always a financial implication). As a result I have come to know many people both in Liberton Kirk and also from other churches as well as those at Presbytery and '121' level.

It has also been challenging as regulations etc. have changed – good for my brain - no need for me to do crosswords or sudoku!

I have only been able to do this role with the support of Keith, my husband, who has kept the 'home fires burning' as well as the support and friendship of the Liberton Kirk family.

I have felt, for the last few years, that it was time for me to step back and 'retire' fully. Now is a new chapter in the life of Liberton Kirk, as part of SEECOS, and it is only right for new people to take things forward.

I have found my time, as Treasurer, very interesting and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the management team.

Thank you once again for your generosity – now, where is that crossword?

Blessings to you all.

Judy Weston x



Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

Invites all men to

A Curry and Beer Night + Quiz Friday 15th November

7.00-9.30pm in the Kirk Centre

(BringYourOwnBottle)

£5 or £10pp donation to TEARFUND

Sign up by 10th November – or contact
David Colley, Dave Storey or Alastair Cameron
(70 spaces available!)

Sleeping Giant

Book review



Tommy MacNeil is parish minister of Martin's Memorial Church in Stornoway and has written this book with a passion for the Giant to awaken!

It is indeed honest and provocative, positive and hope-filled, encouraging and deeply challenging as he calls on the Church in our land to arise, to be revived and to go out in obedience to the Great Commission.

This is nothing new in our day to be honest.

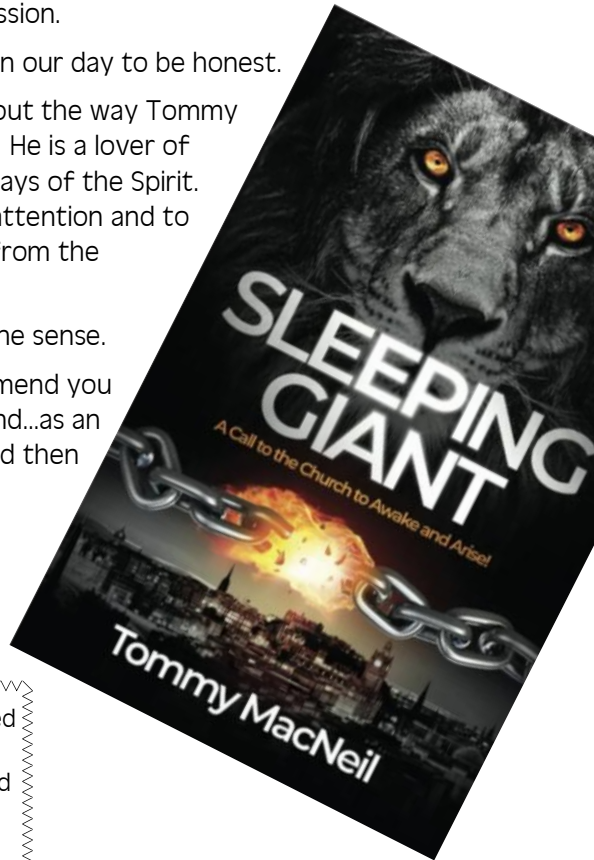
And yet, there is something new about the way Tommy speaks and writes and issues his call. He is a lover of Scripture. He is committed to the ways of the Spirit. And it is to both that he draws our attention and to both that he draws out a response from the reader.

This is not an easy book to read in one sense.

But...it is a book I would truly recommend you read as part of the Church in Scotland...as an individual...as a link group maybe...and then re-read it before you pass it on!

And yes...you can borrow my copy!

Alastair Cameron



If Alastair's this book review has inspired you to buy your own copy of Sleeping Giant copies are available from any good bookseller price £8.99, (there's also a Kindle version available from Amazon price £5.99 if you want it immediately).

Editor.

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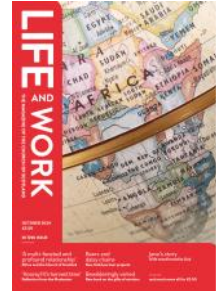
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Also from the Church of Scotland

The Church has submitted written evidence to a group of MSPs who are investigating the case for legalising assisted dying in Scotland. The purpose of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill is to introduce a lawful form of assisted dying for people over the age of 16 with a terminal illness. Scrutiny is being undertaken by the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and is at stage one of a three-part process.

The Church is "partially opposed" to the legislation becoming law due to its historic opposition to assisted dying while recognising that this position is currently under review following debates and decisions made by the General Assembly in 2023 and 2024.

The Church has extensive experience of walking with people in the final stages of their lives and for many the current societal prohibition on killing means that our role in Christ's call to care is clear. However, for others this may lead them to support giving terminally ill people the option of an assisted death – views informed by profound and intense personal experience.

A working group formed by the Theological Forum and Faith Action Programme Leadership Team is currently exploring more deeply the diverse views held by Church members on the subject and will report to the next General Assembly.

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

OCTOBER 24

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." *Ezekiel 36 verses 25 and 26*

In 2024 we are considering *BEFORE THE GOOD NEWS – GOD'S PLAN BEGINS* as we step back into the Old Testament, and pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

Throughout the month of October we journey with two of the major prophets, 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 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 the 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 OCTOBER 24

- Tue 1 Morning – EZEKIEL 1** –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 2 Morning –EZEKIEL 2:1 – 3:27** – Pause and listen with God this morning. Consider what is said here...then turn to pray to Him.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our neighbours.
Evening – read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 3 Morning – EZEKIEL 5** – We pause and consider these words this new morning and then we pray in response to this God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on family members.
Evening – Read the set verses again – reflect on what is said and then pray.
- Fri 4 Morning – EZEKIEL 7** – As we pause with God, we take the 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 our God .
- Sat 5 Morning – EZEKIEL 8** – As we pause with God this morning 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 6 Morning – EZEKIEL 10** – Take time to pause this morning to consider these words...and then pray to this God in response on this Sunday.
Midday – Pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer.
Evening – Read these words again, and then pray to this God of ours.
- Mon 7 Morning – EZEKIEL 12:21-28** – 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 colleagues and friends.
Evening – Read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response.
- Tue 8 Morning – EZEKIEL 15** – 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 9 Morning – EZEKIEL 20:30-44** – Pause and listen with God this new morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to Him.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our Church neighbours.
Evening – Read the words again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 10 Morning – EZEKIEL 24** – Consider these particular words this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on family and friends.
Evening – Read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and pray.
- Fri 11 Morning – EZEKIEL 33:1-20** – As we pause with God, we consider these truths this morning... and then pray in response to Him.

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- Midday** – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List.
Evening – Read the words again – reflect, and then pray to this God.
- Sat 12** **Morning - EZEKIEL 33:21-33** – 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 the reading.
- Sun 13** **Morning – EZEKIEL 34** - We take time to consider these word this new 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 14** **Morning – EZEKIEL 37:1-14** – As we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today...and then pray in response.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on someone you chatted with recently.
Evening – Read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response.
- Tue 15** **Morning – EZEKIEL 40:1-4** – As we pause with God today we consider these t 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 16** **Morning – EZEKIEL 43:1-12** – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words written here...and then turn to pray to God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on local shopkeepers to your home.
Evening – read the verses again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 17** **Morning – EZEKIEL 44:1-14** - Consider this particular passage on this new morning and then respond in prayer to God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on your medical centre staff.
Evening – Read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.
- Fri 18** **Morning – EZEKIEL 46** – As we pause with God, we take the 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 these verses again, take time to reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 19** **Morning –EZEKIEL 47:1-12** – As we pause with God today we take the time to consider these verses - 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 the reading.
- Sun 20** **Morning – DANIEL 1** – We take time with God to consider these words on this Sunday 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 21** **Morning – DANIEL 2** – 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 your neighbours.
Evening – Read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to your reading.

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- Tues 22 Morning – DANIEL 3** – As we pause with God today we consider these events and then respond in prayer with Him.
Midday – Take time to listen to God – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 23 Morning – DANIEL 4** – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words written here...and then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on family members.
Evening – read the verses again – reflect, .and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thur 24 Morning – DANIEL 5** - Consider this particular chapter this morning and then respond in prayer to this God we believe in.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on friends and colleagues.
Evening – Read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then we pray to this God we believe and trust.
- Fri 25 Morning – DANIEL 6**– 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 26 Morning – DANIEL 7** – As we pause with God, we 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 the reading.
- Sun 27 Morning – DANIEL 8** - We take time to consider these words on this Sunday 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 the chapter again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week with Him, together.
- Mon 28 Morning – DANIEL 9** – 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 someone you met recently.
Evening – Read the verses again, reflect and pray in response to the reading.
- Tues 29 Morning – DANIEL 10** – as we pause with God today, we consider these truths and then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – Take time to listen to God – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – Read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 30 Morning – DANIEL 11** – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words written here...and then turn to pray to God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on your personal prayer list.
Evening – Read the verses again – reflect, and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 31 Morning – DANIEL chapter 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 someone you saw recently.
Evening – Read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe and trust.

Congregational News

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH on 25 AUGUST 2024 and HOSPITALITY at LIBERTON KIRK



Jill Niven writes "I co-ordinated the annual Covenant Sunday Congregational Lunch this year and I am taking this opportunity to thank all the people from the congregation who helped over 2 days to bring the event together. Every role is so important, and I estimated that there were at least 25 involved from start to finish.

We were so pleased that over 90 of our congregation attended and hopefully enjoyed the lunch and company, which makes it all so worthwhile. Many thanks also to the generous donations, on the day, of over £500. These funds will be used to cover the cost of this lunch and other regular events which we host.



Hospitality is linked with the café for provisions. Each year we cater for the lunch, the annual memorial service, service of nine lessons and carols in December and on special occasions such as retirement/leaving lunches for staff etc. As such volunteers are vital, and an appeal will go out for assistance when required and I hope you will consider lending a hand in the future..

Elders' Duties for October to December

		Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
9.30 am	1 West	Alan Carmichael	Rosy Carmichael	Christina Young
	2 East	Tom Baxendale	David Lamb	Eric Brown
11am	1 West	Alastair Cameron	Jill Niven	Ruth Davies
	2 East	Christine Johnson	Helen Colley	Derek Jardine
	3 Gallery	Netta Rough	Kim Denholm	Eleanor Grieve
	4 Front gate	Linda Skinner	David Colley	Mary Davidson
	5 Banker	Rink van Dijke	David Lamb	Stewart Heney

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



<i>In memory of</i>		
October 6	Mrs Joan Lynch	Alice and Jim Robbie
October 13	Mrs Jane Robertson	Alice May Michel
October 20	Mrs Sheila McBryde	Violet Campbell
October 27	The Guild	In memory of all past Guild members

South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together **The Big Read**

On Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am in Liberton Kirk Centre you are invited to join SEECAT's "Big Read" of St. John's Gospel. St. John's Gospel will be read from start to finish, with people taking turns (if they wish) to read a chapter. Please come along with your own Bible (any translation) – there will be Bibles available if you forget!

Watch out during October for the SEECAT programme for the year through to next summer – it will appear in all the usual places and you are welcome to take a copy and come along to any of the events.

Ruth Davies 664 3608



Do you know anyone who might be interested in advertising in Liberton Kirk Magazine? Current rates are £16-50 per half page, except for the parish wide issue in September when the cost is £27-50 per half page..

If you are interested please contact the editor at magazine@libertonkirk.net

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.

Senior Citizens Club 2024/25

Celebrating Seniors—Liberton Kirk's Senior Citizens



Our Recycled Teenagers (aka Senior Citz Club) group are well into their autumn session!! With an stunning opening Afternoon Tea provided by Bridgend Farmhouse. How good it was to blether with club friends we hadn't seen since before the break.

Our Club is like an extended family & celebrates our wonderful seniors. You may think a Seniors club is somewhere folks go to maybe doze off or listen to someone talk! Now there's while there is a time and a place for this you wont find it on a Thursday in the Anderson Hall you obviously haven't been to see our club!! If you know someone who would benefit from a fun group why not contact Jenni?

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 which means lots of cards and lots of cake!

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.

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

October

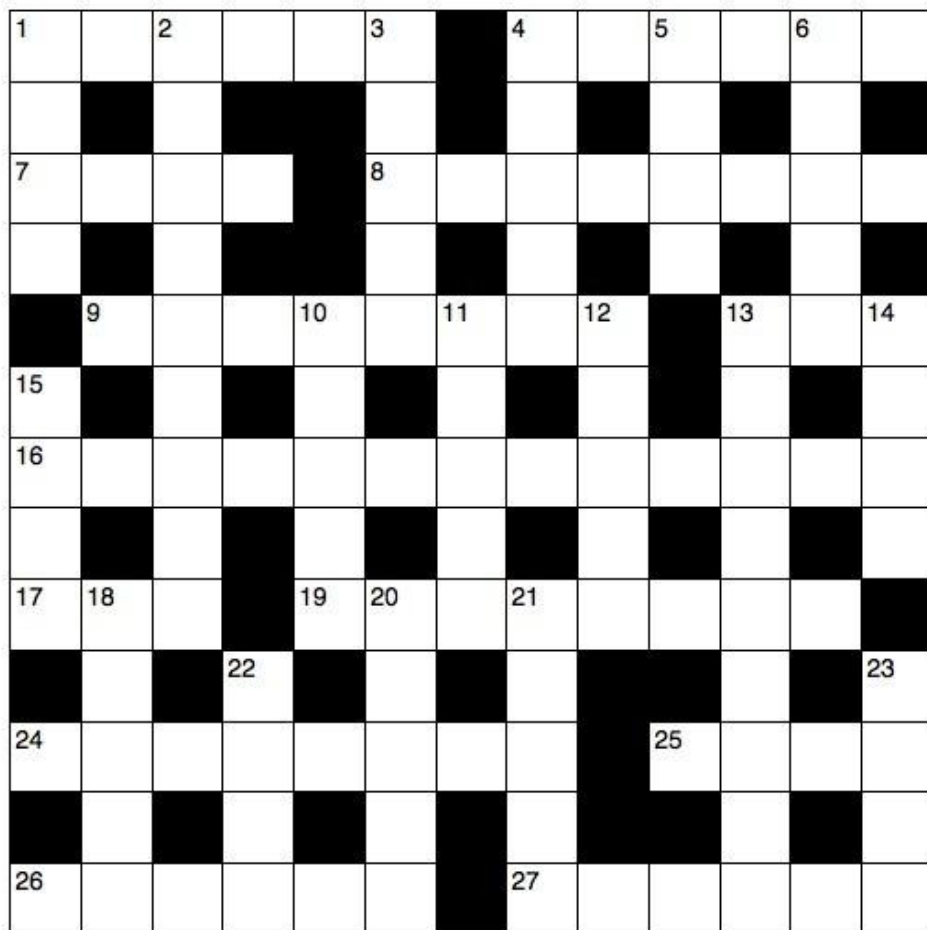


- 2 Joan Leith
- 7 Helen Sutherland & Jan Sneddon
- 11 Janette Black
- 12 Cathie Burns
- 13 Agnes Clack
- 15 Sandra McAllister
- 23 Lou Ogilvy
- 30 Colin Broadhurst

Entertainers

- 3 **Dougie McQ....***makes the guitar not just talk but shout!*
 - 10 **Rose McBeth...***our old pal Rose is back*
 - 17 **Honeysuckle Swing** *Diane & Richard*
 - 24 **The BAMS** *in-house mayhem! & RAFFLE*
- You are invited to join us!***

October Crossword



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !'
(John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusa-
lem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Tim 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Cor. 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from
Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Answers to the September Crossword

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started.
19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.
DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers.
12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21,
Height. 23, Tear.

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Name (s)

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Moving date

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Please see diary pages for details of our services

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Weekly Groups

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