



*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.*

## **Advent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-8 (p.727)  
**Preacher:** John Young  
**Theme:** The Promised Messiah

**Call:** We light the first candle for the hope we have in Jesus  
**May we shine the light of this hope in the world**

### **Morning Worship**

#### **9.30am Service in the Kirk**

CH4 277 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
CH4 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world  
CH4 475 Christ is coming!

#### **11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom**

##### **Baptism of Cori Fiona Drina Stuart**

(with crèche and Sunday Club)

Song Come and light the candles on the Advent Ring  
CH4 273 O come, O come Emmanuel  
CH4 796 The Lord bless you and keep you  
CH4 564 Jesus loves me  
Song Arise and Shine  
Song Great is the darkness  
CH4 488 Lord, the light of your love

- Children are welcome throughout the services. Sound **and vision** are also piped into the church vestry (toys available).
- We have a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.
- **Offerings** - Please put any Offering Envelopes or other donations into the Donations Boxes on the Welcome Desks.

**Zoom** – Join from 10.45am to chat. For access contact [rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net](mailto:rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net)

Coffee and teas will be served after the services in the Kirk Centre Foyer

### **Evening Worship**

**6.30pm (for 7pm) Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**

## WEEKLY DIARY

### TODAY

10.20am	Elders' Room	Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services	Cross at East Door	Prayer Team Ministry
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Foyer</b>	<b>Café Church</b>

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7.30pm	Anderson Hall	The Guild (see notices)

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

7.30am-7.30pm	Upper Room	Prayer Space (see below)
9am-2pm, 5pm-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
2.30pm	Liberton Brae Care Home	Service

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

9am-2pm, 6pm-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
7.30pm	Wilson Hall	Praise Gathering

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
1.30pm (for 2pm)	Anderson Hall	Christmas Senior Citizens' Club

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

1-4.30pm	Foyer	Warm Hub & IT Clinic
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### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

<b>1pm-3pm</b>	<b>Kirk</b>	<b>Open for Advent</b>
7.30pm	Usher Hall	Origin Scotland Christmas (see notices)

**Nativity Scene will be in the churchyard from 7<sup>th</sup> December till 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

8am	Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
10:20am	Prayer Time in Elders' Room

### **Morning Worship**

**9.30 am Shorter Service in Kirk**

**11am Service in the Kirk and on zoom** (with crèche and Sunday Club)

**Preacher:** John Young

**Theme:** Angel Voices (Luke 1.26-38)

### **Evening worship**

**6.30pm (for 7pm)** Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

**Prayer Requests** – can be sent to either John (see back page) or Lindsay at [nicolyoung3@gmail.com](mailto:nicolyoung3@gmail.com) who will pass details on to the rest of the prayer team.

**Upper Room** – a safe quiet space above the Kirkgate Café open 7.30am-7.30pm every Tuesday, with time of prayer with others at 8.00am, 12 noon and 7.00pm.

## NOTICES

**Church Christmas Cards** – Ready for distribution round our area. Streets A-L are at the west door and streets M-Z at the east door. Your help in delivering a bundle or two would be appreciated. Thank you. There are spare for those who live outwith the area on the welcome desks.

**December/January Magazines** – ready for distributors to uplift from the Pigeonholes outside the office. Spare magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also online.

**Advent Readings “There is Light”** – a Scottish Bible Society collection of readings and reflections for the 24 days leading up to Christmas. Remaining copies on the west door Welcome Desk.

**Guild** – On Monday 2 December at 7.30pm George Anderson (Beechgrove Garden) is our speaker and his talk is entitled Nature Closely Observed. All welcome.

**Advent Reflections** – Four Wednesdays beginning 27th November at St. Gregory’s RC Church, Walter Scott Avenue, 7 to 8pm followed by refreshments. All welcome, whether for one evening or for all. More details on the poster.

**Origin Scotland** – Christmas Special, Usher Hall, Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm. Tickets (free, with donation welcome) from [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org) or 0131 541 0117.

**Guild** – On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm we are holding our Christmas Social Evening - join us for a fun evening with Jill Snowdon. All welcome.

**Memorial Service** – Wednesday 11th December, 7pm. This service is for all who find Christmas difficult because of loved ones no longer with them. Invitations (on white card) are on the welcome desks and can be given to anyone you think would benefit from coming along. All welcome.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am. We will be decorating the tree, garlands etc. Any help with this would be much appreciated.

**Carol Singing** – Saturday 14th December. SEECAT churches will be singing carols in Morrisons, Gilmerton Road, **from 10am to 11am**. If you would be able to come and sing please let Ruth know on 0131 664 3608.

**Heartbeat (SEECOS Newsletter)** – spare copies in the usual places. Also on the SEECOS website [www.seecos.org.uk](http://www.seecos.org.uk)

**Crosstalk** – the latest edition of SEECAT’s quarterly newsletter is available from welcome desks, the Offering House and the Kirk Centre Entrance. Also on the SEECAT website [www.seecat.org](http://www.seecat.org)

**Bethany Christian Trust** – a few copies of “Seeds of Change”, the Annual Report 2024, are available on the Welcome Desks.

**Word for Today** – Luke 18, 18-30, with thoughts and prayers, beginning as usual at the Offering House. In the Kirkyard until 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**The Moderator’s Challenge – Let Your Little Light Shine** - The Moderator of The Church of Scotland challenges us to support the people of Malawi by buying solar lights (£10 each) for Light Libraries, and other solar lighting. Access to light means a higher standard of living and education. For more info and ways to donate go to [www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Crossreach Calendars** – are available to order. There are 2 calendar designs. A Wall Calendar at £5.50 and an Appointments Wall Calendar at £5 - both with beautiful scenes from around Scotland. There are order sheets, on the welcome desks. Or you can order by contacting Sheila McBryde at [smmcb34@gmail.com](mailto:smmcb34@gmail.com)

**2025 Liberton Kirk calendars** - are now on sale for £5 from Linda Wright at [lwright@libertonkirk.net](mailto:lwright@libertonkirk.net)

**Request for volunteers** – to collect residents from Guthrie House for the 11am service. For more info contact [lwright@libertonkirk.net](mailto:lwright@libertonkirk.net)

**Collections of Bottle Tops and Items for the Food Bank will move from the Offering House to the McDonald Room from 7th December to 3rd January.**

**South East Edinburgh Food Banks** – Donations can be left in the boxes as above or with the Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive (box outside garage if out). For special arrangements phone 0131 664 3059, or email [david@dlamb.co.uk](mailto:david@dlamb.co.uk)

**Milk Bottle Tops** – only tops with a 2 or 4 (including the new clear lids) will be accepted. Please put all tops in bags (not loose) into the box as above.

**Fresh Start – No items for Fresh Start will be accepted from 5th December 2024 until 5th January 2025.** The lists of items needed for Fresh Start are in the Offering House and on the Notice board outside. Any other items will not be accepted. For more info contact Lindsey Fyfe on [Lindseydfyfe2@btinternet.com](mailto:Lindseydfyfe2@btinternet.com)

**No Clothing Please!** – The monthly Bethany Care Van team can take some: Warm coats/jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, new underwear or socks. BUT please don't just leave it – contact Eleanor Grieve on [ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk) for instructions.

**Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal** – donations of used stamps or stamp collections can be left in the box in the Kirk Centre Foyer. Alternatively contact David Lamb 0131 664 3059 or email [david@dlamb.co.uk](mailto:david@dlamb.co.uk)

### **Bible Verse for the Week**

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Isaiah 12 verse 4**

Church website [www.libertonkirk.net](http://www.libertonkirk.net)

To include anything in the Notice Sheet please contact the Office (by Thursday)

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