



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.

Sunday 8th December

Reading: Luke 1.26-38 (p.1026)s
Preacher: John Young
Theme: Heavenly Voices

Call: We will not be lighting the advent candle this morning, as we unite with churches across the world in this gesture of solidarity with the Christians of Bethlehem

Morning Worship

9.30am Service in the Kirk

CH4 477 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
CH4 285 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
CH4 281 People, look East. The time is near

11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom

(with crèche and Sunday Club)

CH4 304 O little town of Bethlehem
CH4 300 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
Song Mary, did you know
Song His name, his name
CH4 287 No wind at the window
CH4 315 Once in royal David's city

- 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

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
6.30pm	Foyer	Café Church

Monday 9th December

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

Tuesday 10th December

7.30am-7.30pm	Upper Room	Prayer Space (see below)
9am-2pm, 5pm-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café

Wednesday 11th December

9am-2pm, 6pm-8pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
11am	Small Hall	Pram Praise
7pm	Kirk	Annual Memorial Service (see notices)

Thursday 12th December

9am-2pm	Foyer	Kirkgate Café
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Friday 13th December

1-4.30pm	Foyer	Warm Hub & IT Clinic
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Saturday 14th December

10am	Kirk	Decorating the church for Christmas
10am-11am	Morrisons	Carol Singing (SEECAT) (see notices)
1pm-3pm	Kirk	Church open for Advent

Sunday 15th 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: The Journey (Luke 1.39-56)

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 nicoloyoung3@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 – There are some bundles in the Kirk Centre entrance still to be delivered, hopefully before Wednesday, which is the first date mentioned in the card. Please help to clear these if you can.

December/January Magazines – Magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also online.

Crossreach Calendars – **TODAY** is the last day 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. The order sheets are on the welcome desks. Or you can order by contacting Sheila McBryde at smmcb34@gmail.com

Lunchtime Concert - Saturday 28th December 1.00pm in the Kirk. 'Beautiful Baroque' presented by Philomusica of Edinburgh. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30 - 1.00pm. Tickets, with suggested donation of £8 in aid of World Mission Fund, available after both services **TODAY**. 15th and 22nd December.

Advent Reflections – Four Wednesdays beginning 27th November at St. Gregory's RC Church, Walter Scott Avenue, 7.30pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments. All welcome, whether for one evening or for all. More details on the poster.

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

On Wednesday 11 December our visit from pupils of Liberton Primary School has been cancelled.

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 14th 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.

Food Hygiene Training – Wednesday 18th December, 9am until 4pm, Kirkgate Cafe is hosting a food hygiene course with lunch provided. There are only 3 spaces still available. A suggested donation of £30. Email Jenny on kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net for a space or more info.

Looking for Christmas Gifts? – Support **Hadeel**, 123 George Street, EH2 4JN, selling Fair Trade Palestinian goods – interesting foodstuffs and beautiful embroidered items. Opening times 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. More information from their website, www.hadeel.org

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

2025 Liberton Kirk calendars - are now on sale for £5 from Linda Wright at lwright@libertonkirk.net

Request for volunteers – to collect residents from Guthrie House for the 11am service. For more info contact lwright@libertonkirk.net

Collections for Food Bank etc – Goods for the Food Bank and Bottle Tops can be left in the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre until 4th January, when the boxes will return to the Offering House. Stamp collections still in the Kirk Centre Foyer. **No collections for Fresh Start until 4th January please.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 14 th at 10am-11am	Carol singing at Morrisons
Wednesday 18 th at 7.30pm	Lessons and Carols in the Kirk
Sunday 22 nd at 11am	Christmas Nativity Service in the Kirk
Sunday 22 nd at 7pm	The BIG Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall
Christmas Eve at 4pm	Christingle Service in the Kirk
Christmas Eve at 11.15pm	Watchnight service in the Kirk
Christmas Day at 10.30am	Christmas Day Service in the Kirk

Bible Verse for the Week

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55 verse 6

Church website www.libertonkirk.net

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