



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 22nd December

Reading: Luke 2.1-20 (p.1027)
Preacher: John Young
Theme: The Birth

Call: We have lit candles for hope and peace and love, and now we light the fourth candle for the joy we have in knowing Jesus in our lives.
May we be bearers of his joy to lighten the dark places of the world

Morning Worship 9.30am Service in the Kirk

CH4 303 It came upon the midnight clear
CH4 295 Who would think that what was needed
CH4 331 Unto us a boy is born!

11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom

All Age Nativity service

(no crèche and Sunday Club)

CH4 323 The first Nowell
CH4 312 Away in a manger
Song Oh come, let us adore him
Song O Holy Night
CH4 324 Angels from the realms of glory

- 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 The BIG Carol Sing in the Anderson Hall

WEEKLY DIARY

TODAY

10.20am Elders' Room Sunday Morning Prayer Time
After services Cross at East Door Prayer Team Ministry
7pm **Anderson Hall** **The BIG Carol Sing**

Monday 23rd December

(no Kirkgate café)

Tuesday 24th December

(no Kirkgate café)

4pm **Kirk** **Christingle Service**
11.15pm **Kirk (& on zoom)** **Watchnight Service**

Wednesday 25th December

(no Kirkgate café)

10.30am **Kirk (& on zoom)** **Christmas Day Service**

Thursday 26th December

(no Kirkgate café)

Friday 27th December

(No warm hub)

Saturday 28st December

1pm **Kirk** *Philomusica* concert

Sunday 29nd December

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

Morning Worship

10.30am **Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom**
Preacher: Jared Hay
Theme: A poem for the New Year (Romans 8.31-39)

(No evening worship)

Prayer Requests – can be sent to either John (see back page) or Lindsay at 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

Reminder: check the pigeonholes outside the church office for Christmas cards.

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

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** and 22nd December.

Kirkgate cafe is now closed – allowing a well-earned rest for its wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has made 2024 another successful year. The café will welcome you back Monday 6th January 2025.

Volunteers required for Christingle – Tuesday 24th December, 4pm. Help needed to cut oranges, fire marshal and steward. Sign-up sheet on the welcome desk or email laura@libertonkirk.net.

Warm Hub and IT Clinic – there is no warm hub over the Christmas period to return Friday 10th January 2025 1-4.30pm in the kirk centre.

Men's Collective Curry and Entertainment – Friday 10th January, 7-9.30pm BYOB. Open to everyone 18+ (not just men). £5. Sign up form on welcome desk or see David Colley, Dave Storey or Alastair Cameron.

Justice & Peace Evening on Israel/Palestine – Wednesday 15th January, 7pm at St. Catherine's Church, Gracemount Drive. Further details in the new year.

Edinburgh Highland Reel & Strathspey Society – a Guild evening in the Kirk on Monday 20th January, 7.30pm. Suggested donation £10 including light refreshments. Tickets on sale after Christmas.

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

GILMERTON SINGERS concert – recent concert by those that meet for Friday Food Bank, raised the great sum of £820 for the Food Bank. Our warm appreciation has been conveyed to them.

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

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

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Revelation 5 verse 13

Church website www.libertonkirk.net

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