

March 2025

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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



Bibles for Bairns

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Prayer for March

Jesus
Son of God
Son of Man
Show us how to live

Jesus
True Vine
Good Shepherd
Teach us how to live



Jesus
Son of God
Great High Priest
Stay with us day by day

Amen and Amen

**Our Theme for 2025 is “..as for me and my household,
 we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24.15b)**



A Place of Encounter

There is a collection of intricately carved ancient stone crosses near the western door of the National Museum of Scotland, and one of these was found in a field near Liberton Kirk. Its design includes motifs from the Celtic Christian community of Lindisfarne, adding weight to the theory that Christianity was brought to Edinburgh by Northumbrian missionaries under the leadership of St Cuthbert.

10 years ago, as we celebrated the 200th anniversary of our current church building at Liberton Kirk, a busload of us went on a pilgrimage, via Melrose, to Lindisfarne.

The culmination of our pilgrimage was our barefoot walk across the morning sand at low tide to the Holy Isle, and the day was spent in exploration and reflection, culminating in a service of thanksgiving in the grounds of the abbey.

It was on our return that we set up our weekly prayer room in Liberton Kirk Centre. Every Tuesday, from 7.30am -7.30pm, the Wilson Hall has been set aside as an 'upper room' – open to anyone who wants to use it.

The room is designed to be a space where God can be encountered. It includes a number of different 'prayer stations' –

A place to write down what you want to say to God

A place to write down what you think God might be saying to you

A place to sit and relax
A place to make music
A place to read God's Word
A prayer tree where you can leave your prayers for others

It's also a place where we can pray together. At noon every Tuesday you'll find a growing number of people gathering for 'midday prayers', where we share and pray and enjoy each other's company.

And, for those who struggle to know what to say, we have a selection of prayers from the Northumbrian Community which we read together.

More recently mention has been made of the need to make the Tuesday Prayer Room more accessible – particularly for those who might struggle with stairs. **So, during Lent this year, it will be moving next door to the ground floor of Kirk House.**

The Bible says "*Be still and know that I am God*" (Psalm 46:10). Lent is traditionally the time when we all try to slow down a bit, and focus our hearts and minds on the God who reveals himself to us in Jesus. Can I challenge you, therefore, if you have a spare moment during Lent, make full use of the resources available to help you do this – the 'Word for Today' in the Kirkyard, and the Tuesday Prayer Room in the Kirk House. I promise you – your time won't be wasted.

Much love, John x

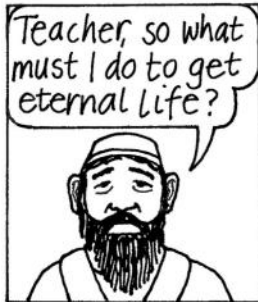


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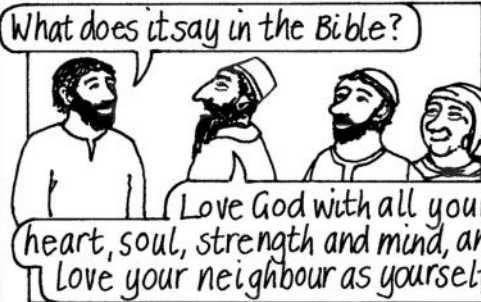
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted
to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in
the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



Teacher, so what must I do to get eternal life?



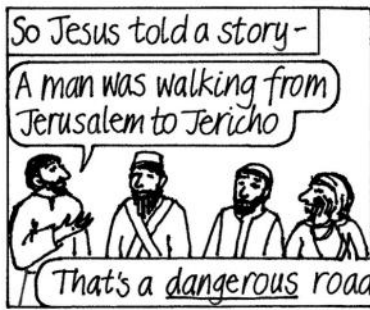
What does it say in the Bible?

Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and Love your neighbour as yourself.



You've got it right.

But who counts as a 'neighbour'?



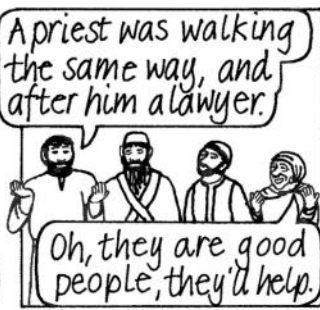
So Jesus told a story -
A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho

That's a dangerous road!



He was attacked by robbers who left him for dead.

Oh no!



A priest was walking the same way, and after him a lawyer.

Oh, they are good people, they'll help.



They saw the hurt man but they walked past

I bet it's an ordinary person who helps!



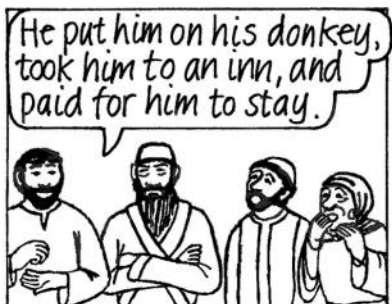
Then a man from Samaria came that way...

Oh no! We hate them and they hate us Jews! That hurt man is done for!



He felt sorry for the hurt man, and cleaned and bandaged his cuts.

What? No!




He put him on his donkey, took him to an inn, and paid for him to stay.

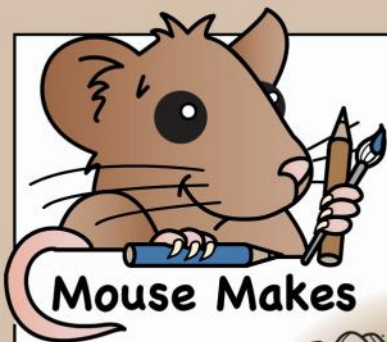


So who was a real neighbour to the hurt man?

The... the Sss... the one who helped him.



So go and do the same.



Mouse Makes

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?
see Luke 4:14-15

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8



READ

the story in
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12



- JESUS • LED
- WILDERNESS
- DESERT
- TEMPTATIONS
- DAYS • DEVIL
- HUNGRY • SON
- STONE • ROCK
- KINGDOMS
- WORLD • GLORY
- WRITTEN
- SCRIPTURE
- WORSHIP • ONLY
- SERVE • LORD
- JERUSALEM
- HIGH • TEMPLE
- THROW • DOWN
- JUMP • ANGELS
- HANDS • HOLD
- LIFT • FOOT

R W O R S H I P H A N D S D
 L I F T W P A H D J U M P A
 E L O R D K I O E D O S E Y
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 D T E S T V D W O R L D



Find the words from the questions too!

March 25 Diary

Saturday 1 9.30am – 11am – Men’s Breakfast in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 2 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: Christian Commitments VI – ‘Telling’ (Acts 8.26-40)
Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 3 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm – the *Guild* meets in the Anderson Hall

Tuesday 4 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 5 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Thursday 6 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall

3.00pm on 7th to 3.00pm on 8th – 24 HOURS OF PRAYER AT TRON KIRK

Friday 7 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

2.00pm – World Day of Prayer service in the Kirk
Saturday 8 7.00pm – Scots Evening (WMT)

Sunday 9 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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)
Christian Commitments VII – ‘Serving’
Preacher: Emily Kerrigan (John 13.1-7)

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

- Monday 10 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.00pm – Local Leadership Team (Wilson Hall)
- Tuesday 11 7.30am-7.30pm – Lent Prayer Space in **Kirk House**
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Wednesday 12 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 11am – *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall
1.45pm – Afternoon Guild meets in the Small Hall
 7.30pm – *Praise Gathering* in the Wilson Hall
 7.30pm – Liberton Kirk Coms team (zoom)
- Thursday 13 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 14 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

SUNDAY 16 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: Christian Commitments VIII – ‘Giving’ (Luke 6.37-38)
 Preacher: John Young
 10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room
6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

- Monday 17 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.00pm – *Guild* AGM (and Beetle Drive) in the Anderson Hall
- Tuesday 18 7.30am-7.30pm – Lent Prayer Space in **Kirk House**
 9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm – United Kirk Session at Gilmerton Hub
- Wednesday 19 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
- Thursday 20 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
 2.00pm – *Senior Citizens Club* in the Anderson Hall
- Friday 21 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 23 SENIORS SUNDAY
 8.00am – Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook
9.30am – Shorter service in the Kirk
11am – Service in the Kirk and on zoom (Creche & Sunday Club)

Theme: Christian Commitments IX – ‘God’s Calling’ (Mat. 5.13-16)
Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room

6.30pm – Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 24 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*

Tuesday 25 7.30am-7.30pm – Lent Prayer Space in **Kirk House**
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm – Service at Guthrie House Care Home
7.30pm – Healing Service in the Kirk
Guest Speaker: Dean Norby

Wednesday 26 9.00am-2.00pm; 6.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm – *Praise Gathering* in the Wilson Hall

Thursday 27 9.00am-2.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.00pm – *Senior Citizens* (Anderson Hall)

Friday 28 1.00-4.30pm – *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 29 4.00pm – 6.00pm Messy Church in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 30 YOUTH SUNDAY

(British Summer Time begins – clocks go forward one hour)

8.00am - Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

9.30am – Shorter service in the Kirk

11am – All-age Family service in the Kirk and on zoom (with Creche)

Theme: (tbc)

Preacher: John Young

10.20am – Prayer time in the Elders’ Room

6.30pm – Joint SEECOS Worship at Gilmerton Hub

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

April 2025

Tuesday 1 7.30am-7.30pm – Lent Prayer Space in **Kirk House**
9.00am-2.00pm; 5.00pm-8.00pm – *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm – Service at Liberton Brae Care Home

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

Liberton Kirk Guild will host the World Day of Prayer Service in Liberton Kirk on Friday 7 March at 2.00 pm. The Service has been prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands and their theme is “*I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*”. Psalm 139:14

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organization which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast, the service begins with the writing country and theme being chosen a number of years earlier. It passes through international, national, regional and local committees for planning and presenting.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. A worldwide wave of prayer...



Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*

INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

The banner features three women in traditional Cook Islands attire. One woman on the left wears a white fringed dress and a large white mask. The woman in the center wears a floral crown and a yellow and red sash. The woman on the right wears a white dress and a black beaded necklace. The background is a blue sky with a white cross symbol.



FOOD BANK (BASICS BANK) AT TRON KIRK

Liberton Kirk Donations 2024

At present, we have strong contacts with the Tron Food Bank – which the Tron Folks call Basics Bank, as it includes toiletries, etc.

The present arrangements involve donations in kind (tins, dried food, UHT milk, ready meals, and toiletries) – which are usually left in the 2 boxes in the Offering House. These boxes are re-located to the Macdonald Room when the Offering House is used for other purposes – e.g. the Christmas scene. We also welcome folks dropping things in at our house, ideally towards end of each week, so that what is given, can be taken in the usual Friday transfer.

The normal system is to collect at the Kirk, on most Friday Mornings and take straight up to Tron, by about 9.30 – 10 am. This works well.

We also welcome cash/cheque donations. If cash is received, it is banked at the Post Office at Liberton Gardens, and the SEECOS Treasurer is advised of the sum lodged, and that it is specifically for the Food Bank. In 2024 a record was kept of the funds channelled in this way. The Total was £1,670. In addition the Gilmerton Singers donated the proceeds of their Concert in the Liberton Kirk Halls. This amounted to the excellent sum of £820 – so the total from these sources was £2,490.

The Contractors at the new Liberton High School had a charity fund-raise for the Food Bank. What they had bought was collected and transferred this (in 2 car-loads) to the Tron. Further the wee Nursery School on Kirk Brae had a Harvest Thanksgiving and they made contact. Their donations were also transferred to the Tron Food Bank.

Thanks go to all who have supported the work so far. I would be glad to respond to anyone seeking further information. This is clearly a good way to engage with our brothers and sisters in SEECOS.

David Lamb

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KIRKGATE CAFÉ

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

**Evening café Tuesday 5pm – 8pm &
Wednesday 6pm – 8pm**



Kirkgate café opened its doors 10 years ago last month and here is our story so far.....

In the 1990's Liberton Kirk Centre was extended to include the foyer and the kitchen area we have today. Ann Weir, one of our elders, had a vision that this space was ideal for a café and duly presented this idea repeatedly to the Kirk Session over the next 15 years, but the Session wasn't so sure.

Ann, who was professionally trained and co-ordinated many big catering events for the Kirk, helped with the weekly morning *Monday Café* and *Tuesday tea*, and the monthly *Wednesday Soup Pot* with Helen Sutherland, persevered and finally in 2014 the Kirk Session voted to go with it. Hallelujah. Thank you, Ann.

A committee was appointed, fund raising carried out, and we were able to purchase the furniture and equipment required. We were fortunate to appoint Norma Brown who had experience of running a cafe as a salaried manager and a small army of volunteers who were very keen to see the café succeed.

The Café opened on 2 February 2015 trading Monday to Wednesday and within about a year we extended to Thursdays too. After 7 years of consistently building relationships with our local community and attracting more volunteers to join the team and making the café succeed, Norma left us to start a new café adventure in Livingston. Jenny Thomasi, who had many years catering experience, was appointed in June 2022 as café manager. She continues to develop the café and build strong relationships within the community and church.

Our customers whose ages are from birth to about 100 years and our dedicated volunteers make the café the successful, welcoming, safe place to be which is ideal for meeting friends over a coffee and where you can have a freshly prepared lunch at prices that are very reasonable. From 2024 we restarted – during term time only – evening café on Tuesday from 5 to 8pm and Wednesday from 6 to 8pm to serve drinks and cakes only.

If you haven't been before then why not pop in one day.

On Sunday 6th April during the Sunday morning services, Kirkgate will be celebrating 10 successful years by taking part throughout the services at 9.30am or 11am and you are welcome to come along. *Jill Niven, Café Board Convener*



CAFÉ Church

Café Church is going really well, with a mix of different generations coming together, and an average of about 10 teenagers who are really engaged. It's quickly become an evening they all look forward to, and it's been amazing to see how everyone is connecting in such a special way.

Each evening starts with worship, which sets a great tone for the night. After that, we have a time of testimony where people share stories of their faith giving us a chance to give thanks to God for the ways he moves in our lives and encourage one another, followed by a talk from a speaker that leads into group discussions. These discussions are a great opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts, ask questions, and dive deeper into what we're learning about God.

But what makes Café Church really stand out is the atmosphere. It's all about making everyone feel at home. It's a chance to sit down, enjoy some treats, and talk with others about life and faith in a relaxed environment. This has been especially helpful when bringing along people who haven't been to church before.

The teenagers who come along are especially amazing. They're so involved—asking questions, sharing their thoughts, and really taking part in the discussions making for some great conversations between all ages. It's such a cool mix, where we can all learn from each other.

Overall, Café Church is a place where we can come together, have fun, and share time with God. It's not just about what we do, but how we do it—with a sense of fellowship and real connection. Everyone who comes looks forward to it each week, and you can see how it's helping all of us grow in faith and friendship.

If you haven't come along yet, we'd love for you to join us! There's coffee, good company, and a chance to connect with others while growing in your relationship with God. We hope to see you there!

Emily Kerrigan



Senior Citizens Club 2024/25



Celebrating Seniors

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MARCH 2025



March 6
Kirk James

He's not been with us for a while, so why not come and welcome him back? He's got a lovely strong voice!

Seven ladies from Penicuik making up a harmony group. Harmonising the whole afternoon & allowing us to join in.

March 13
The Castaways



March 20
Alan Weatherhead

From Tranent, bringing his keyboard and leading us in loads of songs. A great afternoon is had by all.

We welcome back our friend all the way from the Weege. A professional singer, she She sings opera, jazz and musical theatre

March 27
Kirsty Duncan



For further details about the Senior Citizens meeting including info about transport contact President—Jenni Ryalls—0131 258 0764 or 0741 533 5889
Pastoral Support Worker—Linda Wright—0785 041 1596
Admin Lou can be contacted by email at seniorslk@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5 Linda Wright, our Pastoral Care 21 Freda Forbes

6 Dot Jenkins, one of our elves 23 Jean Main

7 Andy Dawson 26 Sheila Graham

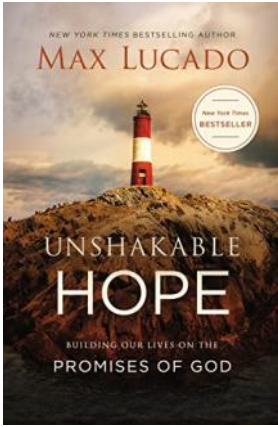
10 Billie Reid 28 Millie Hay

14 Charlotte Hardie 29 Lizzy Haws

18 Ros McKenzie 30 Clocks go forward!



Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God by Max Lucado



This is Max Lucado's 40th book - and as with his other writing it can also be accessed through YouTube and other Bible Study resources. He addresses the storms we face as humans - the things that make us feel shaky! Lucado presents us with 12 significant Bible Promises which remind us that we are equipped to not only face up to but to overcome difficult circumstances.

We face all kinds of challenges - Christians are not exempt from disease, cancer, loss of jobs and livelihood, mental illness, relationship breakdowns. Any of these issues can cause even a strong Christian

to become overwhelmed.

This book reminds us of wonderful Bible promises we have probably read/heard preached on over many years, which become more significant when placed against life's storms that threaten to sink us. Life is shaky enough at times just trying to stay upright - when all around us seems like sandy land. We need to be anchored and Lucado helps us to look closer at scripture as he shows us how to be anchored in the unbreakable promises of God with unshakeable hope.

In Chapter 7 'God Gets You' 'Our High Priest is able to understand our weaknesses' Lucado gives account and illustrates falling - how sometimes, despite our best efforts we land flat on our backs. 'We have stumbled' - not with torn ligaments but with broken hearts, weary spirits and fading vision'. He reminds us that when Jesus walked this earth He was not in a protective bubble. He faced its uncomfortable, painful, almost unbearable parts and still He stood - even to death on that ugly cross.

One amazing account of a man imprisoned in a communist country for his faith and almost 'forced' to renounce his faith through the threat of his family being killed - God came and saved them all, preventing the man having to give up his precious, strong faith in Christ - the miracle came just in time! I would recommend this book as a 'go to' when facing life's storms. Lucado's illustrations are really helpful, and God's Promises serve as strong reminders of our anchor, despite all.

AUDREY HUNTER

THE ROAD TO THE ISLES ***- a Scottish Evening***

***Looking at the Highlands and Islands of Scotland,
with some Scottish music from Calum Gubby, and
some coffee or tea and light refreshments***



Saturday 8th March
at 7pm
in Liberton Kirk Centre

Suggested donation of £8

***A World Mission Team event in aid of the Scottish Bible Society and
EMMS (Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society)***

***Tickets available from Mary (664 6789) or Ruth (664 3608) or
after church services from 16th February***

***Please buy a ticket if you intend to come to help with catering—it will be
possible to pay at the door but numbers may be restricted.***

***Liberton Kirk is part of SEECOS (South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland)
Registered Scottish Charity SC 011602***

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025

11 TO 17 MAY—7 days to make a difference

As last year, we will use the “return-only” envelopes, delivered to a number of areas of the parish, with return places close to the deliveries. It would be great to have more volunteers to assist with delivering envelopes, in order to increase our coverage of the Parish.

I would be glad to discuss with anyone interested. I emphasise it is simply the **delivery** of envelopes, no **house-to-house calls** are now made.

In addition, **Christian Aid Envelopes** will be available in the Kirk Centre and in the boxes at the gates of the Kirk and the Kirk Centre, for return to the Boxes in the Kirk or to me.

The **BIG BREKKIE** event is on Saturday 10 May in the Kirk Café. Further details from Ros Wilson, roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, 664 3059, david@dlamb.co.uk

Bibles for Bairns

An initiative from the Scottish Bible Society offers every baby born in Scotland a free Share a Story toddler Bible on their first birthday. Every birthday after that until the age of 5 the child will receive a Bible-related gift, and on their fifth birthday they will receive an early reader Bible to take them through their primary school years.

Babies born in 2024 can be registered **up to 31st March 2025** to receive these gifts. If you know a baby who is eligible, do let their family know about Bibles for Bairns so that they can register their child.

You can register a child yourself but you must have the agreement of the parents. You can register on line at bible.scot/bfb or with the registration forms available in the Kirk Centre entrance and the Offering House. Babies born in 2025 will be able to be registered for the scheme from September or October, but don't delay if you know a 2024 bairn!

What a great idea this is to encourage even the very young to become familiar with the Bible stories! The Church of Scotland Guild is supporting Bibles for Bairns as one of its projects. The Scottish Bible Society welcomes donations to its work, and volunteers to pack the gifts and write the birthday cards at their headquarters in Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 8 verses 1 and 2

In 2025 it's all about JESUS!

We will pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In March we look at more of the sayings of JESUS.

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 2025.



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 March 25

- Sat 1** **Morning**– **MARK 2:14**, as we pause with God we take time to consider these few words as your day starts- And then pray to this Jesus
Midday, pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening, read the verse again, reflect and pray in response
- Sun 2** **Morning**– **MARK 2:21&22** - we take time to consider these words this new morning.... And then we pray to this Jesus 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 God
- Mon 3** **Morning**– **MARK 12:17**, 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 those on your Pray for 5 list
Evening, read the verse again, reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 4** **Morning**– **LUKE 6:9**, as we pause with Jesus today we consider these wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday, take time to listen for God to speak, ask, seek, knock, hear!
Evening, read the words again, reflect and then pray in response to Jesus
- Wed 5** **Morning**– **LUKE 6:37&38**, Pause with God this new morning. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on our uniformed organisations
Evening, read the verses again, reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
- Thurs 6** **Morning**– **LUKE 15:3-7** - consider this particular passage on this new
Morning and then respond in prayer to this Jesus
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on all those who use the halls in Kirkgate
Evening, read the set verses again, reflectand then pray to this Jesus
- Frid 7** **Morning**– **LUKE 19:1-10**, As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this Jesus.
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 8** **Morning**– **JOHN 3:3**, as we pause with God today we take the time to consider these verses - And then pray to this Jesus
Midday, pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening, read the verse again, reflect and pray in response
- Sun 9** **Morning**– **JOHN 3:5-8**, we take time with God to consider these words of Jesus this morning.....and then pray in response to Him
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 Jesus as we step into a new week, together, with Him
- Mon 10** **Morning**– **JOHN 3:11-15**, 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 the Guild group
Evening, read the verses again, reflect and pray in response
- Tues 11** **Morning**– **JOHN 4:13&14**, as we pause with God today we consider these wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday, take time to listen for God to speak, ask, seek, knock, hear!

Liberton Kirk Devotions for March 25

- Evening**, read the words again, reflect and then pray in response to God
- Wed 12 Morning– JOHN 4:23&24**, Pause with God this morning.
Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to this Jesus
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on the Kirkgate Cafe
Evening, read the verses again, reflect..and then pray to this Jesus
- Thurs 13 Morning– JOHN 6:35-40** - consider this particular passage
afresh this morning and then respond in prayer to this Jesus we believe in
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on the Senior Citizens Club
Evening, read the set verses again, reflect on what is said here and then
we pray to Jesus we believe and trust
- Frid 14 Morning– JOHN 7:16&17**, 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 Jesus
- Sat 15 Morning– JOHN 10:1-6**, as we pause with God, we take time
to consider these words - And then pray to this Jesus
Midday, pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening, read the passage again, reflect and pray in response
- Sun 16 Morning– JOHN 10:7-13** - take time to consider these verses on
this Sunday morning And then we pray to this Jesus in response
Midday, pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening, read the passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Jesus as
we step into a new week with Him, together
- Mon 17 Morning– JOHN 10:14-18**, 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 our Pray for 5 list
Evening, read the verses again, reflect and pray in response
- Tues 18 Morning– JOHN 11:23-26**, as we pause with God today, we
consider these particular wordsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday, take time to listen for God to speak, ask, seek, knock, hear!
Evening, read the words again, reflect and then pray in response to Jesus
- Wed 19 Morning– JOHN 12:23-28**, Pause with God this morning.
Consider these words and images here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on those who visit the cemetery
Evening, read the verses again, reflect..and then pray to the LORD God
- Thurs 20 Morning– JOHN 14:1-14** - consider this passage this
Morning and then respond in your prayer to this God we believe in
Midday, We pray God’s blessing on those who visit the Offering House
Evening, read the set verses again, reflect on what is said here and then
pray to this Jesus we believe and trust
- Frid 21 Morning– JOHN 14:15-21**, As we pause with God, take time
to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this Jesus
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

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- Sat 22 Morning– JOHN 14:25-31**, as we pause with God today we take the time to consider these words - And then pray to this Jesus
Midday, pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening, read the verses again, reflect and pray in response
- Sun 23 Morning– JOHN 15:1-4** - we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning And then we pray to this Jesus 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 24 Morning– JOHN 15:5-17**, as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response
Midday, We pray God's blessing on our church neighbours in Kirkgate
Evening, read the verses again, reflect and pray in response
- Tues 25 Morning– JOHN 15:18-25**, as we pause with God today, we consider consider these amazing eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday, take time to listen for God to speak, ask, seek, knock, hear!
Evening, read the verses again, reflect and then pray in response to Jesus
- Wed 26 Morning– JOHN 15:26&27**, Pause with God this morning.
Consider these words of Jesus written here...And then turn to pray to Him
Midday, We pray God's blessing on local shopkeepers and staff
Evening, read the verses again, reflect..and then pray to this Jesus
- Thurs 27 Morning– JOHN 16:1-11** - consider this particular passage this
Morning and then respond in your prayer to this Jesus we believe in
Midday, We pray God's blessing on our Kirk Executive
Evening, read the set verses again, reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe and trust in
- Frid 28 Morning– JOHN 16:12-15**, As we pause with God, take time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this Jesus
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 29 Morning– JOHN 16:17-28**, as we pause with God, we take time to consider these words this morning - And then pray to this Jesus
Midday, pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening, read the passage again, reflect and pray in response
- Sun 30 Morning– JOHN 16:29-33** - we take time to consider these verses on this Sunday morning And then we pray to this Jesus in response
Midday, pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening, read the passage again...reflect.. and then pray to this Jesus as we step into a new week with Him, together
- Mon 31 Morning– JOHN 3 chapter 17**, 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 our children and young people
Evening, read the verse again, reflect and pray in response to what you read

Flower Rota

Church Flower Dedications in March

March 2025 Convenor Anne Cowgill

In memory of

2	Mrs Helen Sutherland	Grace Moss
9	Alan Lonie	Bert and Mary Lonie
16	Mrs Karen Ross	
23	Mrs Veronica Craig	Geoffrey Craig
30		

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 29/3 Greenpark EH17 7TB 07823 335585

Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 58 Gilmerton Dykes Avenue EH17 8LR
0131 258 2321

Service for Healing

Worship

Speaker – Dean Norby

Personal testimony - Erik Storey

Prayer ministry

Refreshments afterwards

Tuesday 25th March
7.30pm at Liberton Kirk



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STAMP APPEAL

This is a reminder that we continue to support the Stamp Appeal.

Towards this, I would be glad to receive any quantity of stamps, old collections, etc. at any time. There is also a box in the Kirkgate Cafe, next to the Fridge Cabinet, where these can be left.

In the January edition of Life & Work, it was advised that the Stamp Appeal had raised over £18,000 in 2023/24

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Elders' Duties for March–May '25

		March	April	May
9.30 am	1 West	Eric Brown	Alan Carmichael	Rosy Carmichael
	2 East	Tom Baxendale	Christina Young	Eric Brown
11am	1 West	Jill Niven	Ruth Davies	Chris Brandie
	2 East	Helen Colley	Christine Johnson	Derek Jardine
	3 Gallery	Netta Rough	Kim Denholm	Eleanor Grieve
	4 Front gate	David Colley	Mary Davidson	Roslyn Wilson
	5 Banker	Stewart Heney	Rink van Dijke	Alan Perry

March Book Review: **Facing Your Giants**

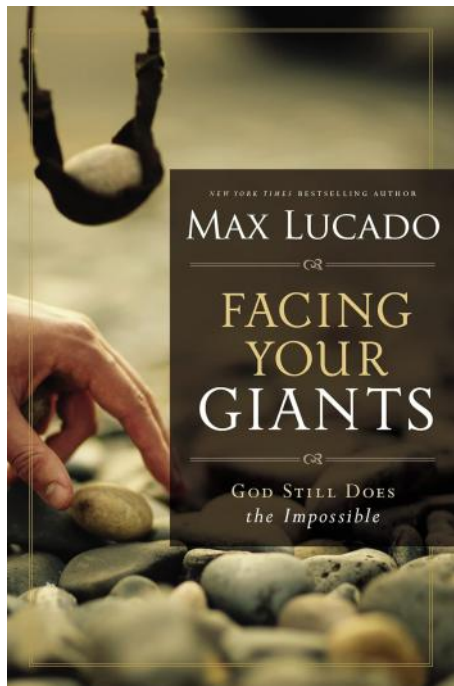
Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado is a Christian self-help book that uses the story of David and Goliath from the Bible to illustrate how individuals can overcome personal obstacles and challenges. No matter how big our “giants” may seem, with faith in God, we can rise above them. The author emphasizes that giants come in many forms—fear, failure, illness, loneliness—and offers readers a spiritual roadmap for confronting and overcoming these struggles.

The book is at times a challenging read, somewhat uncomfortable as the reader connects with similar circumstances to that which David found himself in.

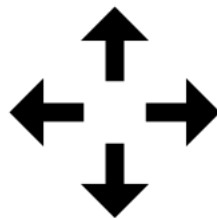
The psychological challenges it seems that faced humanity then are broadly speaking the same now. It’s timeless and as relevant today as it was then.

Lucado's writing is deeply personal, providing both inspiration and practical advice. Through a blend of storytelling and biblical wisdom, he encourages readers to embrace God’s promises and trust in His plan, even when faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges. He highlights that, just like David, we too can confront our giants with courage, not because of our own strength, but because of God's power working through us.

What makes *Facing Your Giants* effective is its combination of motivational messages and a strong spiritual foundation. Lucado’s reflections on faith and perseverance may perhaps resonate with readers facing personal hardships, offering hope and a renewed sense of purpose. Overall, this book serves as both a guide and a source of encouragement for anyone navigating difficult times, reminding us that no giant is too great when God is by our side.



Gordon Walker



Update on Safeguarding at Liberton Kirk and SEECOS

We have a wonderful range of activities at Liberton Kirk which support children and vulnerable adults in many different ways. Around 90 people volunteer to help with this regulated work across SEECOS – and around half of these volunteers are based within the Liberton Kirk family.

We use the term “Safeguarding” to describe our approaches to prevent harm to children and vulnerable adults; and to make a timely and appropriate response whenever this is witnessed, suspected or reported.

Preventing harm Before being appointed, anyone volunteering for work with children or vulnerable adults is registered as a member of Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme. Volunteers can also benefit from introductory safeguarding training – if you’re a volunteer for this type of work, please look out for announcements of training opportunities later this year.

Timely response The simple safeguarding message is: if harm or abuse is suspected or witnessed, or is reported to you, immediately inform your Safeguarding Coordinator at the email address below. They’ll then refer it on to the Safeguarding Service for guidance on any actions that may be needed.

Your Safeguarding Coordinator at Liberton Kirk is Chris Weir. Chris is one of two SEECOS Safeguarding Coordinators, the other being Muriel Galbraith (Tron Kirk Moredun & Gilmerton). They’re supported in this work by a SEECOS Safeguarding Panel, which includes representatives from each SEECOS location. They also have access to expert confidential advice from the Church of Scotland’s Safeguarding Service:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/departments/safeguarding-service>

If you’ve any questions on Safeguarding, about safe recruitment, training opportunities, or whether an activity is consider regulated work that’d require volunteers to be PVG members, Chris would be delighted to hear from you!

Chris Weir, **SEECOS Safeguarding Coordinator, Liberton Kirk**
safeguarding@seecos.org.uk

Lighting up learning in Malawi

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson has challenged people to support an initiative that has the potential to transform students' lives in Malawi.

The idea was sparked during Dr Paterson's visit to Malawi in the autumn. He was struck by the determination of the people there, and particularly within the Church, to ensure education at all levels becomes available and accessible to all. But without lights in their homes children could not study after dark.

Simple solar lights allow extra time for children to learn in villages with no electricity and so it is dark at 6.30pm. Solar lights for light libraries, cost around £10 per light and can be bought locally in Malawi. To find out more go to the Church of Scotland website. Or donate directly:

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Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

Invite all men to events in 2025!

A Men's Breakfast

Saturday 1st March
9.30-11am Kirk Centre Cafe
£5 on the day

A Men's Italian Evening

Friday 11th April + BYOB
7-9.30pm Kirk Centre
£5 on the evening

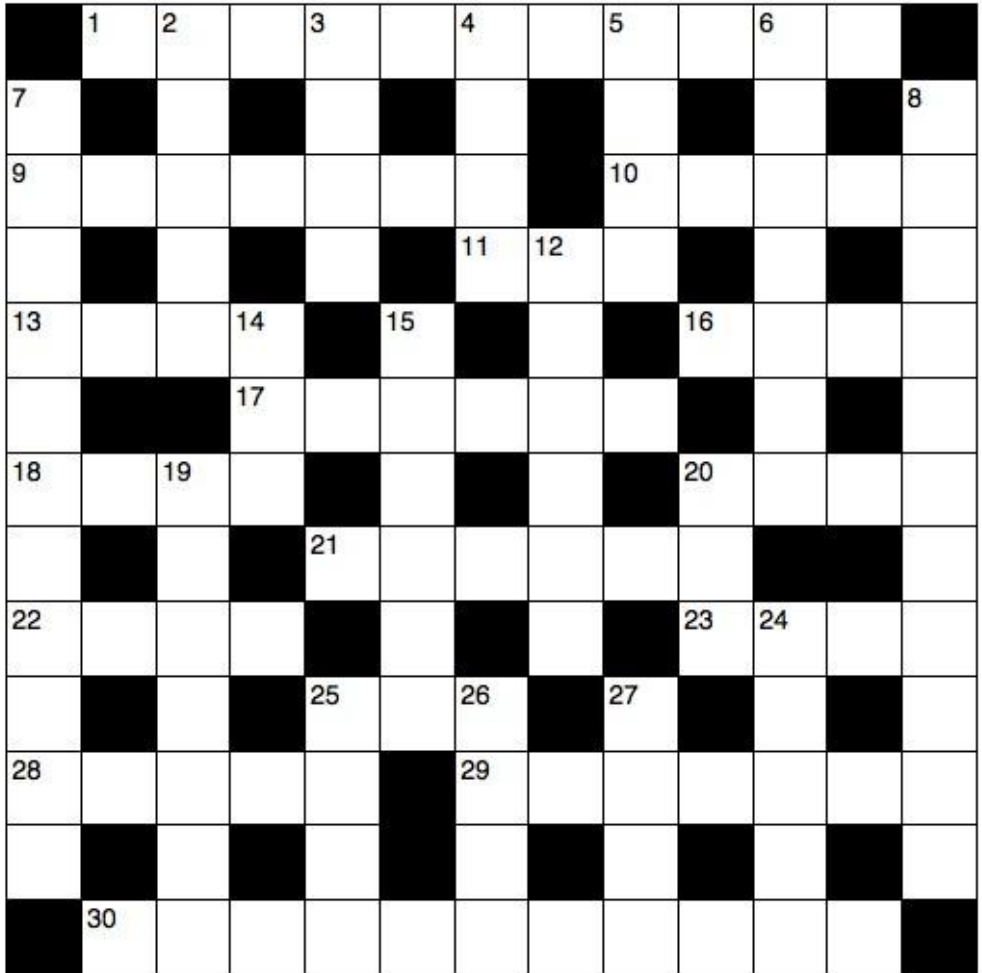
A Men's BBQ

Friday 20th June + BYOB
7-9.30pm Kirk Gardens
£5 on the day

Sign up before each event!



March Crossword



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)

- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

The solution to February's Crossword is on page 32

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

The Guild in March



Monday 3 March

The Very Rev Angus Morrison's talk is entitled "A Gael's Portuguese Adventure".



Friday 7 March 2.30pm

Liberton Kirk Guild will host the World Day of Prayer Service to be held in Liberton Kirk, 28-30 Kirkgate, Edinburgh EH16 6RY at 2.30 pm. The Service has been prepared by the Women of the Cook Islands and their theme is "***I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made***". Psalm 139:14



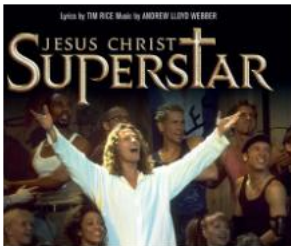
Wednesday 12 March 1.45 pm

We look forward to spending the afternoon with pupils from Liberton High School in Liberton Kirk Centre.



Monday 17 March at 7 pm

Our Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a Beetle Drive



ANNUAL GUILD OUTING On Saturday 10 May

we will be going to the matinee performance of "*Jesus Christ Superstar*" in the Festival Theatre.

More details from Moira Cocksedge (Secretary), Tel. 662 0692



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Name (s)

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Moving date

You can also email your details to rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net



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The congregations of SEECOS are Gracemount Church (serving Gracemount, Southhouse and Burdiehouse) Liberton Kirk (serving Liberton), Liberton Northfield Church (serving the Inch), and Tron Kirk (serving Gilmerton and Moredun). We are bound together by a 'Covenant of Trust.'

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.

Useful Websites

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Church of Scotland	www.churchofscotland.org.uk
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Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound.
It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact John
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