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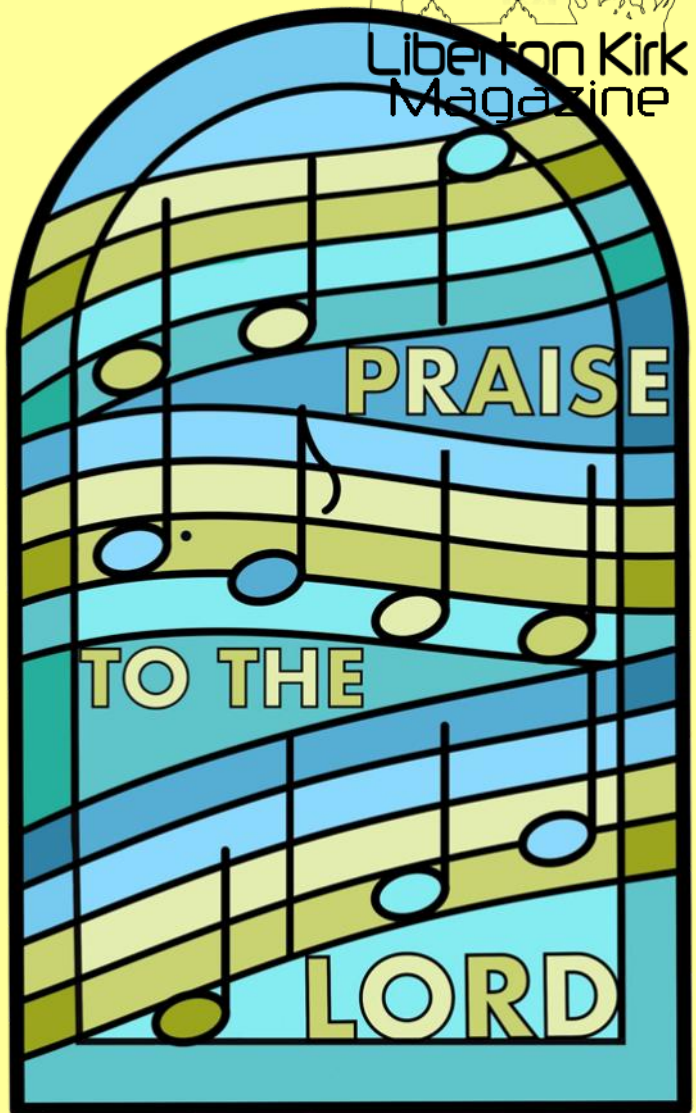
'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus'

Vision Statement

May Devotions
on pages 15-18



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Prayer for May

*O Sovereign God
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy Will be done
In our world*

*O Almighty LORD
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy will be done
In our Church life
and work*



*O Father God
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy will be done
In our lives
In my life*

*In Jesus' name
Amen and Amen!*

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



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I don't know about you, but this is one of my favourite times of the year. The days are getting longer and warmer, we are seeing rebirth in nature and we have experienced the joy of Easter, celebrating Jesus rising from the dead to be with us for ever.

This year though, the joy of Easter has been tinged with sadness at the retirement of John after 28 years as our minister. We will miss him and also Lindsay a great deal in the weeks and months ahead. At what is a difficult time for the Church of Scotland as a whole, John is leaving behind a congregation in good heart. We are fortunate to be able to worship each week as a family which welcomes all, from the very youngest to those more senior in years.

The central role of prayer to John's ministry as well as his great care for the pastoral needs of the community, his strong leadership and vision for the future leave us in a good place to begin the search for a successor to lead Liberton Kirk and the wider family of South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland into the next phase of our life together.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Reverend Dr David Clarkson, minister of Barclay Viewforth Church, as our Interim Moderator. His role will be to guide us through the labyrinthine processes involved in managing the call of a new minister. While we will miss John and Lindsay, we also look forward to the next phase in the life and mission of our church family.

Not everyone relishes change, though.

Change takes us out of our comfort zone and makes us reassess, whether that is what we want or not! Reflecting on Easter and Jesus' resurrection, we can only imagine the turmoil his disciples must have felt. When Jesus dies on the cross, we see them locked away in despair until they meet him again in his resurrected body:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you'.

(John 20:19)

That encounter with the risen Jesus makes every difference. Later this month, the church celebrates Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus being taken up to heaven to be with his Father:

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. (Mark 16:19-20)

Although Jesus is no longer with them in the flesh, the disciples still have a mission to reach out and share the good news of their faith, to make a real difference to those they encounter. Knowing Jesus, we can look forward in confidence to whatever the next stage in the life of Liberton Kirk may bring.

Chris Brandie

Clerk, Liberton Kirk Local Leadership Team

The Best Seat

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JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



PLEASE COME TO MY PARTY

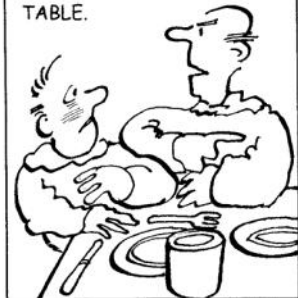
ON ONE OCCASION JESUS TOLD THE STORY ABOUT SOME PARTY INVITATIONS

HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEAL



DON'T RUSH TO SIT IN THE BEST SEAT....

...IN CASE YOU ARE ASKED TO MOVE DOWN THE TABLE.

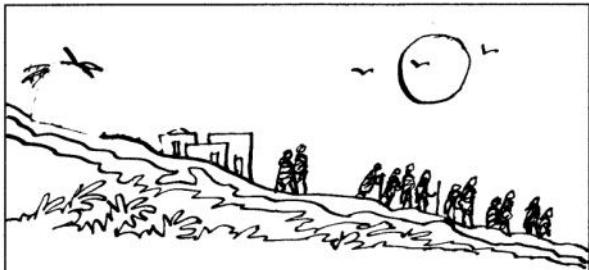


IT'S MUCH BETTER TO TAKE THE LOWER SEAT

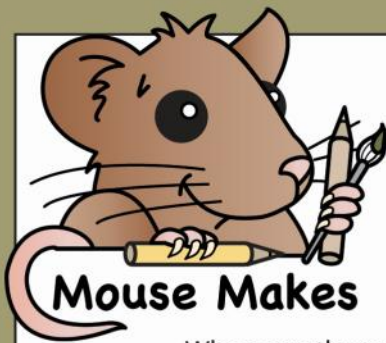


...AND THEN FIND YOU ARE ASKED TO MOVE UP.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE SHOULDN'T KEEP PUSHING OURSELVES TO THE FRONT.

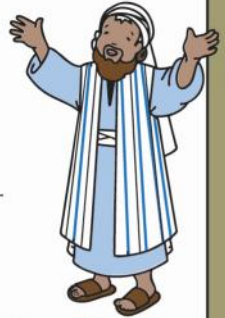


AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO PUT OTHER PEOPLE FIRST. Read Luke 11.7-11



Mouse Makes

MIRACLES OF PETER



At which temple gate did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10

Who were the man and wife who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into the streets so that when Peter came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas been paralysed for?

----- years
Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid? in the -----

Acts 9:36-42



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"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly."
Acts 6:7

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and Peter was able to perform many miracles in Jesus' name.
See the book of ACTS

PETER • SIGNS • WONDERS • MIRACLES • HEALED
CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE



May 25 Diary

Thursday 1 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
Friday 2 1pm-4.30pm *Warm Hub and IT Clinic* in LKC

Sunday 4 8am *Sunday Reflection* on Website and Facebook
9.30am **Shorter service in the Kirk**
11am **Service in the Kirk and on Zoom**
(with crèche and Sunday Club)
Theme: Thy Kingdom Come – Our Father in Heaven
Preacher: Very Rev Angus Robertson
10.20am *Prayer time* in the Elders' Room
6.30pm **Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**
Monday 5 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
Tuesday 6 7.30am-7.30pm *Prayer space* in the Upper Room
9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
2.30pm *Service* at Liberton Brae Care Home
Wednesday 7 am and pm FISCHY MUSIC CONCERTS IN THE KIRK
9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in the Wilson Hall
Thursday 8 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
Friday 9 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub and IT Clinic* in LKC
Saturday 10 **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** begins with
9.15 – 11.30am 'The Big Brekkie' in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 11 COVID REMEMBRANCE DAY

8am *Sunday Reflection* available on Website and Facebook
9.30am **Shorter service in the Kirk**
11am **Service in the Kirk and on Zoom**
(with crèche and Sunday Club)
Theme: Thy Kingdom Come II – On Earth as in Heaven
Preacher: Rev Dr John Cowie
10.20am *Prayer time* in the Elders' Room
12.15pm *Short time of remembrance* at the Covid Memorial
2.30pm *SEECAT A.G.M.* at St. Gregory's
6.30pm **Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre**
Monday 12 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
7pm for 7.30pm *Local Leadership Team* in LKC
Tuesday 13 7.30am-7.30pm *Prayer space* available in the Upper Room
9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
Wednesday 14 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
11am *Pram Praise* in the Small Hall

Thursday 15 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
 Friday 16 1pm-4.30pm *Warm Hub and IT Clinic* in LKC
 Saturday 17 **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS**

Sunday 18 SUNDAY CLUB OPEN DAY
 8am *Sunday Reflection* on Website and Facebook
9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with crèche and Sunday Club)
 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come III – Our Daily Bread
 Preacher: Alastair Cameron
 10.20am *Prayer time* in the Elders’ Room
 12.15pm *Sunday Club Open Day* in LKC
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
 Monday 19 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
 Tuesday 20 7.30am-7.30pm *Prayer space* in the Upper Room
 9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
 Wednesday 21 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
 7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in the Wilson Hall
 Thursday 22 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
 Friday 23 1pm-4.30pm *Warm Hub and IT Clinic* in LKC

Sunday 25 8am *Sunday Reflection* on Website and Facebook
9.30am Shorter service in the Kirk
11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with crèche and Sunday Club)
 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come IV – Forgive Us
 Preacher: Jared Hay
 10.20am *Prayer time* in the Elders’ Room
6.30pm SEECOS Evening Gathering for Worship at Liberton Northfield
 Monday 26 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*
 Tuesday 27 7.30am-7.30pm *Prayer space* in the Upper Room
 9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
 2.30pm *Service* at Guthrie House
 7.30pm *Prayer Gathering* in the Kirk
 7.30pm SEECOS Kirk Serssion in the Gilmerton Hub
 Wednesday 28 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm *Kirkgate Café*
29 May to 8 June THY KINGDOM COME (Global Prayer Initiative)
 Thursday 29 **ASCENSION DAY**
 9am-2pm *Kirkgate Café*

Friday 30 1pm-4.30pm *Warm Hub and IT Clinic* in LKC
 Saturday 31 9.30am-1.45pm *Elders' Retreat (SEECOS)* at Liberton Kirk Centre
 4pm-6pm *Messy Church* in Liberton Kirk Centre

Sunday 1 June COMMUNION SUNDAY (All Welcome!)
 8am *Sunday Reflection* on Website and Facebook
9.30am Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk
11am Communion Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with crèche and Sunday Club)
 Theme: Thy Kingdom Come V – For Ever and Ever
 Preacher: Rev Cammy Mackenzie
 10.20am *Prayer time* in the Elders' Room
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Passover Meal

Just before we went to print a well filled church hall was the venue for a very enjoyable Passover meal and worship. It was a moving time of fellowship and thoughtfulness (as well as an excellent meal) for all who came from the SEECAT* congregations.

As well as remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples we were reminded to be aware of, and beware of, our expectations and what God expects of us, by the Rev Kay Haggerty, one of the SEECOS team.

**South East Edinburgh Churches Acting Together*



Covid Memorial Sunday

Last year, on the second Sunday in May, we dedicated the Covid Memorial on the wall of the church behind the cairn. On the first anniversary of this dedication, Sunday 11th May, we plan to give anyone who wishes the chance to leave a flower beside the memorial as we did last year (see picture), and to remember again the devastating effects of the pandemic on so many families.



Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian



John Young addressed the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian for the final time as Minister of Liberton Kirk at its meeting in Palmerston Place on April 1st.

He began by sharing that he did not initially aspire to be a minister, acknowledging a sense of humor in God's plans. After several years with the World Mission Council in Pakistan, he and Lindsay felt called to ministry at home, a calling confirmed by the

Bishop of Hyderabad and the church there who commissioned them as missionaries from Pakistan to Scotland.

John recounted his 28-year tenure at Liberton, praising it as a wonderful place and expressing deep gratitude for the friendship and support from presbytery members, as well as the trust, love, and warmth from the people, elders, and staff of Liberton.

He also thanked his South East Edinburgh colleagues for their camaraderie during challenging times and extended special appreciation to his wife Lindsay for her patience and prayerful support. John expressed profound thanks to God for calling him into what he considers the best job in the world, highlighting the work of the Holy Spirit in moments of personal transformation and renewed faith within the church.

John concluded by noting the significant changes in the Presbytery since he began in 1996, emphasizing the enduring value of Jesus as a hidden treasure and urging all to continue making Jesus known, trusting that he will guide and sustain his church.

KIRKGATE CAFÉ



Open Mon to Thu 9am – 2pm (last serve at 1.30pm)

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

Thank you so much to all the café volunteers who came along to the thank you service on 6th April to celebrate our 10th anniversary and especially to the volunteers who took part in the service and prepared the teas/coffees etc after each service. It was lovely to see so many customers come along to support the café too.



During the service we shared a video about where the idea of Kirkgate started and what the hope is for the future. Ann Weir and Helen Sutherland did an amazing job and an extra thank you goes to Alex Richards and Ben from YouMore! for capturing and filming such a special moment. The video can be viewed on the Kirkgate Café page on Liberton Kirk website.

<https://libertonkirk.net/kirkgatecafe/>

We have held off putting the prices up since September 2023, but due to the rising cost of food, gas etc our running costs are higher, Kirkgate Café will be applying a price increase effective from Monday 5th May.

Follow on us Facebook@Kirkgate Café.

Jenny Thomasi, Kirkgate Café Manager
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General Assembly 2025

Interview with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Rosie Frew

Reports to the Assembly and Assembly Timetable

'We Are All Connected'

Christian Aid Week

Honorary Glaswegians

WW2 bonds between Guernsey and Glasgow

Hope for the Future

Touching Lives in Scotland's Poorest Places

A Day in the Life

New Series Focussing on Chaplaincy

Regulars

The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church

Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton

Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer

Bible study by the Rev Richard Baxter

My Church: Karen Mathers of Prestwick South Parish Church

Plus: official updates from the Assembly Trustees, readers' pictures, news, letters, reviews and puzzles – all for £3.50. Visit www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe



General Assembly 2025

The 2025 General Assembly will take place from Saturday, 17 May to Thursday, 22 May 2025, at the Assembly Hall on the Mound, Edinburgh.

As the Church continues to navigate key issues and initiatives, the 2025 Church of Scotland General Assembly will provide another opportunity for members to shape the future direction of its mission and ministry.

General Assembly reports and the order of proceedings will be made available online as they are completed from the week of 22 April 2025. See the Church of Scotland Website for more information:

www.churchofscotland.org.uk



Senior Citizens Club 2024/25

Celebrating Seniors
SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MARCH 2025



Apologies from The Senior Citizen's Club for not being able to send in an article this month. Our thoughts are completely with our Secretary Louise (Lou) who is seriously ill and has not been well for months. We just want to pray for her wellbeing.

The Club will continue to the end of June and reconvene the first Thursday in September.

President—Jenni Ryalls—0131 258 0764 or 0741 533 5889

Pastoral Support Worker—Linda Wright—0785 041 1596

Secretary—seniorslk@gmail.com

Service of Healing

The Balmwell is an ancient site of pilgrimage and healing. It can be found in the grounds of the Toby Carvery on Howden Hall Road. The SEECAT churches hold an annual service there, just before Pentecost, during which prayers for healing are offered to anyone who wishes to take part.



This year's service is on Saturday 7th June, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the service, and encourage others to come too.

Seats will be available, and if a lift is required please let us know. The Toby Carvery kindly allow us to use their grounds, and they will be open if you would like refreshments after the service.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



SEECOS at Liberton Kirk

**invites you to share in this global
Prayer Venture.**



**Our services in May will prepare for this by focusing on
*The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father in Heaven – On earth as in heaven
Our daily bread – Forgive us**

**And then a Church Birthday Family Service
on Pentecost Sunday June 8 at 11am**

**Songs—Games—Holy Spirit message—Cakes
(yes – there will be cake at 9.30 service!)**

And more! All are invited

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 11 to 17 MAY 7 days to make a difference

Big Brekkie 2025

Join us for our Christian Aid Big Brekkie, on Saturday 10th May, from 9.15-11.30am, in the Kirkgate Cafe. Bacon rolls/egg and potato scone/vegan rolls are available, along with tea and coffee.

Contact Rosalyn by email (roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk), phone or text 07772115978 to book a slot.

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.

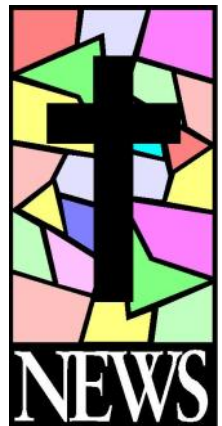
david@dlamb.co.uk

From the Congregational Roll

We note with sadness the death of Mrs Daisy Smith.

*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.*

Psalm 73:26



LIBERTON KIRK DEVOTIONS

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33*

During 2025 we are looking daily at the theme of *IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS*. So far we have considered some of the things He did and said, pausing at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

**In May we journey with some of the Psalms and
Thy Kingdom Come 2025 – a global prayer venture.**



**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 May 25

- Thu 1 Morning – PSALM 2** – prayerfully consider this passage today and then respond in prayer to God we believe and trust in
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Government at Westminster
Evening– read the verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 2 Morning – PSALM 5** – As we pause with God, we take time to consider the truths behind these words...And then pray 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 God
- Sat 3 Morning – PSALM 8** – as we pause we take the time to consider afresh these particular words today And then pray to God
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the passage again – reflect and then pray in response
- Sun 4 Morning – MATTHEW 6 vs 6-9** – we take time to consider these words on this Sunday morning...and then pause to pray in response.
Midday - pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these words again...reflect, then pray to Father God.
- Mon 5 Morning – PSALM 10** – take time to consider these words at the start of this new weekAnd then pray to God in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Scottish Parliament
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tue 6 Morning – PSALM 18** – as we pause with God today we consider these words and the truths behind them ..., then respond in prayer with God
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 God
- Wed 7 Morning – PSALM 21** – As we pause with God this Morning we consider these words - And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the SEECOS Kirk Session members
Evening – read the words again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 8 Morning – PSALM 24** – we prayerfully consider this passage afresh - *Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done* we pray in response!
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those feeling hopeless and helpless
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here then pray
- Fri 9 Morning – PSALM 27** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words this Morning – 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 God
- Sat 10 Morning – PSALM 41** – as we pause with God today we pause and 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
- Sun 11 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 10** - take time to pause and consider these words of Jesus...And then pray to God in response on this Sunday
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

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Evening – read this verse again...reflect, then pray to God...

- Mon 12 Morning – PSALM 46** – 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 those in our SEECOS Care Team
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tue 13 Morning – PSALM 47** – as we pause with God we consider these truths, then respond in prayer with God we believe in
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 God
- Wed 14 Morning – PSALM 48** – Pause and listen with God this new morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team members
Evening – read the words again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 15 Morning - PSALM 51** - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those who feel trapped and guilty
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then pray
- Fri 16 Morning – PSALM 65** – As we pause with God, we consider these truths 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 God
- Sat 17 Morning – PSALM 84** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to 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 your reading
- Sun 18 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 11** - we take time to consider these words of Jesus And then we pray to God in response
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect, then pray to God
- Mon 19 Morning – PSALM 92** – 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 local shops and businesses
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tue 20 Morning – PSALM 93** – as we pause with God today we consider these truths ..., 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 God
- Wed 21 Morning – PSALM 95** – Pause with God this Morning. Prayerfully consider the words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – Pray God’s blessing on those making career changing decisions
Evening – read the verses again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 22 Morning – PSALM 97** - consider this particular psalm this new morning and then respond in prayer to God, our God

Liberton Kirk Devotions for May 25

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those facing end of life decisions
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to God we believe in

Fri 23 Morning – PSALM 99 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these verses ... And then pray in response to Father God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our singers and musicians
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God

Sat 24 Morning – PSALM 100 – as we pause with Jesus today we take the time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him – with praise!

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 25 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 12 – we take the time with God to consider these significant words of Jesus 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 words again...reflect, then pray to God as we step into a new week – together – with Him

Mon 26 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 13 – 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 World Mission Team partners
Evening – read the verse again – reflect and then pray to God in response

Tue 27 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 14 – as we pause with God today we consider these words from Jesus ..., 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 God

Wed 28 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 15 – Pause with God. Consider these words of Jesus here...And then turn to pray to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our SEECOS church partners
Evening – read the verse again – reflect, then pray to the LORD our God

Thu 29 Morning – MATTHEW 6 v 9 – TKC Global Prayer venture starts - consider this verse afresh, then respond in prayer to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Cammy, Dougie and Gordon
Evening – read the set verse again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to God we believe in

Fri 30 Morning – ISAIAH 6 – Hallowed be Thy name – As we pause with God, we consider these words ... And then pray in response to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our family members and friends
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God

Sat 31 Morning – REVELATION 21 – Thy Kingdom come – as we pause with God we consider these words and pray in response to Him

Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the chapter again – reflect and pray in response



New Members

Mr Joedy Lyons
Ms. Sarah-Louise Carmichael
Mrs Marlene Carmichael

Recycling inkjet cartridges

There is a collection box in the Offering House for recycling used inkjet cartridges. Currently ONLY original Hewlett Packard and Canon cartridges can be accepted, no refills.

Each cartridge generates 50p – £2 depending on the make.

The money will go to the charity Send A Cow, now renamed The Ripple Effect (who work alongside families in rural Africa, so they can grow more food, earn a living, and break the cycle of poverty—for good). Charities need all the help they can get at the moment and the bonus is less going to landfill, so a win win. The box holds 100 cartridges so please ask family and friends to contribute and soon we too can send a cow to Africa!

Dorothy Morrison, Eco Team

Elders' Duties for April–June '25

	May	June	July	August
	9.30am			
1 West	Rosy Carmichael	Tom Baxendale		
2 East	Eric Brown	David Lamb		
	11am		10:30am	
1 West	Chris Brandie	Alastair Cameron		Rosalyn Wilson
2 East	Derek Jardine	Janice Wilson	David Lamb	Janice Wilson
3 Gallery	Eleanor Grieve	Claire Mayberry	Kim Denholm	Margrethe van Dijke
4 Gate	Roslyn Wilson	Linda Skinner		Netta Rough
5 Banker	Alan Perry	David Lamb	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke

May Books

Help is Here by Max Lucado

This book is subtitled “Finding fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit”, which is certainly a good description of what it contains.

In his usual accessible style, the author challenges the reader about the real benefits of knowing the Holy Spirit and experiencing His presence and work in order to live the authentic Christian life. Jesus promised the disciples that they would be better off when He left them and the Holy Spirit came to them, and He told them to wait for this to happen. This despite the fact that they had had 3 years of intensive training in ministry! If it was true for them, how much more is it true for us. Yet so often we try to do things in our own strength & expertise!

There are many metaphors used in scripture to describe the Holy Spirit and the author goes into detail about a different aspect in each chapter of the book, using real-life examples and Biblical teaching to illustrate how they apply to us today.

I particularly liked the reminder about the Holy Spirit as one who “comes alongside” us, to teach and to guide us throughout our daily lives, if we will only choose to invite Him and be open to His “nudges”. And then also, the Holy Spirit as “wind”, and the encouragement to “Raise your sail” and let His energy power you, rather than striving to “row harder and faster”. An encouraging read for every believer!

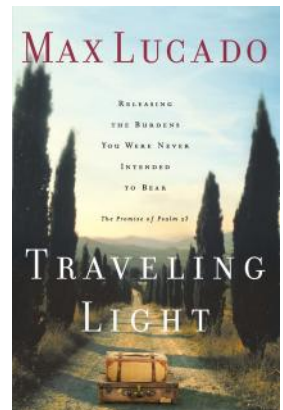
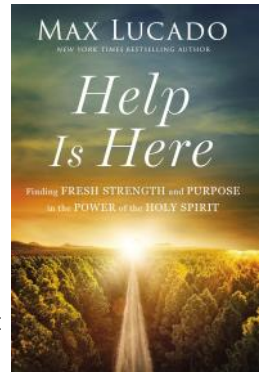
Travelling Light by Max Lucado

In his book 'Travelling Light', Max Lucado reflects on seventeen different spiritual burdens that people gather and carry through life; heavy loads such as guilt, worry, hopelessness, grief, shame, fear, doubt and loneliness. He likens them to items of luggage that are heavy and costly to keep transporting around with us. Instead, he reminds us that we need not bear these loads but can lay them down, releasing them to God.

Max uses the 23rd Psalm as a guide running through the book, taking one small line at a time, and focusing on it to illustrate how God can help us to lay down every individual burden.

Written in his familiar, humour-sprinkled manner, Max uses a variety of personal anecdotes and examples to draw the reader's attention to the crux of the book's

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SEECOS at Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

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Friday 23 May (*note the new date*)
7-9.30pm in Kirk Centre

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Sign up in the Kirk or Kirk Centre Entrance
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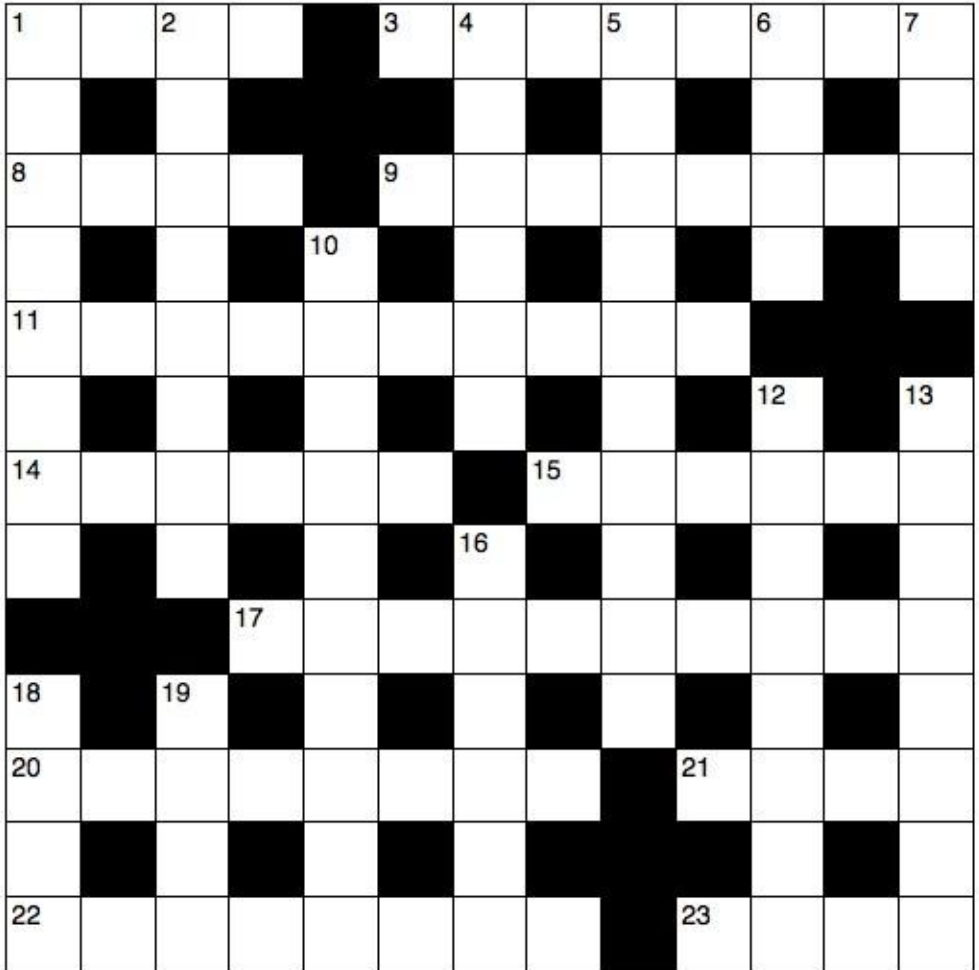
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message: that walking through life while needlessly carrying the emotional bags, rucksacks and suitcases containing our disappointments, weariness, wants and guilt is unnecessary, backbreaking labour. He goes further to say that our spiritual heavy luggage can distract us from enjoying the magic of life and the peace and joy of God.

He urges us to get rid of the bags: 'Once and for all, let's give our luggage to Him. Let's take Him at His word! "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28 NLT)'. Then, "when out of habit, you pick your luggage back up, set it down again. Set it down again and again until that sweet day when you find you aren't picking it back up.'

This book is highly readable with a load-lightening message that can truly help rediscover the joy and freedom of a life focused on God.

May Crossword



Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)

- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

The solution to the April Crossword is on page 28

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The Guild

On Friday 7 March Liberton Kirk Guild hosted the World Day of Prayer for South East Edinburgh. Afterwards there were questions about the origins of the World Day of Prayer Services. The Guild Secretary explains the services opposite.

The final project figures for the sums raised by the Guild Projects from 2021-2024 are below.

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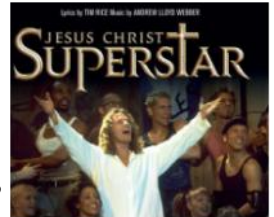
FINAL PROJECT FIGURES

TOTAL BEAT There is Hope (UK)	£ 89,444.48
PIONEERS Chocolate Heaven (South East Asia)	£ 72,131.52
STARCHILD Finding the Light in Every Child (Uganda)	£ 97,214.98
VINE TRUST Kazuznu Village of Hope (Tanzania)	£ 104,339.31
HOME FOR GOOD A Home for Good (Scotland)	£ 119,612.75
UNIDA Hear our Voice (Brazil)	£ 70,575.36
Total (from 01-Jun-21 to 31.03.25)	£553,318.40

ANNUAL OUTING

On Saturday 10 May we will end the Guild year with a trip to the Festival Theatre for a matinee performance of “*Jesus Christ Superstar*”.

Moira Cocksedge, Secretary 0131 662 0692



Flower Rota

Church Flower Dedications in May



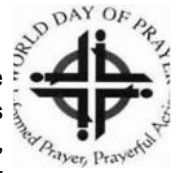
In memory of

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8	Mrs Helen Hodgkinson	Janet McGregor
15	Mrs Ann Weir	Hamish Weir
22	Mrs Jane Thomson	Isabella and John Watt

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 07823 335585

Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2321

What is “The World Day of Prayer”?



It starts on the international dateline, early morning in Samoa, where women begin praying for their world. The wave of prayer then sweeps across the Pacific – Fiji and New Zealand, then through Asia – Japan, the Philippines, Korea, Bangladesh. The countries of Africa are next and then the Middle East. The wave reaches Europe at daybreak then rolls across the Atlantic towards the Caribbean and the Americas, onto the Pacific again until the sun finally sets in American Samoa where the final service takes place. The circle of prayer is complete!

The World Day of Prayer is on the first Friday of March every year. It is organised by the women of a given country that follows a theme through bible texts, prayers and singing. The service, however, is not just for women! **IT IS FOR EVERYONE** and **ALL** are welcome to come and participate.

The origins are in the Women’s World Day of Prayer created by Protestant women of the USA and Canada around 1887. Despite strong opposition from their male counterparts, they began founding numerous effective boards for home and foreign mission working with women and children, praying with and for one another.

In the 1920’s the projects became increasingly inter-denominational until in 1926 the women of North America distributed their worship service world-wide. It was met with such enthusiasm that “World Day of Prayer” came into being. In 1928 Grace Forgan took the news of the service back to her home in Scotland and the first service there was held in 1930. England followed in 1932, Wales in 1933, Ireland in 1935 and Northern Ireland in 1943.

The Logo for the “World Day of Prayer” was designed by a man for the service organised by the women of Ireland, North and South, in 1982. It was then adopted internationally.

It is formed of arrows from the four corners of the earth which become praying figures. They are joined together with the circle of the world to form a Celtic cross showing our unity through all our diversity.



The motto that accompanies the Logo is “informed prayer and prayerful action”. “When a local community engages globally in “informed prayer and prayerful action” the world shifts and we hope it does towards justice and peace”.

The service this year was organised by the women of the Cook Islands and the theme is “I Made You Wonderful. Based on the words of Psalm 139, we were encouraged to recognise that God created each one of us with loving care. We are unique and special and should cherish all aspects of who we are and of those around us. God knows us, God is with us.

Maira Cocksedge, Guild Secretary

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Moving date

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'federation' of individual local congregations, each with their own leader and mission base, sharing their resources and working together in the service of Jesus.

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If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Linda Wright on 07850 411596, who will try to find someone to help.

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Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door,

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Note that during July and August there is only one morning service, starting at 10:30am. More details can be found on the diary pages.

Services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound.

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Weekly Groups

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