

South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland (SEECOS) Newsletter (Summer 2025)

LOOK OUT FOR WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER!

Stage'N'Slam, Young Life International's art and sports day camp for kids currently in P7 to S6, 1pm-8pm Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July, at Gracemount High School and Liberton Kirk Centre.



Youth Service Week based at Liberton Kirk, Monday 7th to Sunday 13th July—teenagers offering service to community, church, those in need. BBQ on the Gracemount Church land on Friday 11th.



Holiday Club at Tron Kirk Moredun, Tuesday 8th to Thursday 10th July (3 days), 10am-2.30pm, for those going into P4 to those leaving P7. Bring a packed lunch. Info from tronkirkedinburgh@gmail.com or Cammy, 07838 912361. Book now—limited spaces!

Summer Barbecue at Tron Kirk Moredun, Saturday 19th July at 2pm. We need to know numbers, so please get a ticket from Alice (£5 adults, £3 children) at alice.laing@blueyonder.co.uk or tel. 07501 096537.



Summer Buzz Holiday Club at Liberton Kirk Centre, 28th July to 3rd August. Mon-Fri 9am-12noon, family picnic on Saturday, winners announced at Sunday Service, 10.30am. £4 a day Mon-Fri. All primary school children welcome (must have been in P1).

Gracemount Church Summer Lunches, on the Gracemount Drive land from 28th July to 8th August, 12noon-2pm, then open air service and barbecue on Sunday 10th August (service from 11am, BBQ from 1pm).



SEECOS LEADERSHIP



The current leadership team: Gordon Pennykid, Diaconal Minister based at Liberton Northfield, Liz Crocker, Deacon at Tron Kirk, Janet McKenzie, Ordained Local Minister at Tron Kirk, Douglas Robertson, Church Leader at Gracemount, Kay Haggarty, Ordained Local Minister at Gracemount, and Cammy Mackenzie, Minister at Tron Kirk.

The process of replacing John Young (Minister at Liberton Kirk until April) is beginning, with work being done on a Parish Profile and the documents setting out how the churches in SEECOS work together and what the roles of the leaders are.

Our parent body, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian, has appointed an Interim Moderator, Rev. Dr. David Clarkson, minister at Barclay Viewforth Church, who will guide us through the recruitment process. They are also setting up a Vacancy Advisory Committee, and the convener has been appointed. This Committee will advise us on setting up the Nominating Committee from all the SEECOS churches. This Nominating Committee will advertise the post, choose the applicants they would like to see, interview them and make a nomination to the congregations.

These are exciting times, but the whole process will take a while!

if you want a peaceful half-hour, there's a **Peace Pathway in Liberton Kirkyard** during the months of July and August, 8am to 8pm, starting at the Offering House, the little building just inside the main gate on Kirkgate, and taking you round the church building with stops on the many benches (hopefully in the sunshine!).



Gracemount Church meets in Gracemount Primary School, EH16 6FD
or on its land at 38 Gracemount Drive, EH16 6RN
Liberton Kirk (and Liberton Kirk Centre) are in Kirkgate, EH16 6RY
Liberton Northfield Church is 280 Gilmerton Road, EH16 5TT
Tron Kirk Moredun is 6 Craighour Gardens, EH17 7NX
Tron Kirk Gilmerton is at The Hub, 6 Ravenscroft Street, EH17 8QJ

TUESDAY DROP-IN, from Gordon

At the end of January we started a follow-up to Toastie Tuesday with an after school drop-in (3.30-5pm). With some trepidation we set up the Liberton Northfield hall with pool, table tennis and a host of table games, then waited and prayed for at least a few kids to show up! An hour and a half later we had served 60 hot dogs and seen about 50 kids through the doors.



Over the next few months that number has dropped to a steady 20/30 teenagers and we enjoy getting to know them, as do the YoungLife folk who come along. With a new pool table and outdoor games we are set up till the summer break. We have been building community links with the Community Police dropping by and enjoying a game of darts.

Toastie Tuesday

with YoungLife continues to go from strength to strength and grows beyond our expectations. On average we cook 250 toasties and serve more than 200 kids—all within a chaotic 30-minute spell. The Police even shared us on their socials after helping one day!



24-HOUR WORSHIP AND PRAYER

at Tron Kirk Moredun,

from 3pm on Friday 11th July to
3pm on Saturday 12th July

PLEASE JOIN US AT ANY POINT

SUMMER CLOSURES

Please note that the **Kirkgate Café** in Liberton Kirk Centre will be closed from 21st—24th July and re-opens on Monday 28th. The **Warm Hub** on Friday afternoons at Liberton Kirk Centre will be closed after 27th June until 8th August.

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**MODERATOR
FOR THE
CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND**



Rev. Rosie Frew, Minister in the Scottish Borders Parish of Bowden and Melrose, has been appointed as Moderator for the year beginning with the General Assembly this May, which she chaired. During her year of office she will visit churches and projects at home and abroad.

She says: "Someone described me as 'a cheerleader for the Church' and I love that, I still have that passion and enthusiasm that I had when I was licensed for ministry despite all the hard times we have gone through."

**COME AND
JOIN US AT
RELAXED
SUNDAY
EVENINGS!**



Sunday 29th June

Launch Service for Stage'N'Slam with YoungLife at Liberton Northfield, Gilmerton Road, 6.30pm in the Church, followed by a Barbecue.

Sunday 31st August

At the Gilmerton Hub, Ravenscroft Street, 6.30pm for refreshments, 7pm for worship led by Liberton Kirk.

KEEPING GOING!

Summer breaks are quite usual, but the good news is that the Foodbank on Friday morning at Tron Kirk Moredun does not close. Of course our Sunday services continue, and Gracemount Church are able to continue meeting in Gracemount Primary School over the summer. Note that Liberton Kirk have one Sunday morning service at 10.30am in July and August and revert to 9.30 and 11am services from 7th September.

And there are extra events in July and August—see page 1 for details.

DAVE STOREY IS CALLING ALL MEN!

There has been a men's group running at Liberton Kirk for about 18 months. Since men seem to have an affinity to bacon rolls or curry, we meet every 6-8 weeks alternating between Saturday morning breakfast and a Friday night event. It's good to chat and make new friends, and men from SEECOS and the local community are warmly invited—there is plenty of space for more! There is a £5 charge for most events and evenings are BYOB. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available—let us know when you sign up.

The next event is a Barbecue on Friday 27th June at 7pm in the garden behind Liberton Kirk Centre. If you would like to come, please notify me at d.k.storey@virginmedia.com by Wednesday evening 25th. The next breakfast in the diary is 16th August at 9am. Look out for posters in the noticeboard on Kirkgate, in the Kirkgate Café or on the SEECOS website and sign up in the Kirk Centre Entrance or contact me.

Please visit the SEECOS website, www.seecos.org.uk, or scan the QR code. You will find church addresses and contact details there

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