

Summer 2025
No 730



'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

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June- August
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Prayer for the Summer

"This Jesus, I'm telling you about is the Messiah"
Acts 17:3

*Lord, fill our hearts with
a thirst to share the message
about Jesus, Your Son, Our
Messiah.*



*Fill us with the passion of the
early church, to bring the
message of salvation to the
world.*

*Give us the strength to overcome any
persecution we may encounter. Hold us
strong. Amen*

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



We are the Church together!

I am the Church!

You are the Church!

We are the Church together!

I love these words from the chorus of the well-known hymn! Especially at the moment, during our period of vacancy at Liberton Kirk, they remind us that each and every one of us has a part to play in the life of the church.

We often speak about our church family, and in the absence of a full-time minister, it has been wonderful to see so many people coming together to share their gifts, whether in leading worship, prayer, hospitality, friendship, or in a multitude of different ways. We are the church together!

In the book of Exodus, Moses receives some sound advice from Jethro, his Father in Law, who has seen him surrounded by his people from morning until night, trying to sort out their problems:

What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone.
(Exodus 18:17-18)

As we begin to look for a new minister to replace John, it is worth remembering Jethro's words. We are looking for a leader, but they can't be the church on their own. Each one of us has a role to play, each one of us has something we can bring.

Over the course of this year, together with our friends in South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland, we are going to be embarking on a stewardship campaign which will

encourage each of us to think about what we might be able to do to support the work and mission of the church. Please pray about this and keep an eye out for further details in due course.

The first step in our search for a new minister will come on 27th May, when David Clarkson, our Interim Moderator, will attend the meeting of the SEECOS United Kirk Session.

After David has met Kirk Session, we will be in a position to begin to plan for appointing a Nominating Committee. In addition to Liberton Kirk members, this will include representatives from the other SEECOS churches.

The Nominating committee is supported by a Vacancy Advisory Committee from Presbytery. David will be worshipping with us on Sunday 31 August at our Covenant Service, which will be a good opportunity to begin to get to know each other better.

I look forward to sharing further details of the vacancy process as soon as they are available.

Over the summer months, our worship will continue to be led by a team of familiar faces drawn from our church family.

If you have any questions about pastoral care, please speak to Linda Wright. Alastair Cameron will be happy to receive any requests for prayer and news of answered prayer. If you have any queries about general church business, please contact me.

Chris Brandie
Clerk – Liberton Kirk Local
Leadership Team



Farewell to John & Lindsay

Sunday 20 April 2025 will be remembered as a very special day in the history of Liberton Kirk. Having been in denial ever since John first announced his intention to demit as Minister of Liberton Kirk and Moderator of the Kirk Session of South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland, this Easter Sunday was the day we were able to thank John and Lindsay for all they have done for our church family and for the community in Liberton over the last 28 years.



The inspiring worship of the Easter services was followed by perhaps the largest ever gathering in the Kirk Centre for a delicious buffet lunch and fond farewells to John and Lindsay. Knowing how much the manse garden and greenhouse have meant to them, we hope that John and Lindsay will be able to use at least some of the collection which was presented to them to

purchase a greenhouse for their new garden. They also received a vine which we hope will thrive and produce many grapes over the years ahead, a fitting symbol for the legacy they have left behind in the family of Liberton Kirk.

Lindsay received a beautiful floral arrangement and a special pair of earrings made for her in the form of the Liberton Cross. The symbol was taken from an ancient Celtic carved stone found in the area and now on display in the National Museum of Scotland.



We hope that John and Lindsay will enjoy reminiscing as they look through the photo book they received with images from their more than 28 years in Liberton and read the many personal memories and words of thanks which went into their memory book.

The presentations were accompanied by a Pakistani psalm setting, well known to them from their earlier life and by a special tribute to the tune of Old MacDonald Had a Farm!

Today's the day when we must say a fond farewell to John.
Though Liberton Kirk won't be the same, we must carry on.
For 28 years John's been with us,

Leading, caring, through the good and bad times.
He's a special minister, our much-loved John.

That wasn't the end though! We were delighted to be able to see John and Lindsay again the following Friday for their farewell cèilidh with music provided by Keith Dickson. It was lovely to see not just members of Liberton Kirk, but also many from the wider family of SEECOS and the local community. We were privileged that John and his friends agreed to provide the interval act and shared some of their favourite songs, including the Song of Liberton, written by John himself:

Singing with the old folks on a Thursday afternoon,
Singing with the Sunday morning crowds,
O the song of Liberton, you'll always be a friend to me.



John's photograph has now been added to the gallery in the Elders' Room of ministers of Liberton Kirk, 8 ministries covering a period of more than 190 years in the life of our church family. Thank you to John and Lindsay for everything they have done during their time with us. Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many different ways to making their send-off very special.



Below are some words from the letter of thanks we have received from John and Lindsay.

Chris Brandie, Clerk – Liberton Kirk Local Leadership Team

Dear Liberton Kirk Family,

We would like to thank you all so much for our beautifully organised farewell arrangements.

Last Sunday was extremely special. It was wonderful to see so many of you in church and at the lunch afterwards. Everything was just perfect, and all we could have wished for. It was very much a family event and evidence of how much we all love each other. The food was delicious and plentiful - a special thanks to all who worked so hard and sacrificially.

Thank you for such kind words, prayers and tributes. Thank you for organising the lovely songs. Your generous gifts will be much appreciated. We have already been looking at greenhouses, and the earrings were worn by Lindsay at the wonderful church family cèilidh on Friday night.

Our memory box and photo book have been cried over this week, (and probably many weeks to come!), and we're just so thankful to you all for the last twenty eight and a half wonderful years. Thank you to all those involved for such thoughtfulness in putting this together.

As you know, we are finding it very hard to leave, but you will always remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Much love

John and Lindsay xx

[You can find more photographs over the page]



Foundations

(Matthew 7:24-29)

What will happen to my house Lord,
Now that the rain is falling,
Now that the floods are rising,
Now that the wind is blowing<
And beating, beating upon it?

Sunday by Sunday
I hear your Word
With interest,
With conflict,
With questions.
I hear your Word
As I build my house.

But will it stand, Lord,
When the rain and the floods
And the winds challenge?

Are my foundations
Sunday sand of hearing only,
Or daily rock of hearing and doing Your will,
Living Your Word,
Strong in the storm?
Lord, Lord,
Help me to hear,
Move me to act.
Let my house stand.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?



But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



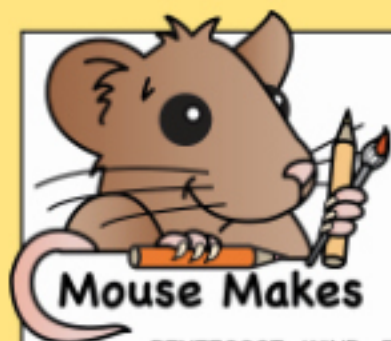
He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!



Mouse Makes

PENTECOST • WIND • FIRE
 HOLY • SPIRIT • TONGUES • RESTED
 JERUSALEM • JEWS • GALILEANS
 HEAR • LANGUAGE • ARAMAIC • GREEK
 HEBREW • PARTHIANS • MEDES
 ELAMITES • MESOPOTAMIA
 JUDEA • CAPPADOCIA • PONTUS
 ASIA • PHRYGIA • PAMPHYLIA
 EGYPT • LIBYA • CYRENE
 ROME • CRETANS
 ARABIANS • GOD



READ
 Acts
 2:1-41

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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Diary June to August 25

June

Sunday 1st

COMMUNION SUNDAY (All welcome!)

8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook

9.30am Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

11am Communion Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club)

Theme: Thy Kingdom Come V – For ever and ever

Preacher: Cammy Mackenzie

6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 2nd 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 3rd 9am-5pm Prayer space available in the Upper Room 9am-2pm;

5pm-8pm Kirkgate Café

2.30pm Service at Liberton Brae Care Home

Wednesday 4th 9am-2pm; 6-8pm Kirkgate Café

7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre

Thursday 5th 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café

2pm-4pm Senior Citizens' Club

Friday 6th 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Saturday 7th 10am-12.30pm SEECOS Prayer Walk from the Toby Carvery

3pm SEECAT Healing Service at the Balmwell

Sunday 8th

PENTECOST

8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook

9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

11am All-age Family Service in the Kirk and on Zoom

Theme: Happy Birthday, Church!

Preacher: Alastair Cameron (with Emily at 11am)

6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 9th 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café

Tuesday 10th 9am-5pm Prayer space available in the Upper Room

9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm Kirkgate Café

Wed. 11th 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm Kirkgate Café

Thursday 12th 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café

2pm-4pm Senior Citizens' Club

Friday 13th 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Sunday 15th

TRINITY SUNDAY

8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook

9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club)

Theme: Church Alive!

Preacher: Cat Rawlinson-Watkins

6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 16th 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café

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| Tuesday 17 th | 9am-5pm | Prayer space available in the Upper Room |
| | 9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Wed. 18 th | 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 7.30pm | Gathering for Praise in the Kirk Centre |
| Thursday 19 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 2pm-4pm | Senior Citizens' Club |
| Friday 20 th | 1pm-4.30pm | Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre |

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| Sunday 22nd | SUNDAY CLUB CELEBRATION SUNDAY |
| | 8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| | 9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk |
| | 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 11am All-age Family Service in the Kirk and on Zoom |
| | Theme: Church for All! |
| | Preacher: Alastair Cameron (with Emily at 11 am) |
| | 12.30pm Congregational Picnic in the Centre Court |
| | 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre |
| Monday 23 rd | 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café |
| Tuesday 24 th | 9am-5pm Prayer space available in the Upper Room |
| | 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café |
| | 2.30pm Service in Guthrie House Care Home |
| | 7.30pm Gathering for Prayer in the Wilson Hall |
| Wed. 25 th | 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 26 th | 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café |
| | 2pm-4pm Senior Citizens' Club |
| Friday 27 th | 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre |

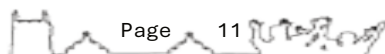
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| Sunday 29th | 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook |
| | 9.30am | Shorter Service in the Kirk |
| | 11am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club) |
| | Theme: | Church in Mission! |
| | Preacher: | Nicki Kirkland |
| | 10.20am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 6.30pm | Joint Stage 'n' Slam Launch Service at Liberton Northfield Church (followed by Barbecue) |
| Monday 30 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |

30th June-4th July – Stage 'n' Slam Sports and Arts Week (for high school students)

July

Note: July & August – all Sunday Morning services at 10.30am
 All Sundays except 3rd August – with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club
 3rd August – Summer BUZZ Sunday – All-age Service
 July & August – Peace Pathway open in the Kirkyard, 8am-8pm

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| Tuesday 1 st | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 2.30pm | Service at Liberton Brae Care Home |
| Wed. 2 nd | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 3 rd | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |



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| Sunday 6th | 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| | 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 10.30am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| Monday 7 th | Theme: | Exodus I – The Name of God |
| | Preacher: | Jared Hay |
| | 6.30pm | Café Church in the Kirk Centre |
| | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |

7th – 13th July – Youth Service Week

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| Tuesday 8 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Wednesday 9 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 10 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Friday 11 th | 3pm | 24-hour Prayer at Tron Kirk Moredun (until 3pm) |
| | | Saturday 12 th) |

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| Sunday 13th | 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| | 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 10.30am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| Monday 14 th | Theme: | Exodus II – The People of God |
| | Preacher: | Jared Hay |
| | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | Tuesday 15 th | 9am-2pm |
| Wed. 16 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 17 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |

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| Sunday 20th | 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| | 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 10.30am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| | Theme: | Exodus III – Travelling with God |
| | Preacher: | Jared Hay |

Week commencing 21st July – Kirkgate Café closed all week

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| Sunday 27th | 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| | 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 10.30am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| | Theme: | Theme Verse for the Year Revisited |
| | Preacher: | John Cowie |

28 July – 3 August – Summer Buzz for Primary School Children on the story of Jonah

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| Monday 28 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Tuesday 29 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 2.30pm | Service in Guthrie House Care Home |
| Wed. 30 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 31 st | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |

August

Saturday 2nd 12.30-2.30pm Summer Buzz Family Picnic

Sunday 3rd

SUMMER BUZZ SUNDAY

8am Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am All-age Family Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 Theme: The story of Jonah
 Preacher: Emily Kerrigan/Gordon Pennykid
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-5pm Prayer space available in Kirk House
 2.30pm Service in Liberton Brae Care Home
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 Friday 8th 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 6th

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Sunday 10th

8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
 Theme: Psalm 23 I
 Preacher: Kay Haggarty
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-5pm Prayer space available in Kirk House
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in the Wilson Hall
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
 9.30-11am Men's Breakfast in the Kirk Centre
 10am-12.30pm SEECOS Kirk Session Retreat
 (venue to be decided)

Monday 11th

Tuesday 12th

Wed. 13th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Saturday 16th

Sunday 17th

8am Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Family Service (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
 Theme: Psalm 23 II
 Preacher: Mary Morrison
6.30pm Café Church in the Kirk Centre
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-5pm Prayer space available in Kirk House
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 9am-2pm Kirkgate Café
 1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

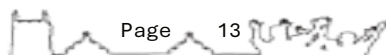
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Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Sunday 24th

8am Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook



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| | 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| | 10.30am | Joint Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| | Theme: | Psalm 23 III |
| | Preacher: | Janet McKenzie |
| Monday 25 th | 6.30pm | Café Church in the Kirk Centre |
| Tuesday 26 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 9am-5pm | Prayer space available in Kirk House |
| | 2.30pm | Service in Guthrie House Care Home |
| | 7.30pm | Gathering for Prayer in the Wilson Hall |
| Wed. 27 th | 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 7.30pm | Gathering for Praise in the Wilson Hall |
| Thursday 28 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Friday 29 th | 1pm-4.30pm | Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre |

Sunday 31st

COVENANT SUNDAY

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| 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| 10am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| 10.30am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club) |
| Theme: | Psalm 23 IV |
| Preacher: | Interim Moderator – David Clarkson |
| 12.15pm | Congregational Lunch in the Kirk Centre |
| 6.30pm | SEECOS Gathering for Worship at the Hub, Ravenscroft Street, 6.30pm for 7pm |

September

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| Monday 1 st | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Tuesday 2 nd | 9am-2pm; 5pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 9am-5pm | Prayer space available in Kirk House |
| | 2.30pm | Service in Liberton Brae Care Home |
| Wednesday 3 rd | 9am-2pm; 6pm-8pm | Kirkgate Café |
| Thursday 4 th | 9am-2pm | Kirkgate Café |
| | 2pm-4pm | Senior Citizens' Club |
| Friday 5 th | 1pm-4.30pm | Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre |

Sunday 7th

Two morning services and regular Sunday Club resume

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| 8am | Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook |
| 9.30am | Shorter Service |
| 10.20am | Prayer time in the Elders' Room |
| 11am | Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club) |
| Theme: | Mission 1 – To boldly go |
| Preacher | Stephen McLeish, Leprosy Mission |
| 6.30pm | Café Church in the Kirk Centre |

Kirkgate Café



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

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

Summer has arrived!

With the warmer weather we have brought back our fruit smoothies and iced latte for some nice refreshing drinks.

The courtyard is a popular outdoor seating area during the summer months, it is a little sun trap. This is a dog friendly area which can be accessed via the carpark, a great place for when out for a walk or a space in the sun to catch up with friends.



This June I will have been Kirkgate café's manager for three years, in some ways it has gone so quickly and in other ways I can't remember life before. I love being part of the team that helps to run the café daily and enjoy getting to know the customers. The team of volunteers are the most dedicated bunch of people and it is an honour to be part of. The best part for me is that Kirkgate café is in the heart of community I grew up in and still live in. It brings the community together, is a warm safe place and the door is open to everyone.

Jenny Thomasi, Kirkgate Café Manager

kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net, 07894056216



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

Peace Pathway

In the months of July and August you will be able to walk the "Peace Pathway" once again in our lovely Kirkyard. Leave the pressures of life for half an hour (or more) and enjoy God's creation and God's presence in this peaceful place.

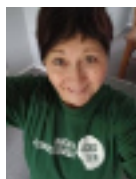


If you start at the Offering House at the Main Gate you will be directed on a walk around the outside of the church building. The benches provide a number of stopping points, with Bible quotes and suggestions of something to think about or do for a few moments. The Kirkyard will be open from 8am to 8pm throughout these two months.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



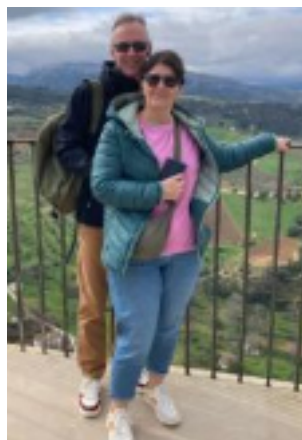
Stepping out for Charity



In February I always challenge myself to get moving after all the Christmas eating and like to help a Charity. This year I challenged myself to walk (outwith my other activities) 10000 steps for a very worthy charity, Social Bite.

I would like to thank God for giving me beautiful weather, which included a wee trip to Malaga and energy to complete my task. I would also like to thank the Church Family, Family and Friends for there awesome encouragement, donations and prayers. I smashed my target of steps and donations and am very grateful to everyone. Here's where I finished. See what next year brings.
God Bless Everyone 🙏.

Linda Brown



Target £1000 - raised £1130 excluding £237.50 in gift Aid.
Target 280,000 steps - actual hit 362,048.

Liberton Kirk Devotions August 2025

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10 verse 14

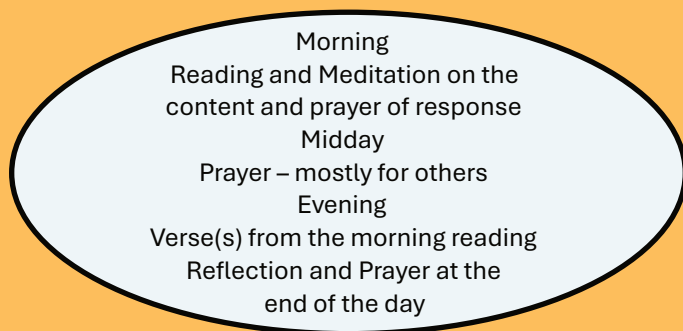
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We are all invited to listen for God's voice and journey together daily in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2025.

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Liberton Kirk Devotions for August 25

- Fri 1 Morning – ROMANS 9 vs 1-13** – As we pause with God, we consider these truths this morning ... And then pray in response to this 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 this God
- Sat 2 Morning – ROMANS 9 vs 14-21** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these truths - And then pray to this God
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- Sun 3 Morning – ROMANS 9 vs 22-29** - we take time to consider these words this Summer Buzz Sunday morning And then we pray to this God, our God
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 this God of ours
- Mon 4 Morning – ROMANS 9 vs 30-33** – 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 believers in Egypt
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 5 Morning – ROMANS 10 vs 1-4** – as we pause with God we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 6 Morning – ROMANS 10 vs 5-13** – Pause and listen with God this new Morning . Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Arabian Peninsula
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 7 Morning – ROMANS 10 vs 14-21** - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Iran
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 8 Morning – ROMANS 11 vs 1-10** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning ... And then pray in response to this 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 this God
- Sat 9 Morning – ROMANS 11 vs 11-24** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to this 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 to what you read
- Sun 10 Morning – ROMANS 11 vs 25-32** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God in response
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again....reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
- Mon 11 Morning – ROMANS 11 vs 33-36** – 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 work of Open Doors in our world
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

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But that is not all; we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends. Romans 8:11

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In July and August we journey with Paul through Romans as we consider the truths behind the words IN CHRIST JESUS.



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Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 2** **Morning – ROMANS 1:8-17** – Pause and listen with God this new day. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on StageNSlam during this week
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 3** **Morning - ROMANS 1:18-32** - consider these particular words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on StageNSlam team members
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 4** **Morning – ROMANS 2:1-4** – As we pause with God, we consider these truths this morning... And then pray in response to this 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 this God
- Sat 5** **Morning – ROMANS 2:5-16** – as we pause with Jesus we take the time to consider these truths - And then pray to this 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.
- Sun 6** **Morning – ROMANS 2:17-29** - we take time to prayerfully consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God, our God, 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 this God of ours
- Mon 7** **Morning – ROMANS 3:1-8** – 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 Summer outreach missions
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 8** **Morning – ROMANS 3:9-20** – as we pause with God we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 9** **Morning – ROMANS 3:21-31** – Pause and listen with God this new morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on the work of Scripture Union
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 10** **Morning - ROMANS 4:1-12** - consider these particular words this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on the work of Young Life
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray

Liberton Kirk Devotions June 2025

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

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In June we continue to journey with the Thy Kingdom Come 2025 – a global prayer venture – and look at the Early Church in Acts.



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- Sun 1 Morning – MATTHEW 22:42** – Thy will be done - we pause and consider these words...And then pray to this God in response on this Sunday
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read this verse again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
- Mon 2 Morning – LUKE 11:3** – Give us this day – as we pause with God, 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 Finance Team
Evening – read the verse again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tues 3 Morning – 1 JOHN 1:8-10** – Forgive us our sins – as we pause with God we consider these truths.....and then respond in prayer with this God
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 4 Morning – MATHHEW 5:43-48** – As we forgive others – Pause with God this morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our Prayer Ministry Team members
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 5 Morning – JAMES 1:12-18** – Lead us not into temptation - consider these words this morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on those who feel trapped and guilty
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 6 Morning – EPHESIANS 6:10-20** – Deliver us from evil - as we pause with God this morning we consider these words... And then pray in response
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 this God
- Sat 7 Morning – REVELATION 5** – For thine is the Kingdom! – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these truths - And then pray to this 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 to what you read
- Sun 8 Morning – PENTECOST SUNDAY – ROMANS 8:1-4** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God, our God in response - 'Come Holy Spirit!'
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 this God of ours
- Mon 9 Morning – ACTS 1:1-5** – 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 this God in response
- Tue 10 Morning – ACTS 1:6-8** – as we pause with God we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with this God we believe in
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 11 Morning – ACTS 1:9-11**– Pause and listen with God this Morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our SEECOS Care Team members
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God

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- Thu 12 Morning - ACTS 2:14-21** - consider these particular words this new Morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our SEECOS Youth Team members
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray
- Fri 13 Morning – ACTS 2:22-36** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning... And then pray in response to this 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 this God
- Sat 14 Morning – ACTS 2:37-41** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to this 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 to what you read
- Sun 15 Morning – ACTS 2:42-47** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God in response
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
- Mon 16 Morning – ACTS 3:1-10** – 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 our SEECOS World Mission Team members
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 17 Morning – ACTS 3:11-26** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 18 Morning – ACTS 4:1-22** – Pause with God this morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our SEECOS Discipleship Team members
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 19 Morning – ACTS 4:23-31** - consider this passage this new Morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our SEECOS Worship Prayer Team
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 20 Morning – ACTS 4:32-37** – 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 Church Prayer list
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
- Sat 21 Morning – ACTS 8:1-8** – as we pause with Jesus today we take time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him.

Midday – pray the words of the Lord's Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read

Sun 22 Morning – ACTS 8:26-40 – we take the time with God to consider these particular words on this Sunday morning 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 words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him

Mon 23 Morning – ACTS 9:1-19 – 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 SEECOS Finance Team members

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

Tue 24 Morning – ACTS chapter 10 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him

Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God

Wed 25 Morning – ACTS 15:1-35 – Pause with God this Morning. Consider these words recorded here...And then turn to pray to God

Midday – We pray God's blessing on our SEECOS Building Team members

Evening – read the verse again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God

Thu 26 Morning – ACTS 16:11-15 - as we pause with God this new day, we consider this passage this Morning and then respond in prayer to this God

Midday – We pray God's blessing on Cammy, Dougie and Gordon

Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in

Frid 27 Morning – ACTS 17:1-9 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this 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 Father God

Sat 28 Morning – ACTS 17:16-34 – as we pause with Jesus, we take the time to consider these words - And then pray to this 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 to what you read

Sun 29 Morning – ACTS 19:1-22 - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God in response

Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours

Mon 30 Morning – ACTS 26 – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response

Midday – We pray God's blessing on the SEECOS Church family

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

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- Fri 11** **Morning – ROMANS 4:13-25** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning... And then pray in response to this 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 12** **Morning – ROMANS 5:1-5** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to this 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.
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Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours
- Mon 14** **Morning – ROMANS 5:9-11** – 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 work of TEARFUND in our world
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 15** **Morning – ROMANS 5:12-21** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- Wed 16** **Morning – ROMANS 6:1-4** – Pause with God this morning.
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on Christian Aid at work in our world
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God
- Thu 17** **Morning – ROMANS 6:5-7** - consider this short passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our World Mission partners
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 18** **Morning – ROMANS 6:8-14** – 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 Church Prayer list
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God
- Sat 19** **Morning – ROMANS 6:15-23** – as we pause with Jesus today we take time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him.
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 20** **Morning – ROMANS 7:1-6** – we take the time with God to consider these particular words on this Sunday morning And then we pray to Father God in response, humbly, honestly.
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him
- Mon 21** **Morning – ROMANS 7:7-13** – 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 open air preachers across Scotland

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Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

Tues 22

Morning – ROMANS 7:14-25 – as we pause with God today we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God

Wed 23

Morning – ROMANS 8:1-4 – Pause with God this morning. Consider these words recorded here...And then turn to pray to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on work of Scottish Bible Society

Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God

Thu 24

Morning – ROMANS 8:5-8 - as we pause with God this new day, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Cammy, Dougie and Gordon
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in

Fri 25

Morning – ROMANS 8:9-11 – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this 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 26

Morning – ROMANS 8:12-17 – as we pause with Jesus, we take the time to consider these words - And then pray to this 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.

Sun 27

Morning – ROMANS 8:18-25 - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God in response

Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer

Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God

Mon 28

Morning – ROMANS 8:26+27 – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Summer Buzz running this week

Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

Tue 29

Morning – ROMANS 8:28-30 – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer wi Him

Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!

Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God

Wed 30

Morning – ROMANS 8:31-39 – Pause with God this morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Summer Buzz running this week

Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God

Thu 31

Morning – ROMANS chapter 8 - consider this chapter afresh as this month ends ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God

Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Emily, Laura and Gordon

Evening – read the chapter again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to God.

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- Wed 13 Morning – ROMANS 12 vs 9-21** – Pause with God this Morning .
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Christian Aid at work in our world
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 14 Morning – ROMANS 13 vs 1-7** – consider this short passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on TEARFUND at work in our world
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what happens here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 15 Morning – ROMANS 13 vs 8-14** – 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 Church Prayer list
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Father God
- Sat 16 Morning – ROMANS 14 vs 1-12** – as we pause with Jesus today we take time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him.
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response to what you read
- Sun 17 Morning – ROMANS 14 vs 13-23** – we take time with God to consider these particular words on this Sunday morning And then we pray to Father God in response, humbly, honestly.
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
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- Mon 18 Morning – ROMANS 15 vs 1-4** – 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 believers in Saudi Arabia
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 19 Morning – ROMANS 15 vs 5 and 6** – as we pause with God today we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 20 Morning – ROMANS 15 vs 7-12** – Pause with God this morning . Consider these words recorded here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Mali
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 21 Morning – ROMANS 15 v 13** - as we pause with God this new day, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Sudan
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in

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Midday – We pray God's blessing on our family members and friends
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- Mon 25 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 1+2** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Democratic Republic of Congo
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tue 26 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 3 and 4** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
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Midday – We pray God's blessing on Summer Buzz running this week
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 28 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 8-16** - consider this chapter afresh as this month ends ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Cameroon
Evening – read the chapter again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 29 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 17-20** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to this 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 Father God
- Sat 30 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 21-24** – as we pause with Jesus, we take the time to consider these words - And then pray to this 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 to what you read
- Sun 31 Morning – ROMANS 16 vs 25-27** - we take time to consider these words this Covenant Sunday morning And then we pray to this God in response
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours

Vital Volunteers

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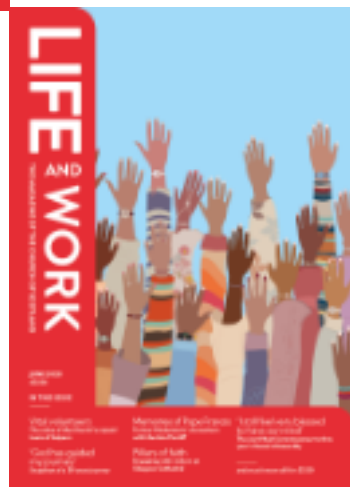
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A Mission Trip to Rwanda in 2026

Most of you will know that one of our Mission Partners is Comfort International, Cumbernauld who we have worked with for some four years. Callum Henderson, the CEO, visited our church on Mission Sunday, January 2024 and gave an excellent account of the work carried out by his organisation.

Since CI started, over 25 years ago now, they operate in 5 central African countries, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, DR Congo and Uganda

To read what is involved in the various countries and projects supported by Comfort International go to <https://comfortinternational.org/>

We are hoping to make a visit to Rwanda, and to take a full team we will need a minimum 10 visitors, 12 would be better because travel when we are in country will be by mini-bus.

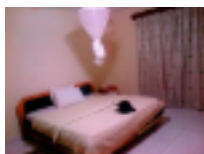
The advantages of taking a full team from Liberton are:

- Visits to the various projects can be co-ordinated
- We will be helped by several of the in-country partners used by CI
- Security is always enhanced if we travel as the one group
- Meeting the various children projects is always more exciting if we are presenting a single church.

Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, is perhaps not different to any big bustling city with lots to get us excited but we will get to know the “real” Rwanda when we visit the communities in the outlying areas. You will meet 100’s of children, 10’s of communities, church communities and a very full programme of activities.

Despite the history of the genocide, Rwanda is very safe. Visits to out-lying communities will be without incident. The hardest thing you might be asked

to do is water crops, help dig a ditch, play exhausting games with the kids we help support through sponsorship.



Our accommodation will be at Good News International Guest House run by one of CI's partners in country, in very comfortable guest houses with en-suite toilet facilities in each room.

Here are some ideas for what we can do during our visit:

* **Street Kid Projects:** There are three separate street kid projects in Kigali right now. It's always a treat to visit and play with the kids at their adopted homes. Just be prepared to play skipping games, with parachutes - they're always running around!



* **Babies and Mums Project:** This project will give us the chance to meet the moms we support. There are always moms who need our help because of the circumstances they're in. Please bring a suitcase full of baby clothes.

* **Communities Healing from the Pain of Genocide:** Ben Kayuma, the founder of Good News International, always makes sure we have a chance to talk to and listen to the stories of communities that are still working to heal the divisions caused by the genocide in 1992. This is usually followed by a visit to the National Genocide Centre in Kigali, a must-see for anyone visiting Rwanda for the first

time.

* **Visit to Lake Kivu:** This depends on the current situation with security and the DR Congo. If our schedules allow, we might get a half-day off to swim in Lake Kivu and visit "Bat" island by boat. If you're a keen swimmer, you're welcome to join Callum for an early morning swim.

* **Feeding Projects:** There are still children going hungry across Africa. In Bisesero, Rwanda, many families can't afford to pay for school meals for their children. When we visit the street kids, we'll take the opportunity to serve them one of the main meals of the day.



Whatever is on the schedule you can be sure worship and singing will be part of what we do.

If any of what you have read is of interest please contact Robert Snedden at robertsnedden1950@gmail.com or Roslyn Wilson roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk on behalf of the mission team.

What are you planning to read this summer?



There are a wide selection on the shelves in the Wilson Hall – feel free to browse – and borrow – and keep!

Also, we have been reviewing some of Max Lucado's books during 2025 – you can borrow any from Alastair – or ask about the other books he has!!

Business Hero Award 2025



A huge congratulations to Nicky Pender who was presented with the Edinburgh South Business Hero Award 2025. The award was presented to her at Liberton Kirk Centre by MP Ian Murray on Friday 16th May.

Nicky has been running Pilates classes both online and in person. And has an extremely popular class operating out of the Anderson Hall since 2016. Although she attributes that to the allure of the coffee and scones that many of her patrons enjoy

after class, everyone asked loves her class regardless of the after session treats.

MP Ian Murray presented the award in the Kirk Centre garden on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Many of Nicky's clients joined her for the presentation and then stayed afterwards to enjoy coffee and cake in the Warm Hub.



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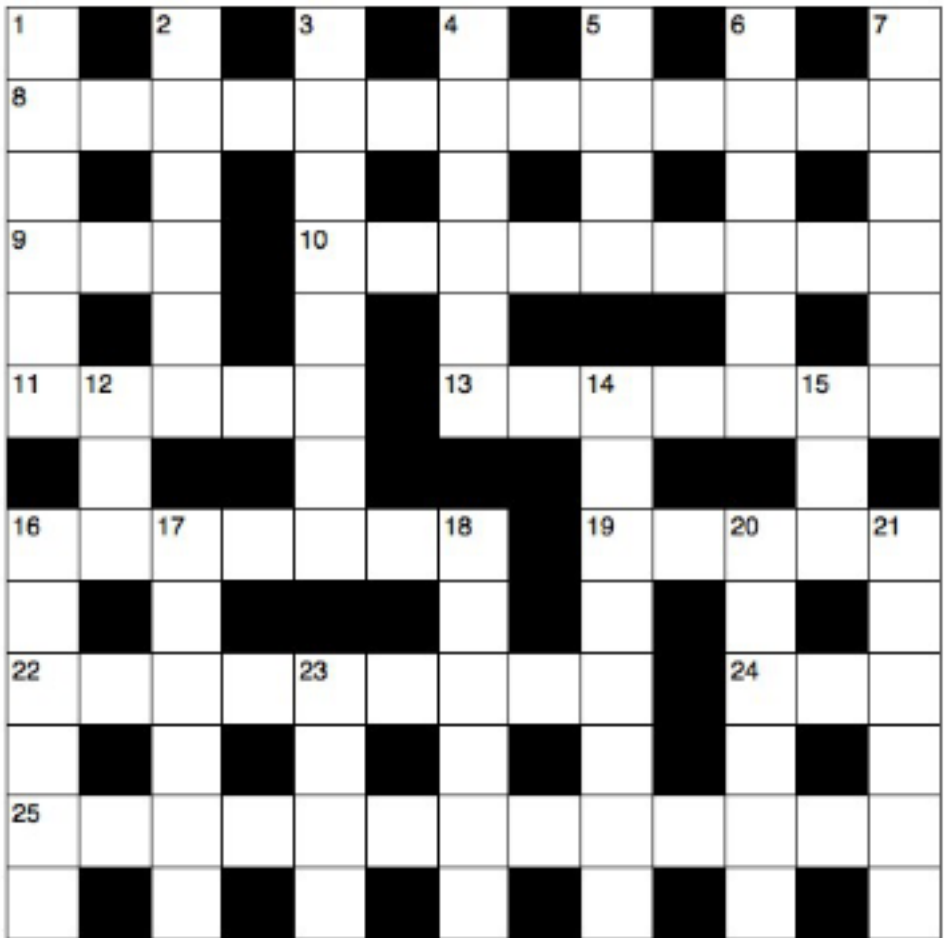
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June Crossword



Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
 9 In favour of (3)
 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
 22 Holy Communion (9)
 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6-12) (4)
 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

The solution to the May Crossword is on page 40

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|------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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| 10.30/11am | | | | | | |
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| 5 | Banker | David Lamb | David Lamb | Rijk van Dijke | Stewart Heney | Judy Weston |

Service of Healing

Save the date! SEECAT churches’ annual healing service is happening on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 pm. It is the day before Pentecost, so it’s a great time to come together and connect.

We’ll be meeting at the historic Toby Carvery on Howden Hall Road. It’s a beautiful place, and it’s a great spot for a gathering. The Toby Carvery is kind enough to let us use their grounds, and they’ll be open if you’d like to grab a bite or a drink after the service.

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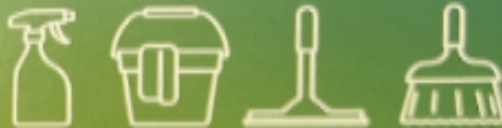
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Moving date

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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.

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