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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

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



Liberton Kirk Magazine

We celebrate the vibrant spirit of Liberton Kirk family and our community. Inside, you'll find stories of faith, fellowship, and service. We hope you enjoy reading about the people and events that make our community so special.

We are delighted to share stories of dedication, compassion, and community spirit. Join us as we explore faith, events, and reflections that resonate with the faith and heart for Jesus of Liberton Kirk.

Highlights

- Upcoming Events: A calendar of services, meetings, and youth activities in the Church and Halls. And a glimpse at some of Christmas events to look forward to
- Community News: Reports from our organisations and partnerships.
- Prayer diary: Inspiration for your thoughts and prayers every day.
- Get Involved: Opportunities to volunteer and support our mission.
- A Word from the Locum: Elliot Mitchell shares his thoughts.

We welcome your contributions and feedback. Please submit articles, photos, and suggestions to the church office or the editor. Together, we are Liberton Kirk.

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A Cog in the Machine or a New Rhythm of Grace?



Hi Everyone,

Thank you
once again
for your
warmest
welcome to

me as I began my Locumship with you on Sunday 5th October for both Communion Services. It has been such a joy to worship and serve alongside you, and already I have been reminded of how God uses unexpected moments in our lives as opportunities to show His love and shine His light.

I want to share a moment which really illustrated this to me. I was walking over to New College one morning, planning to head straight into the library for some focused study for upcoming assessments. As I walked along Princes Street, a tourist waved for my attention. She was asking how to get to St Giles' Cathedral. It took me by surprise—but in a beautiful way, because she was on her way to meet her son, who studies at the University—a lovely family reunion.

I had a choice: rush to my destination or pause and help. After checking her Google Maps and realising we were heading in the same direction, I said, “Follow me,” and guided her most of the way. In that simple act, I was reminded of what James 2:17 says: “Faith by

itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” This small interruption became a chance to show faith into action—to be the hands and feet of Jesus, even in a brief, ordinary encounter.

It made me reflect: God often places these “interruptions” or seasons of surprise in our path not to distract us, but to invite us to participate in His work. We may not always see the full impact of our actions, but every step we take in obedience and love can be part of God’s bigger plan.

Just as I was able to help reunite a mother with her son, God calls us to step out in faith, to act boldly, and to show His love to those around us. Remember this - He is always at work, orchestrating moments where we can step out in faith and love, just as Jesus calls us to do.

Let us be attentive to those small interruptions—whether a word of encouragement, a helping hand, or a simple act of kindness—and respond with hearts ready to serve.

In doing so, we participate in God’s kingdom here on earth, becoming instruments of His grace and light in the world around us.

May we leave each encounter, big or small, knowing that through obedience and love, even the simplest acts can make a lasting difference.

Yours in Christ,

Elliot

Prayer for November



Jesus Christ, the Supreme King,
Guide us this day, week and month,
To follow your teachings,
To show Your love and our faith through our deeds.
Help us to hold strong in times of suffering,
Recognizing those who would lead us astray.
We worship You, our Lord,
Amen.

Harvest Thanksgiving Displays 2025



Café Church in the Kirk Centre



Our evening service was relaunched post-covid in the café and there has been a steady following over these last few years. Some of the regulars have shared their thoughts on what café church means to them.

"A time of fellowship that bring lots of different people together. A chance to support and pass on wisdom to others."

Chris Boyle

"Sunday is my favourite day of the week, and café church is a beautiful close to the day. It's an opportunity to reflect on what God is doing in our lives. We get a great mix of young and old people. I miss it when it's not on."

Meg Milne

"Teas and coffee after the morning service is so busy that the evening service is a great opportunity to get to know people better."

Laura Crooke

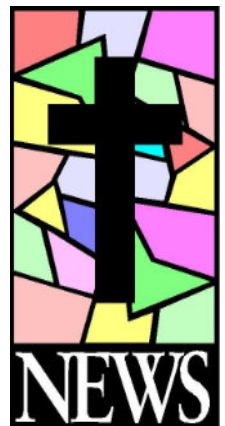
Do come and join us at 6.30pm in the evening worship, prayer and fellowship.



Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life'.



Mr Kenneth Wilson
(Howden Hall Drive)



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story- 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



I need that bread!



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,



'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'

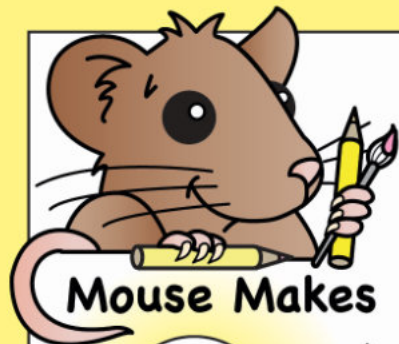


'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?





LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.
ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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ADVENT • ARRIVAL • HOPE • JOY • LOVE • PEACE • GOD • GLORY
MESSAGE • PROMISE • PROPHECY • FORETOLD • JESUS • SAVIOUR
CHRIST • GIFT • GOOD NEWS • RETURN • CANDLE • LIGHT



Bruce Davies in Concert

Saturday 1 November

2.30 pm in the Kirk Centre

This will probably be the last chance to hear Bruce performing at Liberton Kirk so please don't miss this opportunity. After regular concerts here since his first way back in 1998, he is retiring from giving regular concerts although I'm sure he has no plans to stop singing!

Those of you who have been at his previous concerts in Liberton Kirk will know what a wonderful entertainer he is. Expect the best of music from Scotland and beyond when he makes a welcome return on Saturday 1 November. Not only is he a faithful interpreter of the music of Scotland, he is also an award winning songwriter.

Tickets, with suggested donation of £10 (refreshments included), will be available after services in October or by contacting Mary Davidson on 664 6789 or marydavidson77@hotmail.com. The proceeds from the concert will go to support the work of the World Mission Team.

Mary Davidson (on behalf of the World Mission Team)



Can you help?

We collect Printer Cartridges for recycling. Original HP and Canon inkjet Cartridges only (not refills) can be placed in the box in the Offering House.

South East Edinburgh Food Bank Collection. Donations boxes are in the Offering House or contact David Lamb - 01316643059 david@lamb.co.uk

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal. Donations of used stamps or stamp collections can be left in the box in the Kirk Centre Foyer. Or contact David Lamb (see above).

Fresh Start Donations are always needed to help people set up home after being homeless. Donations are taken weekly to their HQ and can be left in the Offering House, at the gates of Liberton Kirk. It is helpful if all donations are either in boxes or bags. This makes it easier for transportation. There is a list of items accepted in the Offering House and on the notice board outside. N.B Fresh Start do not accepted china tea sets, furniture or clothing.

If you wish any information or would like to help with the transport of the donations to Fresh Start HQ contact Eleanor Grieve, ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk

Diary November 25

Kirkgate Café open throughout the month Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm, Tuesday 5pm-8pm and Wednesday 6pm-8pm

Saturday 1	10am	SEECAT Big Read at The Hub
	2.30pm	Bruce Davies Concert in Kirk Centre
Sunday 2	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:	Seeing and Being Seen by God
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 3	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Guild meets in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 4	9am-5pm	Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	Service in Liberton Brae Care Home
	5pm-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15pm	93 rd Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 rd Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 rd A Brownies in Small Hall
	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 5	10am-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 rd C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Gathering for Praise in the Wilson Hall
Thursday 6	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall

Friday 7	1-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in Kirk Centre 5.30-6.30pm 93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sunday 9	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook 9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 10.45am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (Crèche & Sunday Club) 11am silence Theme: The God of Hope and Peace Preacher: Elliot Mitchell 12noon (approx) Short Service at War Memorial 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 10	9am-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall 2pm-4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall 7.30pm Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 11	9am-5pm Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer 9.30-10.30am Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room 10.45am Armistice Day prayers in the Kirk with 11am silence 5pm-6pm Squirrels in Anderson Hall 5.15-6.15pm 93 rd Rainbows in Small Hall 6.15-9pm Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall 6.30-8pm 93 rd Brownies in Anderson Hall 6.30-8pm 93 rd A Brownies in Small Hall 7.30 - 9pm Carols Choir Rehearsal in the Kirk 7.30pm SEECOS United Kirk Session at The Hub 8.15-9.45pm Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 12	10am-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall 11am Pram Praise in Small Hall 6pm-7.15pm Beavers in Anderson Hall 6.30-8pm 93 rd C Brownies in Small Hall 6.30-8pm Cubs in Recreation Hall 7.30-9pm 93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thurs 13	2pm-4pm Senior Citizens' Club 7pm-9pm 93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall 7.30-9pm Scouts in Recreation Hall 7.30-9pm Rangers in Small Hall

Friday 14	1–4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre 6.30 for 7pm European Evening (Café ticketed event) 5.30–6.30pm 93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Saturday 15	9.30–2pm SEECOS Conference in Anderson Hall
Sunday 16	CROSSREACH 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: Living Mercy, Sharing Hope Preacher: Elliot Mitchell 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 17	9am–12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall 2 – 4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall 7.30pm Guild meets in Anderson Hall 7.30–9pm Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 18	9am–5pm Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer 9.30–10.30am Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room 5pm–6pm Squirrels in Anderson Hall 5.15–6.15pm 93 rd Rainbows in Small Hall 6.15–9pm Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd Brownies in Anderson Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd A Brownies in Small Hall 7.30 – 9pm Carols Choir Rehearsal in the Kirk 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting in Kirk House 8.15–9.45pm Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 19	10am–12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall 6pm–7.15pm Beavers in Anderson Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd C Brownies in Small Hall 6.30–8pm Cubs in Recreation Hall 7.30pm Gathering for Praise in Wilson Hall 7.30–9pm 93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thurs 20	2pm–4pm Senior Citizens' Club 7pm–9pm 93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall

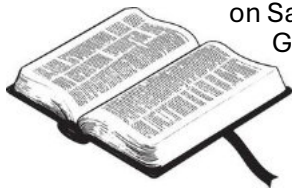
Friday 21	7.30–9pm Scouts in Recreation Hall 1pm–4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in Kirk Centre 5.30–6.30pm 93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Saturday 22	10am–12noon Guild Coffee Morning in Anderson Hall
Sunday 23	8am Sunday reflection available on Website and Facebook 9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room 11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club) Theme: Strength and Salvation in the King of Kings Preacher: Elliot Mitchell Just Gifts Sale after morning services in Foyer 6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 24	9am–12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall 10am–2pm Just Gifts Sale in McDonald Room 2 – 4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall 7.30–9pm Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 25	9am–5pm Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer 9.30–10.30am Ministry Team in McDonald Room 2.30pm Service in Guthrie House Care Home 5pm–6pm Squirrels in Anderson Hall 5.15–6.15pm 93 rd Rainbows in Small Hall 6.15–9pm Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd Brownies in Anderson Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd A Brownies in Small Hall 7.30 – 9pm Carols Choir Rehearsal in the Kirk 7.30pm Gathering for Prayer on Zoom 8.15–9.45pm Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 26	10am–12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall 10am–12noon Big Idea Meeting in Wilson Hall 6pm–7.15pm Beavers in Anderson Hall 6.30–8pm 93 rd C Brownies in Small Hall 6.30–8pm Cubs in Recreation Hall 7.30–9pm 93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thurs 27	2pm–4pm Senior Citizens' Club 7pm–9pm 93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall 7.30–9pm Scouts in Recreation Hall

Friday 28th 1–4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in Kirk Centre
 5.30–6.30pm 93rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
 Saturday 29 7pm Film Quiz in Anderson Hall (World Mission)

Sunday 30 ADVENT 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: Watchfulness and Readiness
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
 6.30pm **SEECOS Gathering for Praise and Fellowship in Liberton Kirk Centre**

SEECAT BIG READ 1 November 10am

We will be reading St. Luke's Gospel aloud from start to finish on Saturday 1 November at The Hub (Tron Kirk Gilmerton), 6 Ravenscroft Street, EH17 8QJ, beginning at 10am.



We have done this for several years with different Gospels, and it has been a wonderful experience.

It is so moving to hear the whole of Jesus' time on earth read in its entirety. Please come along with your own Bible (any translation), or there will be spares available. You can volunteer to read a chapter, or just listen.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Once a year we invite anybody who would like to sing to join our four-part choir for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which this year is on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm. Rehearsals take place on the six preceding Tuesdays, starting on Tuesday 11th November, from 7.30pm to 9pm in the church. If you would like to sing please get in touch (telephone number below). Being able to read music is a big help, particularly if you want to sing the alto, tenor or bass parts, and you will need a pencil with you at rehearsals to make notes on the music. If you can't come on the 11th but would like to join the choir from the following week please let me know. Everybody is welcome to come along to the service and hear the results of the six weeks of hard work, as well as joining in with Advent and Christmas hymns and hearing the well-loved readings.



Sunday Morning Worship

9.30am and 11am

Everybody is most welcome at both services. The first service is a short traditional service and the second is contemporary family worship with programmes for the children in the nearby church halls. Sound and vision are also piped into a side room in the church for parents with young children and toys are available (for the children). There is a loop system for those who use a hearing aid. The second service is also on Zoom—for access details contact rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

Elders' Duties October to December

			<i>NOVEMBER</i>	<i>DECEMBER</i>	<i>JANUARY</i>
9.30	1 West		Rosy Carmichael	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael
	2 East		Christopher McLeod	Christina Young	Tom Baxendale
10.30	1 West		Chris Brandie	Jill Niven	Rosalyn Wilson
11.00	2 East		Derek Jardine	Janice Wilson	Marie-Louise Robb
	3 Gallery		Claire Mayberry	Kim Denholm	Bill Robb
	4 Front gate		Linda Skinner	Dave Storey	Netta Rough
	5 Banker		Alan Perry	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our annual memorial service will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm. This service is especially for people who find the thought of Christmas celebrations difficult without a loved one who has died, or for those whose memories of long-lost loved ones can be painful at this time of year. There will be flyers available from mid-November to give to anyone you know who might find this service comforting. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cup of tea or coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.

LEST WE FORGET

There will be two opportunities to remember those who have given their lives in wars in the 20th century and since then, and to pray for peace..

On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November note that the second service begins at 10.45am and there will an Act of Remembrance and the two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. This service will be followed by a short time of remembrance at around 12 noon at the war memorial in the cemetery.

On Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November, there will be a short time of reflection and prayer in the church at 10.45am, including the two-minute silence at 11am.



Kirkgate Café News

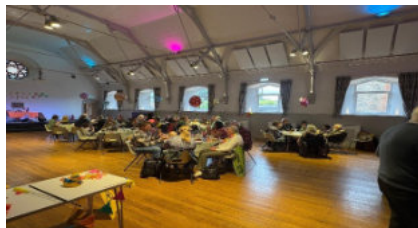


**Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
(last serve at 1.30pm)**

We have an eventful couple of months left in 2025, what with the last of our 10th year celebrations and Christmas lunches the fun hasn't stopped this year.



But first I, and the amazing team of volunteers, would just like to thank everyone who came to the family fete in September and made it such a fun and happy day. Everyone was enjoying themselves with the coconut shy, hook the duck, limbo, bouncing on the



bouncy castle and the big hit was the sweetie cart.

European Night

The third and last event of the 10th year celebrations will be our European night on Friday 14th November. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the meal will commence at 7pm. The menu will take us on a tour across Europe starting in Italy with some bruschetta, then off to France for some beef bourguignon (veggie option available on request) and then going over the border to Germany for some delicious Black Forest traybake. Finishing off the evening back in Scotland for the final hurrah. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance of the event, are priced at £15 per person and go on sale from Monday 27th October in the café.

Christmas Lunches

As in previous years the Café will be offering Christmas lunches consisting of soup, turkey sandwich and mincemeat treat with tea or coffee. We plan to hold them on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December in the Small Hall where it will be relaxed and peaceful. Tickets go on sale from Monday 24th November and will be priced at £10. Booking is essential.

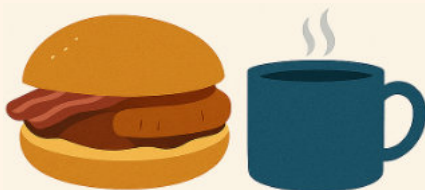
Jenny Thomasi,
Kirkgate Café Manager
kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net,
07894 056216

Liberton Kirk Men's Collective

THE COLLECTIVE IS BACK!

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
9AM IN THE KIRKGATE CAFE



BREAKFAST ROLLS AND CHAT

£5 ON THE DAY

PLEASE SIGN-UP BEFORE WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, SIGN-UP SHEETS
WILL BE IN THE KIRKGATE VESTIBULE AND KIRK WELCOME TABLES

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT d.k.storey@virginmedia.com

**Last Saturday of the
month**

4-6pm (ish)
**Liberton Kirk
Centre**

Crafts, Songs, Bible
Story, Pizza & Cake
No charge - Donations
welcome



for info email: laura@libertonkirk.net

Liberton Kirk Devotions November 2025

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.'

Hebrews 12 verse 1

During 2025 we have been looking daily at the theme of IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS. So far we have considered some of the things He did and said and how the Early Church followed His teachings.

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

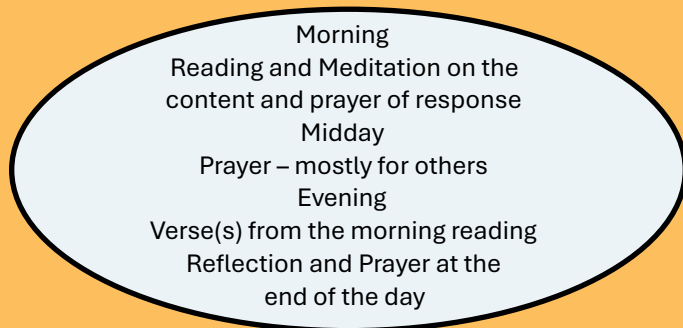
In November we continue the journey with some of his followers through their New Testament letters as we consider the truths behind the words.

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.



Please use this pattern if you are unable to access the internet, or contact Alastair Cameron who can print the daily pattern for you.

- Sat 1 Morning – HEBREWS 1:1-4** – 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 2 Morning – HEBREWS 2:5-18** - 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..then pray to God
- Mon 3 Morning – HEBREWS 3:1-6** – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today..y.....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, then pray to God in response
- Tues 4 Morning – HEBREWS 4:4-16** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again, reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 5 Morning – HEBREWS 9:11-15** – Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to prayer
Midday – We pray God's blessing on the staff teams of OPEN DOORS
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 6 Morning – HEBREWS 10:1-10** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God's blessing on all supporters of OPEN DOORS in our world
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 7 Morning – HEBREWS 12:1-3** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these verses ... And then pray in response to 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 8 Morning – HEBREWS 13:15+16** – 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 9 Morning – HEBREWS 13:20+21** – 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
Evening – read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to this God of ours as we step into a new week – together – with Him
- Mon 10 Morning – JAMES 5:7-11** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today then pray in response
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Ethiopia
Evening – read the verses again – reflect, then pray to God in response

- Tues 11 Morning – 1 PETER 1:3-9** – as we pause with God we consider these words from Paulthen 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, then pray in response to God
- Wed 12 Morning – 1 PETER 1:13-16** – Pause with God this new day.
Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Sudan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 13 Morning – 1 PETER 2:4-10-** as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning then respond in prayer to this Jesus.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Mozambique
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then turn to pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 14 Morning – 1 PETER 2:21-25** – As we pause with God, we take time to consider these words ... 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 15 Morning – 1 PETER 3:15-22** – as we pause with Jesus, we take 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, pray in response
- Sun 16 Morning – 1 PETER 4:12-19** - 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.. then pray to God
- Mon 17 Morning – 2 PETER 1:12-21** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today, then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Eritrea
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response
- Tues 18 Morning - 2 PETER chapter 3** - As we pause with God today we consider these truths, and then we take the time to respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to God
- Wed 19 Morning – 1 JOHN 1:1-4** – Pause with God this morning.
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Syria
Evening -read the passage again and then pray to this God we believe in
- Thu 20 Morning – 1 JOHN 1:5-7** - consider this passage as this new day begins ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Iran
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in

- Fri 21 Morning – 1 JOHN 2:18-27** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ..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 22 Morning – 1 JOHN 3:16-18** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray to this God we believe in
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response t
- Sun 23 Morning – 1 JOHN 4:1-6** - we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning ...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.. and then pray to this God of ours
- Mon 24 Morning – 1 JOHN 4:7-21** – as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words today..then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Iraq
Evening – read the verses again – reflect, then pray to God in response
- Tues 25 Morning – 1 JOHN 5:1-12** – As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking on Heaven’s door
Midday – take time to listen to God – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to our God
- Wed 26 Morning – 2 JOHN** – Pause with God as the day starts. Prayerfully consider these words written here.. then turn to pray to Him.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Egypt
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 27 Morning – 3 JOHN** - consider this passage as this new day begins ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Turkey
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 28 Morning – JUDE verses 1+2** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to Him.
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 29 Morning – JUDE 17-23** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray to this God we believe in
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 30 Morning – JUDE 24+25** - we take time to consider these words this Sunday morning And then we pray to this God in response
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HISTORICAL WALK

On a bright September morning, the Guild gathered once again for our much-anticipated annual historical walk. Many of us were curious to discover where Ruth would lead us this year — after all, hadn't we already “done” Liberton? But as always, Ruth had a surprise in store!

This time, our destination was **Liberton House**, the Foley family home. Although it is a private residence, Ruth had bravely ventured up the driveway in advance and asked if we might explore the gardens - and the Foleys kindly agreed.

Setting off from the Kirk Centre, we made our way along Liberton Drive and up the driveway to the house, where we were warmly welcomed. We admired the impressive exterior of Liberton House, wandered through the beautiful gardens and grounds, and even had the pleasure of sampling **Liberton House Apple Juice**, freshly made from the Foley's own apples. A real treat! We enjoyed stories from Alastair White, who reminisced about his youth when the house and gardens were unoccupied - bringing the past vividly to life. Ruth also shared that the house was originally built for the **Little Family**, who once lived in **Liberton Tower**. Our walk continued past the Braids Golf Range and on to **Liberton Tower**, the original stronghold of the Littles. From there, we followed a quiet track down towards Alnwickhill Road winding our way through the cemetery to take in some of the older, more historical graves. We ended the morning back at the Kirk Cafe, with well-earned hot drinks and biscuits - the perfect way to conclude a memorable outing.

A heartfelt thank you to Ruth for organising yet another wonderful walk. We're already wondering... **where will she take us next September?**



Upcoming Guild Events and Project Totals

Monday, November 3 – Kath Kay’s Talk: *Ostrabrama*

7:30 PM in the Anderson Hall for a talk by Kath Kay, entitled “Ostrabrama.” In addition to the presentation, there will be a sales table available for attendees.



Monday, November 17 – Amanda Kopel’s Campaign Story

Amanda Kopel will share her personal journey and discuss her campaign to secure care for her husband, Frank Kopel, who was diagnosed with dementia at age 59.



Saturday, November 22 – Christmas Coffee Morning

We invite you to our Guild Christmas Coffee Morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. It will feature home baking, stalls, and plenty of festive Christmas cheer. We hope you will join us for this joyful morning.



Monday, December 1 – Mike Scott: The Colinton Tunnel

Mike Scott will be visiting to present a talk focused on the Colinton Tunnel. This promises to be an interesting and informative session.



Wednesday, December 10 – Afternoon with Liberton Primary School - 1:45 PM in the Anderson Hall

We will be joined by pupils from Liberton Primary School. This is always a joyful afternoon for everyone involved. All are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you.

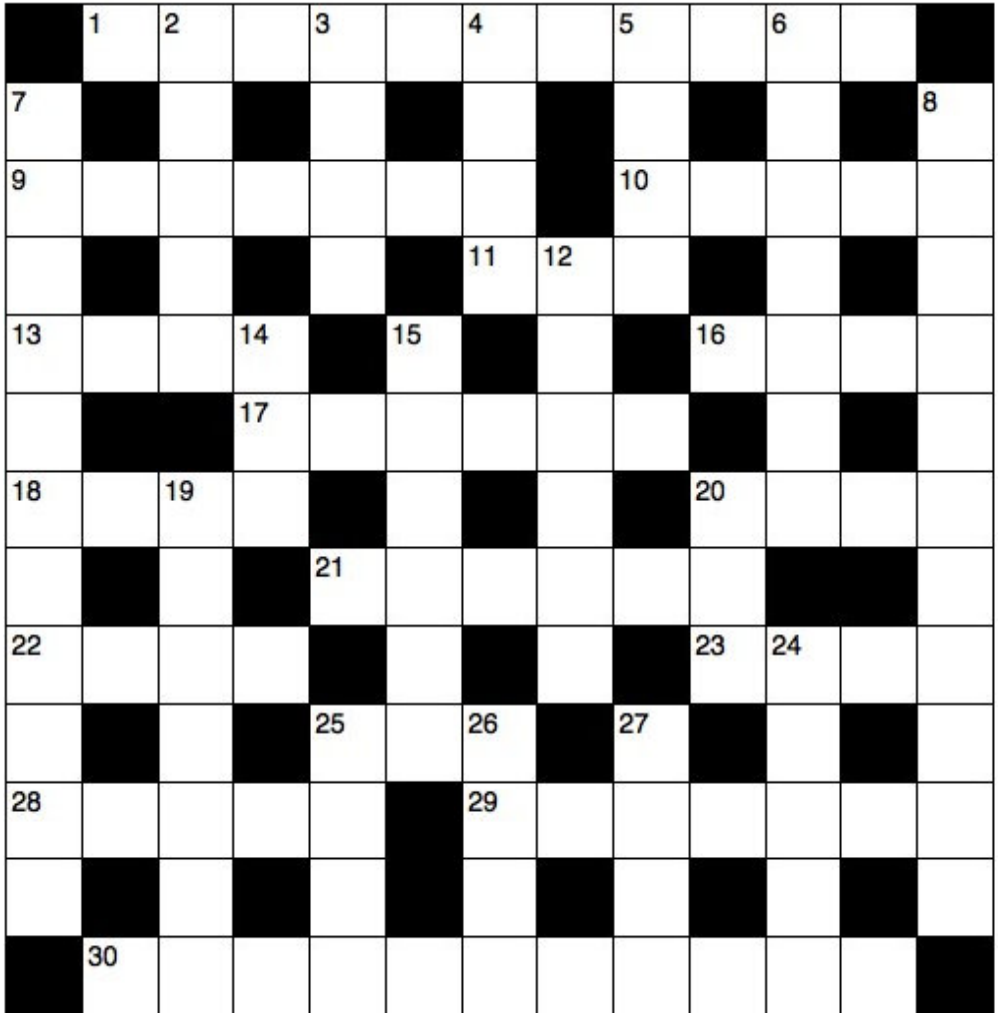


Project Totals Raised Nationally to Date

Crossreach, Playful Beginnings (Scotland)	£35,499.83
Scottish Bible Society, Bibles for Bairns (Scotland)	£28,923.36
Release International, Operation Hope (Egypt)	£21,523.17
Bear Necessities, Build My Church (Bulgaria)	£21,486.11
Total	£107,432.47

For further information, please contact Moira Cocksedge (Secretary)
Tel. 662 0692

November Crossword



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
 16 Metallic element (4)
 17 At line (anag.) (6)

- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
 26 Heroic tale (4)
 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

The solution to the October Crossword is on page 33

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November Church Flower Dedications

<i>Date</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
2 November	Gladys Montgomery	Robert and Ethel Hamilton and their son Robert
9 November	Remembrance Sunday	
16 November	Mr Wm Penman	Isobel Penman
23 November	Ms Rosemary Leask	Laura Leask
30 November	Advent Sunday	

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 07823335585
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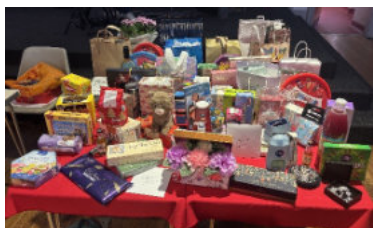
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Senior Citizens' Club 2025/26 November



Hullo Everybody! Well, Seniors Citizens have had another four afternoons of fun with Autumn flying in fast.

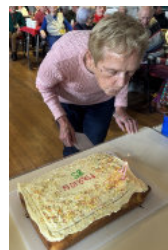


Bryan strummed his mandola with Margo and Stevie, Alan Weatherhead belted out some tunes while the seniors were sending out hopes to be the first raffle winners of

the term. Dougie McQ took the room on a tour of the 60s and early 70s with much dancing. And then Kirsty Duncan saved the entertainment, filling in at the last minute with her sublime soprano voice showcasing showtunes.



This month saw a few more birthday cards being handed out with Marion Allan being presented with a cake to celebrate 85 years.



November Entertainers:

- 6 Kirsty Duncan
- 13 Alan Weatherhead
- 20 Stevie Cowan
- 27 The JABs and Steve

New Year's Lunchtime Concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh - see opposite

Lawrence Dunn and His Orchestra return to Liberton Kirk on Tuesday, 30th December with a concert on Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' featuring narration of the sonnets from the original score.

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NEW Telephone

Moving date

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



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It includes Gracemount, Burdiehouse, Gilmerton, Moredun and the Inch as well as Liberton.

The other congregations within this parish area are:

- **Liberton Northfield**, at the corner of Gilmerton Road and Mount Vernon Road
- **Tron Kirk (Gilmerton & Moredun)** at the Hub, Ravenscroft Street, in Gilmerton and at Craighour Gardens in Moredun
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Except during July/August and for two weeks at Christmas when there is only one morning service, starting at 10:30am. More details can be found on the diary pages.

The services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact the Church office.

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