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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
Dec25, Jan26
pages 17-20



Liberton Kirk is part of



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



Liberton Kirk Magazine

Early Beginnings

Liberton Kirk, located on a rise overlooking Edinburgh's southern approaches, has Christian roots reaching back to the early medieval period. Worship on this site is thought to date to at least the 12th century, when the district formed part of lands connected to Holyrood Abbey.

Liberton Kirk has continued to evolve with its community:

Expanding youth and family ministry.

Developing a busy community café and outreach work.

Supporting mission partnerships locally and internationally.

Restoring and preserving historic buildings and grounds.

The kirk has developed its traditional style, embracing new expressions of ministry in an ever-changing city.

Liberton Today

Today Liberton Kirk remains:

A living congregation of the Church of Scotland.

A historic landmark with deep parish roots.

A community hub, offering welcome, fellowship, and service.

A place of worship, prayer, and pastoral support.

Nestled between heritage and modern Edinburgh life, Liberton Kirk stands as a witness to more than 800 years of Christian presence, continuing its mission to serve God and neighbour.

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Christmas Blessings, Books and the Word Made Flesh



I cannot even begin to tell you how many books I have piled up in my house—most of them generously given to me

over the past year. This Christmas, as I look around, one thing is abundantly clear with the opening words of the chorus from the infamous Mariah Carey: all I want for Christmas is not necessarily a Christmas tree that I so desperately need, but rather another bookshelf! I can only imagine how many trees have been cut down to make these books. I've been fortunate to receive (or acquire) so many this year that my shelves are overflowing.

However, as much as it might seem like a simple clutter problem, each book represents something far more significant: a new perspective gained, a challenge overcome, or a piece of wisdom discovered. Just as a full bookshelf is not a sign of excess, but a record of purposeful growth, so too was the past year.

We often think of Christmas as the end of a chapter—it falls at the close of the year and invites reflection—but it's truly about the

ultimate beginning: the Word made flesh.

Here's what the Prophet Isaiah declared centuries ago, foretelling the coming of the Saviour who would lie in a manger:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

This Christmas is a time to look back and see our Saviour's hand at work in each of our lives. When Christ entered the world, He did not merely come to dwell with His creation—He came to bring new life. In the names that Isaiah gives to that little baby born in Bethlehem, we glimpse the heart of our Heavenly Father, who desires not just to be near His people, but to cause His divine love to sprout and bloom within us.

May this Christmas not only remind us of what has been, but also invite us to make space in our hearts for what God is still doing—writing, renewing, and revealing His love through the Word made flesh.

Happy Christmas to you and your loved ones, Christ is born!

Yours in Christ,
Elliot



Prayer for December

Father God, in the final month of this year, we look back over all that has happened.

In both the good and the bad, we look in thanks at Your provision.

For You have always provided for us, from the beginning of the world, to the end of days.

And during this advent time, we reflect on the birth of Your son, Jesus.

But praise Him as a risen man.

In His name, Amen.

Prayer for January

Father, we let our roots grow deep in You, and You nurture us.

For each day you protect and lead us, showing us how to live.

For in our lowest moments, You support us,

so we praise You wholeheartedly, giving all glory and honour to You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



BIBLES FOR BAIRNS

A free Bible for every child born in Scotland!

Babies born in Scotland in 2025 can now be registered for “Bibles for Bairns”, a scheme run by the Scottish Bible Society.

On their first birthday they will receive a Share a Story Bible, gift-wrapped, and a hand-written birthday card, which will have been sent with a prayer.

They will receive bible-related gifts and cards on their next three birthdays and when they are five they will receive a final card and a children’s bible.

This is a free scheme, and parents, grandparents, relatives and friends can register babies, as long as the parents give their permission.

Register now at www.bible.scot/bfb

or pick up a leaflet with registration form from the church or the Kirk Centre entrance.



Dr Christopher Rush



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.

Then one night...



an angel visited.

Don't be afraid! I have good news that will be a great joy for everyone!



What?!

Earlier today, the Saviour, Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem.



Why's he telling us? We're just shepherds.

You will know him by this sign



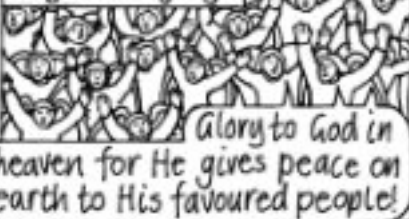
He'll be in a palace or the house of someone rich.

He will be lying in a feeding trough.



What?! The Saviour is like one of us?

Suddenly the sky was full of angels singing



Glory to God in heaven for He gives peace on earth to His favoured people!

So the shepherds decided to go down into Bethlehem to see what they had been told about...



.. and they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby in the manger just as they had been told.



Look, there he is!

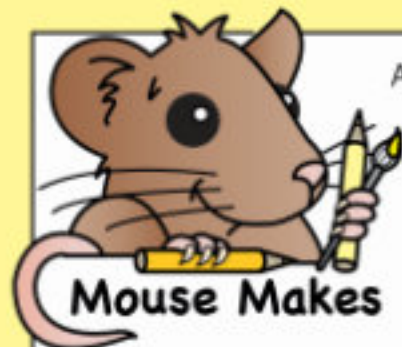
They told everyone about the angel's message



.. and Mary listened carefully.



Then the shepherds returned to their flocks praising God for all they had heard and seen.



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
God's Son and our Saviour
coming into the world as a baby,
and we look forward to the time
when Jesus will come again,
not as a baby but as the
King of kings and Lord of lords!

read
John 14:3

A baby needs clothes
to keep warm like
a snugly sleep suit
or a vest and nappy.

What were you dressed in?
Jesus was wrapped in

.....
read Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere
to be born like at home
or in a hospital.

Where were you born?
Jesus was born
in a stable in

.....
read Luke 2:1-6

A baby needs
somewhere
to sleep like
a crib or a cot.
*What did you
sleep in?*

Jesus slept in a

.....
read Luke 2:7

A baby needs
a name.

*What name were
you called?*

Jesus was given
a special name
that had a
special meaning.

read
Matthew 1:21-23



HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

NADOLIG LLAWEN ★ NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL ★ NOLLAG SHONA
JOYEUX NOËL • FELIZ NAVIDAD • BUON NATALE • GOD JUL • FROHE WEIHNACHTEN

Christmas Services at Liberton Kirk



Memorial Service for the Bereaved

Wednesday 10th December, 7pm (in church) A gentle service for those finding Christmas difficult after losing a loved one.
Tea or coffee afterwards for those who wish to stay.



Service of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 17th December, 7:30pm (in church & on Zoom)
Sing well-known hymns, enjoy beautiful choir carols, and hear the Christmas story. Seasonal refreshments afterwards.



Family Nativity Service

Sunday 21st December, 11am (in church & on Zoom)
All-age service with young people, led by Emily & Laura.



Big Carol Sing

Sunday 21st December, 7pm (Anderson Hall)
Informal, fun, and full of favourite carols.
Bring friends & neighbours! Refreshments provided.



Christingle Service

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December, 4pm
Especially for young children & families.
Bring an orange if you'd like to make a Christingle!



Watchnight Service

Christmas Eve, 11:15pm carols, 11:30pm service
(in church & on Zoom) Celebrate the birth of Jesus together.



Christmas Day Service

Christmas Morning, 10:30am (in church & on Zoom)
Children are invited to bring one of their new toys!



All-Age Services

Sunday 28th December & Sunday 4th January, 10:30am
(in church & on Zoom)

Diary December 25

Kirkgate Café open in December Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm till Wednesday 17th, 9am–12noon Thursday 18th.
Also Tuesday 5pm–8pm and Wednesday 6pm–8pm till 10th December.

Monday 1 st	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 2 nd	9am-5pm <i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room
	2.30pm Service in <i>Liberton Brae Care Home</i>
	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
	8.15-9.45pm Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 3 rd	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 <i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Wilson Hall
	7.30-9pm 93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thursday 4 th	2pm-4pm <i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm 93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm Scouts in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm Rangers in Small Hall
Friday 5 th	1pm-4.30pm Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30pm 93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Saturday 6 th	4-6pm <i>Christmas Messy Church</i> in the Kirk Centre
Sunday 7 th	8am Sunday reflection 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:	The Way of Welcome
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 8 th	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Guild Christmas Social in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 9 th	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in Wilson Hall
	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
	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 10 th	10am-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	11am	<i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
	1.45pm	Guild (with Liberton Primary School) in Anderson Hall
	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Memorial Service for the Bereaved in Kirk
	7.30-9pm	93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thursday 11 th	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Friday 12 th	1pm-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Saturday 13 th	10am-1pm	Christmas Decorations in the Kirk
	12noon-1pm	Carol Singing with SEECAT churches in Morrisons, Gilmerton Road

Sunday 14th	8am	Sunday reflection 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:	Sing a Song for the Coming Saviour
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Monday 15 th	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	12noon & 1pm	Booked Christmas lunches in Small Hall
	2 – 4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 16 th	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in Wilson Hall
	12noon & 1pm	Booked Christmas lunches in Small Hall
	5pm-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	7.30 - 9pm	Carols Choir Rehearsal in the Kirk
Wed. 17 th	10am-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	12noon & 1pm	Booked Christmas lunches in Small Hall
	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols in the Kirk and on Zoom
Thursday 18 th	7.30pm	Scouts' Peace Light Service in Anderson Hall
Friday 19 th	9.30am	Gracemount Primary School Service in the Kirk
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sunday 21st	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service in the Kirk
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	All-age Nativity Service in the Kirk and on Zoom

	Theme:	Nativity
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	7pm	Big Carol Sing in the Kirk Centre
Tuesday 23 rd	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in Wilson Hall
	2.30pm	Service in <i>Guthrie House Care Home</i>
Wed. 24 th		CHRISTMAS EVE
	4pm	Christingle Service in the Kirk
	11.15 for 11.30pm	Watchnight Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
Thursday 25 th		CHRISTMAS DAY
	10.30am	All-age Christmas Morning Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
Sunday 28th	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	10.30am	Joint All-age Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
	Theme:	God came down to earth, but why?
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
Tuesday 30 th	1pm	(Mulled Wine/Mince Pie Reception from 12.30pm)
		Annual Philomusica New Year's Concert in the Kirk.

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

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.

Diary January 26

Kirkgate Café open in January Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm from Monday 5th. Also Tuesday 5pm-8pm and Wednesday 6pm-8pm from 13th January.

Sunday 4th	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	10.30am	Joint All-age Service in Kirk and on Zoom
	Theme:	Trusting God for the year ahead
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	7pm	Big Idea New Year's Service at Ferniehill Evangelical Church (speaker: Elliot Mitchell)
Monday 5 th	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 6 th	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	<i>Service in Liberton Brae Care Home</i>
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 7 th	10am-noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
Thursday 8 th	9am-2pm	<i>Kirkgate Café</i>
	2pm-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
Friday 9 th	1pm-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sunday 11th	8am	Sunday reflection 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:	Baptised and Sent
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Monday 12 th	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Local Leadership Team in Wilson Hall
Tuesday 13 th	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room
	5-6pm	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 A Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 rd Brownies in Anderson Hall
	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed.14 th	10am-noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	11am	<i>Pram Praise</i> in the 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
	7.30pm	World Mission Team Mtg in Kirk House
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Wilson Hall
	7.30-9pm	93 rd A Guides in the Anderson Hall
Thursday 15 th	2pm-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Friday 16 th	1pm-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH-25TH JANUARY (WPCU)

Sunday 18 th	8am	Sunday reflection 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:	Called to be Saints
	Preacher:	Fadz Laoshe
Monday 19 th	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall

	2pm	WPCU Service at St. Barnabas' Church
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Guild Scottish Night in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 20 th	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available 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
	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed. 21 st	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
	7.30-9pm	93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thursday 22 nd	2pm-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7pm	WPCU Service (SEECAT) in the Kirk
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Friday 23 rd	1pm-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Scouts Burns Supper in Anderson Hall
Sunday 25 th	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	
	8am	Sunday reflection 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)
	Preacher:	Norman Liddle, Scottish Bible Society
	Services led by the World Mission Team	
	6.30pm	SEECOS Gathering for Worship and Fellowship at the Hub, led by Gracemount

Monday 26 th	9am-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tuesday 27 th	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30am	Ministry Team Mtg in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	Service in <i>Guthrie House Care Home</i>
	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
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Prayer</i> on Zoom
Wed. 28 th	8.15-9.45pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
	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
	7.30-9pm	93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Wilson Hall
Thursday 29 th	2pm-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in the Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Friday 30 th	1pm-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre</i>
	5.30-6.30pm	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Saturday 31 st	4pm-6pm	<i>Messy Church</i> in the Kirk Centre

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Sunday 1 st	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) Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	Café Church in the Kirk Centre

SCOTTISH WALDENSIAN SOCIETY LIBERTON KIRK WORLD MISSION TEAM



"WITH GREAT PLEASURE"

A programme of songs, poems, music and readings,
mostly in a light-hearted spirit



Presented by DAVID A. LAMB

With help from the younger members of the Lamb Family:
ANGUS LAMB; ANNIE LAMB; ARCHIE LAMB; SANDY LAMB

in Liberton Kirk Centre, Edinburgh
on Saturday, 14 February 2026 at 2:30 PM

Suggested Donation: £10 (includes refreshments)

This event is presented for the benefit of the Scottish Waldensian Society and the
Liberton Kirk World Mission Team

Contact: David A. Lamb, Tel: 0131-664 3059, Email: david@dlamb.co.uk

World Mission Sunday - 25 January 2025



Join us at Liberton Kirk for our annual Mission Sunday, on 25th January, when we will hear from Norman Little of the Scottish Bible Society. Norman will focus on the Bible Society's overseas work. God's heart was for the world, and this charity is committed to offering the Bible to unreached peoples throughout the world and changing their lives. This year has seen the Society offer Bible-based crisis responses in Ukraine and the Holy Land as well as reaching out to new believers in Iran. Please come along to find out more. All welcome.

World Mission Team

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 December and January

			<i>DECEMBER</i>	<i>JANUARY</i>
9.30	1	West	David Lamb	Alan Carmichael
	2	East	Christina Young	Tom Baxendale
10.30	1	West	Jill Niven	Rosalyn Wilson
11.00	2	East	Janice Wilson	Marie-Louise Robb
	3	Gallery	Kim Denholm	Bill Robb
	4	Front gate	Dave Storey	Netta Rough
	5	Banker	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke

Readings/Prayers at Morning Services – If you would like to read the bible lesson or lead the prayers of intercession at Morning Services occasionally, please let Laura (facilities@libertonkirk.net) know.

Care Home Service Volunteers – We are looking for more volunteers to continue the services we run in Local Care homes on Tuesdays at 2.30pm (two services a month). For more information contact robertsnedden1950@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS FOR FOODBANK/FRESH START/RE-CYCLING etc



Please note that while the Nativity display is in the Kirkyard any contributions to collections normally made in the Offering House should be left in the McDonald Room in the Kirk Centre (just on the left as you enter the main door). This will apply from Saturday 6th December to Saturday 3rd January, but note also that the Kirk Centre will be closed much of the time in the weeks of Christmas and New Year. During that period you can bring donations on Sunday mornings between 10am and 1pm. ***N.B. We no longer collect Bottle Tops!***

Liberton Kirk Devotions December 2025

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.
Revelation 5 verses 13 and 14

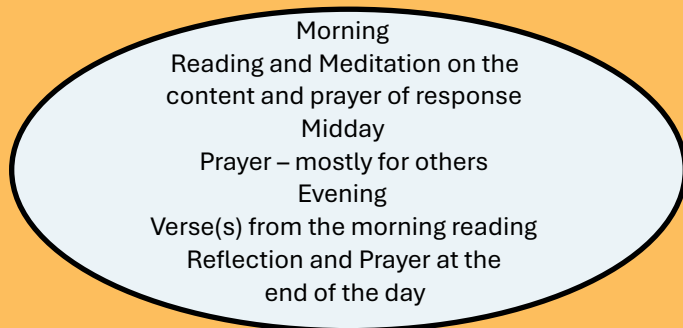
During 2025 we have been looking daily at the theme of ITS ALL ABOUT JESUS. We have considered some of the things He did and said and how the Early Church followed His teachings.
In December we journey through the season of Advent and CHRISTmas with several Bible passages.



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and make our response as we journey
together daily in our 'rhythm of devotion' in 2025**

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- Mon 1 Morning – REVELATION 1:4-8** – 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 wider SEECOS Church family
 Evening – read the words again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God.
- .Tues 2 Morning - REVELATION 1:9-20** - consider these particular words this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
 Midday – Be still and know the peace of God as you ask, seek and knock
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and pray
- Wed 3 Morning– REVELATION 2:1-7** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning... And then pray in response to God
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those Kirkgate Café volunteers.
 Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God.
- Thurs 4 Morning– REVELATION 2:8-11** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to this God.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Emily and Laura.
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.
- Fri 5 Morning – REVELATION 2:12-17** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God in response.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List.
 Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God .
- Sat 6 Morning– REVELATION 2:18-29** – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today..y.....And then pray in response.
 Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today.
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God .
- .Sun 7 Morning– REVELATION 3:1-6** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him.
 Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer .
 Evening – read the words again – reflect, then pray in response to God.
- Mon 8 Morning– REVELATION 3:7-13** – 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 Church across Scotland.
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God.
- Tues 9 Morning – REVELATION 3:14-22** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God.
 Midday – Be still and know the peace of God as you ask, seek and knock.
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.
- Wed 10 Morning– REVELATION chapter 4**– 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 those missing loved ones.
 Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God.
- Thurs 11 Morning– REVELATION chapter 5**– as we pause with Jesus today, we take time to consider these verses - And then pray to Him.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Ruth Davies and Fiona Devoy.
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.

- .Fri 12 Morning – REVELATION chapter 20** – 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 – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List.
Evening – read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to God as we step into the weekend – together – with Him.
- Sat 13 Morning – REVELATION chapter 21** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray.
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today.
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God .
- Sun 14 Morning – REVELATION chapter 22** – as we pause with God we consider these final words in the Bibleand then respond in prayer.
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer.
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray to our God.
- .Mon 15 Morning – PHILIPPIANS– ZECHARIAH 9:9-17** – Pause with God this new day. Consider these words written here...And then turn to pray
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on friends and colleagues
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Tues 16 Morning – MICAH chapter 5-** as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to God
Midday – Be still and know the peace of God as you ask, seek and knock
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then turn to pray to this God we believe in
- Wed 17 Morning – DANIEL chapter 10** – 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 Chris Brandie and Elliot
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God
- Thurs 18 Morning – ISAIAH 7:1-17** – as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words - And then pray to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our Christmas cards lists
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.
- Fri 19 Morning –Morning – ISAIAH 9:1-7** - we take time to consider these words this morning And then we pray to this God of promise
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God
- Sat 20 Morning – PSALM 24** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God
- Sun 21 Morning - LUKE 1:26-38** - As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then we take the time to respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God

- Mon 22 Morning – LUKE 1_39-56** – Pause with God this new morning.
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our neighbours
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Tues 23 Morning – LUKE 2:1-7** - consider this passage as this new day begins ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – Be still and know the peace of God as you ask, seek and knock
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Wed 24 Morning – LUKE 2:8-14** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words ... then pray in response to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those facing a lonely Christmas Day
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God
- Thu 25 Morning – LUKE 2:15-21** – as we pause with Jesus the Christ, we consider these particular words - then pray to this God we believe in
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on family and friends this special day
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response .
- Fri 26 Morning – LUKE 2:22-35** - we take time to consider these words this Friday morning And then we pray to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Evening – read these set words again.. ...reflect.. and then pray to God
- Sat 27 Morning – LUKE 2:36-40** – as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God
- Sun 28 Morning – MATTHEW 2:1-10** – As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking on Heaven’s door
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- Mon 29 Morning – MATTHEW 2:11-18** – Pause with God as the day starts.
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Cammy, Dougie and Gordon and families
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Tues 30 Morning – MATTHEW 2:19-23** - consider this passage as this new day begins ...and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – Be still and know the peace of God as you ask, seek and knock
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Wed 31 Morning – HEBREWS 13 v 8** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these words for 2026 ... then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our link groups in 2026
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to Jesus

Liberton Kirk Devotions January 2025

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalms 18 verse 2

During 2026 we shall be looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. We will consider the things he did and said and also travel through the PSALMS. We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

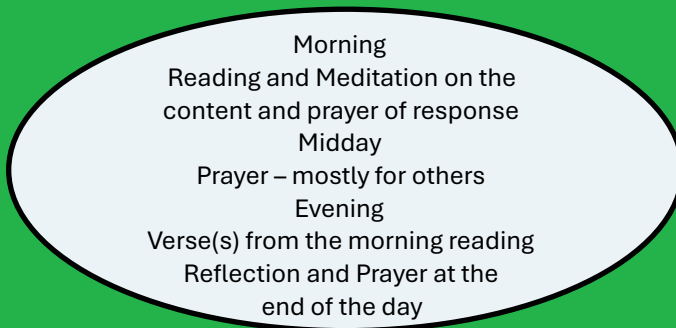
In January we start the journey in the Psalms as we consider the truths behind the words...familiar and unfamiliar.

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- Thu 1 Morning - PSALM 1** - consider these particular words
this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Brunei
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and pray
- Fri 2 Morning – PSALM 2** – 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 3 Morning – PSALM 3** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words of David in prayer - And then we pray to God
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response
- Sun 4 Morning – PSALM 4** - 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 Year as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God.
- Mon 5 Morning – PSALM 5** – 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 believers in Pakistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.
- Tues 6 Morning – PSALM 6** – as we pause with God today we consider these words of prayerand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and pray in response to God.
- Wed 7 Morning – PSALM 7** – Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to prayer
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Laos
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God
- Thu 8 Morning – PSALM 8** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Indonesia
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 9 Morning – PSALM 9** – 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 10 Morning – PSALM 10** – 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 11 Morning – PSALM 11** – 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 Year as your own prayer

Evening – read these verses again...reflect.. and then pray to God
we step into a new week – together – with Him

Mon 12 Morning – PSALM 12 – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Bhutan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God

Tues 13 Morning – PSALM 13 – as we pause with God we consider these words from Davidand then respond in prayer with our words
Midday – take time to listen for God – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray to God

Wed 14 Morning – PSALM 14 – 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 China
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God

Thu 15 Morning – PSALM 15 – as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to God.
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Bangladesh
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 16 Morning – PSALM 16 – 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 17 Morning – PSALM 17 – 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 and pray in response .

Sun 18 Morning –Morning – PSALM 18:1-19 - we take time to consider these words of David this morning And then we pray to God in response
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Year as your own prayer
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God

Mon 19 Morning – PSALM 18:20-45 – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then we pray
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Vietnam
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God

Tues 20 Morning – PSALM 18:46-50 - As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then we take the time to respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray to God

Wed 21 Morning – PSALM 19 – 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 Central Asia
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God

- Thu 22 Morning –PSALM 20** - 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 Sri Lanka
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
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 Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Year as your own prayer
 Evening – read these set words again.. ...reflect.. and then pray to God
- Mon 26 Morning – PSALM 24** – as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in North Korea
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.
- Tues 27 Morning– PSALM 25** – 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 for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- Wed 28 Morning– PSALM 26** – Pause with God as the day starts.
 Prayerfully consider these words written here...And turn to pray to Him.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Burkina Faso
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God
- Thu 29 Morning – PSALM 27** - 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 Niger
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 30 Morning– PSALM 28** – 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 31 Morning– PSALM 29** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray to this God we believe in
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Kirkgate Café News



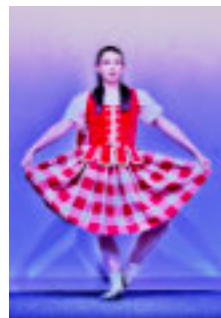
**Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
(last serve at 1.30pm)**

2025 has gone by so quickly I can't quite believe this is the last article of the year!



Our 4th and final 10th year celebration has been completed. Thank you to everyone who came along to our European night (seen pictured here). It was a lovely night with amazing food.

Celebrating our 10th year has been great fun and a reminder that it is thanks to all the volunteers and customers we made it to our 10th year. Here is to many more years of Kirkgate Café.



Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunch tickets are now on sale, for a meal consisting of soup, turkey sandwich and mincemeat treat with tea or coffee. We will host them on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December in the Small Hall where it will be relaxed and peaceful. Tickets are priced at £13. Booking is essential, we have a limited space for each sitting so book now don't miss out.

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

LIBERTON KIRK MEN'S COLLECTIVE

All men are invited to a Curry Night



Friday 6th February 2026
7pm in the Kirkgate Centre
£5 on the day
BYOB

Look out for Sign-up sheets from Mid January
For any other information please contact d.k.storey@virginmedia.com



There are many talented knitters/sewists in the church as evidenced by the shoebox appeal. The warm hub, open Friday 1-4.30pm, is an ideal spot to come along for knit and natter/sit and stitch. Bring your own project or take part in creating for charities. There will be a box in the offering house for donations of left over or unwanted yarn to be turned into items for the shoebox appeal or fish and chip jumpers etc currently going to Kenya. Finished items can also be left there. We would also welcome suggestions for specific projects to be made and their destination. Patterns can be obtained online but if you need any help please contact eco@libertonkirk.net, or most Sundays I am at the 9.30am service.

Dorothy Morrison

SEECOS Annual Conference 2025

Vision 40K: Our Vision for SE Edinburgh



The annual SEECOS conference took place on Saturday 15th November, and was attended by over 60 of our members. The guest speaker was Mike Parker, an Episcopalian priest, living in the area, and long-time friend to the local churches. We benefited from his long experience of parish ministry, and he also provided an international perspective, from his work abroad with the churches in Egypt.

Our thoughts were focused on two readings from the book of Acts where the early believers were faced with the enormous task of bringing the good news of the kingdom to their immediate neighbours, but also to the ends of the earth, as well as everywhere in between. And we think we have a challenge with the 40, 000 in our area! The message to us is – we can't do everything, but we can do the small things that are within our grasp.

We were led in worship by a local praise band, and enjoyed freshly baked scones, made by one of our coffee team, as a reward for coming out to a church meeting on a Saturday morning. The event finished with communion led by Cammy MacKenzie, with a packed lunch afterwards to continue our earlier discussions.

The conference was organized by the SEECOS Worship team, which is a very small group of three, led by Cammy. New volunteers would be welcomed to join us. If you are interested, please contact us on the number below.

Fiona Devoy,

0131-666-1004



CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

Fundraising Carol Service Friday 5th December at 7pm

in Ps & Gs Church, 46 York Place, Edinburgh

Thank you to everyone who contributed to CrossReach Sunday and I hope you all now have a better understanding of the life changing services provided by CrossReach, our Church of Scotland Charity.

To show your support for CrossReach why don't you join them for a heartwarming night of music, community, and Christmas spirit at their fundraising Christmas Carol event? Set in the beautiful surroundings of P's & G's Church in Edinburgh, this special event brings together choirs, services and supporters to celebrate the festive season and the life changing work of CrossReach across Scotland.

Enjoy a festive programme of traditional and contemporary carols, performances from local choirs, and an inspiring exhibition of artwork from our Heart for Art groups. There will also be a raffle, refreshments, and the chance to purchase CrossReach Christmas cards and gifts on the night.

By buying a ticket and joining them you'll be helping to support CrossReach's vital social care services — offering hope, compassion, and practical support to children, families, and adults across Scotland.

Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas together and make a difference that lasts long beyond Christmas.

You can find details on how to book on their website

<https://www.crossreach.org.uk/christmas-carol-concert-2025>

it will be a good night and get you into the spirit of Christmas. For further information, feel free to contact me. It was a great night last year!

Christine Johnson, 07905 120782



December Guild Events

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.



Monday December 8 - Christmas Social Evening.

Join us for a fun evening with Jill Snowdon. All welcome

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.



Monday 19 January - Scottish Night” with Margaret Anderson and Jim Shields.

Join us for a *Braw Nicht!* Suggested donation of £8 to include light refreshments. Tickets on sale after both Services on Sunday 11 and 18 January. Be sure to get your ticket! We look forward to seeing you there.

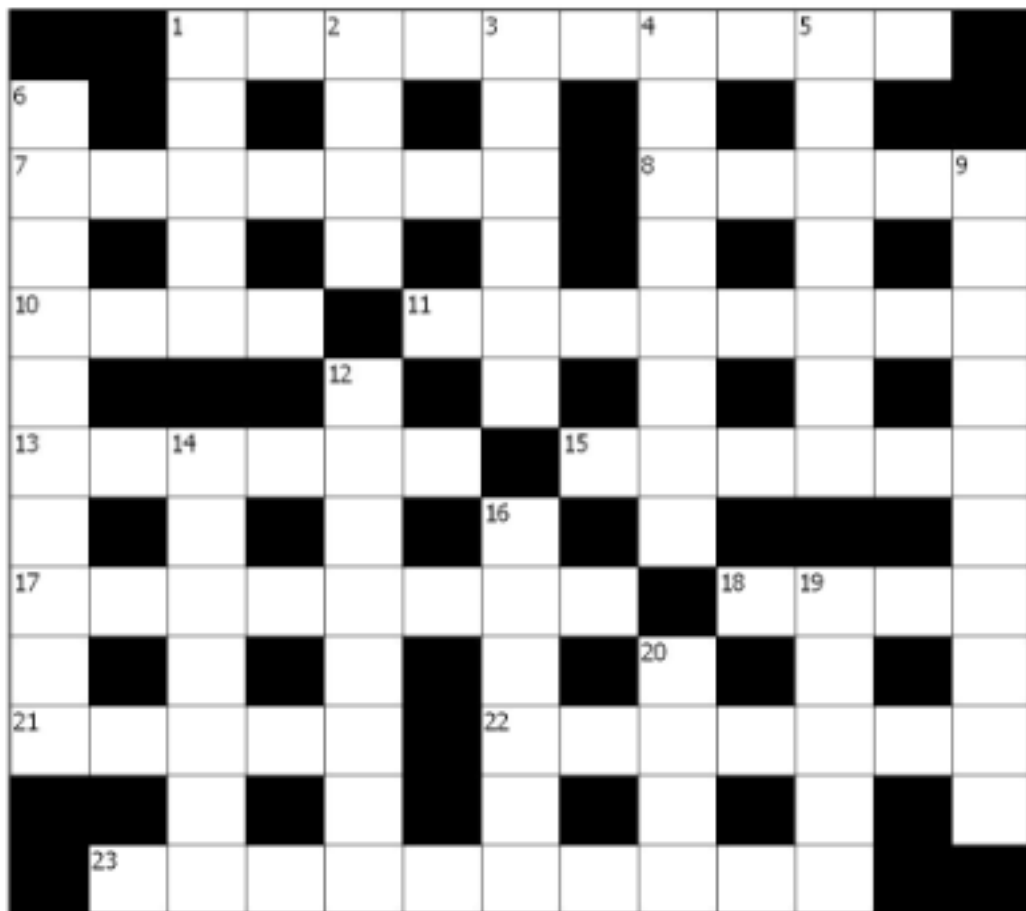
For further information, please contact Moira Cocksedge (*Secretary*)
Tel. 662 0692

The solution to the November Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew. 9, Evil one. 10, Adore. 11, Ran. 13, Oreb. 16, Zinc. 17, Entail. 18, Hung. 20, Lehi. 21, Joshua. 22, Pity. 23, Wide. 25, Age. 28, Alarm. 29, Partake. 30, Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2, Alive. 3, Took. 4, Over. 5, Onan. 6, Emotive. 7, Jehoshaphat. 8, Melchizedek. 12, A light. 14, Beg. 15, Strong. 19, Not have. 20, Law. 24, Iraqi. 25, Amen. 26, Epic. 27, Free.

December Crossword



Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)

The solution to the November Crossword is on page 31

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

Flower Ministry

December Church Flower Dedications

<i>Date</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
7 December	Mrs Margaret Burns	
14 December	Mrs Dorothy Parr	Grandma G and James and Jane Whyman
21 December	Mrs Ann Morgan and family	Margaret Barrow
28 December	Gladys Montgomery	All former Guild Members

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowden, 07823 335585
Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2321



PRAY FOR 100

YoungLife works closely with local churches and relies on their prayers and support. Liberton Kirk folk will be familiar with Stage'N'Slam Week, the Arts and Sports Day Club for teens which takes place in July, partly in Liberton Kirk Centre. This year 77 local kids came along and this has prompted a special appeal. We ask you please to:

Pray for 100 local kids to attend Stage'N'Slam in Summer 2026

Pray for 100 new local donors to give £10 a month
towards the work in SE Edinburgh

Want to find out more? Chat with Brad on blaing@ylinternational.org



SEECAT EVENTS

Carol Singing

We plan to sing carols to shoppers inside Morrisons, Gilmerton Road, at lunchtime on Saturday, 13th December, 12noon to 1pm. We don't collect – just sing to cheer people up and wish them a happy Christmas. Why not come and join in?



Christian Unity Week

In the South Edinburgh area there have been good relations between the Christian denominations for some time, but that is not so everywhere. If Jesus' desire that we should all be one is to be fulfilled, then prayer is needed, and that's why every year there is a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity across the globe. This special Week is usually held in the Northern Hemisphere between 18th and 25th January. The services in our area are:

Monday 19th January (short service)

2pm at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View

Thursday 22nd January (main service, refreshments afterwards)

7pm at Liberton Kirk

If you can't come to the services, please pick up a prayer card from the Welcome Desks in January and follow the scripture readings and prayers for the week at home. The theme for the week is "One body, one spirit" prepared by Christians in Armenia.

Ruth Davies (tel. 664 3608)

In the Kirkyard at Christmas

The Nativity scene will be on view in the Offering House and the Kirkyard from 7th December to 2nd January. Come and see the familiar words of the Christmas story brought to life.

Following this, Word for Today will return with thoughts and prayers on a short passage from the Bible. The starting point as usual will be the Offering House at the main gate.





Senior Citizens' Club December 25



Hullo everyone! Well, the Seniors have had an exciting month.

Firstly, we had a visit from our MP, Ian Murray and his side-kick Saul Sutcliffe. This was a great surprise for all of us and Ian managed to talk to 40% of the members, and promised to come back! It was wonderful for our members to be able to talk to Ian face to face. One of the subjects we discussed with Ian and Saul was the plight of the SEAG buses. We used to run 2 buses to the club but now can only run one. The cost is prohibitive. Saul is looking into this.



Secondly, on the day our pals 'THE CASTAWAYS' were playing, John and Sue Chatten came to the Club for a very special visit!

In October, 1965, John and Sue were in their late teens and lived in Essex. They decided to get married but their families strongly disapproved, so they eloped to get married at Gretna. "It won't last....."

They couldn't find Gretna, but driving into Edinburgh, they saw the tower of Liberton Kirk and asked if they could get married there. The answer was YES, so they were married on 30th October 1965, in our church!

They came back to Edinburgh to celebrate their 60th Anniversary and *The Senior's Club* was just about to begin so they celebrated with us at the Senior Citizens!! It was a raffle day and they bought tickets. A lovely moment was when they won one of the raffle prizes. It was the 'icing on the cake' for their special celebrations.



One other wonderful surprise on that day was – MAMA from Guthrie House celebrated her 100th birthday a few days earlier!! She'd had her nails painted. We all sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY. A GRAND DAY AT THE CLUB!

Check back in the next issue for all the Christmas shenanigans.

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.

Tickets will be available after church services on December 14th, 21st, and 28th or on entry to the concert. Please make any donations, either after services or on the day, in cash only. Calum Gubby

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Name (s)

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NEW Address

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

Sunday Services : 9.30am, 11am & 6.30pm

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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Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net, 664 2178

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