

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.

(Liberton Kirk Vision Statement)

Sunday 21st December

Reading: Matthew 1.18-25 (p. 965)

Preacher: Elliot Mitchell

Theme: Nativity

Morning Worship 9.3

9.30am Service in the Kirk

Call:

We have lit candles for hope, peace and love, and now we light the fourth candle for the joy we have in knowing

Jesus in our lives.

May we be bearers of his joy to lighten the dark

places of the world

CH4 304 O little town of Bethlehem

CH4 666 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

CH4 281 People, look East. The time is near

11am All Age Nativity service

(no crèche and Sunday Club)

CH4 309 Still the night

CH4 312 Away in a manger

Song Oh come, let us adore him CH4 310 See Him lying on a bed of straw

CH4 324 Angels from the realms of glory

- Children are welcome throughout the service.
 Sound and vision are also piped into the church vestry (toys available).
- There is a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.
- Offerings Please put any Offering Envelopes or other donations into the Donations Boxes on the Welcome Desks.

Zoom – Join from 10.45am to chat. For access contact rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net

Coffees and teas will be served after the services in the Kirk Centre Foyer

Evening Workship 7pm BIG CAROL SING in Kirk Centre

(followed by refreshments)

WEEKLY DIARY

TODAY

10.20am Elders' Room Sunday Morning Prayer Time

After 11am service Cross at East Door Prayer Team Ministry

7pm Kirk Centre BIG Carol Sing

Monday 22nd December

(Kirk Centre and Kirkgate café closed)

Tuesday 23rd December

(Kirk Centre and Kirkgate café closed)

2.30pm Guthrie House Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

(Kirk Centre and Kirkgate café closed)

4pm Kirk Christingle Service

(Bring own orange to make a Christingle – see notices)

11.15pm(for 11.30pm) Kirk (& on zoom) Watchnight Service

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

(no Kirkgate café)

10.30am Kirk (& on zoom) Christmas Day Service

Friday 26th December

(No warm hub)

Sunday 28th December

8am Sunday reflection available on Website/Facebook

10am Prayer Time in Elders' Room

Morning Worship

10.30am Joint Service in the Kirk and on zoom

(No creche or Sunday Club) **Preacher:** Elliot Mitchell

Theme: God came down to earth, but why?

(No evening worship)

Prayer Requests – can be sent to minister@libertonkirk.net and details will be passed on to the prayer team.

Prayer Space – closed w/c 21st and 28th December. Will reopen on a Tuesday 6th January 2026 – safe space in Kirk House for spending time with God, with mid-day prayers (Northumbria Community) at 12 noon.

NOTICES

December/January Magazines – Magazines on Welcome Desks, in the Offering House and Kirk Centre Entrance. Also online.

BIG CAROL SING this evening – volunteers needed please after the <u>11am service</u> to set out chairs in the Anderson Hall.

URGENT REQUEST!! Christingle service volunteers – Wednesday 24th December, 4pm in the Kirk. Help is required with orange cutting, stewarding and fire marshalling. Please add you name to the list on the welcome desk (west door only) or contact Laura Storey, laura@libertonkirk.net.

Lunchtime Concert – Tuesday 30th December 1.00pm in the Kirk. 'Vivaldi's Four Seasons' with narration of the sonnets from the original score, presented by Philomusica of Edinburgh. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30 - 1.00pm. Tickets, with suggested donation of £8 in aid of World Mission Fund, available after both services **TODAY** or at the door.

Christmas cards in pigeonholes – please check the pigeonholes (first and surname) outside the office in the Kirk Centre. Pigeon post has been busy!

The flowers in church today – were given by Laura and Anne Morgan and Vicky McCallum in memory of Mum and Granny, Margaret Barrow.

Kirkgate Café is now closed – allowing a well-earned rest for its wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has made 2025 another successful year. The café will welcome you back on Monday 5th January 2026.

Prayer Space – will reopen on Tuesday 6th January.

Warm Hub and IT Clinic – there is no Warm Hub over the Christmas period, but it will on Friday 9th January 2026, 1-4.30pm in the Kirk Centre.

Sunday 4th January Services – 10.30am one morning service in the Kirk and on Zoom (no Creche or Sunday Club).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES	
Sunday 21 st at 7pm	The BIG CAROL SING in the Anderson Hall
Christmas Eve at 4pm	Christingle Service in the Kirk (Bring an orange)
Christmas Eve at 11.15pm (for 11.30pm)	Watchnight service in the Kirk and on Zoom
Christmas Day at 10.30am	Christmas Day Service in the Kirk
28 th December at 10.30am	One Morning Service in the Kirk and on Zoom

Collections (in the McDonald Room till 3rd January, unless otherwise instructed)

Printer Cartridges - Original HP and Canon inkjet cartridges only (no refills).

Food Bank – Offering House or with the Lambs, 36 Liberton Drive (leave at garage door, if out). For special arrangements phone 0131 664 3059, or email david@dlamb.co.uk

Knitting wool etc for charity projects (see December magazine)

Fresh Start (Starter Packs) – There will be no collection of items for Fresh Start from 17th December until 7th January. ONLY leave items that are on the list in boxes or bags please. **N.B. No furniture or clothing.**

The Bethany Care Van – team can take some: Warm coats/jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, new underwear or socks. BUT please **don't just leave it** – contact Eleanor Grieve on ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk for instructions.

Used stamps or stamp collections – box in Kirk Centre Foyer or contact David Lamb 0131 664 3059 or email david@dlamb.co.uk

We No Longer Collect bottle tops.

Bible Verse for the Week

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2 verse 11

Church website www.libertonkirk.net

To include anything in the Notice Sheet please contact the Office (by Thursday)
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