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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  
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Liberton Kirk is part of



Our Theme for 2026 is "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)



# 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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# Anchoring to the Everlasting and Unchanging Christ



Hi Everyone,  
It was truly wonderful being able to journey through the Christmas season with all of you, not just for the business of

the season and the moments of celebration and joy that we shared together, but for all of us to witness and realise once again the truest significance of Christ our Saviour coming into the world. When the world was experiencing change and darkness, Christ our eternal light arrives and provides a beacon of hope that can never be shaken.

I've been pondering, reflecting and praying about the new theme verse for this year, and it is quite striking to me and hopefully eye-opening to all of us. After moving to Edinburgh and now living close to the sea, I'm quite captivated by how when the seasons change, the sea quiets, and few boats venture out, waiting patiently for the fishing season to return.

In a world where change can occur either gradually or suddenly, it can be easy for all of us to lose momentum and motivation. You don't have to look far to witness the news headlines in our newspapers, on phones, and on television screens to see a world experiencing moments of flux and gradual unfolding - climate change, unrest and conflict, to name a few.

Certainly, we don't even have to look far, even within our own walls, as we witness Christ's Church facing transitions and shifts from where it once was to where it is now.

These instances can be incredibly challenging and can cause us to truly grapple with these realities. With that being said, there is a solid and firm hope that we can anchor ourselves to something that will never falter - a reality that has and will always be unshakable.

The writer to the Hebrews offers that very verse that I hope we can all reflect, ponder and pray about this year that discusses the much-needed assurance of God Himself, Jesus, who performed miracles and offered grace in the past to be the same reliable foundation for faith, love and salvation today and in the future.

Indeed, it can be those words that provide a firm anchoring against moments of doubt and worldly uncertainty.

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”*  
*(Hebrews 13:8)*

As we continue to journey into the seas of transition and change, in a world that is continuing to toss and turn within the waves of unpredictability, let us keep hold of a God that will never waver, fail or abandon us, but remains steadfast in love and faithfulness through every season - guiding us through every still harbour, as constant as the tide and faithful as Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Elliot

## Prayer for February

Father God, provider and protector,  
we cry to You with our deepest desires.  
Then listen to Your response.  
Help us discern Your voice,  
and trust in Your deliverance.  
When we battle against our foe,  
You are all the armour that we need.  
With you as our shield and sword,  
we cannot fail.  
In Jesus' name, amen



Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God. – Anon

**TODDLERS  
LIBERTON  
NORTHFIELD**

**FRIDAYS 10-11.30PM**

**AT LIBERTON NORTHFIELD**

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# New Year's Lunchtime Concert

I am most grateful to everyone who attended the New Year's Lunchtime Concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh on December 30th, which raised over £1,200 for the World Mission Fund. An audience of approximately two-hundred enjoyed the usual excellent music from the stringed orchestra in Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons', but musical director Lawrence Dunn included a couple of surprises with a guest harpsichordist and a narrator delivering the rarely-heard sonnets from the original score. In what has become a great institution of Liberton Kirk, the 2026 New Year's Lunchtime Concert will be held on December 29th and marks the fiftieth anniversary of Philomusica of Edinburgh. Please note this date in your diaries for what promises to be a very special concert. *Calum Gubby*



## Judy Weston

The whole church family was shocked and saddened by the news of Judy's death on January 1. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Keith and the family.

A private cremation will be followed by a celebration of her life on January 28, 2026, at 2 pm, at Liberton Kirk.

The March magazine will include more about Judy's contribution to our church life.



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel chapter 1

In the time before there were kings in Israel, there lived a rich man, Elkanah, and his two wives, Hannah and Peninnah.

Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.



Each year they travelled to Shiloh to worship God.



After the worship, they feasted.



Elkanah always gave Hannah a special portion of food to show he loved her.



But Hannah was too sad to eat. She left the meal and went to pray.



She prayed silently.



Eli the priest saw Hannah's silent weeping and praying and thought she was drunk.



I'm not drunk! I was just pouring out how I feel to God.



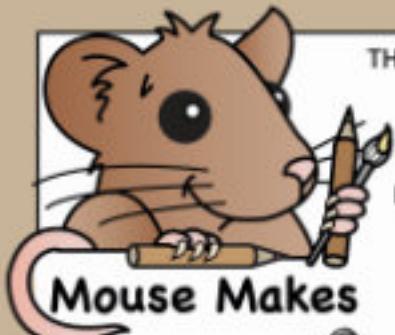
Back home, Hannah had a son, and she named him Samuel.



She stayed at home with him when the rest of the family went to Shiloh.

When Samuel was old enough, Hannah and Elkanah took him to Shiloh to live there and serve God.





## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?  
What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him?  
What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do?  
What did Jesus say? v9

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## FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:  
"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible

Learn God's word.



## SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:  
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:

Put God first

Worship only Him.

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## THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:  
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, trust

Him do not test Him.





# Pram Praise

Songs, Bible Story,  
Prayer Craft and  
Shakers  
Just 20 mins

For under 3s and their carers

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> February

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March

11am, the Small Hall  
Liberton Kirk Centre



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# Diary February 26

Kirkgate Café open Monday–Thursday, 9am–2pm,

Tuesday 5–8pm and Wednesday 6–8pm.

**No evening café in week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

Sun 1	8am	Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Shorter Service in the Kirk</b>
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Service in the Kirk and on Zoom</b> (with Crèche and Sunday Club)
	<b>Theme:</b>	Shelter and Blessing
	<b>Preacher:</b>	Elliot Mitchell
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre</b>
Mon 2	9-12noon	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
Tue 3	9am-5pm	Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	Service in Liberton Brae Care Home
	5pm-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15	93 <sup>rd</sup> Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Brownies in Small Hall
	7.30pm	Liberton Kirk Finance Team meets in Kirk House
	8.15-9.45	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 4	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9.30	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thu 5	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Fri 6	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

	5.30-6.30	93 <sup>rd</sup> B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Men's Collective Curry Night in Anderson Hall
Sun 8	8am	Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Shorter Service in the Kirk</b>
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Service in the Kirk and on Zoom</b> (with Crèche and Sunday Club)
	<b>Theme:</b>	A Life Bursting with Flavour and Light
	<b>Preacher:</b>	Elliot Mitchell
	12noon	Summer Buzz Meeting in Wilson Hall
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre</b>
Mon 9	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tue 10	9am-5pm	Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	5pm-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15	93 <sup>rd</sup> Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Brownies in Small Hall
	7.30pm	SEECOS United Kirk Session at The Hub
	8.15-9.45	Scottish Country Dancing -Anderson Hall
Wed 11	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	11am	Pram Praise in Small Hall
	6-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	Gathering for Praise in Wilson Hall
Thu 12	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
	7pm-9pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Fri 13	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30	93 <sup>rd</sup> B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sat 14	2.30pm	With Great Pleasure (Lamb Family) in Kirk Centre

Sun 15	8am <b>9.30am</b> 10.20am <b>11am</b>	Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook <b>Shorter Service in the Kirk</b> Prayer time in the Elders' Room <b>Service in the Kirk and on Zoom</b> (with Crèche and Sunday Club)
	<b>Theme:</b> <b>Preacher:</b>	Climb and Witness the Glory of God Elliot Mitchell
	2.30pm <b>6.30pm</b>	SEECAT Business Meeting at Tron Kirk Moredun <b>Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre</b>
Mon 16	9-12noon 2 – 4pm 7.30pm	Art Group in Recreation Hall Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall Guild meets in Anderson Hall
Tue 17	9am-5pm 9.30-10.30 8.15-9.45	Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 18	ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent	
Thu 19	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
Fri 20	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
Sat 21	10-12noon	Guild Coffee Morning (Anderson Hall)
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	
	8am <b>9.30am</b> 10.20am <b>11am</b>	Sunday reflection on Website/Facebook <b>Shorter Service in the Kirk</b> Prayer time in the Elders' Room <b>Service in the Kirk and on Zoom</b> (with Crèche and Sunday Club)
	<b>Preacher:</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Rev. Elaine Hogan <b>SEECOS Gathering at Tron Kirk Gilmerton (The Hub)</b>
Mon 23	9-12noon 2 – 4pm 7.30pm 7.30-9pm	Art Group in Recreation Hall Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall Link Group Leaders meet on Zoom Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tue 24	9am-5pm 9.30-10.30 2.30pm 5-6pm	Prayer space in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room Service in Guthrie House Care Home Squirrels in Anderson Hall

	5.15-6.15	93 <sup>rd</sup> Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Brownies in Small Hall
	7.30pm	Gathering for Prayer on Zoom
	8.15-9.45	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 25	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> A Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	Gathering for Praise in Wilson Hall
Thu 26	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
	7pm-9pm	93 <sup>rd</sup> Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
Fri 27	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30	93 <sup>rd</sup> B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sat 28	4-6pm	Family Games Night 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](mailto:david@dlamb.co.uk)

## Basics Foodbank

Liberton Kirk is busy all year round collecting collecting and delivering  
donations to the foodbank at Tron Kirk Moredon on Friday mornings. It is part  
of the Foodbank+ network. We were delighted to be joined in this task,  
especially important at Christmas time, by Bupa Dental  
Care with donations from their staff and patients.



Thanks everyone and please  
keep donating. The pictures  
here are of food available at  
Tron Kirk, with Cammy  
McKenzie and the Basics  
Bank administrator on the  
right.

David Lamb



# **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](mailto:rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net)

### **Elders' Duties February-April**

		<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
9.30	1 West	Eric Brown	Christina Young	David Lamb
	2 East	Christopher McLeod	Alan Carmichael	Tom Baxendale
11.00	1 West	Ruth Davies	Mary Davidson	Linda Skinner
	2 East	Helen Colley	Christine Johnson	Chris Brandie
	3 Gallery	Eleanor Grieve	Claire Mayberry	Kim Denholm
	4 Front gate	David Colley	Derek Jardine	Jill Niven
	5 Bunker	Stewart Heney	Alan Perry	David Lamb

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:robertsnedden1950@gmail.com)

### **Church gates**

The facilities team are looking for someone who can help open the church gates and offering house at 8am from a Monday to Friday. Even if you could help with one day a week that would be appreciated.

Contact Jenny Thomasi on [kcmkt@libertonkirk.net](mailto:kcmkt@libertonkirk.net) or 07894056216

# Liberton Kirk Devotions February 26

*“But when the people said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. 1 Sam 8:6*

During 2026 we are looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. So far this new year we have considered some of the PSALMS and this month we begin the story of David himself, digging into 1 SAMUEL. We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

**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 2026**



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

Morning  
Reading and Meditation on the content and prayer of response  
Midday  
Prayer – mostly for others  
Evening  
Verse(s) from the morning reading  
Reflection and Prayer at the end of the day

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

- Sun 1** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 3** - we take time to consider these words this morning .... And then we pray to this God in response  
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer  
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to Gods
- Mon 2** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 8** – 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 wider SEECOS family  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 3** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 9** – as we pause with God today we consider these truths ....and 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 then pray in response to God.
- Wed 4** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 12** – Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to prayer  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on our locum, Elliot Mitchell  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 5** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 13** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on the Church across the UK  
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 6** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 15:1-11** – 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 Father God
- Sat 7** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 15:12-35** – 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 8** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 16** – 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 9** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 17:1-11** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular words today.....And then pray in response  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on your neighbours  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response

- Tues 10** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 17:12-32** – as we pause with God we consider these words from Paul .....and 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 then pray in response to God
- Wed 11** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 17:38-58** – 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 friends and colleagues  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 12** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 18** - as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to Jesus.  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on your family members  
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 13** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 19** – 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 14** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 20:11-15** – 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 15** **Morning –Morning – 1 SAMUEL 20:16-34** - we take time to consider these words this morning .... And then we pray to this God in response  
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer  
Evening – read these set words again...reflect.. and then pray to God
- Mon 16** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 20:35-42** – 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 the SEECOS Session  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 17** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 21:1-9** - 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 – ask, seek, knock – hear!  
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- Wed 18** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 21:10-15** – Pause with God this morning.  
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on Chris Brandie, our session clerk  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD.
- Thu 19** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 22:1-5** - 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 Jenny Thomas and Kirkgate Cafe  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then  
pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 20** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 22:6-23** – As we pause with God, we  
take the time to consider these words ... And then pray in response to 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 Father God
- Sat 21** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 23:1-6** – 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 .
- Sun 22** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 23:7-29** - we take time to consider  
these words this Sunday morning .... And then we pray to God in response  
Midday – pray the words of the Prayer for the Month as your own prayer  
Evening – read these set words again... ...reflect.. and then pray to God
- Mon 23** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL Chapter 24** – 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 SEECAT group of churches  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 24** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 25:1-13** – As we pause with God today we  
consider these truths ....and 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 our God
- Wed 25** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 25:14-35** – Pause with God as the day starts.  
Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to Him.  
Midday – We pray God's blessing on Big Idea group of churches  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 26** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 25:36-44** - 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 members of our link groups  
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then  
pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 27** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 26:1-12** – 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 28** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 26:13-25** – 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.

# Kirkgate Café News



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

**Evening Café Tuesday 5–8pm & Wednesday 6–8pm (Term time)**

What an eventful month December was for the café and all the volunteers. Thank you to everyone who booked a Christmas lunch with us. In addition to running a normal café service, we served 79 Christmas lunches over three days, which took amazing teamwork from everyone involved. We finished off the year with our annual morning of free tea/coffee/mince pies which is a lovely occasion for all the volunteers and customers to mix and an amazing way to end 2025.



The evening café has been very popular over the last year creating a great space for parents to meet and chat while their children attend youth groups and for anyone to come along for a cuppa and a cake. We are short volunteers on a Tuesday evenings 5pm-8pm and are very keen to be able to keep the evening café going. Do you have a spare Tuesday once a month and could come along to help? If you would like more information then we would love to hear from you, contact Jenny on [kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net](mailto:kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net) or 07894056216.

It's our birthday!!!!!! Kirkgate café celebrates its 11th birthday on 2nd February.

Jenny Thomasi, Kirkgate Café Manager

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:eco@libertonkirk.net), or most Sundays I am at the 9.30am service.

Dorothy Morrison



# February Guild Events

## Monday 2 February

James Fraser comes to speak about “Operation Hope Egypt”, a National Guild Project. There will be a sales table. All Welcome



## Monday 16 February

Amanda Kopel to give a talk entitled “Frank’s Law”. All Welcome



## Saturday 21 February

### GUILD SPRING COFFEE MORNING

10am to 12 noon in the Kirk Centre in aid of our project “Operation Hope Egypt”. Admission Adults £4.00 and Children free.

We look forward to welcoming you.

All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

See Notice Board for more details.



## Friday 6 March World Day of Prayer Service

This year at Liberton Northfield Church, 280 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh EH16 5UR. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Nigeria and their theme is “I will give you rest, come”.

See Notice Board for more details.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary) , Tel. 662 0692

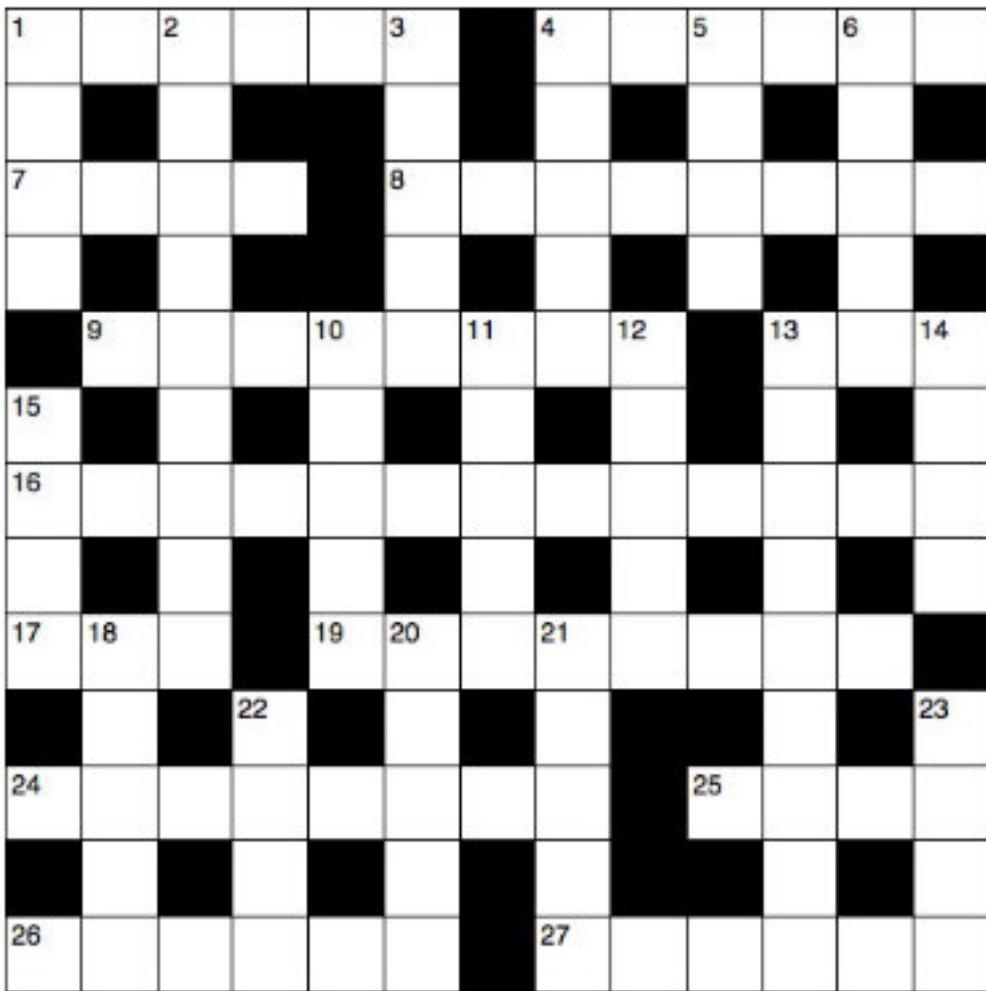


## The solution to the December Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

## February Crossword



### Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Ps145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

## Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Col. 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

The solution to the December Crossword is on page 21

Do you know anyone who might be interested in advertising in Liberton Kirk Magazine? Current rates are £16-50 per half page, except for the parish wide issue in September when the cost is £27-50 per half page.

If you are interested contact the editor at [magazine@libertonkirk.net](mailto:magazine@libertonkirk.net)

# Flower Ministry

## February Church Flower Dedications

<i>Date</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
1 Feb	Mary Munro	My beloved husband John Munro
8 Feb	Mrs Margaret Thomson	Ivy and William Jameson
15 Feb	Janice and Julie Wilson	June and Jimmy Dorward
22 Feb	Alex Morrow	Dr Catherine Strang

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 07823335585  
Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2321

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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](mailto: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 accept 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](mailto:ellie.57@hotmail.co.uk)



Mr Bill Mercer  
Mrs Dorothy Lumsden  
Mrs Judy Weston



# Senior Citizens' Club

## February 25



Hallo everybody! What a fantastic Christmas party we had. As you can see, the photographs are amazing. There is nothing better than seeing our members coming in tired and cold at the beginning of the party and then almost dancing out the Hall with big smiles on their faces at the end. It's wonderful! Both Bryan and I are so privileged to be a part of it.



Margo and Steve, who also doubled up as Christmas Cracker and Snowman leading the festive activities at teatime.

They weren't the only ones dressed up. Bryan, as Santa, delivered gifts to everyone.

Talking about tea, do you know that there was nothing left on the plates after the meal. What does that tell you about the delicious food provided by the fabulous Linda Wright and her team?



The Christmas party was also the debut for a spectacular new nativity scene, that was then on display over Christmas at the east door of the Kirk.

The stable by Jill Snowden, and the magnificent knitted figures by Billie Reid.



What else? to the left, Alyson and Cathy with a special birthday.

And with our return in 2026, we have already celebrated two more special birthdays, Bessie and Anne (to the right).



### Programme Dates and Entertainment in February

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## Change of Address

Church Members: If you have moved house, or are about to move, please fill in the address slip below and hand it to your elder, or mail it to the Roll Keeper: Gary Ross, Liberton Kirk Office, 30 Kirkgate, Edinburgh, EH16 6RY. Thank you.

Name (s) .....

OLD Address .....

NEW Address .....

NEW Telephone .....

Moving date .....

*You can also email your details to [rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net](mailto:rollkeeper@libertonkirk.net)*



In April 2024 Liberton Kirk became part of SEE COS, which stands for "South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland".

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 Craigour Gardens in Moredun
- **Gracemount Church**, currently meeting in Gracemount Primary School.

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for church notices. email: churchsecretary@libertonkirk.net  
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.

## Useful Websites

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**Young Adults**—Thursday evenings in Blackford Avenue

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## Fortnightly Groups

**Pathfinders**—Tuesday evening in various homes

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**Thrive**—Thrive - Wednesday evening in various homes

Andrea Wilson, andrea.doeschl@gmail.com,  
07910 471174

**New Habits**—Wednesday evening in various homes

Barbara Cameron, 07594195084

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

**Linked to the Lord**—Thursday evening in Liberton Grange.

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Laura Crooke lauraec83@gmail.com, 07566 265816

If you would like to join a group (where we meet to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or want more information, contact:

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