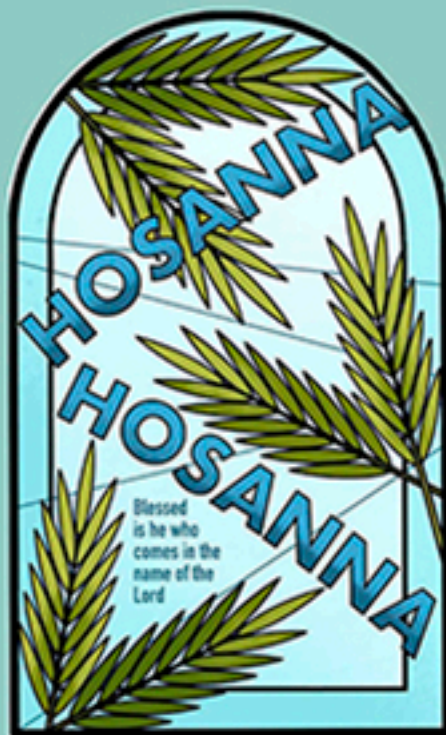


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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other, so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus.'
Vision Statement

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with Jesus at our heart

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

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 Kirk is now one of the four worshipping communities of SEECOS.

Liberton Today

Today Liberton Kirk remains:

A living worshipping community 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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A 40-Day Invitation: Will You Turn to God Daily?



Hi Everyone,
The season has quickly come upon us as we journey with Christ to the cross - the journey that Lent will gradually reveal - and,

more so, the promise of resurrection on that Easter Sunday morning when it arrives. I emphasise “quickly” because, for most of us, the beginning months of this year have gone very fast indeed!

Despite time moving swiftly, God continues to invite us to make space in our lives - whether in long periods of rest or in those tiny pockets of break - to witness His presence in our midst.

Lent can be a season where we intentionally fix our gaze on Christ, journeying with Him to witness the ultimate fulfilment of God’s love and the promise of redemption. Even with the best intentions, it’s easy for our attention to wander. Quick glances, distractions, and life’s many demands often pull us away from what truly matters - urgent tasks, changes within our Church, and shifts in our communities.

As important as these things are, we live for a God who is never surprised by anything in all of eternity. Indeed, as the Father knew that His own Son would be placed upon the Cross for the ultimate purpose of salvation and redemption, He continues to encourage us to keep our hearts and eyes fixed on Him,

trusting in His guidance and presence, even amid life’s distractions.

Aaron Saul, a Christian writer, expands upon the journey of the Christian walk of Lent as a process of continuous and intentional turning away from the things that bring us down, and turning towards a gracious God who can lift us up:

“Everything in life has its own time. There is time to celebrate and there is time to mourn. This is the time for reflection and transformation. Let us look within and change into what we ought to be.”

What more fitting passage from the Scriptures is there than in the Book of Psalms, which can perhaps add something to how Lent can be a time to face God once more and seek His will and ways? In this Psalm, David expresses a personal, heartfelt commitment to seek God’s presence in response to His invitation:

“My heart says of you, ‘Seek His face!’
Your face, LORD, I will seek.” [Psalm 27:8, NIV]

As we leap into the Lent season, let it provide that space for us to craft a new and intentional rhythm: to take each day to learn, to grow, but above all, **to turn daily** to our Heavenly Father - a God who Himself sought to turn His gaze upon His Son as He journeyed towards a pilgrimage that would lead to our salvation, the hope of resurrection and the promise of a glorious Kingdom to come.

Yours in Christ,
Elliot

Prayer for March

Lord, our hearts sing to You in prayer.
You are forever faithful.
In our distress, you comfort us;
In our sickness, You bring healing;
In our sorrow, You bring joy.
We trust in the promises of You Word,
and thank You for choosing us as Your family.
In You name, we pray, Amen.

Word for Today



The March Word for Today in the Kirkyard (starting at the Offering House at the main gate) is part of Psalm 119, “Your word is a lamp to my feet”. This will change from 23rd March to a pre-Easter theme of Journeying to the Cross – until Saturday 4th April.

From Easter Day for one week only there will be an Easter display including the empty tomb and the encounter Mary Magdalene had with the risen Jesus – come and read the words of the Bible, imagine yourself in the story and think how you would feel. Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608





TODDLERS LIBERTON NORTHFIELD

FRIDAYS 10-11.30PM
AT LIBERTON NORTHFIELD

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Gathered at the Table Soup, Bread, and Fellowship

Everyone from Liberton Kirk and the wider SEECOS congregation is warmly invited to share in a Soup and

Bread Lunch on Sunday 8 March 2026 at Liberton Kirk Church Halls. The lunch will begin at 12.30pm, following the 11.00am service. It is a warm and filling get-together in the church calendar, the congregation both at Liberton and SEECOS look forward to each year. We take the time to pause, spend time together, enjoy a warm lunch and support the ongoing work of the World Mission Team (WMT).

Although the Church of Scotland no longer sponsors the national Souper Sunday initiative, the spirit behind it continues here. The WMT still values these opportunities for fellowship, where a shared meal becomes a shared purpose. By coming together over soup and bread, we help raise funds for the projects supported by the WMT, offering encouragement to communities both near and far.

Whether you have been part of these lunches for many years or are joining for the first time, you will be made very welcome. Bring your appetite, bring a friend, and bring your generosity of spirit as we gather around the table once again. Bible Verse for the Day "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." *Romans 12:13*



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples
to be ready for the end of time. 'A
rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money
to look after, depending on
what they could do.

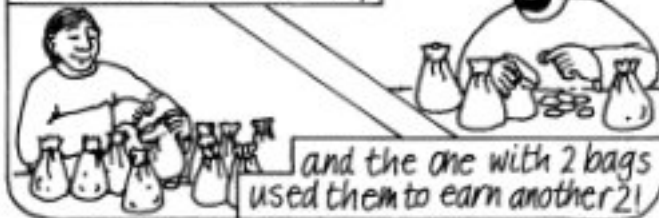


He gave 5 bags of coins to the
first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone,
the first two servants
started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins
used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags
used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a
hole and buried his bag.



When
the master
came back,
he called
his
servants
to him...



The first two showed him they
had doubled his money, and he
was very happy with them.



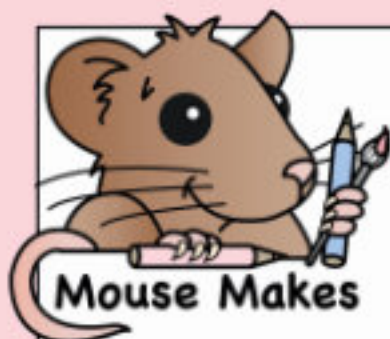
You are a hard man
who expects us to work. I
was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I
expected, why didn't
you do it?



Get out of here!





The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3
and 6:20

Who was
90 years
old when
she had her
son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19

Across

3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5

4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60

7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32

8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24

9. **Jesus'** mother
Acts 1:14

Down

1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5

2. **Solomon's** mother
1 Kings 1:11

4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5

5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15

6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26

Whose prayers
for a child
were answered
by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Who had two
sons called
Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2



Palm Sunday to Easter: Services and Events

Join us for a Journey through Holy
Week in Liberton



Come and take part in some of the wonderful services
and events in this most important week in church life.

Palm Sunday, 29 March, 7pm



Joint evening worship with other Big Idea Churches at 7pm in
Liberton Kirk Centre, followed by refreshments.

Monday, 30 March, 7pm

The first of two SEECAT events is a Passover Meal on at St. Catherine's Church
Hall, Gracemount Drive, EH16 6QP. We remember Jesus celebrating the
Passover with his disciples just before his death and the history behind it.
Tickets are essential for this event, as numbers are limited.

Wednesday, 1 April, 7.30pm

The second SEECAT event is an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service,
7.30pm in Liberton Northfield Church, 280 Gilmerton Road, EH16 5TT. We
follow the journey of Jesus towards the cross in a
contemplative service. Refreshments afterwards.

Good Friday, 3 April, 10am

Easter weekend at Liberton Kirk begins outside the church at
10 o'clock, when we set off on a Prayer Walk. We will meet up
with others at Liberton Northfield Church and then walking
down to Morrisons in Gilmerton Road. We stop at various
points on the way where people gather (schools, residential
homes etc.) to pray for our community. We hold an Open-air
Service in the car park at Morrisons at 11 o'clock. We are joined for this by folk
who have walked from churches at Moredun and Gracemount, and by others
not able to do the walk but wanting to be part of the service. Morrisons café is a
good place for after-service refreshments!



Good Friday 3pm

On Good Friday afternoon there is a Joint Service at Gracemount High School at 3 o'clock, when all the SEECAT churches meet again, remembering just what the cross means for us all in a very meaningful and moving service. There is a cup of tea and hot cross buns after the service, which gives us a chance to chat with people from the other churches we don't see very often.

Good Friday 7.30pm

Service of Worship and Reflection at 7.30pm in Liberton Kirk.

Easter Day (5th April)

Four opportunities to rejoice together that Jesus has risen from the dead!

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| 6.30am | The Dawn Service at the Braid Hills Trig Point at (meet at the Golf Driving Range at 6am). |
| 9.30am | Short traditional service in the Kirk at , when you are invited to bring a daffodil to decorate the cross. |
| 11am | Daffodils are needed again at the 11 o'clock family service – all ages welcome. |
| 7.30pm | Origin Scotland lead “Resurrection 2026” in the Usher Hall at 7.30pm. Ticketed (donation optional). Details on their website www.originscotland.org |

The Love that gives love

Jesus Christ, the love that gives love,
You are higher than the highest star;
You are deeper than the deepest sea;
You cherish us as Your own family;
You embrace us as Your own spouse;
You rule over us as Your own subjects;
You welcome us as Your dearest friend.
Let all the world worship You.

By Hildegard of Bingen 1098 – 1179

SEECOS Congregational Meeting

Thursday February 5, 2026

After two weeks of announcements made during church services, a congregational meeting was held at Liberton Northfield Church on Thursday, February 5. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and decide the proposal to appoint a Transition Minister for SEECOS.

The meeting was opened by the Rev Dr Stewart Weaver, Deployment Convener of Edinburgh Presbytery. Also in attendance were the Rev Dr David Clarkson, Interim Moderator, and Darren Golby, the Church of Scotland's Ministries Development Manager.

Dr Weaver explained that the proposal had been made in light of SEECOS's recent organizational restructuring and the unique challenges faced in communication, governance, and leadership transitions. Appointing a Transition Minister was intended to provide stable leadership and support as SEECOS navigates these changes, ensuring a smooth and effective transition for the congregation.

Dr Weaver talked about the reasons for following this path, instead continuing with setting up a nominating committee were concerns about communication, governance, and the ongoing union of the four SEECOS congregations. He explained that the recent union which formed SEECOS, and the team ministry model in it was the first of its kind in Edinburgh Presbytery. Challenges had emerged regarding communication, governance, and identity, particularly after the retirement of a long-serving minister and subsequent leadership changes.

The Presbytery Deployment Committee, after consultations, had suggested exploring Transition Ministry as a supportive and stabilizing measure. This had been discussed and agreed by the Kirk Session.

Darren Golby then explained what Transition Ministry involved in the Church of Scotland.

- It is a fixed-term (usually 5-year) ministry designed to support congregations through major transitions.
- The focus is on reflection, stabilization, and preparing the congregation to call a permanent minister.
- It provides leadership, helps discern new identity and mission, and addresses governance and communication challenges.
- It involves regular reporting, line management, and peer support for the Transition Minister.
- The appointment process includes congregation consultation, job description drafting, interviews (with representatives from each worshipping community), and clear aims and objectives. Appointment was estimated to take place a minimum of six months after the decision to appoint.

- Transition Minister receives additional pay due to specialized skills and responsibilities.

In answer to the question of the alternatives would be if the congregation voted not to go for Transition Ministry. Dr Weaver replied that this was possible but unlikely to result in direct right to call. An interim minister was also considered less suitable.

Concerns were voiced about the length of the transition period and risk of instability. How would a Transition Minister handle leadership and management of large teams and multiple communities? How did the role differ from a 'regular' minister and from Interim Ministry? What happens regarding building decisions and the same-sex marriage vote? (They would proceed as required).

Other concerns recognized the loss of leadership and identity post-union and after the retirement of key ministers. It was remarked that Rev McKenzie would be retiring in 18 months time. The structure of the Kirk Session (three elders from each of the four worshipping communities in the congregation) was mentioned as a divisive issue, as well as a lack of trust and the need for action and visible leadership during the ongoing vacancy.

Rev McKenzie and others shared personal experiences of tension and confusion arising from unclear governance and communication, especially in the transition to union. There was a plea for the Kirk Session to be restructured and more representative, while others warned against 'number games' and blame culture.

On the positive side, there was general support for the proposal that professional, external support is needed to address deeply rooted issues and help the congregation move forward as a united entity. Several members expressed their hope that Transition Ministry could help SEECOS develop a unified vision, address hurt and loss, and become an attractive charge for future ministers. There was an emphasis on the need for constructive, united action.

The result of the congregational vote on Transition Ministry at SEECOS was 103 for, 44 against.

Report prepared by John Cowie

A message sent after the meeting by the Interim Moderator follows on the next page.

SEECOS - What Happens Next

A Message from the Rev Dr David Clarkson, Interim Moderator

At the congregational meeting on Thursday 5 February to decide whether to accept Presbytery's proposal on Transition Ministry, the vote was: For the proposal: 103, Against the proposal: 44. As a result, the process of seeking a Transition Minister for SEECOS will now begin.

The Kirk Session meets on Tuesday 10 February and will set a date for an additional Kirk Session meeting to consider whether to use the provision in Section 3 of the Church of Scotland Act I (2015) ("Ministers and Deacons in Same Sex Civil Partnerships and Same Sex Marriages") to "permit the ordination, induction or appointment of a minister or a deacon who is in a same sex civil partnership or a same sex marriage". This meeting requires intimation on two Sundays.

In advance of that additional Kirk Session meeting, and to help us hear the views of the congregation clearly, members are invited to send any questions or comments to the Interim Moderator, David Clarkson, at dclarkson@churchofscotland.org.uk.

As we were advised at Thursday's meeting, the next stages for Transition Ministry are expected to be:

1. Decision re same-sex ministry
2. The Kirk Session will work with Presbytery and Daran Golby (Ministries Development Manager) to develop a job description. (This can be done at the same time as no. 1)
3. The post will be advertised.
4. One member from each worshipping community will be involved in the interview process.
5. A Transition Minister will be appointed.

Daran indicated that the overall process could take around nine months, depending on how smoothly things progress and how much notice an applicant may need to give.

In the meantime, the Kirk Session will work to strengthen communication and governance across the congregation, encourage participation in mission and outreach, and foster unity (not uniformity) as we move forward together

David

Diary March 26

Kirkgate Café open Monday–Thursday, 9am–2pm,
Tuesday 5–8pm and Wednesday 6–8pm.

Sun 1 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8am Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook

9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk

10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room

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

Theme: Seeing the Kingdom

Preacher: Elliot Mitchell

6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

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 available 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 93rd Rainbows in Small Hall

6.15-9pm Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall

6.30-8pm 93rd Brownies in Anderson Hall

6.30-8pm 93rd A Brownies in Small Hall

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 93rd C Brownies in Small Hall

6.30-8pm Cubs in Recreation Hall

7.30-9.30 93rd A Guides in Anderson Hall

Thu 5 2pm-4pm Senior Citizens' Club in Anderson Hall

7pm-9pm 93rd Guides in Anderson Hall

7.30-9pm Scouts in Recreation Hall

5.30-6.30 93rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall

7pm Men's Collective Curry Night in Anderson Hall



Fri 6	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	2pm	World Day of Prayer Service at Liberton Northfield
	5.30-6.30	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sun 8	8am	Sunday reflection available on Website & 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:	Unexpected Grace
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	12.30pm	Congregational Soup Lunch (World Mission Team)
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Mon 9	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2pm-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Local Leadership Team Meeting in Wilson Hall
	7.30pm	Explorer Scouts in Recreation Hall
Tue 10	9am-5pm	Prayer space available 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 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
	8.15-9.45	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 11	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	11am	Pram Praise in Small Hall
	1.45pm	Guild Meeting with Liberton High School Pupils at Liberton High School
	6-7.15pm	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	Gathering for Praise in Wilson Hall
Thu 12	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
	7pm-9pm	93 rd 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 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall

Sun 15	8am	Sunday reflection on Website & 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:	God changes Lives for Good
	Preacher:	Rev. Stewart Goudie
	3pm	Special Communion Service in the Anderson Hall
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Mon 16	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2 – 4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Guild meets in Anderson Hall (AGM)
	7.30-9pm	Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tue 17	9am-5pm	Prayer space available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	5-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15	93rd Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd A Brownies in Small Hall
	8.15-9.45	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 18	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6-7pm	Flag Practice for Youth in the Kirk
	6-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	93rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thu 19	2pm-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
	7pm-9pm	93rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
Fri 20	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30	93rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sun 22	8am	Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service in the Kirk
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	YOUTH SERVICE in the Kirk and on Zoom
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell

	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Mon 23	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2 – 4pm	Ladies’ Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tue 24	9am-5pm	Prayer space available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	5-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15	93rd Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys’ Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd Brownies in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd A Brownies in Small Hall
	7.30pm	SEECOS Kirk Session meets at the Gilmerton Hub
	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	93rd C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	93rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30pm	LK Communications Team meets on Zoom
	7.30pm	Gathering for Praise in Wilson Hall
Thu 26	2-4pm	Senior Citizens’ Club
	7pm-9pm	93rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Fri 27	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30	93rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sat 28	3-4.30pm	Family Easter Egg Hunt
Sun 29	PALM SUNDAY	
	Clocks go forward one hour at 2am	
	8am	Sunday reflection available on Website & 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:	Open the Gates for the King
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	7pm	Big Idea Palm Sunday Service in the Kirk Centre
Mon 30	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall

	2 – 4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Passover Meal (SEECAT) at St. Catherine's (ticketed)
	7.30-9pm	Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tues 31	9am-5pm	Prayer space available 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 Guthrie House Care Home
	5-6pm	Squirrels in Anderson Hall
	5.15-6.15	93rd Rainbows in Small Hall
	6.15-9pm	Boys' Brigade in Recreation Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd Brownies in Anderson Hall
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Wed 1	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93rd C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Service (SEECAT) at Liberton Northfield
	7.30-9pm	93rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thurs 2	7pm-9pm	93rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Rangers in Small Hall
Fri 3	GOOD FRIDAY	
	10am	Leave Liberton Kirk for Prayer Walk to . . .
	11am	Open Air Service at Morrisons, Gilmerton Road (SEECAT)
	3pm	Joint Service (SEECAT) at Gracemount High School
	7.30pm	Service of Meditation in the Kirk
Sun 5	EASTER SUNDAY	
	6.30am	Dawn Service at Braid Hills Trigpoint (meet at Golf Driving Range at 6am)
	Theme:	The Dawn of a New Beginning
	8am	Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service in the Kirk (bring a daffodil)
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (bring a daffodil)
	Theme:	He is Risen!
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	7.30pm	"Resurrection 2026" at the Usher Hall

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 March-May

		March	April	May
9.30	1 West	Christina Young	David Lamb	Rosy Carmichael
	2 East	Alan Carmichael	Tom Baxendale	Eric Brown
11.00	1 West	Mary Davidson	Linda Skinner	Dave Storey
	2 East	Christine Johnson	Chris Brandie	Janice Wilson
	3 Gallery	Claire Mayberry	Kim Denholm	Netta Rought
	4 Front gate	Derek Jardine	Jill Niven	Roslyn Wilson
	5 Banker	Alan Perry	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 currently hold services in two local care homes every month. We would be delighted to welcome more volunteers to join us.

You won't be asked to lead, just be part of the welcome we take with us and be part of the congregation. The services take place on Tuesdays, starting at 2:30pm. They last for about half an hour and are greatly appreciated by the residents (and staff).

Please contact Robert Sneddon if you would like more information. robertsnedden1950@gmail.com

Liberton Kirk Devotions March 26

*"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

Psalms 37 verses 3 and 4

During 2026 we are looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. So far we have considered some of the early things in his life and looked at several of the Psalms.

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

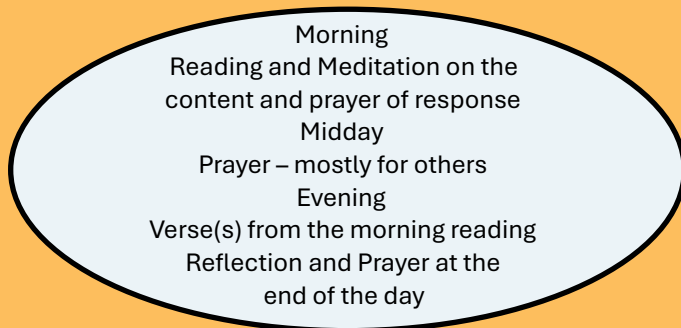
In March we return to journey with the PSALMS as we consider the truths behind the words, the prayers of David in many cases.



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 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.



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 – 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT – PSALM 30** - 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 2 Morning – PSALM 31** – 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 believers in North Korea
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 3 Morning – PSALM 32** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 4 Morning – PSALM 33** – Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider the words written here...And then turn to prayer
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Somalia
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 5 Morning – PSALM 34** - 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 in Yemen
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 6 Morning – PSALM 35** – 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 – PSALM 36** – 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 8 Morning – 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT – PSALM 37** – 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 – PSALM 38** – 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 Sudan
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 10 Morning – PSALM 39** – as we pause with God we consider these words from Pauland 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 – PSALM 40** – 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 Eritrea
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God
- Thu 12 Morning – PSALM 41-** 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 believers in Syria
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 – PSALMS 42 + 43** – 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 – PSALM 42** – 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 – 4th SUNDAY IN LENT – PSALM 43** - we take time to consider these words this 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 16 Morning – PSALM 44** – 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 Nigeria
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 17 Morning - PSALM 45** - 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 in response to God
- Wed 18 Morning – PSALM 46** – 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 believers in Pakistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God
- Thu 19 Morning – PSALM 47** - 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 Libya
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 20 Morning – PSALM 48** – 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 God
- Sat 21 Morning – PSALM 49** – 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 – 5th SUNDAY IN LENT – PSALM 50** - 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 – PSALM 51** – as we pause with God, we take the time to consider these honest words today.....And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God's blessing on believers in Iran
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 24 Morning – PSALM 52** – 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 our God
- Wed 25 Morning – PSALM 53** – 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 believers in Afghanistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 26 Morning – PSALM 54** - 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 India
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in
- Fri 27 Morning – PSALM 55** – 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 – PSALM 56** – 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 29 Morning – PALM SUNDAY – MARK 14:1-31** - we take time to consider these words this Palm Sunday morning And then 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 30 Morning – MARK 14:32-50** – 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 Saudi Arabia
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 31 Morning – MARK 14:53-72** – 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 our God

Three Attitudes to Life

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is one of Jesus' best-known stories. Familiar and loved, it illustrates three attitudes to living in God's world.

The first attitude is 'what is yours is mine and I'll take it'—the approach embodied by the robbers. These are people who live by violence and greed, preying on others and caring only for their own profit.

This attitude is not limited to street thieves, conmen, or drug pushers. It extends to corrupt government officials, petty thieves in workplaces, and individuals or organisations who extend credit to those unable to repay. It includes employers who cheat workers and traders who exploit the poverty of farmers in the developing world to obtain unreasonably low prices, preventing people from living decently.

In today's world, many are quick to demand rights—be it to support, education, healthcare, or safety. Yet God gave us all that we have. From a Christian perspective, our conversations begin with gratitude, not demands for rights.

The second attitude in the parable is 'what is mine is mine and I'm keeping it'. This is the response of the Priest and the Levite, who passed by the wounded man on the road. Their actions may have been influenced by religious rules regarding blood, contact with strangers, or perceived heretics.

While such rules may not apply to us today, we may choose not to get involved. We may feel uncertain about the issues, unfamiliar with others' customs, or pressed for time.

Despite advances in technology and education, understanding still requires time, effort, and a willingness to engage with those who are different. The Priest and the Levite represented people who prioritised laws and traditions over compassion for an injured stranger, maintaining divisions and history rather than offering help.

The third attitude in the parable is 'what is mine is yours, I am willing to share it'.

The Samaritan's help was spontaneous—he couldn't have planned to assist the injured man. Nonetheless, he didn't hesitate, even though he might have worried about his own safety, the time and money involved, or that he was a Samaritan, a group looked down upon by others. Jesus' listeners would have heard the word 'Samaritan', and felt automatic disdain for an unbeliever or stranger.

Jesus' emphasis was that God wants us to live a good neighbour lifestyle. Jesus called his people to be a movement, guided by God and empowered by the spirit of God. They were to be neighbours to those they met, sharing their lives just as the Samaritan did.

We are keen to find a way to share our faith in a way which is relevant in the modern world. One answer is quite simple, it starts with living in a way which proclaims Jesus' attitude to life - to live with time for others, whoever *they* are. This way is always up to relevant because it goes to the heart of our common God given humanity.

Celebrating Love at Liberton Kirk

At the end of last year, I heard such a romantic story that I knew straight away that I wanted to share it.

While planning, in my role as facilities administrator, I came across a Kirk Booking for 30th October titled 60th wedding anniversary. This booking was entered before I took on the role, so I wasn't sure what the details or requirements were, so I reached out to the email address on the booking. The response I received was beautiful.

In 1965, Sue and John became Mr and Mrs Chatten in our beautiful Kirk and were looking to visit while they were holidaying in Edinburgh celebrating their anniversary. In all cases of marriage, 60 years is impressive, but their story goes even further.

Sue and John, aged 18 and 21 respectively, were unable to get married in England without their parents' consent so chose to elope to Scotland. They moved to Edinburgh, living here for a short time, before tying the knot in Liberton Kirk.

Taking their vows here was so special to them the first time that they wanted to recommit themselves to each other in 2005, for their 40th anniversary. The couple attended a Sunday morning service expecting an intimate ceremony afterwards. To their surprise, Rev. John Young, called them up in front of the congregation to renew their vows.

Although, it wasn't another vow renewal, it was still wonderful to meet Sue and John Chatten, to let them into the Kirk, hear their story and re-enact their wedding photo. Afterwards, the romantic couple, joined the Senior Citizens.

Laura Gordon



Kirkgate Café News



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

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



On Monday 2nd February we celebrated our 11th birthday.

Many thanks to all the customers and volunteers over the years that keep making Kirkgate café a success.

In February we had a thank you outing for all the café volunteers to Black Ivy in Bruntsfield for afternoon tea. It was lovely to have an opportunity when the volunteers could mingle with others from different days and a nice time was had by all. These outings are paid for from your very generous tips, and, for that, we thank you so much. Tips can be given by cash in the bowl at the till or by rounding up your card payment.



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 for along for a cuppa and a cake. We are short of volunteers on Tuesday evenings 5pm-8pm and are very keen to be able to keep this evening going. Do you have a spare Tuesday once a month and could come along to help? If so we would love to hear from you and, If you would like more information, contact Jenny on kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net or 07894056216.

Please note: Kirkgate café will be closed Easter Monday 6th April for one day.

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Jenny Thomasi
Kirkgate Café Manager,
kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net 07894056216

Judy Weston 1947-2026

Judy was warm, unassuming, unpretentious and kind and we all miss her. She sadly died peacefully on 1st January at her home after a short illness, with her husband Keith and son Iain by her bedside. Here we look at her life, well lived and filled with her faith in God.

Judy was born in Dundee, spent her first years in Broughty Ferry but was brought up from age 6 in Glasgow where she formed friendships which remained with her throughout her life.

She and Keith met in Edinburgh through voluntary work which has been central to their life together. They married in 1979 at her home church of Netherlee in Glasgow. Once married they moved to Longformacus Road, where they remained throughout their married life and where their two children Lynne and Iain grew up.

Judy joined Liberton Kirk in 1980 and was a committed and active member throughout her life, her faith was central to who she was and her love of God was reflected in how she lived her life.

Judy was ordained an elder in 1996 and then became the Treasurer of the Kirk from 2000 for a mere 25 years! Her figures could always be relied on and family trips to New Zealand to see her granddaughters had to fit round end of year work!

Judy wasn't only the treasurer, she was a loyal friend to many, a loving wife, mother and Nana, loved to travel, to sing, read, walk, ride her bike and was always meeting friends and being there for others. She supported a family through Safe Families for Children, quietly with no fuss.

She was also always good fun, in the 80s the Young Woman's Group was thriving, and Judy was central to it. As part of the Guild's 75th Birthday Party there was a pageant of the seven decades. Ruth Davies (then Guild President) remembers Judy with others representing the 60s, jiving enthusiastically around the Anderson Hall stage in their mini skirts!

Judy organised and went on two trips to the passion Play in Oberammergau and Iona and for over thirty years was part of a Kirk ladies weekend away with an Aberdeen church, first to Compass Christian centre where she canoed, climbed trees, whooshed down waterfalls and abseiled! This in latter times turned into more sedate annual trips with the Creiff ladies.



On one occasion, quite unusually for Judy, she offered to lead devotions at Crieff, after our trip to Lindisfarne, she spoke about the ethereal walk over the sands in the mist, with the Cross going before to lead her and as we approached Lindisfarne the sun came out in the sunlit uplands, comparing it to her journey through life being led by Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross to make her whole.

Thank you for always being there for others Judy, loving life, always supportive, always concerned, caring and being genuinely good in the best sense of the word.. Rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Christine Johnson



Michelle was driving away from a distressing doctor's appointment entertaining thoughts of suicide, when she heard something say to her, 'Look left!' She looked left and saw a trypraying banner on a church. Michelle said it was that banner that began her return to faith and to a restored life.

Sandra, a long time church dissident, woke one morning and realised she needed to get the 'God issue' in her life sorted. She prayed, 'God, if you are there, give me a sign.' Later that day, stuck in traffic on Dumbarton Road in Glasgow, behind a bus with a trypraying advert on the back! That was the sign God used to bring her to faith.

Sheila, thinking she had nothing to lose, prayed the first prayer in the trypraying booklet, 'God if you are there I want to get to know you...' She felt an overwhelming peace flow throughout her whole body. That was the beginning of her journey to faith.

In March and April trypraying adverts will be appearing on buses across Edinburgh and the whole of Scotland. This initiative, now with over 1 million booklets printed and in 12 countries, in many respects had its beginning in Liberton. The heart of it: it's an invitation for people to experience the kindness of God.

Make sure you have a booklet to 'use and then lose' by giving it to a friend.

For more information contact david@trypraying.org.

Websites: do.trypraying.org (for churches) and trypraying.org (for enquirers.)

Fish and Chips

Many babies born in the third world arrive to mums who have no clothes for them. Nurses would wrap the babies in newspapers and so they were nicknamed Fish and Chip babies, hence the need for Fish and Chip jumpers. Currently a generous friend pays to send them to Kenya.



They do not need to be perfect. Babies come in all sizes so don't worry about tension. Knitting for a short while is excellent for keeping fingers supple. The pattern is available online. Knit at home or on a Friday afternoon at the café where Liz and Robert will give you a warm welcome and a cup of tea and you can knit and natter in company.

Thank you to everyone who is kindly donating left over wool to the box in the offering house. Now we need more knitters to use the wool for charity! Please help yourself to the wool and leave the finished item in the box either with or without your name. I will find a home for any small items, just no large things please.

This week a university study has shown that people who knit or sew live 8 years longer than those who don't. Actually we need the extra years to use up our stash!

Dorothy Morrison

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



March Guild Events

Monday 2 March

We are going to be entertained by the St Margaret's Singers. All members learned to sing and appreciate their love of music at St Margaret's School and they continue to develop their musical abilities, repertoire and lifelong friendships, week after week.



Friday 6 March

Liberton Northfield Church, 280 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh EH16 5UR will host the World Day of Prayer Service. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Nigeria and their theme is "I will give you rest, come". All are welcome. See Notice Board for timing and more details.



Wednesday 11 March - 1.45pm

We look forward to spending the afternoon with some pupils in Liberton High School - it is our turn to visit Liberton High School. All are welcome.



Monday 16 March - 7pm

Our Annual General Meeting will be followed by a Beetle Drive.



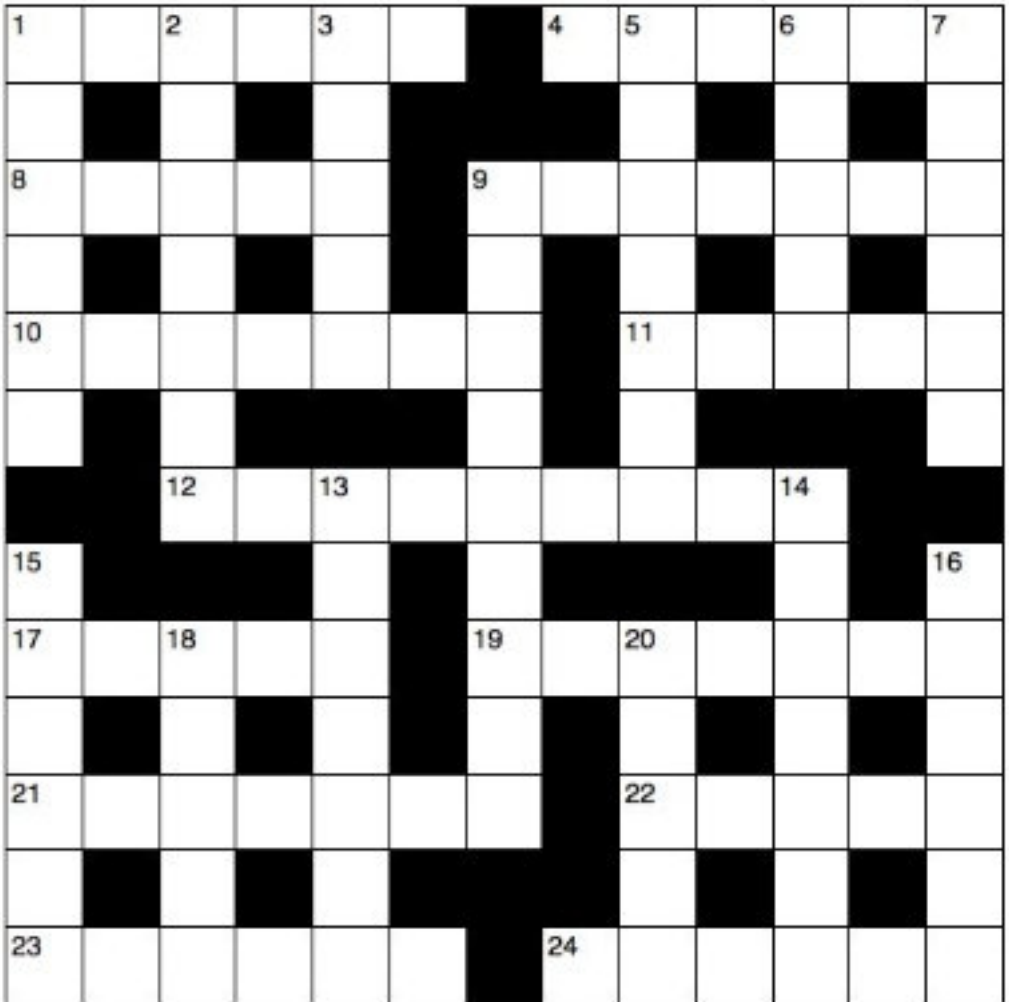
Annual Guild Outing

Instead of a Guild Outing this year, it was decided to hold a ceilidh and the date chosen for this is Friday 4 September 2026. More details nearer the time.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary)
Tel. 662 0692

We look forward to welcoming you. See Notice Board for more details.

March Crossword



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 “They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)

- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

The solution to the February Crossword is below.

ACROSS: 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC.

19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

DOWN: 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

Flower Ministry

March Church Flower Convener: Anne Cowgill

<i>Date</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
1 March	Mrs Helen Sutherland	Grace Moss
8 March	Alan Lonie	Bert and Mary Lonie
15 March	Mrs Karen Ross	
22 March	Mrs Veronica Craig	Geoffrey Craig
29 March		

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

Can you help?

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

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

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

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

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



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

Mrs Margaret (Rita) Crease.



Senior Citizens' Club

March 25



Hullo Everybody! Well, we had a fantastic January. Our Burns celebrations began with the children from Liberton Nursery signing a collection of Scottish ditties. Then we had Laura's debut as a guest singer. Next the wonderful Tapselteeerie, Bryan and Margot, gave it laldy with guttural Scottish songs. The afternoon was closed with Loch Lomond and a ceiling-raising Auld Lang Sine. It was wonderful to see everyone across the hall singing and holding hands.

We had wonderful food, care of Linda and the hospitality Elves, mmmmm, very good.

This month's raffle went with a bang! We made £180+ towards the Christmas Party.

February brought in the Elves outing at Café Adaluz. That was super too. Lots of tapas enjoyed.



Finally a big congratulation to Jack Abbot celebrating 90 years.

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19 Alan Weatherhead
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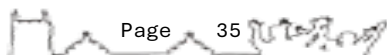
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Change of Address

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Name (s)

OLD Address

NEW Address

NEW Telephone

Moving date

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



In April 2024 Liberton Kirk became part of SEECOS, 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 Craighour Gardens in Moredun
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Convenor of Visitors to the Elderly: Contact Linda Wright, (see above)
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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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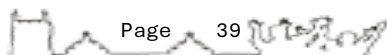
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Young Adults—Thursday evenings in Blackford Avenue
Erik Storey, 07583309531, erik-ze-viking@hotmail.com

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders—Tuesday evening in various homes
Veronica Craig, veronicacraig41@gmail.com

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

Cornerstone—Wednesday evening in 162 Alnwickhill Road
Elizabeth (lizsnedden@gmail.com) & Robert Snedden
(robertsnedden1950@gmail.com), 664 1720

Vista Group—Thursday evening, Kirk Park
Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net, 664 2178

Linked to the Lord—Thursday evening in Liberton Grange.
Linda Brown mammab176@gmail.com, 07516 811854, or
Laura Gordon lauraec83@gmail.com, 07566 265816

If you would like to join a group (where we meet to grow upwardly,
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Rink van Dijke (rink@talktalk.net)
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