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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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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

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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From Silence to Shout: How Three Days Changed the World Forever



Hi Everyone,
After travelling with Christ for the 40 days of Lent, we arrive and witness the resurrection and new life being shown through our

saviour Jesus. On Good Friday He made the ultimate sacrifice for humanity, with the next day, Saturday, being marked as a period of silence, right through to the rise of the Easter Sunday sun, where death itself was conquered. A lot can happen in three days, can't it?

I am writing this letter as I return to Scotland by train after a three day vacation in London. Holidays are opportunities to embrace new and unplanned experiences. No major plans, just the chance to step out and see, to embrace those tiny surprises that appear before you. Come to think of it... It feels a lot like the disciples who could not have predicted that Jesus would defeat evil and provide a new way to imagine what a life filled with eternity looks like.

Many of them were so surprised that they trembled with fear and anxiety, asking how his messiah from Galilee could appear before them as if

nothing had happened? As I said, a lot can happen in three days!

But this was not a new life to be kept silent among the disciples. Jesus called his disciples and followers to proclaim the Good News, to shout it out from the rooftops and to spread a life-giving proclamation of hope and peace.

As we approach the Resurrection Day for all of humanity the only pressing questions that should be at the forefront of our lips are: Who will you tell? Who will you share this news with? Who will you invite to step off the platform of "business as usual" and onto the path of the extraordinary, the miraculous, the surprising?

Friends, the tomb is empty, the carriage of new hope and peace is continuing to move, and the doors to an invitation to new life is open and will remain open. May your Easter be filled with the wonderful surprise of His presence and the joy that comes from knowing Christ has made the way for eternal life to come. And remember, our Lord and our King reminds us to pass on the Good News to others in order to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), if we do - then many others can step on board and can enjoy a beautiful journey of faith.

Many Easter blessings to all of you,
He is risen!

Elliot

Prayer for April

Lord Jesus we meditate on the empty cross.
The heavy burden that was pinned with You,
is our sins, not Yours.
The path was set by Your love,
then death was triumphed over by Your power.
It is that same power that guides our lives,
touches our hearts and renews our soul.
All praise to You, amen.

Word for Today



The 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 theme from 23rd March has been a pre-Easter theme of Journeying to the Cross.

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



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FRIDAYS 10-11.30PM
AT LIBERTON NORTHFIELD

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SuperSouper Sunday

A Warm Thank You from the WMT

There are few things more uplifting than seeing our church family gathered together in fellowship, and this year's Souper Sunday lunch was a wonderful reminder of the warmth, generosity, and shared purpose that define SEECOS. On Sunday, our hall was filled with the comforting aroma of homemade soup, lively conversation, and the unmistakable sense of a community coming together to make a difference.



We are delighted to share that the lunch raised £630 in support of the projects championed by the World Mission Team. These projects continue to make a tangible difference in communities here at home and far, offering practical help, encouragement, and hope. Every contribution made on Sunday whether financial, culinary, or simply through being present will help strengthen that ongoing work.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who attended. Your generosity and enthusiasm created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and it was lovely to see so many people taking time to sit together, share a meal, and enjoy good company.

We are especially grateful to the dedicated volunteers who prepared the soups, breads, and accompaniments. Their hard work in the kitchen, both before and during the event, ensured that there was plenty for all to enjoy. Thanks also to those who set up tables, served food, washed dishes, and helped tidy up afterwards. Events like this rely on many willing hands, and we are blessed to have so many, including visitors who joined us from Glasgow .

Souper Sunday is always more than just a lunch. It is an expression of fellowship, compassion, and shared mission. Thank you once again to everyone who played a part. Your kindness has helped support important work and has strengthened the bonds within our church family. Thank you.

Nelson and the World Mission Team

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

I'm most important because I've known him the longest

But I've given up the most to follow him!
I'm the oldest!



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the foot washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with water and started washing the disciples' feet.

Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



Are you really going to wash my feet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple



Then wash all of me!

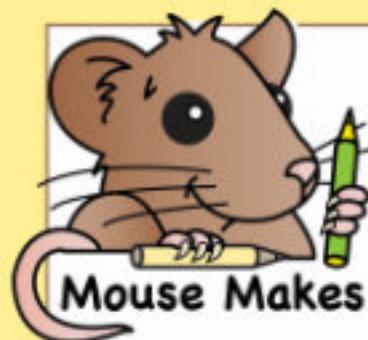
If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



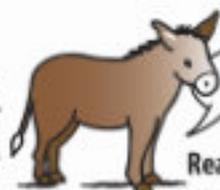
Do you understand why, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.



GOOD NEWS
 HOSANNA
 DEATH Q B V
 V N C O E E U I
 U A H N A A R O
 M I R E V S Y U
 A L I V E T D R
 R I S E N E O K
 Y O T H O R N S
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 R H I Q U A K E
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JESUS • DONKEY • PALMS
 HOSANNA • PILATE • THORNS
 CRUCIFY • NAIL • CROSS
 QUAKE • DEATH • BURY
 TOMB • STONE • EMPTY
 ANGEL • MARY • HEAVEN
 RISEN • ALIVE • GOD
 GOOD NEWS • CHRIST
 SAVIOUR • EASTER • JOY

EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE



I carried Jesus into Jerusalem

Read Matthew 21:1-11



I handed Jesus over to be crucified

Read Matthew 27:11-26



I nailed Jesus to the cross

Read Mark 15:16-32



We watched Jesus die

Read Mark 15:33-41

I laid his body in my tomb



Read Mark 15:42-47



I guarded the tomb

Read Matthew 27:62-66

We saw the empty tomb

Read Matthew 28:1-10



and spoke to the angel

Jesus is alive!
He ate a meal with me!



Read Luke 24:13-35

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!

- 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

COVID MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The second Sunday in May is when the Covid Memorial was dedicated two years ago. This year on Sunday 10th May, after the 11am service, we will again walk round to the memorial and remember the people affected in so many ways by the pandemic. Its impact lingers on today, affecting the lives of young and old. You are invited to bring a flower if you wish on the day to leave beside the memorial.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608



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starts Wednesday 15th April
7-9pm
@Liberton Kirk Centre,
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What's happening to the Kirk roof ?!

It became very apparent in late November, with the event of plaster falling from the kirk ceiling and leaving an unsightly hole, that all was not well with the Kirk roof.

"Bucket management" in the attic space over a number of years has bought time, but a thorough investigation internally and externally has determined that there are a number of areas where the condition of the slate roof and lead valleys are beyond repair and wholesale re-slatting and replacement leadwork is required.

The Presbytery Building Officer has been consulted and has visited twice in recent weeks. The Presbytery advice in this season of Presbytery Plans is to maintain all buildings "wind and water-tight"; and given the overall condition and the knock-on consequence of the plaster ceiling failure it is agreed that the south roof is to be replaced on an "emergency measures" basis.

We apologise for any disruption that you consider is being incurred the coming weeks, but please be assured that the works are very much required and are supervised by the Architect Ian Jameson. The stonework remedials that commenced in October are now complete and Ian was to be tasked with "Phase 3" - namely a review of the roof. Circumstances have accelerated this review, Presbytery are in agreement, and due to the urgency a grant for the work has been applied for.

Dave Storey, SEECoS Buildings Convener

Inviting all men to a **Men's Breakfast**

(hot rolls, pastries, hot/cold drinks)

Saturday 25th April

9.00-10.30am Kirk Centre

£5pp on the day

Sign up sheets on Kirk welcome tables

and café foyer from 10th April

or contact d.k.storey@virginmedia.com

Please sign up by Tuesday 21st April





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10.30 am to 3.30 pm

(SHOW HALL OPENS 11.30 am)



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Diary April 26

Kirkgate Café open throughout the month Monday-Thursday,
9am-2pm, but closed on Easter Monday (6th April),
Evening café open from Tuesday 21st April,
Tuesday 5pm-8pm and Wednesday 6pm-8pm.

- 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
- Mon 6 Liberton Kirk Centre Closed
- Tue 7 9am-5pm *Prayer space* available in Kirk House with a
gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
2.30pm *Service at Liberton Brae Nursing Home*
- Wed 8 7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in Wilson Hall
- Fri 10 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre



- Sun 12** 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: When Jesus Appears
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
- Mon 13 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 2 – 4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
- Tue 14 9am-5pm *Prayer space* available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
- Wed 15 7-9pm *Alpha Course* begins in Kirk House
- Thu 16 2pm-4pm *Senior Citizens' Club* in Anderson Hall
- Fri 17 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Sun 19** 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: Eyes Opened at the Table
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
- Mon 20 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 2 – 4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
- Tue 21 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 Liberton Kirk Finance Committee in Kirk House
- Wed 22 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
 6pm-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
 7-9pm *Alpha Course* in Kirk House

	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise</i> in Wilson Hall
Thu 23	2-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7.30-9pm	Scouts in Recreation Hall
Fri 24	1-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in the Kirk Centre
	5.30-6.30	93 rd B Rainbows in Recreation Hall
Sat 25	9-10.30am	Men's Breakfast in the Foyer
	4pm	Movie & Milkshakes - Family Event in Kirk Centre
Sun 26	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:	Only One True Shepherd
	Preacher:	Elliot Mitchell
	6.30pm	SEECOS Gathering at Liberton Northfield
Mon 27	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	2 – 4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7.30-9pm	Explorers in Recreation Hall
Tues 28	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space</i> available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	<i>Service in Guthrie House Care Home</i>
	5-6pm	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
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Prayer</i> in the Kirk
Wed 29	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers in Anderson Hall
	6.30-8pm	93 rd C Brownies in Small Hall
	6.30-8pm	Cubs in Recreation Hall
	7pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> in Kirk House
	7.30-9pm	93 rd A Guides in Anderson Hall
Thu 30	2 – 4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i> in Anderson Hall
	7pm-9pm	93 rd Guides in Anderson Hall
	7pm	World Mission Team meets in Wilson Hall



South African minister is happy with in the rain in her new Scottish parish



Swapping South Africa for Scotland has not been too much of a challenge for Rev Karlien Becker, who is now six months into her role as parish minister for North Carrick in Ayrshire.

She does not even mind the rain, as she revealed in a recent Church of Scotland Talking Ministry feature.

"I love the green and you don't get that without the rain, so the weather isn't a problem for us," she said.

However, for Mrs Becker it was a visit to another northern European nation – Sweden – which was to sow the seeds which eventually led to her moving to a new continent.

Visiting the Scandinavian nation as a student, she admits that her first trip outside Africa came as a culture shock for the daughter of a minister brought up in a Christian home in a religious country.

"South Africa is a very Christian country and seeing so many people who don't go to church or don't believe was an eye-opener," she said.

"I did question a lot of things after that trip, but then I realised that believing in Jesus is my whole identity. He carries me through my every day."

Mrs Becker, whose engineer husband Hendrick (Hennie) has joined her on her Scottish adventure, went on to be ordained into the Dutch Reformed Church, as did her brother Jan, bringing the number of active ministers in the family up to three, including dad, Jan Senior.

Over the next 13 years she was to work in some widely differing congregations, beginning with a farming community in the town of Melmoth near the city of Durban where she led services not only at an Afrikaans-speaking church, but could also be found preaching to English-speakers and even a Zulu church, with the help of an interpreter.

That was followed by team ministry in the city of Cape Town where Sunday services could attract a congregation of 500, before going back to rural life in the town of Nuwerus in the Western Cape.

This is a community that was experiencing a drought that left many of her congregation too impoverished to come to church so she had to go to them, even if that meant having to travel 120Km (75 miles) on dirt roads.

"A lot of my friends had already come here and I asked Hennie how he would feel

about doing that, so it was in my mind, and it didn't go away," she said.

"Especially having gone to Sweden and growing up in a missionary home, I always had this feeling that a minister is not just called to be a light in their country, but to be a light in the world.

"I realised that there were large parts of the world where people were not going to church anymore and there was a need."

The couple moved to Scotland in the summer of 2024, settling first in Perth before eventually moving to south Ayrshire and the congregations of Maybole and Kirkoswald and Crosshill, now united as North Carrick Parish Church.

It is a busy life with three buildings to look after as well as five schools and two care homes in the parish as well as pastoral visits, but Mrs Becker is adapting well to Scotland – even though she has yet to successfully get Hennie into a kilt.

"We did a lot of travelling and just fell in love with Scotland," she said.

"Everyone asks: 'what about the weather?' Well, I love the green and you don't get that without the rain, so the weather isn't a problem for us.

"I think a lot of people will wonder why I left South Africa because it does have a lot of challenges like poverty and crime and you can do wonderful work there.

"Sometimes, I do wonder myself why Scotland and not South Africa, but I feel called to be here at this time and stage."



You can find more Church of Scotland news on the website at www.churchofscotland.org.uk.

WORLD MISSION TEAM

Thankyou to everyone who attended the Concert on 14th February, promoted by the Lamb family, for the funds of the World Mission Team work, and the Scottish Waldensian Society.

We had an audience of over 80, who we believe much enjoyed the concert and the afternoon tea, which was provided by the World Mission Team, after the performance. A sum of over £1,000 was raised for the beneficiaries.

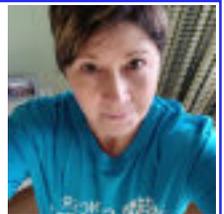
The photo of the concert party here shows Sandy Lamb, Angus Lamb, Archie Lamb, and David Lamb.



Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church family, cafe volunteers, friends and family for there huge support and encouragement in a recent fundraiser for Cancer Research.

I challenged myself along with others on social media to complete 100 squats per day in February. I am very pleased to say I raised well over £1000, hit 3000 squats and as a team raised over £571,000 for Cancer Research. I know we all know someone who is having treatment or has lost loved ones to this horrible disease. Thank you again for all you wonderful support.



Linda Brown



Liberton Kirk Devotions April 26

"In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked. The Lord said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" 2 Samuel 2 verse 1

During 2026 we are looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. So far we have considered some of the things He did and said and how Samuel was influential in his story. We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In April we continue to journey with David, after we pause and celebrate EASTER RESURRECTION!



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.

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.

April Daily Prayers

- Wed 1** **Morning – MARK 15:1-15** – Pause and listen with God this morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our wider SEECOS Church family
Evening – read the words again, reflect, then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 2** **Morning - MARK 15:16-20** - consider these particular words this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on churches across Edinburgh
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect, and then pray.
- Fri 3** **GOOD FRIDAY - Morning – MARK 15:21-41** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this significant morning... then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect, then pray.
- Sat 4** **Morning – MARK 15:42-47** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths afresh - And then pray to this God
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response .
- Sun 5** **EASTER SUNDAY - Morning – MARK 16:1-11** - we take time to consider these words this Easter 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 6** **Morning – MARK 16:12-20** – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular words today...And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Church in Scotland
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray.
- Tues 7** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL chapter 27** – 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.
- Wed 8** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL chapter 28**– Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to prayer
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Church of Scotland
Evening – read the verses again – reflect.. then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 9** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL chapter 29** - 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, and then pray to God.
- Fri 10** **Morning – 1 SAMUEL 30:1-10** – As we pause with God, we take the time to consider these verses ... And then pray in response to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our Church Prayer list
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to God.

- Sat 11 Morning – 1 SAMUEL 30:11-25** – 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 12 Morning – 1 SAMUEL 30:26-31** – we take time with God to consider these wordsAnd then 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 13 Morning – 1 SAMUEL chapter 31** – 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 in response.
- Tues 14 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 1:1-16** – as we pause with God we consider these words from yesteryearand 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 .
- Wed 15 Morning 2 SAMUEL 1:17-27** – 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 16 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 2:1-7**- 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 God.
- Fri 17 Morning 2 SAMUEL 2:8-32** – 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 18 Morning 2 SAMUEL 3:1-5** – as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words - And then pray to our 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 19 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 3:6-21** - 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 20 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 3:22-39** – 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 those waiting a medical appointment
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.

- Tues 21 Morning - 2 SAMUEL chapter 4** - 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
- Wed 22 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 5:1-5** – Pause with God this morning. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to pray to God
 Midday – Pray God’s blessing on those mourning the loss of a loved one
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God.
- Thu 23 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 5:6-16** - 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 someone you spoke with this week
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect, then pray to God.
- Fri 24 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 5:17-25** – As we pause with God, we take the 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, reflect and then pray to God.
- Sat 25 Morning – 2 SAMUEL chapter 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 26 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 7:1-17** - we take time to consider these words this Sunday 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 27 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 7:18-29** – 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 SEECAT group of churches
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect, then pray to God in response.
- Tues 28 Morning – 2 SAMUEL chapter 8** – 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, then pray in response to God.
- Wed 29 Morning – 2 SAMUEL chapter 9** – Pause with God as the day starts. Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then turn to prayer.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on Big Idea group of churches
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 30 Morning – 2 SAMUEL chapter 10** - 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 LLT group of Elders
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

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 April-May

		April	May	June
9.30	1 West	David Lamb	Rosy Carmichael	Christopher McLeod
	2 East	Tom Baxendale	Eric Brown	Christina Young
11.00	1 West	Linda Skinner	Dave Storey	Marie-Louise Robb
	2 East	Chris Brandie	Janice Wilson	Helen Colley
	3 Gallery	Kim Denholm	Netta Rought	Bill Robb
	4 Front gate	Jill Niven	Roslyn Wilson	David Colley
	5 Banker	David Lamb	Rink van Dijke	Stewart Heney

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

Movie & Milkshakes



SATURDAY

Join us for Movie & Milkshakes, we'll provide the popcorn and the shakes you get ready to be entertained.

25th April, 2026
4-6pm
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Kirkgate Café News



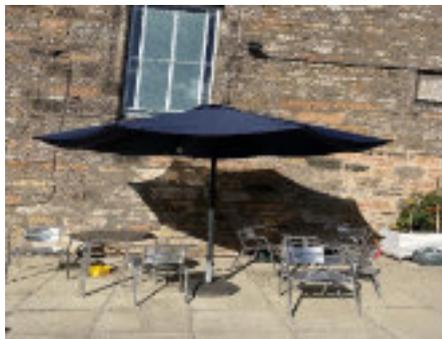
**Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
(last serve at 1.30pm)**

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

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

As the weather gets nicer, we will be reopening our outdoor space. The courtyard is a popular outdoor seating area during the Spring/Summer months as it is a little sun trap.

This is a dog friendly area which can be accessed via the carpark. A great place to drop into when out for a walk or a space to sit in the sun and



catch up with friends.

If the sun isn't for you, we have some lovely new umbrellas for this year so you can enjoy the outdoors while shaded from the sun.

Kirkgate Café needs YOU!!

As the café gets busier, we could do with some extra volunteers on Tuesday lunchtimes. No experience is needed as all you need is a smile and be ready to join a busy but fun team. Volunteering within the café involves many tasks, from serving the customers, preparing food in the kitchen to cleaning the dishes. If you have been thinking about it for a while or it's something that you are now thinking about doing, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jenny on kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net or 07894056216.

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Guild Outing



Our Annual Guild Outing is to the Black Ivory on Saturday 9 May 12 noon to 3 pm to relax and enjoy afternoon tea and fellowship together. See Notice Board for more details.

Moira Cocksedge (Secretary)
Tel. 662 0692

Guild Project News



Bibles for Bairns

Nearly 1600 registrations! Registrations for babies born in 2025 opened at the start of October, and as we began 2026, we had nearly 600 babies signed up to receive their very own Share a Story Bible on their first birthday – an increase on 2023 and 2024. At the moment, our total registrations for all the years are nearly 1600. Registrations for 2025 babies were still open until March 2026.

Third Birthday Celebrations Our first cohort of babies from 2023 is now celebrating their third birthdays and receiving a beautiful set of cards. These have been thoughtfully designed to help the children and their families have fun together while using the same illustrations on the cards to take them back to their stories in the Share a Story Bible, which we hope, by now, is very well used. Our fourth birthday gifts are already in our warehouse. These are two Share a Story Activity Books containing puzzles, stickers and lots of ways to connect with the Bible Stories in their Share a Story Bible, just as the second and third gifts have done.

The Complete Children's Bible This year we will make the decision as to which Bible we will send out to the children on their fifth birthday. We want to give the five year-olds a complete Bible, which they can use for the rest of their lives. Please pray that we make the best choice. As registrations have been coming in over the last few months, we have noticed that more parents and carers are directly registering their babies. Previously, most registrations were from Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, and family friends. This indicates that the news about Bibles for Bairns is becoming more widely known across Scotland. Thank

you for making this happen. Every time you tell a family you know about Bibles for Bairns or ask a local shop or community facility to put up a poster, you are giving someone the opportunity to share bible stories with their child. This can be life changing. We know from recent research that many families in Scotland are happy to share Bible Stories with their children. Bibles for Bairns is a hugely significant way of making that happen.

Church Involvement Church registration online has seen 112 churches across Scotland, register to be a Bibles for Bairns connected church. They are being added to a map on our website so that families receiving their toddler Bible can find a local church if they would like to do so. You can register your church by following this link: <https://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/bibles-for-bairns>

Your partnership matters Your generous support is bringing the love of Jesus into homes across Scotland. Your partnership ensures our ability to continue sending out gifts to the increasing number of babies. If you would like more leaflets and posters or more information, email us at jen.robertson@scottishbiblesociety.org or call us on 0131 337 9701. Bibles for Bairns is a Scottish Bible Society project. Scottish Bible Society, 7 Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5XU. Telephone +44(0)131 337 9701 The above article was sent to the Guild by Catherine Denham.

Let us Build a House

At the beginning of this year we started on our second project, Operation Hope/Egypt - Let us Build a House. The Release International Charity is one of the voices of persecuted Christians across the world. Operation Hope provides families with basic living needs, such as beds, toilet facilities, kitchen appliances, food, and funds to help with construction of their homes. The project also helps families to establish micro-businesses, so they can begin to support themselves, and it provides spiritual care through regular visits and discipleship programmes. The Guild will raise awareness of Release International's work as well as raising vital funds for the Egypt project.

PROJECT TOTALS TO 31 JANUARY 2026

Bear Necessities , Build my Church (Bulgaria)	£34,597.03
Release International, Operation Hope (Egypt).	£31,553.60
Scottish Bible Society , Bibles for Bairns(Scotland)	£42,927.85
Crossreach - Playful Beginnings (Scotland).	£50,521.37

TOTAL. £159,599.85

APRIL GATHERING FOR PRAYER

Speaker – Mike Parker

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peace in the Father's presence*



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STAMP APPEAL – WORLD MISSION TEAM

A big thank you - to all who continue to support the Stamp Appeal. This supports projects in which the Church of Scotland has an interest in developing countries. I hope to take the current collection to the Stamp Depot, in the course of May. For this reason, I would be very glad to have any collections in the next month or so. Donations can be left in the box in the Kirkgate Café, or if desired donors can contact me to make suitable arrangements.

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'Basic respect must always be shown to girls and women', the Moderator tells Holyrood

Mrs Frew was the Time for Reflection leader in the debating chamber in the week before International Women's Day. "

"8 March is International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. And there have been many throughout history, and in the present day.

There is much to celebrate - but there's still work to be done both here in Scotland and worldwide in raising awareness and advancing gender equality.

Be it the gender pay gap, lack of representation in leadership roles, gender-based violence, unequal access to education and opportunities, and, quite simply, in showing basic respect to girls and women.

On Sunday coming, 15 March, we will remember some particular women - it's Mother's Day. In nurseries and primary schools, the length and breadth of the land, cards are being created and presents are being made.

By the weekend, the shops and supermarkets will be filled with cards, gifts and overpriced bouquets in shades of pink. Hotels and restaurants will be fully booked, and there will be an air of expectation and anticipation on the part of both children and mothers.

While the date for International Women's Day is fixed, the date for Mother's Day changes each year. It's all tied in with the timing of Easter. Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, was the day when those working away from home, those in service, were given time off to return home to visit their family and to worship in their mother church, the place where they were nurtured in their faith. I like that wider meaning.

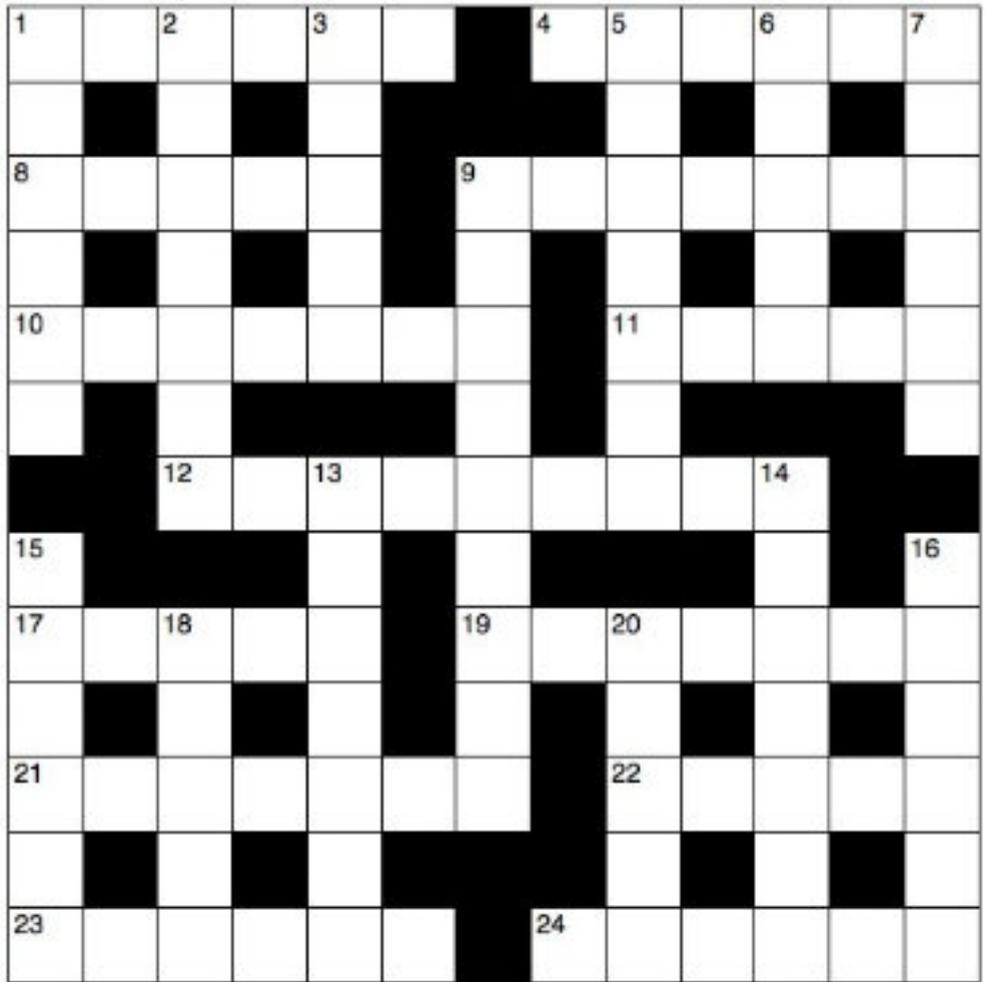
A time to remember those who nurtured us, those who helped mould us into the people we are today – a day to show our appreciation.

So have a think, who are these people for you? The people who nurtured, shaped, and inspired you. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, youth leaders, faith leaders, people in positions of power and influence, neighbours, friends. Remember them, give thanks for them, and show your appreciation. We are now these people in positions of power and influence.

So, think again. Who are those you nurture, those you influence, those you may inspire? What do they see and hear? What should they see and hear?

In this place, at home, in your neighbourhood, your constituency, your local schools, on the telly, on the socials. I'll leave that one with you."

April Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 ‘Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it’ (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah’s message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

The solution to the March Crossword is below.

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

Flower Ministry

<i>Date</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
5 April	Jackie Switzer	Edith Jones
12 April	Jill Snowdon	Former flower convenors
19 April	Mrs Ann Weir	Allison Weir
26 April	Jane Stewart	Margot and David Robertson

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Senior Citizens' Club April 25



Hullo Everyone!

What a super month we have had! We had the **Valentine Colour Show**, which was absolutely fantastic. You can see some of the photos here. One forgets that older people have got so much vitality and they were amazing!



Phyllis, 'Word of Mouth', daughter of Cathy Muir, came with her group to sing for us at the Valentine Colour Show. Everyone loved them.

Congratulation to Susan Wolstencroft celebrating her 85th birthday.

Cammy Mackenzie, minister at SEECOS, has started coming to The Club and we welcome him with a cup of tea (with half a sugar) and open arms. It is wonderful to have a minister's presence again.

Robin Lorraine has been seriously ill for a long time and we hope he is coming back next Thursday. Isn't that wonderful! Welcome back!

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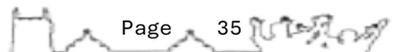
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Change of Address

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



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
- **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

SEECOS	www.seecos.org.uk
Liberton Kirk	www.libertonkirk.net
Church of Scotland	www.churchofscotland.org.uk
Bethany	www.bethanychristiantrust.com
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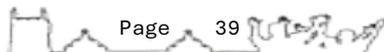
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Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net, 664 2178
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Linda Brown mammab176@gmail.com, 07516 811854, or
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If you would like to join a group (where we meet to grow upwardly, inwardly and outwardly), or want more information, contact:
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