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SEECOS at Liberton Kirk

'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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Daily Devotions
April 26
pages 15-18



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South East Edinburgh
Church of Scotland
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, joining the communities at Liberton Northfield, Gracemount, and Tron Kirk Gilmeron and Moredun which work together as a single parish to serve South East Edinburgh.

Liberton Today

Today Liberton Kirk as part of SEECOS 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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Living the Resurrection Reality - Raising it to the Rooftops



Hi everyone,
It was such a joy and a pleasure to journey with all of you through the Lent and Easter seasons these past weeks. It reminded me of what happens when God's

people come together and bring a collective cheer in response to the Good News of Christ bursting from the tombs of death - showing what new life and new birth through the Messiah can look like for all to witness.

It was also a valuable time on Easter Sunday to express our best wishes and our deep gratitude to Emily on her last working day with us. Her faithful service, creativity and enthusiasm for younger people and families have been a real gift to all of us. Through her energy, kindness, and commitment, she has helped nurture a space where young people are welcomed, known and encouraged to grow in faith and know more about Jesus. We give thanks for all that she has shared with us and we pray that God will continue to guide and bless her in all the amazing things that lie ahead.

If you are like me (or perhaps this might not be on the top of your agenda this summer), I am really looking forward to the spectacle and vibrancy of the FIFA World Cup, which will be appearing on our television screens soon. And - I must admit - I love it when the nations not billed as top performers in a major

international tournament triumph during the competition, and I am captivated when the screams and celebrations of a nation not expected to do so well are heard from the rooftops.

The season of Easter calls for us not to leave the spectacle and joy of Christ's Resurrection back at the doors of the church, but for it to be a lived reality that creates a visible and compelling illustration of what it means to live for Christ so that others might encounter the living Son of God for themselves.

N.T. Wright, prominent Anglican theologian and New Testament scholar, explains what it means to live in the light of the resurrection during this time:

"Our task in the present... is to **live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day**, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second".

And so, may the words from the Apostle Peter become a reminder for us that resurrection and new life are designed and meant to be shown vividly for all to encounter, so that the celebration of that Easter Sunday morning experienced by both those first witnesses and us to the Risen Christ can become a continued and living hope:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy **he has given us new birth into a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **and into an inheritance that can never perish**, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1:3-4)

Elliot

Prayer for May

God in heaven, we exalt You!

You are the shelter we seek each day.

You are the only one who hears our cries from the darkness.

We invite You into our lives and we are filled with joy through Your Light.

With You by our side, the trials of this world, will not hold us down.

In You we put our hope and trust, Amen.



**TODDLERS
LIBERTON
NORTHFIELD**

**FRIDAYS 10-11.30PM
AT LIBERTON NORTHFIELD**

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LAURA@LIBERTONKIRK.NET

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SERVICE OF HEALING

The Balmwell is an ancient site of pilgrimage and healing – it can be found in the grounds of the Toby Carvery, 41 Howden Hall Road, EH16 6PG.

The SEECAT congregations hold an annual service there, just before Pentecost, during which prayers for healing are offered to anyone who wishes to take part.

This year's service is on Saturday 23rd May, at 3pm. Please come along and join in the service, and encourage others to come too.



Seats will be available, and if a lift is required please let us know. The Toby Carvery kindly allow us to use their grounds, and they will be open if you would like refreshments after the service.

Ruth Davies, tel. 664 3608

REMEMBERING THE COVID PANDEMIC

On the second Sunday in May, that's the 10th, we will once again remember the suffering through the Covid pandemic, which for many continued afterwards and is still felt today.

There will be a short time of remembrance at the Memorial just after the 11am service, when there will be a chance for us to leave a flower as we have done in previous years.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel but he was now old. The leaders of the twelve tribes came to talk to him...

We want a king like all the other countries



God told Samuel

It's not you they are rejecting but Me.



If you have a king, he will take your sons to be his army and your daughters to work in his palace.



He will take the best of your land, your crops and your animals



We still want a king.

Samuel sent them home.



I was hoping he would choose me..

Saul and his servant were looking for some donkeys that had run off.



They decided to ask Samuel to ask God where the donkeys were



God told Samuel that Saul was to be the king



Samuel called everyone to a meeting and told them that God had chosen a king.



God told them that Saul was to be their king...



but Saul was hiding.

He's behind the luggage.

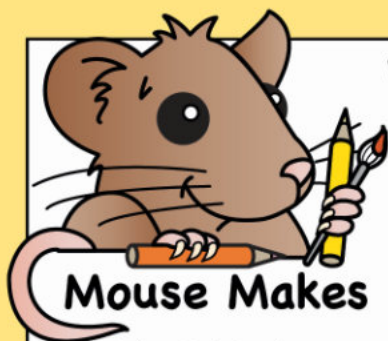


and they found Saul.

The people cheered!



Long live the King!



Mouse Makes

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

_____ *Genesis 1:2*

The

_____ of the Father.

_____ *Acts 1:4*

The Spirit of

A

_____ *Romans 8:15*

H

_____ *John 14:26*

The Spirit of

_____ *John 16:13*

The Spirit of

_____ *Acts 16:7*

The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read
Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER
 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

Sunday Morning Worship in Liberton Kirk

September to June 9.30am and 11am

July and August 10:30am

Elders' Duties May- July

			May	June	July
9.30	1	West	Rosy Carmichael	Christopher McLeod	
	2	East	Eric Brown	Christina Young	
10.30/	1	West	Dave Storey	Marie-Louise Robb	Dave Storey
11.00	2	East	Janice Wilson	Helen Colley	David Lamb
	3	Gallery	Netta Rough	Bill Robb	Claire Mayberry
	4	Front gate	Roslyn Wilson	David Colley	Derek Jardine
	5	Banker	Rink van Dijke	Stewart Heney	David Lamb

Readings/Prayers at Morning Services

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

Care Home Services

We 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). Contact Robert Sneddon for more information. robertsnedden1950@gmail.com

Church Flowers in May

	<i>Donor</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
3 May	Mrs Dorothy Parr	Aileen, Helen and Jim Whyman
10 May	Christine Johnson	dear Auntie Mamie Davie
17 May	Mrs Ann Weir	Hamish Weir
24 May	Mrs Jane Thomson	Isabella and John Watt
31 May	Jill Snowdon	parents John and Jenny Gardiner

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 07823335585

Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2321

SEECOS Preaching Plan for May

During the month of May the SEECOS ministry team will be circulating across the various worship centres and we are all going to do a joint preaching series entitled "Loving Our God, Loving Our Neighbour"

The chosen themes and readings are still to be confirmed by each leader, but the timetable of who will be where each Sunday is below and there will be a joint SEECOS worship at Liberton Kirk on Pentecost Sunday where all the leaders will lead in worship with Rev. Elaine Hogan preaching.

	3 May	10 May	17 May	24 May	31 May
Liberton Kirk	Cammy	Gordon	Elliot	All at LK	Dougie
Liberton Northfield	Dougie	Cammy	Gordon	All at LK	Elliot
Tron Kirk	Elliot	Dougie	Cammy	All at LK	Gordon
Gracemount	Gordon	Elliot	Dougie	All at LK	Cammy

Cammy - Rev Cammy McKenzie, Minister, Tron Kirk and Moredun

Dougie - Douglas Robertson, Church leader Gracemount

Gordon - Gordon Pennykid, Diaconal Minister, Liberton Northfield

Elliot - Elliot Mitchell, Divinity Student, SEECOS Locum at Liberton Kirk

Service times

Liberton Kirk, Kirkgate, Edinburgh, 9.30 and 11am

Liberton Northfield, 280 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh, 11am

Tron Kirk Moredun, 6 Craighour Gardens, Edinburgh, 10.30am

Gracemount, meets in Gracemount Primary School, 11am

45 Gracemount House Dr, Edinburgh

SEECOS Banner Group

This group meets at Liberton Northfield every 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning, 10 - 11.30am, in the church hall. Everyone with an interest in contributing to the design of these hangings, or with a skill for sewing or using a glue gun is welcome to come along.

Marie Sneddon

Diary May 26

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

- Fri 1 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
Evening 93rd B Rainbows
- Sat 2 3-5pm **Messy Church at Tron Kirk Moredun**
- Sun 3 SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB SUNDAY**
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 & Sunday Club)
Theme: Loving our God, Loving our Neighbour 1
Preacher: Cammy Mackenzie
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
- Mon 4 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
1-2pm Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
2-4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
- Tue 5 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*
Evening Squirrels, 93rd Rainbows, Boys' Brigade, 93rd Brownies
- Wed 6 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
Evening Beavers, 93rdA Guides
7-9pm *Alpha Course* in Kirk House
7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in Wilson Hall
- Thu 7 All day Polling Station in Recreation and Small Halls
2pm-4pm *Senior Citizens' Club* in Anderson Hall
Evening 93rd Guides
- Fri 8 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
Evening 93rd B Rainbows
3pm – Saturday 3pm *24-hour prayer at Tron Kirk Moredun*
- Sat 9 9.15-11.30 Big Brekkie for Christian Aid in the Foyer
- CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10TH-16TH MAY**
- Sun 10 COVID MEMORIAL SUNDAY**
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 & Sunday Club)
Theme: Loving our God, Loving our Neighbour 2

Preacher: Gordon Pennykid
 followed by a short time of Remembering at the Covid Memorial
3pm Special Communion in the Anderson Hall
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Mon 11 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 1-2pm Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
 2-4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
 7.30pm Local Leadership Team Meeting in Wilson Hall
 Evening Explorer Scouts

Tue 12 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
 Evening Squirrels, 93rd Rainbows, Boys' Brigade, 93rd Brownies,
 93rd A Brownies

Wed 13 7.30pm SEECOS Kirk Session at the Hub
 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
 11am *Pram Praise* in Small Hall
 Evening Beavers, 93rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93rd A Guides
 7-9pm *Alpha Course* in Kirk House

Thu 14 **ASCENSION DAY**
 2pm-4pm *Senior Citizens' Club*
 Evening 93rd Guides, Scouts

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 15TH-18TH MAY

Fri 15 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
 Evening 93rd B Rainbows

Sun 17 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 & Sunday Club)
Theme: Loving our God, loving our Neighbour 3
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell

2.30pm SEECAT A.G.M. at St. Barnabas' Church
6.30pm Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre

Mon 18 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 1-2pm Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
 2-4pm Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
 Evening Explorer Scouts

Tue 19 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
 Evening Squirrels, 93rd Rainbows, Boys' Brigade, 93rd Brownies,
 93rd A Brownies

Wed 20	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Beavers , 93 rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93 rd A Guides
	7-9pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> in Kirk House
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise</i> in the Wilson Hall
Thu 21	2pm-4pm	<i>Senior Citizens' Club</i>
	Evening	93 rd Guides, Scouts
Fri 22	1-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic</i> in the Kirk Centre
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows
Sat 23	9.30am	Guild Planning Meeting in McDonald Room
	3pm	SEECAT Healing Service at the Balmwell
Sun 24	PENTECOST	
	8am	Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	10.30am	JOINT SEECOS SERVICE in the Kirk and on Zoom
	Theme:	Loving our God, loving our Neighbour 4 Filled with the Spirit, drawn together in Love
	Preacher:	Elaine Hogan
		Service followed by SEECOS Stated Annual Meeting
	6.30pm	Café Church in Liberton Kirk Centre
Mon 25	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	1-2pm	Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
	2-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Explorer Scouts
Tue 26	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 at Guthrie House Care Home</i>
	Evening	Squirrels
	Evening	93 rd Rainbows, Boys' Brigade, 93 rd Brownies, 93 rd A Brownies
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Prayer</i> in the Wilson Hall
Wed 27	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Beavers , 93 rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93 rd A Guides
	7-9pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> in Kirk House
Thu 28	2-4pm	Senior Citizens Club
	Evening	93 rd Guides, Scouts
Fri 29	1-4.30pm	<i>Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre</i>
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows
Sun 31	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 (Crèche and Sunday Club)
	Theme:	Loving our God, loving our Neighbour 5
	Preacher:	Douglas Robertson
	6.30pm	SEECOS Gathering at Liberton Kirk Centre

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026

10 TO 16 MAY

Christian Aid Week this year will take place in the week - 10 to 16 May.

As last year, we will be using the “return-only” envelopes, delivered to a number of areas of the parish, with return places close to the deliveries. It would be a great help to have further volunteers, who are free, to assist with delivering envelopes, in order to increase our coverage.

I would be glad to discuss the task with anyone interested. I emphasise that what is required is simply the delivery of the envelopes, and no house-to-house calls are now made.

In addition **Christian Aid Envelopes** will be available in the Kirk Centre and in the boxes at the gates of the Kirk and the Kirk Centre, for return to the Boxes in the Kirk or to me.

The BIG BREKKIE event is also on Saturday 9 May in the Kirk Café. Further details are opposite and further details can be obtained from Ros Wilson (see opposite).

Please support this year’s efforts.

David Lamb, 36 Liberton Drive, Tel. 0131.664.3059

Email – david@dlamb.co.uk

A powerful history

Christian Aid Week began in 1957 with a small act of generosity, raising £26,000 in its first year. That single week in May sparked a national movement that became central to Christian Aid’s mission.

Decades later, the purpose of Christian Aid Week remains the same – to mobilise the Christian community to take action against poverty and injustice.

This year marks the 69th Christian Aid Week — a rich legacy that has raised millions of pounds to support life-changing work in the world’s most vulnerable communities.

For 69 years, churches have been the beating heart of Christian Aid Week. From organising collections to hosting cream teas, sponsored walks and prayer services, churches across the UK and Ireland have put their faith in action.

Their dedication has raised millions, fuelled campaigns against poverty and injustice and created spaces for communities to come together in hope.

With the support of churches, communities and locally led partners, Christian Aid Week continues to help vulnerable people respond to crisis and build resilience.

Roll up, roll up — breakfast is calling!



Big Brekkie 2026

Grab a roll, have a natter,
help change lives.

Saturday 9th May • 9.15–11.30am
Liberton Kirk Halls

On the menu: bacon, veggie and vegan rolls
tea & coffee

Fancy coming along? Save your spot:

Roslyn: 07772 115 978

roslyn.wilson@blueyonder.co.uk

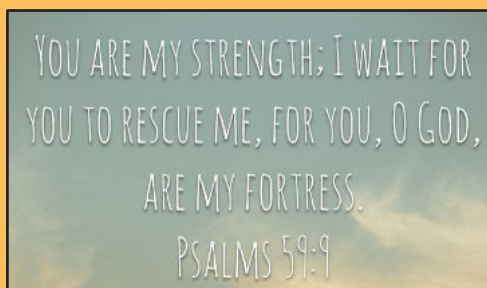
Pay what you can • Bring a friend •
Everyone welcome

Liberton Kirk Devotions May 26

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 journeyed through several of the PSALMS.

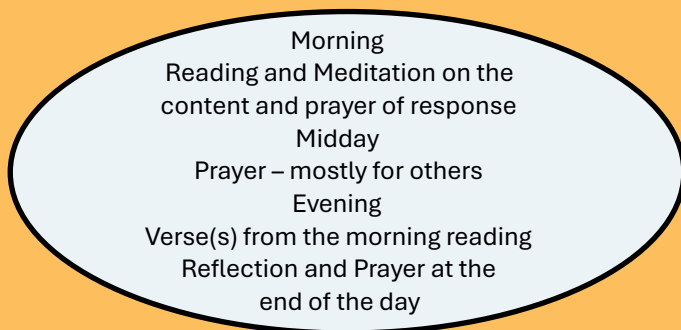
We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.

In May we continue to journey through the PSALMS as we consider the truths behind the words of Psalms 57-87. 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.

May Daily Prayers

- Fri 1** **Morning – PSALM 57** – As we pause with God, we consider these words this morning...
And then pray in response to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our church Prayer List
Evening – read these words again, take time to reflect and pray to this God.
- Sat 2** **Morning – PSALM 58** – 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 to what you read.
- Sun 3** **Morning – PSALM 59** - 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 this God of ours.
- Mon 4** **Morning – PSALM 60** – as we pause with God, take time to consider these particular
words today...And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Afghanistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response.
- Tues 5** **Morning – PSALM 61** – 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 with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.
- Wed 6** **Morning – PSALM 62** – Pause with God this new morning. Prayerfully consider these
words written here...And then turn to prayer
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Pakistand
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 7** **Morning – PSALM 63** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in
prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Kyrgyzstan
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then
pray to this God we believe in.
- Fri 8** **Morning – PSALM 64** – 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 9** **Morning – PSALM 65**– 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 to what you read.
- Sun 10** **Morning – PSALM 66** – we take time with God to consider these particular words on
this Sunday morningAnd 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 11 Morning – PSALM 67** – 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 believers in Iraq
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response.
- Tues 12 Morning – PSALM 68** – as we pause with God we consider these words from Paul
 .and then respond in prayer with Him
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.
- Wed 13 Morning PSALM 69** – 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 Iran
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 14 Morning – PSALM 70-** as we pause with God today, we consider this passage this morning and then respond in prayer to this Jesus.
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Yemen
 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 15 Morning PSALM 71** – 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 Father God.
- Sat 16 Morning PSALM 72** – 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 to what you read.
- Sun 17 Morning – PSALM 73** - 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 this God of ours.
- Mon 18 Morning – PSALM 74** – 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 believers in Saudi Arabia
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response.
- Tues 19 Morning - PSALM 75** - 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 with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.
- Wed 20 Morning – PSALM 76** – 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 North Korea
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God.
- Thu 21 Morning – PSALM 77** - 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 South Korea
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

Fri 22 Morning – PSALM 78 – 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, take time to reflect and pray to Father God.

Sat 23 Morning – PSALM 79 – 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 to what you read.

Sun 24 Morning –PENTECOST SUNDAY - PSALM 80 - 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 this God of ours.

Mon 25 Morning – PSALM 81 – 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 Malaysia
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response.

Tues 26 Morning – PSALM 82 – As we pause with God today we consider the

Midday – take time to listen for God to speak with you – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God.

Wed 27 Morning – PSALM 83 – 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 Sri Lanka
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD our God.

Thu 28 Morning – PSALM 84 - 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 Nigeria
Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray to this God we believe in.

Fri 29 Morning – PSALM 85 – 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 Father God.

Sat 30 Morning – PSALM 86 – 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 to what you read

Sun 31 Morning – PSALM 87 - 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 this God of ours

Kirkgate Café News



**Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
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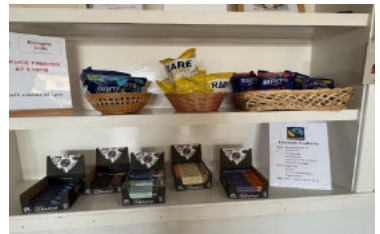
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Iced Coffee

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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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STAMP APPEAL - CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND

The Church of Scotland Stamp appeal has ended in February 2026. This arose from problems at the Church of Scotland in having sufficient resources to administer the appeal. The agents who had processed the stamps for the appeal have agreed to continue with this work, but now for the benefit of Alzheimer Scotland - a very important Scottish Charity, doing excellent work.

I propose to continue with the collection of stamps, as before, with the collections now being used to support this new charity. I hope all who have assisted in the past will be willing to continue. As before, there is a box for stamps in the Kirkgate Cafe (next to the chill cabinet). I would be happy to arrange to collect larger donations and to discuss with anyone who has queries or comments.

David Lamb, 0131-664-3059, david@dlamb.co.uk

Liberton Kirk Eco Group: Faith in Action

Isn't it amazing what a get together and a bit of faith can achieve? This year, under the Eco banner, we have made since October:

49 Fish and Chip jumpers and hats for Kenyan needy babies

Several hats and scarves for the shoebox appeal

9 beautiful toddler cardigans have gone to a nurse in West Lothian who supports new mums who need extra help

2 Twiddlemuffs to calm dementia patients (see pattern suggestions online)

2 boxes of used inkjet cartridges and toners to support St Columba's Hospice Edinburgh

2 pillowcase dresses for children in Africa (pattern and instructions online)

A number of comfort pocket teddies for hospitals and Ambulances.

Thank you to everyone who has donated wool, pillowcases, finished articles and cartridges and hopefully had fun making something to help others. Please, please don't stop.

Dorothy Morrison

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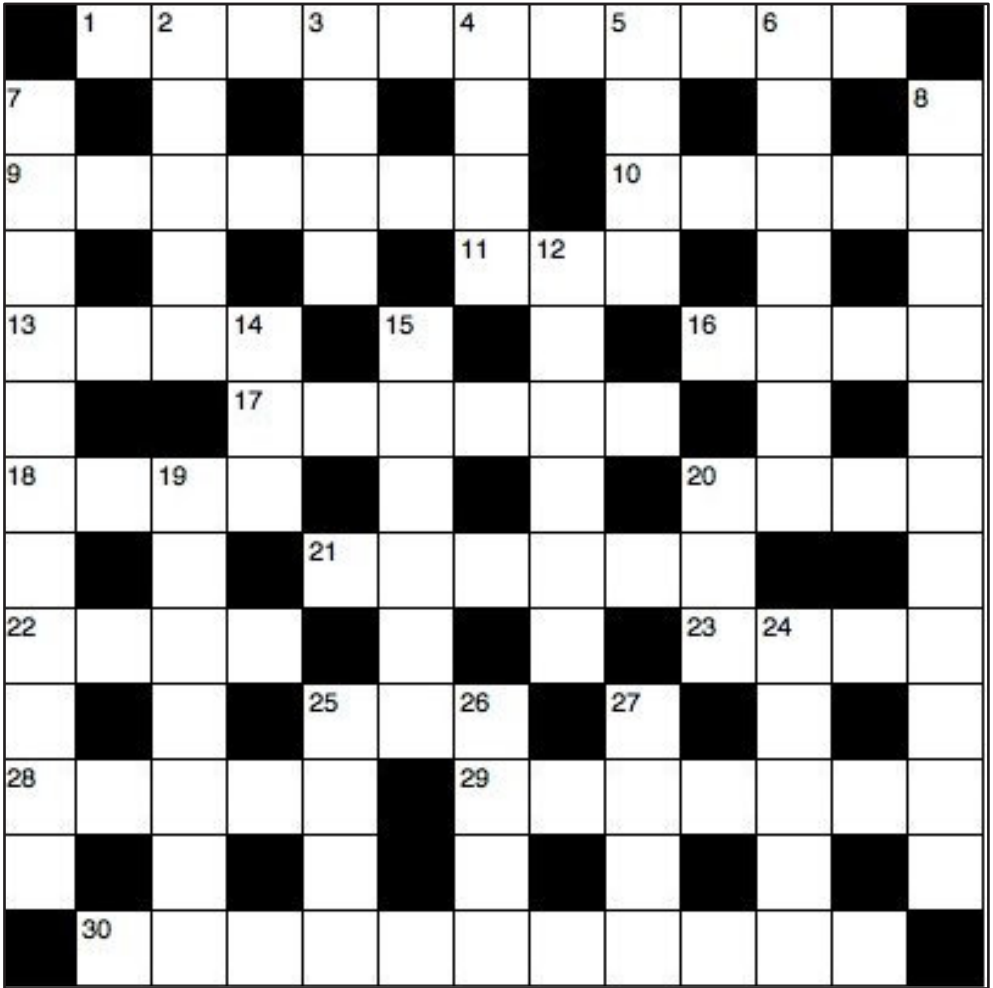
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The Church of Scotland's Parliamentary Office encourages congregations to hold hustings in preparation for the May 26 elections. The northern part of the SEECOS Parish falls in the Edinburgh Southern Constituency. You are invited to attend in the hustings organised by three of our sister congregations in the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

May Crossword



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)

- 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has (anag.) (3)
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, —sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell.
 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.
 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.
 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche.
 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Toastie Tuesday

As we reported in a previous magazine Liberton Northfield hosts Toastie Tuesday, an initiative of SEECOS in partnership with Young Life International, during school term-time. Here is a report written for the Liberton Northfield magazine by a member of their congregation.

We host Toastie Tuesday, a joint initiative of SEECOS in partnership with Young Life International, during school term-time. On Tuesday 31st March we had good Liberton Northfield representation with Margaret on preparation and making the toasties, Sandra on serving toasties, Billy (Sandra's husband) on the clicker for counting the attendance and Gordon and Ian on queue control.

The statistics are amazing; this term (January – March) the number of toasties served per week has ranged from 255 to 301. The lower numbers were during Ramadan.

On the 31st March, 232 pupils from Liberton High School attended and consumed 276 toasties - some pupils purchase two. I've helped at Toastie Tuesday several times and I still don't know how the ladies in the kitchen produce the quantity of toasties that they do!

The following photo (permission granted by all six girls) shows six S1 girls happily eating and chatting on the wall (a handy seat) outside the hall.





Senior Citizens' Club May 26



Hullo Everyone!

Well, after 2 weeks holiday we met again on 16th April. Jane's raffle was as good as in March.

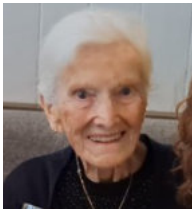


We were very happy to welcome back Robin Lorraine. Robin has been very ill for quite a long time so we enjoyed seeing him back with us.

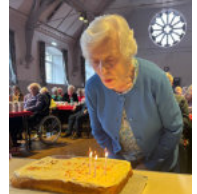
A number of members this past month have had falls, but hopefully we will all be back together again soon.

Bryan, our music co-ordinator, and Helen, part of the hospitality team have had cataract surgery done. So, neither has been at the club for the past wee while. We hope to see them both back with us soon. Will they see us? Let's hope so.

We had a celebration of Millie Hay's 85th birthday.



Now, the talk of the month!! Jessie Burns reached the age of 100 on the 22nd of April. Unfortunately, she couldn't make the club but we all enjoyed her birthday cake!



May Programme

- 7 Kirsty Duncan
- 14 Alan Weatherhead
- 21 Rose McBeath
- 28 Steve + Margo (End party)

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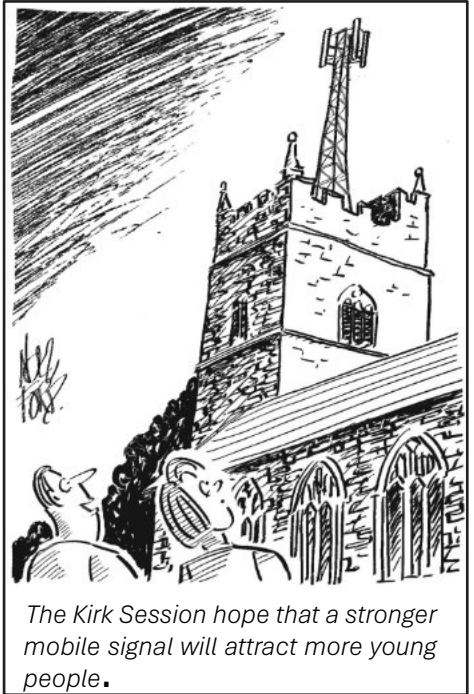
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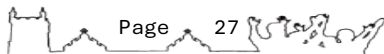
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Moving date

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



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It includes Gracemount, Burdiehouse, Gilmerton, Moredun and the Inch as well as Liberton.

The other congregations within this parish area are:

- **Liberton Northfield**, at the corner of Gilmerton Road and Mount Vernon Road
- **Tron Kirk (Gilmerton & Moredun)** at the Hub, Ravenscroft Street, in Gilmerton and at Craighour Gardens in Moredun
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Except during July/August and for two weeks at Christmas when there is only one morning service, starting at 10:30am. More details can be found on the diary pages.

The services are recorded from time to time for distribution to the housebound. It may be possible to record a service on a one-off basis please contact the Church office.

Useful Websites

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Liberton Kirk	www.libertonkirk.net
Church of Scotland	www.churchofscotland.org.uk
Bethany	www.bethanychristiantrust.com
Fresh Start	www.freshstartweb.org.uk
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