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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
Summer 26
pages 21-30



see+cos
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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Changing Seasons, Common Denominator



Hi everyone,
As we are now firmly footed in the Summer season (even if perhaps the rain outside your window might say otherwise - welcome to

Scotland afterall!) I do hope and pray that this season for you is either an exciting one with any plans you have before you or an opportunity to catch your breath and find some rest.

I have one thing has been on my heart recently that I would like to share with you: I want to talk less about churchy stuff and more about Jesus.

I know it sounds slightly controversial but do hear me out, because it has given me a much greater insight and challenge as to how I live out my own faith every day.

Recently, as I sat in the Public Gallery of this year's General Assembly, witnessing a debate by the Theological Forum and the Faith Action

Programme Leadership Team discussing a report entitled "Church Decline". It became an interesting insight and a lot of contributions were made to the report and the ongoing debate.

Then the Vice Convener stood at the lectern and made a striking statement: "There is one thing that we all share together as we stand in this great Assembly Hall, we all love Jesus".

How often do we prioritize 'churchy stuff' over Christ Himself? How often do we complicate a beautifully simple truth?

Perhaps maybe we could take the chance to make Jesus the starting point of every conversation we have this season?

The church did not come into existence simply by talking about itself, it came into existence because the people who followed Christ went out into the world and told people about the name of Jesus.

Do remember that as we seek to allow God to continue to establish His kingdom in His world, take these words from Christ Himself to your heart:

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:20-21

Christ is our common denominator, even when the seasons have changed. We are all one in Him, even when there can be many things that differentiate us. Let's start sharing the name of the One who craves and desires to unite His people under the King's banner.

Yours in Christ,

Elliot

You can read more about the Report on Church Decline, and on the Apology for Slavery at the General Assembly, on pages 17-20. The Editor

A Prayer for the Summer

Heavenly Father, Saviour Jesus and Holy Spirit,
protect us from our weaknesses
and deliver us from despair.

We look to you in our suffering,
and raise our voices in worship.

All praise is given to your name, amen.



WORD FOR TODAY

The June Word for Today is Matthew 6, 25-34 (Jesus said “I tell you, do not worry”). There is an introduction on the Offering House wall to the left of the red door and then you follow the passage from Matthew’s Gospel on seven boards on the benches around the church building. As well as the words from the Bible there are thoughts and a prayer.

PEACE PATHWAY

In the months of July and August you will be able to walk the “Peace Pathway” once again in our lovely Kirkyard. Leave the pressures of life for half an hour (or more) and enjoy God’s creation and God’s presence in this peaceful place.

If you start at the Offering House at the Main Gate you will be directed on a walk around the outside of the church building. The benches provide a number of stopping points, with Bible quotes and suggestions of something to think about or do for a few moments.

The Kirkyard will be open from 8am to 8pm throughout these two months.



Men's Collective

After Covid it was recognised within Liberton Kirk that there was an appetite for men to socialise in an informal manner with other men and rebuild relationships that had suffered during lockdown. The aim is simple – a place for men from church, café volunteers, friends and neighbours to meet together, enjoy good food and good company.

The Collective first met in 2023 and meets every 2 or 3 months alternating between a 7pm Friday evening event or a 9am Saturday morning breakfast. Curry nights are predominant, but there has also been an Italian evening and a one-off event open to wives and partners for curry and live music from the JABS.

Breakfast's are hot rolls, tea/coffee and pastries. What more does a man need on a Saturday morning? The picture below is from the Breakfast in April.



All men are warmly invited but we do ask that attendees sign up to ensure numbers are known for catering purposes. A big thank you goes out to David Colley for his time in cooking such brilliant food.

Events are usually £5 cash on the day, Friday evenings are Bring Your Own Bottle. Excess funds are regularly donated in support of the Tron Food Bank.

Adverts are posted on notice boards, the Liberton Kirk magazine and all SEECOS worship centre Sunday notices. The next planned event is to be a Friday night curry night in the late summer - look out for information from late August.

First timers will be made most welcome.

Further information available from Dave Storey d.k.storey@virginmedia.com

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..

I will fight the best
soldier in Israel's army
and if I win, you will be
our slaves



David's brothers were in
Israel's army. He came to
bring them food, and he
heard Goliath.



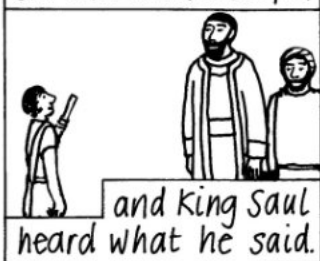
He is insulting God!

David's brothers were not
happy.



You just
came to watch the fight.
Go back to your few sheep.

But David didn't stop..



and King Saul
heard what he said.

We shouldn't be cowards.
I will fight him!



You don't stand a chance.

I have killed lions and bears
with God's help.



Then go ahead.
You can wear my armour.

I can't move with all
this on!



So David took it off.

He took his sling
and chose 5 stones
from the stream bed.



Goliath couldn't believe what he saw.



Do you
think I'm a
dog that
you have
come with
a stick?

I have come to fight you
in the name of the All-
powerful God. The Lord
always wins His battles



As Goliath came forward..

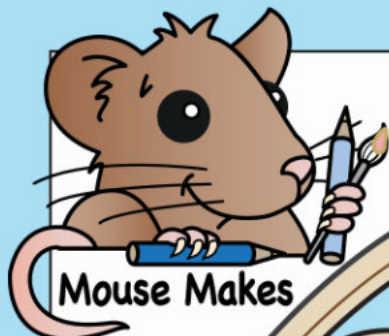
David slung his stone and hit
him on the head.



Goliath fell down dead.

The Philistines ran
away, chased by
Israel's army.








Mouse Makes



"May the grace of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the love of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14



		
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EMMANUEL • MESSIAH
SHEPHERD • LAMB • WAY
TRUTH • LIFE • DOOR
BREAD • WORD • HEALER
VINE • ALPHA • OMEGA

GOD • FATHER

ABBA • LORD • JEHOVAH
YAHWEH • ALMIGHTY
HOLY ONE • SAVIOUR
ETERNAL • CREATOR
KING • MAJESTY • JUDGE
SHIELD • ROCK • I AM

HOLY SPIRIT

GIFT • HELPER • WITNESS
COMFORTER • GUIDE
ADVOCATE • WISDOM
POWER • TRUTH • BREATH
LIFE • ETERNAL • DOVE
WIND • FIRE • TEACHER





The Story of Noah and his Ark

Games, stories, songs, crafts

All Primary school age
(must have already been P1)

Mon- Fri £5/day or £20 week
Sat/Sun Free
@ Liberton Kirk Centre

Registration
online :



27th July - 2nd August 2026

Mon/Fri 9:00 - 12:15 Holiday club

Sat 10:00 - 12:00 Family Film

Sun 10:30- 12:00 Church service/Winners

announced!

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HOSPITALITY CATERING IN LIBERTON KIRK



There has always been hospitality at Liberton Kirk and the occasions that require catering on a big scale are usually about 5 times a year.

In addition, there are extraordinary events such as when a minister or staff member retires or leaves us to further their experience in working life.

All of this requires a small army of volunteers from the congregations in SEECOS and I shall be putting out an appeal for help in the next few weeks for the

congregational lunch on the last Sunday in August. It is also time to form a core team for the planning and coordinating for catering and I will be very pleased to hear from you at that time.

It is a real honour to be part of a wonderful congregation who are so willing to make these occasions run smoothly with lots of good humour and hard work. Such a blessing.

Jill Niven

Volunteers needed

For the Kirk Centre

3 teams covering 1 building

Join a team, or
volunteer for the summer maintenance week
13th-18th July

(what ever time you have available will be appreciated)



Facilities
Holiday
Cover

- open /close halls
- check halls/toilets during bookings

- General cleaning
- Periodic deep cleaning



Housekeeping
Team



DIY
team

- Small DIY jobs

Contact: Jenny,
kcmt@libertonkirk.net

Sunday Morning Worship in Liberton Kirk

June 9.30am and 11am, July and August 10:30am

Elders' Duties June-August

		June	July	August
9.30	1 West	Christopher McLeod		
	2 East	Christina Young		
10.30/	1 West	Marie-Louise Robb	Dave Storey	Roslyn Wilson
11.00	2 East	Helen Colley	David Lamb	Hellen Colley
	3 Gallery	Bill Robb	Claire Mayberry	Kim Denholm
	4 Front gate	David Colley	Derek Jardine	David Colley
	5 Banker	Stewart Heney	David Lamb	Alan Perry

Promotion / Flower Service

On Sunday 21st June members of the congregation along with the children and young people in Sunday Clubs are invited to bring flowers to distribute to church members who are unwell or unable to attend services.

Promotion Sunday will be followed by a congregational picnic in the church garden, to which everyone is invited.

Church Flowers June-August

Donor

In Memory of

June Convener Mrs Brenda Lamb

7 Linda Brown

14 Mrs Helen Colley

21 Mrs Christine Johnson

28 Alex Morrow

Marion & Gordon Reid

Kate Ross

Bill and Winnie Davie

Dr Catherine Strang

July Convener Mrs Helen Sutherland

5 Mrs Shirley Dawson

12 Carol Anderson

19 Mrs Pearl Kelly

26 Kim Denholm

Bill Anderson

Barbara and John Jamieson

August Convener Mrs Katy Harrison

2 Alistair & Douglas Cook

9 Those we lost during Covid

16 Mrs Ann Gruber

Mrs Alaine Cook and Grant Cook

Alastair Walker & Louise Patterson

Flower Convener: Jill Snowdon, 07823335585

Flower Fund Treasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2312

Preaching Plan for June-August

7 June - When God Calls (Communion Sunday)

OT: Genesis 12:1-9. Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, Elliot Mitchell

14 June - Go Forth, Tell & Praise

OT: Psalm 100, Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8, , Elliot Mitchell

21 June - The Cost of Following Christ

OT: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39, Elliot Mitchell

28 June - Grace That Welcomes

NT: Romans 6:12-23, Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42, Elliot Mitchell

5 July - An Invitation from the Throne

NT: Revelation 4:1, 4-9, Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30, Elliot Mitchell

12 July - I am the Bread of Life

OT: Isaiah 55:1-2; John 6:25-35. Jared Hay

19 July - I am the Resurrection and the Life.

Psalm 22:1-8, 22-24, John 11:17-37 - Jared Hay

26th July - I am the true vine

Isaiah 5:1-5, John 15:1-17, Jared Hay and Elliot Mitchell

2nd August - Summer Buzz Service

9th August - The Word Is Near You

NT: Romans 10:5-15, Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33, Elliot Mitchell

16th August - Held Together in Christ

OT: Psalm 133, Gospel: John 17:6-13, , Elliot Mitchell

23rd August - Drawn Out for a Purpose

OT: Exodus 2:1-10, NT: Romans 12:1-8, Elliot Mitchell

30th August - Grace After Failure

OT: Exodus 3:1-15, Gospel: Luke 22:54-62, , Elliot Mitchell

Diary Summer 26

Kirkgate Café open Monday–Thursday, 9am–2pm. Evening opening on Tuesday 5pm–8pm and Wednesday 6pm–8pm, until 17th June.

June

- Mon 1 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
Evening Explorer Scouts
- Tue 2 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 at Liberton Brae Care Home*
Evening Squirrels, 93rd Rainbows, 93rd A Brownies, 93rd Brownies and Boys' Brigade
- Wed 3 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
Evening Beavers, 93rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93rd A Guides
7-9pm *Alpha Course* in Kirk House
7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in the Wilson Hall
7.30pm SEECOS Communications Team in McDonald Room
- Thu 4 Evening 93rd Guides, Scouts
- Fri 5 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
Evening 93rd B Rainbows
- Sat 6 3-5pm Young Life Car Wash in the Car Park
Messy Church at Tron Kirk Moredun
- Sun 7 COMMUNION SUNDAY**
8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
9.30am Shorter Communion Service in the Kirk
10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
11am Communion Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche and Sunday Club)
Theme: When God calls
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell (with Rev. Dr. John Cowie for Communion)
No Evening Worship
- Mon 8 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
Evening Explorer Scouts
- Tue 9 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, 93rd A Brownies, 93rd Brownies and Boys' Brigade
- Wed 10 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 11 Evening 93rd Guides, Rangers
- Fri 12 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
 Evening 93rd B Rainbows
- Sun 14** 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 & Sunday Club)
Theme: Go forth, tell and praise!
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
No Evening Worship
- Mon 15 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 Evening Explorer Scouts
- Tue 16 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, 93rd Brownies, 93rd A Brownies
 7.30pm Finance Team in Kirk House
- Wed 17 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
 Evening Beavers, 93rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93rd A Guides
 7-9pm *Alpha Course* in Kirk House
 7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in Wilson Hall
- Thu 18 Evening 93rd Guides, Scouts
- Fri 19 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
 Evening 93rd B Rainbows
- Sun 21 SUNDAY CLUB PROMOTION & FLOWER SUNDAY**
 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
11am All-age Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell with Laura Storey
 Service followed by family picnic in the Centre Court.
No Evening Worship
- Mon 22 9-12noon Art Group in Recreation Hall
 7.30pm LK Communications Group in McDonald Room
 Evening Explorer Scouts
- Tue 23 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 Brownies
 7.30pm SEECOS Kirk Session at the Hub

- Wed 24 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
 Evening Beavers, Cubs , 93rd A Guides, Scout AGM
- Thu 25 Evening 93rd Guides, Rangers
- Fri 26 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
 Evening 93rd B Rainbows
- Sun 28** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
9.30am Shorter Service in the Kirk
 10.20am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
11am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (Crèche & Sunday Club)
Theme: Grace that welcomes
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
6.30pm Stage'N'Slam Launch Service at Liberton Northfield followed by BBQ

Young Life Stage'N'Slam Arts and Sports Day Club for High School pupils w/c 29th June

- Tue 30 2.30pm *Service at Guthrie House Care Home*
 7.30pm *Gathering for Prayer* in the Kirk

July

Kirkgate Café open 9am–2pm Monday–Thursday, apart from w/c 13th July when the Kirk Centre is closed.

Note: **July & August – all Sunday Morning Services start at 10.30am**
 Crèche and Summer Sunday Club every Sunday except 2nd August when it's the Summer BUZZ Sunday – an All-age Service
 During July & August the *Peace Pathway* is open in the Kirkyard, 8am-8pm
No evening worship during August

- Sun 5** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 (Crèche & Summer Sunday Club)
Theme: An invitation from the throne
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell

Tue 7 2.30pm *Service in Liberton Brae Care Home*

6th-9th July Holiday Club at Tron Kirk Moredun

Fri 10 3pm *24-hour Prayer* at Tron Kirk Moredun (until 3pm Saturday 11th)

- Sun 12** 8am Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Preacher: Rev. Jared Hay

LIBERTON KIRK CENTRE CLOSED 13TH -18TH JULY FOR MAINTENANCE

- Sun 19** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
(with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Preacher: Rev. Jared Hay
- Sat 25 2-4pm Barbecue at Tron Kirk Moredun (tickets £5)
- Sun 26** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
(with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Preacher: Rev. Jared Hay with Elliot Mitchell
- 27th July – 2nd August Summer Buzz for Primary School Children on the story of Noah**
- Tue 28 2.30pm *Service in Guthrie House Care Home*

August

Kirkgate Café open 9am–2pm Monday–Thursday
Evening opening on Tuesday 5pm–8pm and
Wednesday 6pm–8pm from 18 August onwards.

Note: All hall bookings had not been finalised at the time of going to print.
Check the website for up to date information,
No evening worship during August except on Sunday 30 August.

- Sat 1 12.30-2.30 *Summer Buzz Family Picnic*
- Sun 2 SUMMER BUZZ SUNDAY**
8am Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am All-age Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
Theme: The story of Noah
- Tue 4 9am-5pm *Prayer space available in Kirk House with a gathering at 12noon for joint prayer*
2.30pm *Service at Guthrie House Care Home*
- Sun 9** 8am Sunday reflection on Website & Facebook
10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
(with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Theme: The Word is near you
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
- Tues 11 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
- Wed 12 7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in Wilson Hall
- Fri 14 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Sun 16** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Theme: Held together in Christ
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
- Tues 18 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
- Wed 19 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
- Fri 21 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Sun 23** 8am Sunday reflection available on Website & Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
Theme: Drawn out for a purpose
Preacher: Elliot Mitchell
- Tue 25 9am-5pm *Prayer space* available in Kirk House with a
 Gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
 9.30-10.30 Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
 2.30pm *Service in Guthrie House Care Home*
 Evening 93rd Rainbows, 93rd A Brownies, 93rd Brownies
 7.30pm *Gathering for Prayer* in the Wilson Hall
- Wed 26 10-12noon Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
 7.30pm *Gathering for Praise* in Wilson Hall
- Thu 27 Evening Scouts
- Fri 28 1-4.30pm *Warm Hub & IT Clinic* in the Kirk Centre
- Sat 29 t.b.c. Family Event in the Kirk Centre t.b.c.
- Sun 30** 8am Sunday Reflection available on Website and Facebook
 10am Prayer time in the Elders' Room
10.30am Joint SEECOS Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
 (with Crèche and Summer Sunday Club)
 Service followed by Stated Annual Meeting (t.b.c.)
 12.15pm Congregational Lunch in the Kirk Centre
t.b.c. SEECOS Gathering for Worship (t.b.c.)



WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS

Deuteronomy 10:12

The Church of Scotland General Assembly 2026 took place in May as Elliott mentioned in his letter on page 3. On the following pages you can read about two important and challenging reports. For the full reports see the Church of Scotland website.

Report on the Causes of Decline of the Church

This is a summary of the Rev Tommy McNeil's introduction to this report at the 2026 General Assembly. The full text can be found on the Church of Scotland website.

Good News about Jesus Christ continues to change lives. The global Church continues to grow. In the UK, Bible sales are rising, and a renewed interest in spiritual things is drawing younger people into church, many of whom have no previous church experience. So why is it that in recent decades, the Church of Scotland, along with other historic denominations in the UK, has struggled with declining membership and leadership challenges?

In the 1950s our churches were full, when family, community, and culture expected church participation. For at least three generations since then, that norm has declined. The Church has not been inactive: we have tried many commendable things, all undertaken in the hope of turning the tide.

We have reshaped governance, reviewed resources, and adapted to changing circumstances, led by many faithful servants of God seeking to steward well what has been entrusted to the Church. Yet the scale and pace of change since the 1960s have been profound. We are living not simply through an age of change, but a change of age. The report suggests there may be both things to repent of and lament, and signs of God's sovereign work in refining us.

In John 15, Jesus says: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.'

What if, through the mix of our sinfulness and fallibility, and the redeeming nature of God's activity among His people, there is actually greater growth to come after this pruning? What if it does not really matter what size the Church of Scotland is, if only we might be those who bear fruit for our Father's glory, showing ourselves to be Jesus' disciples?

The Church's greatest hope for renewal is the recovery of its identity—not in titles, buildings, or place in the community, but in following Jesus, the One who never changes. Renewal means walking in his ways and speaking about Jesus more than we speak about church.

Abigail was 19 when she began following Jesus through the Faith Action Programme. Asked what led to her faith, she said, 'People in this church just spoke about Jesus a lot.' She now serves in church leadership in Lothian.

Kerry, a mother in Perth facing health and family pressures, heard about Jesus from friends she ran with. She said, 'Why did nobody tell me about Jesus until I was 37?' and now she tells others about him constantly.

Jack, a 17-year-old from Glasgow, was unfamiliar with church until his gran took him. After hearing about Jesus and deciding to follow him at the Magnitude Youth Festival, he began telling his friends about the difference Jesus makes.

Louisa was 14 when she came into our church in Inverness after finding people on TikTok talking about Jesus, which led her to a Bible and then to church. When asked why she had come, she simply said, 'Jesus has saved me, so I know he can save others too.' Her sister and mother are now coming to church as well.

In this generation, as in every generation, transformation happens when the Church speaks of Jesus. These stories come from Church of Scotland congregations, and they remind us that the good news of Jesus Christ continues to change lives.

Jesus Christ continues to change lives. The vision of the Church of Scotland is to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

Our call is for the whole Church of Scotland—every member of this expression of the body of Christ—to tell others how Jesus Christ has been good news for them. In the coming year, the Faith Action Programme Leadership Team will support this through the Good News Collective and other initiatives.

How many more Abigails, Kerrys, Jacks, and Louisas could there be? In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul writes: 'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.'

Our task is not to make the Church grow by our own effort, but to be faithful disciples who make disciples and trust God for the fruit. If the people of the Church of Scotland are encouraged and equipped to share how Jesus has been good news for them, lives will be changed and the Church will be fruitful, whatever size God gives it.

Church of Scotland Apology for Slavery

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland issued a formal apology for its historical complicity in, and benefit from, race-based slavery, particularly in the transatlantic slave trade.

There isn't room here for the full text (which is online), but this is a summary of the Apology followed by responses from three church leaders from Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Ghana and Nigeria.

The Apology acknowledged

- the theological and moral justification once given for slavery by church leaders and members.
- the normalization and perpetuation of slavery by church actions and inactions.
- ongoing benefits derived from slave labor, including wealth used to build churches and universities.
- continued racism and harm to descendants of enslaved people.
- lack of restitution or support for emancipated individuals post-abolition.

The Apology expressed deep grief and sorrow, a commitment to repentance, and a promise to change and bear "fruit worthy of repentance."

The General Assembly Moderator, the Rt Reverend Gordon Kennedy invited responses from three Church leaders who were amongst the representatives of the world church attending the General Assembly.

Mrs Rose Wedderburn (United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands)

Mrs Wedderburn welcomed the apology, noting her own surname's Scottish origins as a legacy of slavery. She praised the clarity and honesty of the report and apology, and made three key observations.

Firstly she commended the acknowledgment of complicity and hoped for true repentance and repair. Then she stressed that dehumanization affects both the oppressed and the oppressor; reparations should restore dignity to all. And thirdly she highlighted the importance of ongoing education, especially among youth, and encouraged continued honest engagement.

An Invitation. She ended by expressing her Church's willingness to host Church of Scotland representatives in Jamaica to further reconciliation.

Rev Dr Victor Okoe Abbey (Presbyterian Church of Ghana, South London)

Dr Abbey was grateful for the apology and the work of the committee. He emphasized that true repentance must be demonstrated by "fruits"—tangible actions, not just words. He went on to share personal and historical reflections on the deep trauma of slavery, referring to sites like Cape Coast Castle in Ghana.

He called for advocacy for fair trade, economic justice, and a break from exploitative international policies. He went on to urge the Church to partner with other denominations and take its advocacy beyond the church into politics and public life.

His Eminence, Dr Ekpenyong Akpanika, Prelate and Moderator Presbyterian Church of Nigeria

Dr Akpanika reflected on the pain and lasting impact of slavery in places like Calabar, Nigeria. He questioned whether slavery has truly ended and sought clarity on the intentions behind the apology. While affirming the importance of confession for forgiveness and healing he stressed that wounds from slavery persist socially, economically, and spiritually. He encouraged the Church of Scotland to move from apology to action, forming partnerships based on equality, shared leadership, and justice. He further hoped the apology would lead to restorative and reparative justice.

A number of key questions were raised here. Has slavery truly ended, or do its legacies persist? What are the tangible intentions and next steps following the apology? How can the apology lead to real change and not just symbolic action?

A start was made when the Church of Scotland General Assembly received the report on its involvement in slavery and adopted the formal apology. Progress will come when the working group established by the General Assembly determines what actionable steps need to be taken to follow up the apology.

What could we do in our congregation? Quite a lot actually.

- Learn about and ensure younger generations discover the legacy of slavery within the Church and in society.
- We can advocate for economic and social justice, including fair trade practices and equitable international policies.
- We can encourage the partnerships between churches in the global north and south based on equality and mutual respect, and find out about the backgrounds of people who come to Scotland and join us in worship.

Apologies involve actions not just words.



Liberton Kirk Devotions Summer 2026

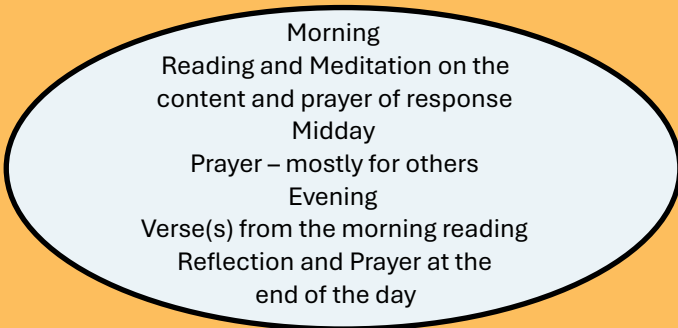
During 2026 we are looking daily at the theme of DAVID – GODLY WARRIOR KING. So far we have considered some of the things he did and said and journeyed through several of the PSALMS.

In June, July and August we continue the journey with David, starting with his most painful and honest time with God, himself and then daily through daily the PSALMS as we consider the truths behind the words. We pause at our times of Midday Devotion to pray for others in our church family, our city and our world.



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 Laura Morgan who can print the daily pattern for you.

June Daily Prayers

- Mon 1 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 11** – as we pause with God, we take time to consider these particular events today.....And then pray in response
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our neighbours
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response
- Tues 2 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 12:1-14** – as we pause with God we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to our God
- Wed 3 Morning – PSALM 51** – Pause and listen with God this morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God of mercy
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our wider SEECOS Church family
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 4 Morning - 2 SAMUEL 12:15-31** - 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 on what is said and then pray.
- Fri 5 Morning – PSALM 51** – As we pause with God, we consider again these honest 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, reflect and pray to this God.
- Sat 6 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 12** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths again - 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 read.
- Sun 7 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 13:1-22** - 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 8 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 13:23-33** – 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 to God in response.
- Tues 9 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 13:34-39** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 10 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 14:1-24** – 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..and then pray to God.

- Thu 11 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 14:25-33** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the Church across the UK
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect on what is said here and then pray God.
- Fri 12 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 15:1-12** – 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, reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 13 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 15:13-37** – 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 14 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 16:1-14** – 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 the verses again...reflect and pray as you begin a new week.
- Mon 15 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 16:15-23** – 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 our friends and colleagues
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response.
- Tues 16 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 17** – as we pause with God we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 17 Morning 2 SAMUEL 18:1-18**– 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 family members
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect.. then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 18 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 18:19-30**- 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 someone we spoke with recently
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then turn to God.
- Fri 19 Morning 2 SAMUEL 18:31-33**– 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, reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 20 Morning 2 SAMUEL 19:1-8** – as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words - And then pray to this God
 Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.

- Sun 21 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 19:9-15** - 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 22 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 19:16-43** – 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 in response.
- Tues 23 Morning - 2 SAMUEL 20** - As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him – asking, seeking, knocking
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 24 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 21:1-14** – 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 those mourning the loss of a loved one
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 25 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 21:15-22** - 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 on all that is said, then pray.
- Fri 26 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 22:1-7** – 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 pray to God.
- Sat 27 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 22:8-16** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray 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 28 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 22:17-31** - 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 29 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 22:32-46**– 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 and then pray to God.
- Tues 30 Morning – 2 SAMUEL 22:47-51** – We consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him –asking, seeking, knocking on Heaven’s door
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak - ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and pray in response to God.

July Daily Prayers

- Wed 1 Morning – PSALM 88** – Pause and listen with God this morning. Consider what is said here... then turn to pray to this God of mercy
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on our wider SEECOS Church family
Evening – read the words again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 2 Morning - PSALM 89:1-18** - 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 Morning – PSALM 89:19-45** – As we pause with God, we consider again these honest words this morning... And then pray in response to this God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on those on our SEECOS Prayer Lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to this God.
- Sat 4 Morning – PSALM 89:46-52** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths again - 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 5 Morning – PSALM 90** - 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 6 Morning – PSALM 91** – 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 political leaders of our world
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response.
- Tues 7 Morning – PSALM 92** – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak– ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 8 Morning – PSALM 93** – 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 situation in Ukraine
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 9 Morning – PSALM 94** - consider this passage this new morning and then respond in prayer to this God, our God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the situation in Iran
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then pray.
- Fri 10 Morning – PSALM 95** – 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 SEECOS Prayer lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 11 Morning – PSALM 96** – 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 – PSALM 97** – 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 the verses again...reflect and pray as we step into a new week
- Mon 13 Morning – PSALM 98** – 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 the situation in Gaza
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God in response.
- Tues 14 Morning – PSALM 99** – as we pause with God we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 15 Morning PSALM 100**– 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 the situation in Myanmar
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 16 Morning – PSALM 101**- 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 the situation in Lebanon
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then pray
- Fri 17 Morning PSALM 102**– 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 18 Morning PSALM 103:1-14** – as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words - And then pray to this God
Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.
- Sun 19 Morning – PSALM 103:15-22** - 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 – PSALM 104** – 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 the situation in Syria
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.
- Tues 21 Morning - PSALM 105:1-22** - As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then we take the time to respond in prayer
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak - ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.

- Wed 22 Morning – PSALM 105:23-45** – 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 members of the United Nations
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God.
- Thu 23 Morning – PSALM 106:1-23** - 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 the work of UNICEF
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect on the words and then pray.
- Fri 24 Morning – PSALM 106:24-48** – 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
 Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to God.
- Sat 25 Morning – PSALM 107:1-22** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray 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 26 Morning – PSALM 107:23-48** - 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 – PSALM 108** – 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 and then pray to God.
- Tues 28 Morning – PSALM 109:1-20** – As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him –asking, seeking, knocking on Heaven’s door
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak – ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- . Wed 29 Morning – PSALM 109:21-31** – Pause with God this morning.
 Prayerfully consider these words written here...And then pray to God
 Midday – We pray God’s blessing on the work of Christian Aid in our world
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to God
- Thu 30 Morning – PSALM 110** - 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 the work of Red Cross in our world
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect on all that is said here and then pray God
- Fri 31 Morning – PSALM 111** – 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
 Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God

August Daily Prayers

- Sat 1** **Morning – PSALM 112** – as we pause with Jesus we take time to consider these words and truths again - 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 2** **Morning – PSALM 113** - 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 3** **Morning – PSALM 114** – 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 China
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.**Tues 4**
Morning – PSALM 115 – as we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer with Him
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak– ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 5** **Morning – PSALM 116** – 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 India
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 6** **Morning – PSALM 117** - 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 Syria
Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then pray.
- Fri 7** **Morning – PSALM 118:1-16** – 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 SEECOS Prayer lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God.
- Sat 8** **Morning – PSALM 118:17-29** – 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 9** **Morning – PSALM 119:1-8** – we take time with God to consider these words on this Sunday morningAnd then we pray to Father God in response.
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 10** **Morning – PSALM 119:9-16** – 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 Lebanon
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.

- Tues 11 Morning – PSALM 119:17-24** – as we pause with God we consider these words and eventsand then respond in prayer with Him
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak– ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 12 Morning PSALM 119:25-32**– 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 Yemen
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 13 Morning – PSALM 119:33-40**- 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 Iraq
 Evening – read the set verses again – reflect and then turn to pray God.
- Fri 14 Morning PSALM 119:41-48**– 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
 Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God.
- Sat 15 Morning PSALM 119:49-56** – as we pause with Jesus, we take time to consider these words - And then pray to this God
 Midday – pray the words of the Lord’s Prayer as your own prayer today
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and pray in response.
- Sun 16 Morning – PSALM 119:57-64** - 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 17 Morning – PSALM 119:65-72** – 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 Oman
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.
- Tues 18 Morning - PSALM 119:73-80** - As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then we take the time to respond in prayer
 Midday – take time to listen for God to speak– ask, seek, knock – hear!
 Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God.
- Wed 19 Morning – PSALM 119:81-88** – 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 Qatar
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect..and then pray to the LORD God.
- Thu 20 Morning – PSALM 119:89-96** - 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 Saudi Arabia
 Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray God.
- Fri 21 Morning – PSALM 119:97-104** – 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God.

- Sat 22 Morning – PSALM 119:105** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider this oneverse and these significant words - And then pray 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 23 Morning – PSALM 119:105-112** - 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 24 Morning – PSALM 119:113-120** – 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 Afghanistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to God.
- Tues 25 Morning – PSALM 119:121-128** – As we pause with God today we consider these truthsand then respond in prayer
Midday – take time to listen for God to speak– ask, seek, knock – hear!
Evening – read the words again – reflect and then pray in response to God
- Wed 26 Morning – PSALM 119:129-136** – Pause with God this morning.
Prayerfully consider these words written here...then turn to pray to God
Midday – We pray God’s blessing on believers in Pakistan
Evening – read the verses again – reflect..then pray to the LORD our God
- Thu 27 Morning – PSALM 119:137-144** - 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 Egypt
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray God
- Fri 28 Morning – PSALM 119:145-152** – 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 SEECOS Prayer Lists
Evening – read these words again, reflect and pray to Father God
- Sat 29 Morning – PSALM 119:153-160** – as we pause with Jesus, we consider these words - And then pray 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 30 Morning – PSALM 119:161-168** - 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 31 Morning – PSALM 119:169-176** – 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 staff members of OPEN DOORS
Evening – read the verses again – reflect and then pray to this God in response

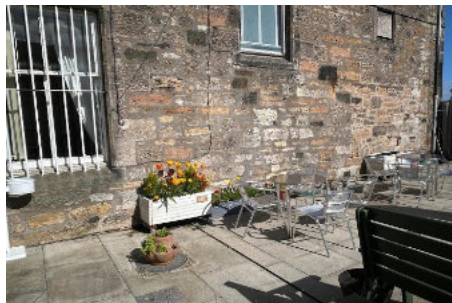
Kirkgate Café News



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

Evening Café Tuesday 5pm – 8pm and Wednesday 6pm – 8pm

Summer has arrived, let's hope the weather remembers it is Summer too. The courtyard is my favourite place during the summer months as it is a little sun trap and a dog friendly area. It is a great place to stop off when out for a walk or a space in the sun to catch up with friends. It is easily accessed via the carpark with a dog or the side entrance from the Kirk centre main corridor.



This June I will have completed four years as Kirkgate café's manager. In some ways it has gone so quickly and in other ways I can't remember life before. I love being part of the team that helps to run the café daily and enjoy getting to the know the customers. It is an honour to manage and be part of our volunteers who are the most dedicated bunch of people.

The best part for me is that Kirkgate café is such a community café. Most of our regular customers are from the local community bringing people together. It is a friendly warm safe place, and the door is open to everyone. When out and about many people refer to me as "Café Jenny" which is a real honour as being the café manager is more than just a job to me.

Dates for the diary

Evening café closes for the Summer on Wednesday 17th June and reopens on Tuesday 18th August.

The café will be closed for one week during the Summer to allow the volunteers to have a well-earned break and maintenance to happen in the centre. Closing Monday 13th July and reopening Monday 20th July. Remember to follow us on Facebook @kirkgate café

Best Wishes, Jenny Thomasi, Kirkgate Café Manager
Email: kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net, Phone: 07894056216



Senior Citizens' Article – Summer edition

Hullo Everyone!

Once again, we had had a very exciting month.

We had a very precious Senior Citizen's Church Service. Many of our members attended and Cammy Mackenzie gave a wonderful sermon and talk about the Club. Laura made a very moving video of our club in action to the background for 'you are my sunshine.' I don't think we'll ever forget it!

Then came Poling Day! What an unusual day that was for the Club members. We had Kirsty Duncan for the first half and then it was tea-time. We showed everyone the in the club the video after tea. We played it three times! Everyone was able to see themselves. It was fun. Then, in came Ian Murray and



Daniel Johnson, plus guitar, and a number of their staff. Daniel and Bryan even played a few songs together. Ian played the pan lid and spoon, beautifully before upgrading to a tambourine.

As the Senior Citizen's Club ends for the summer at the end of May, we have lots of birthdays to report before returning on



3 September 2026 (see website for programme).

Birthdays over the Summer

May

65 Trisha Sutherland

102! Ina Telfer – What an amazing lady!!

June

5 Sylvia (Margot's Dog)

80 Sue Gunn

80 Els Sterling

85 Christina Gribble

85 Mary McIntosh

July

80 Doreen Hinks

97 Joan McLennan

August

70 Cath Harper

85 Betty Thomson

95 Julia Armstrong

97 Anne Elder

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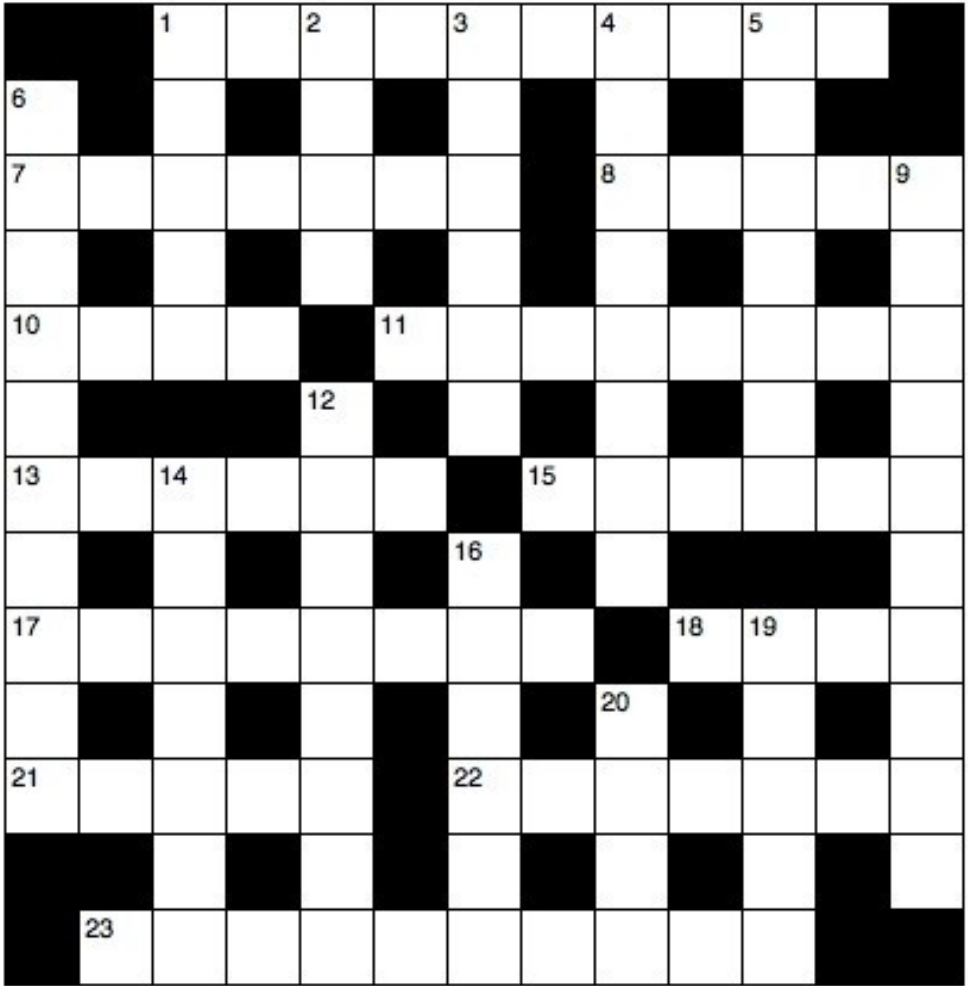


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Summer Crossword



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)

- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

May Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.



WORLD MISSION TEAM CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026

This year Christian Aid Week ended on 16 May, the day before the deadline for the magazine. I am glad to give a report on this year's efforts so far. There may be further donations to be received in the next week or so, and a further report will

be made on the final total

Donations -	At the Big Brekkie Event	1,001
	Given in Return envelopes	2,170
	Total	3,171

In addition, a large proportion of the Return Envelopes donations included Gift Aid Declarations. From these, there should be recoverable from HMRC, in the hands of Christian Aid, a further significant sum.

Overall, this is very slightly higher than the total received in Christian Aid Week, 2025, and so is indeed a very good result in the present economic circumstances.

A big thank you is sent to all who took part – to the organisers and helpers at the Big Brekkie, to all who assisted with delivery of envelopes, and receiving filled envelopes, and to all who contributed in any way. Watch out for the next event in May 2027 !

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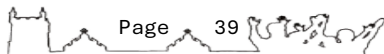
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Name (s)

OLD Address

NEW Address

NEW Telephone

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.

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Please note that there is a letterbox at the Office door,

Sunday Services : 9.30am, 11am & 6.30pm

Except during July/August and for two weeks at Christmas when there is only one morning service, starting at 10:30am. More details can be found on the diary pages.

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

Useful Websites

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