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

Vision Statement

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South East Edinburgh
Church of Scotland
with Jesus at our heart

Daily Devotions
October
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Liberton Kirk

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

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.

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A letter from our Interim Moderator - the Reverend Douglas Nicol



Dear Friends,
It was in the Spring of this year that I accepted the responsibility of being Interim Moderator in the

current vacancy at the congregation of South East Edinburgh Church of Scotland – now abbreviated to SEECoS.

Over the months since then I have

- greatly enjoyed meeting colleagues in the full-time team, including Elliot, your Locum until recently
- appreciated a tour of the vast SEECoS parish from Margaret Padfield, Session Clerk of the SEECoS congregation
- visited all the buildings including Liberton Kirk and the Church Centre
- enjoyed the bacon rolls served in the Liberton Kirk café!

I can sense the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and do so confident that the commitment that has enabled the Christian faith to flourish in our area since the 12th Century will not be lacking in our generation. When we consider the challenges faced – and overcome – by our forebears it is our responsibility to rise to new ones today.

I had two clear objectives in mind at the start of my time as Interim Moderator:

The first was to develop the governance of the congregation to ensure it aligned with the Basis of Union that was agreed by all the congregations who are now part of SEECoS.

The second objective was to ensure that the Transition Minister appointment was progressed.

'I press on towards the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 3: 14)

I'm pleased to report that when the Kirk Session met on the 15th September it had the membership as agreed in the Basis, and that very soon the Transition Minister appointment will be advertised on the Church of Scotland website.

We are now in the period of waiting for the Transition Minister appointment to be made ... but that does mean we have nothing to do! Apart from ensuring that the life and work of our worshipping community is maintained I offer four thoughts:

Firstly, please pray that God will guide the right person to apply for the post.

Secondly, if we know ministers who we think might be suitable, encourage them to prayerfully consider applying.

Thirdly, let's talk positively about our congregation ... expressions such as 'we're turning the corner' and 'we're looking to the future' are all encouraging ones to use.

Fourthly, let's enjoy fellowship and worship together over the coming Christmas Season!

I'm looking forward to leading some of the services in Liberton Kirk until Christmas, and I'll look forward to meeting many of you then.

With warm good wishes,

Douglas Nicol



Prayer for October

*Lord of heaven, exalted King,
We are nothing without you.
We call to you in our darkness,
Turn around the distress in our
lives,
Bring dancing and joy into our
hearts,
So that each day we sing to your
name.
Amen.*

60 Years On

The devastating damage caused recently in Nepal and Tibet brings to mind a tragedy which took place much closer to home. On 21st October 1966 the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery slag heap collapsed, releasing a torrent of slurry onto the village. It engulfed a number of houses and Pantglas Junior School, killing 116 children and 28 adults. It was a disaster that shocked everyone. As we reflect on it today, we are left asking the question, 'where was God when this happened?'

At the time there was a mixture of strong emotions: grief and sadness over the loss of those who had died, and anger against the Coal Board in allowing the disaster. However, people gave their energy to support each another. A local Baptist Minister, Revd Kenneth Hayes, who lost his eldest son at the school, responded in this way: 'For 36 hours he was working non-stop either at the school, or going around comforting bereaved and stricken families and kept open house for many who came seeking news and comfort.'

How should we respond to such an incident? 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?' (Romans 8:35). Paul reminds us that even in our darkest times of loss, God is with us to bring comfort. 'Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.' (34). Paul also tells us that Jesus understands our suffering and is praying for us. 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' (31). We can let go of bitterness and blame, because God is a God of justice.

King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) marking the 50th anniversary sums up the community's response: 'darkest sorrow, but also the most shining selflessness.'

The Guild

Monday 5 October at 7.00 pm

The opening meeting of the 26/27 Session takes the form of a Dedication Service led by the Rev Sam Torrens in Liberton Kirk. It will be followed by light refreshments the Church Café opposite. All are welcome.

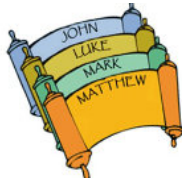
Wednesday 14 October at 2.00 pm - (in the small hall)



Charlotte Steele will talk to us about Richmond's Hope, a charity begun in an Edinburgh church which provides support for children and young people aged 4-18 years who have been bereaved. The charity provides a safe space for children to work through their grief both verbally and non verbally, to preserve memories of the person who has died, to explore their feelings, to

develop coping strategies and to understand the impact the bereavement has had on their lives. All welcome.

Monday 19 October at 7.00 pm - (in the Anderson Hall)



The Reverend David Hogg will take us '*Cruising though the Gospels*'

This is "Bring a Friend" evening and all are welcome to come along

Unfortunately the historical walk led by Ruth Davies on Saturday 19th September took place after the latest date for submission of entries for the October Magazine. A report on the walk will have to wait until the November Edition!

The Guild Convener, Gladys Montgomery, and the Guild Committee extend a warm welcome to you to join the Guild this session. There is a suggested donation of £4 per meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Moiria Cocksedge

The **Church of Scotland Guild** is a movement within the Church of Scotland open to both women and men. The Guild session at Liberton Kirk begins in October and finishes at the end of March. We meet at 7.00 pm on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Anderson Hall and at 2.00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Small Hall, apart from January, when there is only one Monday and one Wednesday meeting.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always
ready for his return at the end of time
by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



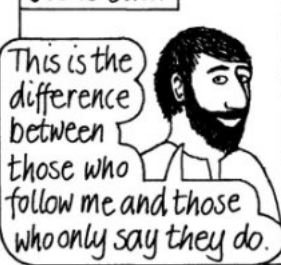
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.

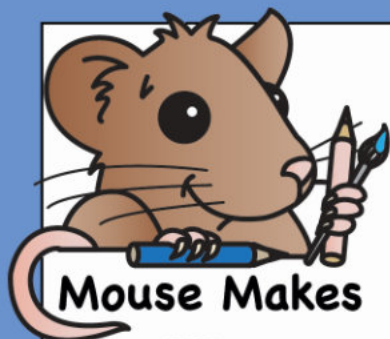


Then his master came back



Jesus said





The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2



3

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

5

6

7

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

9

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11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13

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7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?



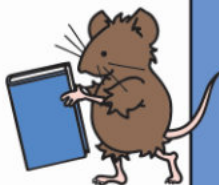
12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

of God.
Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



Boys' Brigade



The Boys' Brigade meet in Liberton Kirk Halls on Tuesday evenings from 6.15-7.30 for age 4-10 and 7.30-9pm for ages 10-18.



We are a Christian youth organisation who include devotions every week as well as other activities such as crafts, games and badgework (learning activities).



Our company was founded more than 100 years ago and we have a longstanding connection with Liberton Kirk (jointly with Mayfield Salisbury)



It would be our pleasure to welcome any new boys along to learn about the Gospel and enjoy fun and fellowship.

For more information please contact Heather Chambers (chambers1211@hotmail.co.uk) or come along any Tuesday.



Bruce Davies Concert Saturday 21st November at 2.30 pm in the Kirk Centre

Although last year was intended to be Bruce's farewell concert he has decided to keep going a bit longer so, like all good performers, this can be called his 'Come Back Tour! We are delighted he wishes to return to Liberton Kirk. Please put the date in your diary and more information will follow in the November edition of the Kirk magazine.

Mary Davidson (on behalf of the World Mission Team)



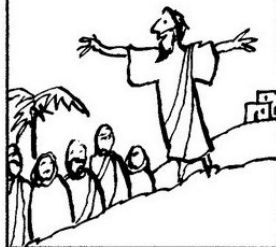
Volunteers needed

No experience is needed, all you need is a smile and be ready to join a busy but fun team. Volunteering within the café involves a variety of jobs, from serving the customers, preparing food in the kitchen, to cleaning the dishes. If you have been thinking about it for a while or its something that you are now thinking about doing, email Jenny at kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net.



The
Tale of
The Friend
at
Midnight

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD
RUN OUT OF BREAD...



EVEN THOUGH IT WAS
MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S
HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE
DOOR - LOUDLY!



PLEASE WILL YOU LEND
ME THREE LOAVES?

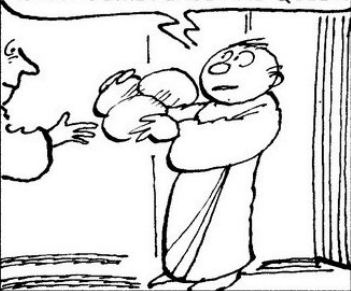


GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!



OH GO ON... PLEASE I
REALLY DO NEED SOME!

ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M
ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I
WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE
NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE
HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN
KEPT ASKING'

'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK
TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR
OUR PRAYERS'.





Liberton Kirk Gardening Team

As autumn approaches the Gardening Team are still working away on various tasks around our gardens and grounds.

We are mainly dealing with care and maintenance jobs just now. These include clearing the raised beds where the vegetables and strawberries were grown, tidying the flower beds. Thoughts are also being given as to what plants should be grown next year.

The leaves have been coming off the trees earlier this year because of the summer dry spell and now they are falling as they should for this time of year. They have to be cleared from the footpaths and car park as they pose a risk underfoot especially when wet.

**You don't need
green fingers
to help!**

The team generally meet on a Tuesday morning but some of our members come at other times of the week to water the plants, paint the wooden benches, construct new raised beds, trim the hedges and cut the grass.

There are lots of other jobs to be carried out, so if you feel like joining us, just get in touch.

You can contact me by email via :-

facilities@libertonkirk.net

Alasdair Niven

**Meet in the café, Tuesday
9am if you want to join us.**

Church Flower Dedications in October

Donor

4	Mrs Joan Lynch
11	Mrs Jane Robertson
18	Mrs Sheila McBryde
25	Jean Wilson

In Memory of

Alice and Jim Robbie
Alice May Michel
Violet Campbell
Minnie Brown

Flower Convenor: Jill Snowdon, 07823335585
FlowerFundTreasurer: Kim Denholm, 0131 258 2312

Pram Praise

SONGS, BIBLE STORY, PRAYER CRAFT AND SHAKERS
JUST 20 MINS

For under 3s and their carers

Wed 9th September

Wed 14th October

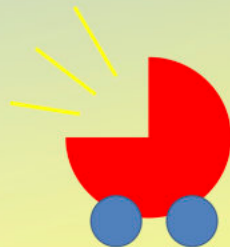
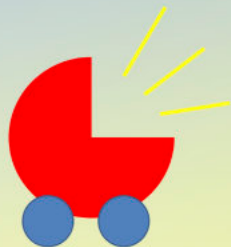
Wed 11th November

Wed 9th December

11am, the Small Hall

Liberton Kirk Centre

for info contact laura@libertonkirk.net



Sunday Morning Worship in Liberton Kirk

Elders' Duties for October and November

		October	November
9.30	1 West	Christopher McLeod	David Lamb
	2 East	Christina Young	Rosy Carmichael
11.00	1 West	Linda Skinner	Marie-Louise Robb
	2 East	Janice Wilson	Claire Mayberry
	3 Gallery	Netta Rough	Bill Robb
	4 Front gate	Chris Brandie	Derek Jardine
	5 Banker	Stewart Heney	David Lamb

NEW MEMBER

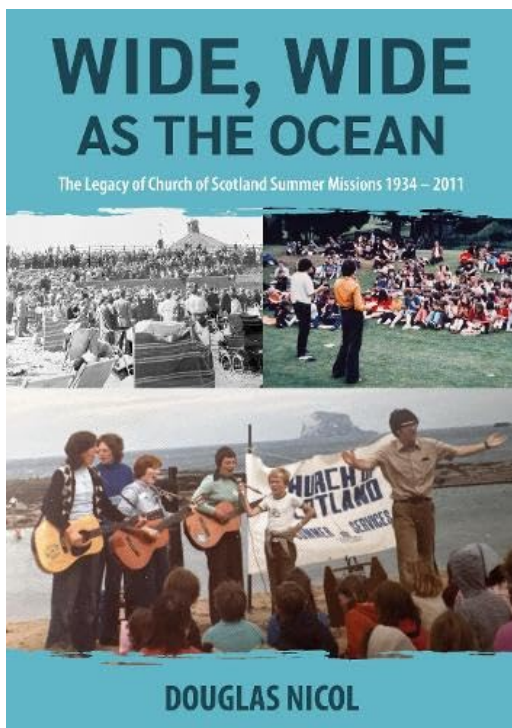
Mrs Lorna Martin



The Reverend Douglas Nicol recently published his book 'Wide, Wide as the Ocean', which details the legacy of the Church of Scotland's summer missions from 1934 to 2011.

These summer campaigns mobilised large numbers of volunteers, students, and ministers to run outreach programs, beach missions, and youth events across Scotland, often at resorts where families were on holiday.

Published by the Handsell Press the book will be available from booksellers and online stores soon.



Can you help?

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

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

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

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

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

October Diary

Kirkgate Café open throughout the month
Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm, Tuesday 5pm-8pm
and Wednesday 6pm-8pm.
with the exception of 13 and 14 October

Thu 1	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club in the Anderson Hall
	Evening	93 rd Guides, Scouts
Fri 2	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows
Sat 3	3-5pm	<i>Messy Church</i> at Tron Kirk Moredun

Sun 4 COMMUNION SUNDAY

8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook	
9.30am	Shorter Service	
	Preacher: Stephen Manners	
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom	
	(with Crèche and Sunday Club)	
Mon 5	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	12.30-2pm	Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
	2-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Guild Dedication Service in Church
	Evening	Explorer Scouts
Tue 6	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space available in Kirk House</i> with a Gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	<i>Service in Liberton Brae Care Home</i>
	Evening	Squirrels, 93 rd Rainbows, 93 rd A Brownies, 93 rd Brownies, Boys Brigade
	8.15pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 7	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Beavers, 93 rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93 rd A Guides
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise in the Kirk</i>
	7.30-9pm	Discipleship Course 1 in Wilson Hall
Thu 8	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club in the Anderson Hall
	Evening	93 rd Guides, Scouts, Rangers
Fri 9	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows

Sun 11	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service
		Preacher: John Cowie
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
		(with Crèche and Sunday Club)
Mon 12	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	12.30-2pm	Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
	2-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
Tue 13	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space available in Kirk House with a</i>
		Gathering at 12 noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	8.15pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 14	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	11am	<i>Pram Praise</i> in the Small Hall
	2pm	Guild meets in Small Hall
	7.30-9pm	Discipleship Course 2 in Wilson Hall
Thu 15	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club in the Anderson Hall
Fri 16	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in the Kirk Centre

Sun 18	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service
		Preacher - Elaine Hogan
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom
		(with Crèche and Sunday Club)
Mon 19	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	12.30-2pm	Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
	2-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	7pm	Guild meets in Anderson Hall
Tue 20	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space available in Kirk House with a</i>
		Gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	Evening	Squirrels, 93 rd Rainbows, 93 rd A Brownies, 93 rd Brownies, Boys Brigade
	8.15pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 21	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Beavers, 93 rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93 rd A Guides
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Praise in the Kirk</i>

	7.30-9pm	Discipleship Course 3 in Wilson Hall
Thu 22	2-4pm	Senior Citizens/ Club in Anderson Hall
	Evening	93 rd Guides
Fri 23	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in Liberton Kirk Centre
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows
Sun 25	8am	Sunday reflection on Website and Facebook
	9.30am	Shorter Service
		Preacher: Douglas Nicol
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room
	11am	Service in the Kirk and on Zoom (with Crèche)
	12noon	SUNDAY CLUB OPEN DAY
	6.30pm	SEECOS Gathering for Worship at Gilmerton ubHHHub
		(Refreshments 6.30pm, Worship 7pm)
Mon 26	9-12noon	Art Group in Recreation Hall
	12.30-2pm	Ladies' Pickleball in Recreation Hall
	2-4pm	Ladies' Badminton in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Explorer Scouts
Tue 27	9am-5pm	<i>Prayer space available in Kirk House with a</i> Gathering at 12noon for joint prayer
	9.30-10.30	Staff Team Meeting in McDonald Room
	2.30pm	<i>Service in Guthrie House Care Home</i>
	Evening	Squirrels, 93 rd Rainbows, 93 rd A Brownies, 93 rd Brownies, Boys Brigade
	7.30pm	<i>Gathering for Prayer in Wilson Hall</i>
	7.30pm	SEECOS Kirk Session (date and venue t.b.c.)
	8.15pm	Scottish Country Dancing in Anderson Hall
Wed 28	10-12noon	Toddler Group in Recreation Hall
	Evening	Beavers, 93 rd C Brownies, Cubs, 93 rd A Guides
	7.30-9pm	Discipleship Course 4 in Wilson Hall
Thu 29	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Club
	Evening	93 rd Guides, Scouts
Fri 30	1-4.30pm	Warm Hub & IT Clinic in Liberton Kirk Centre
	Evening	93 rd B Rainbows
Sat 31	10am	SEECAT Big Read at St. Barnabas' Church
	pm (t.b.c.)	Family Event in Liberton Kirk Centre
	10.20am	Prayer time in the Elders' Room

Blythswood Shoe Boxes 2026



Christian care for
body and soul

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, and the preparation of the shoe boxes. We are confident that, as in previous years, we will have a great response from everyone.

Each person who receives a box filled with gifts feels very special, and knows that someone filled it with gifts (including a hat and scarf, toothpaste and toothbrush, a small toy and some soap) which bring sunshine, laughter and colour into the children's lives.

The shoe boxes will be given to families who have to make a choice between buying either food or fuel at Christmas, and where buying presents is not the greatest priority. A lot of these families live in houses with no running water, electricity or heating, and have to live in one or two rooms.

Leaflets that have to accompany the shoe boxes will be at both church welcome desks, and in the halls. These leaflets will give you suggestions of what to put in the boxes as well as all instructions. There will also be a box in the halls for any spare wool you may have, and patterns for the hats and toys.

'Please note this box is **ONLY** for spare wool and Patterns for small items that could usefully fill another shoebox. **IT IS DEFINITELY NOT FOR JUMBLE.** We are hoping that shoeboxes have been filled already'. There will also be a box in the halls foyer for any donations which you might like to give. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted. If you have empty shoe boxes that you can contribute these would also be very welcome.

The last date for collection will be Saturday October 31st (*if any are donated after that date they will be stored until next year*).

Thank you!

Veronica Craig

Choir for Lessons and Carols Service

The annual Lessons and Carols service will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Rehearsals for the four-part choir will begin on Tuesday 10th November (7.30pm in the Kirk) and continue for six Tuesdays. Tuesday 8th December may have to be moved to Monday 7th. If you would like to sing in this choir please put all the dates in your diary now. If you are familiar with part-singing and can read music that will be a help, but anyone who wants to sing just get in touch.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608



Memorial Service

On the evening of December 9th we will hold our annual Memorial Service in the Kirk. It is something we have done for a number of years, always on the second Wednesday of December. The service gives people who have been bereaved (recently or some time ago) a chance to remember their loved ones at a time of year when they are particularly missed, and to light a candle. Anyone is welcome to come along at 7pm that evening and there will be reminders nearer the time.

Rev. Dr. Jared Hay presents:

DISCIPLESHIP IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

A course for explorers

seeCOS
South-East Edinburgh
Church of Scotland
with Jesus at our heart



Over the centuries, John has intrigued and inspired many Christians on their spiritual journey. You are invited to be part of a group exploring the Gospel under the title 'Discipleship in John,' thinking about what it might say to us today on our journey with Jesus in the context of our parish.

No need to sign up, just come along

If you can, read the whole Gospel beforehand.

Overview:

- Week 1 Invitation to discipleship.
- Week 2 Discipleship as witness.
- Week 3 Discipleship as 'bearing fruit.'
- Week 4 Discipleship as seeking unity.

ALL WELCOME

Liberton Kirk, Wilson Hall
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
@ 7.30–9pm

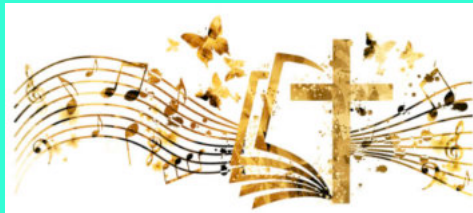


Liberton Kirk Devotions

The king then took an oath: “As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, I will surely carry out this very day what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel. *1 Kings 1 verses 29 and 30*

During 2026, we have been looking each day at the theme of DAVID, GODLY WARRIOR KING. We have considered many of the things he did and said, while also journeying through the PSALMS.

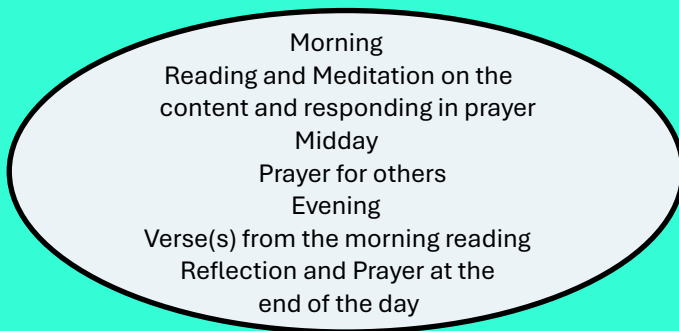
We continue reading through the Psalms, the song and prayer book of God's people. There are suggestions on the next page for your Midday Devotion, prayer points of others in our SEECOS church family, our city and our world.



Sing to the Lord a new song
Psalm 96:1

These Devotions are one way to feed on God's Word in the morning, at midday and in the evening, helping us remember that we live in his presence throughout the day.

The Church website and Facebook page (even on a handy mobile) provide a fuller daily devotional page. You will see that the format has changed but you can still follow the pattern traditions we started as a church family in 2015. You are invited to begin each day with a bible reading and time for prayer. Then at lunchtime we pray for others in our church family, our city and our world, with suggestions in the list on the next page. Finally in the evening we return to the bible reading and reflect on the day in prayer.



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

Daily Devotion - October

Day/Date	Reading	Prayer Point
Thursday 1	Psalm 120	Wisdom for governments across the globe
Friday 2	Psalm 121	Peace between nations
Saturday 3	Psalm 122	Lord's Prayer
Sunday 4	Psalm 123	Prayer of the Month
Monday 5	Psalm 124	Continued work of SEECOS
Tuesday 6	Psalm 125	Continued work of SEECAT
Wed. 7	Psalm 126	All churches in Edinburgh
Thursday 8	Psalm 127	Pupils and teachers in Edinburgh schools
Friday 9	Psalm 128	Students in Edinburgh Universities
Saturday 10	Psalm 129	Lord's Prayer
Sunday 11	Psalm 130	Prayer of the Month
Monday 12	Psalm 131	Those dealing with bereavement
Tuesday 13	Psalm 132	Those struggling with faith
Wed. 14	Psalm 133	Those facing a bit change
Thursday 15	Psalm 134	Those who are unwell, physically or mentally
Friday 16	Psalm 135	Those who are waiting on test results
Saturday 17	Psalm 136	Lord's Prayer
Sunday 18	Psalm 137	Prayer of the Month
Monday 19	Psalm 138	Truth to be broadcasted in the media
Tuesday 20	Psalm 139	Discernment over lies broadcasted in the media
Wed. 21	Psalm 140	God's help for those in danger from others
Thursday 22	Psalm 141	Safety for those suffering from natural disasters
Friday 23	Psalm 142	Protection for those in war-torn countries
Saturday 24	Psalm 143	Lord's Prayer
Sunday 25	Psalm 144	Prayer of the Month
Monday 26	Psalm 145	The homeless in our city
Tuesday 27	Psalm 146	The unemployed of our city
Wed. 28	Psalm 147	Member of Scottish parliament
Thursday 29	Psalm 148	Council workers in our city
Friday 30	Psalm 149	Emergency service workers
Saturday 31	Psalm 150	Lord's Prayer

Kirkgate Café News



**Open Monday to Thursday 9am – 2pm
(last serve at 1.30pm)
Evening Café Term Time: Tuesday 5pm – 8pm and
Wednesday 6pm – 8pm**

Christmas Lunches

As it is now October it reminds us that Christmas is not far away. As in previous years the Café will be offering Christmas lunches consisting of soup, turkey sandwich with seasonal trimmings and mincemeat treat with tea or coffee. We plan to hold them on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December in the Small Hall. Tickets priced at £15 will go on sale in November so look out for the date of release in November magazine, poster in the café or on Kirkgate café Facebook.



Kirkgate Café Needs You

Could you offer a couple of hours a week to join our amazing team of volunteers? The café gives as much to the volunteers as it does our customers, it is a place to meet new people and to be part of a team. Why not take the first step and get in touch to find out how you can join?

Kirkgate Evening Café

Kirkgate Evening café is now open during school term time, Tuesday 5pm – 8pm and Wednesday 6pm-8pm. The evening café takes on more of a coffee shop feel doing hot drinks, cold drinks and cakes. The evening café team could also do with a few more volunteers. Could you help on Tuesday once a month? We would love to hear from you.

Jenny Thomasi, Manager, kirkgatecafe@libertonkirk.net 07894056216

Senior Citizens Club - Thursdays 2-4pm

Hullo everybody!!

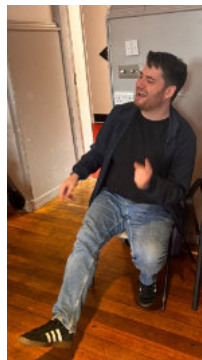
The start back at The Club has been riotous. Much laughter, dancing and lots of fun. That's what we're all about.

First day back and Elliot was a BIG hit with our members. We love people like Elliot and Cammy who come and



enjoy the members and the fun. We had Afternoon Tea prepared by our wonderful Linda Wright. I have to say here that The Club is very lucky with our helpers. It's

the helpers which make The Club so successful.



Our singers, this month were old and new: Stevie Cowan, The Jabs and Alan Weatherhead, finishing with a new singer, Kenny, from Fife.



Attendance has been wonderful. WELL DONE!

Programme and Entertainment for October:

1 st	DOUGIE McQ
8 th	THE JABS
15 th	ANGELA DUNCAN
22 nd	KIRK JAMES
29 th	KIRSTY DUNCAN

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If you are interested contact the editor at magazine@libertonkirk.net

SEECAT BIG READ

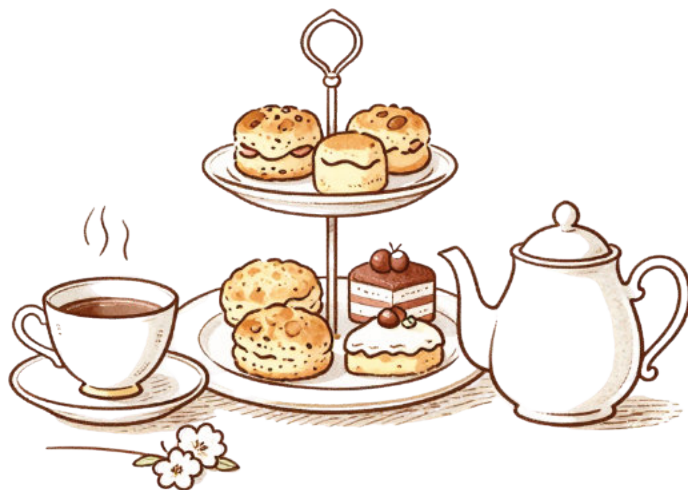
We will be reading St. Matthew's Gospel aloud on Saturday 31st October at St. Barnabas' Church, 4 Moredun Park View, EH17 7NE, beginning at 10am. This has proved to be a moving experience in previous years. Please come along with your own Bible (any translation), or there will be spares available. You can volunteer to read a chapter, or just listen.

Ruth Davies, 664 3608



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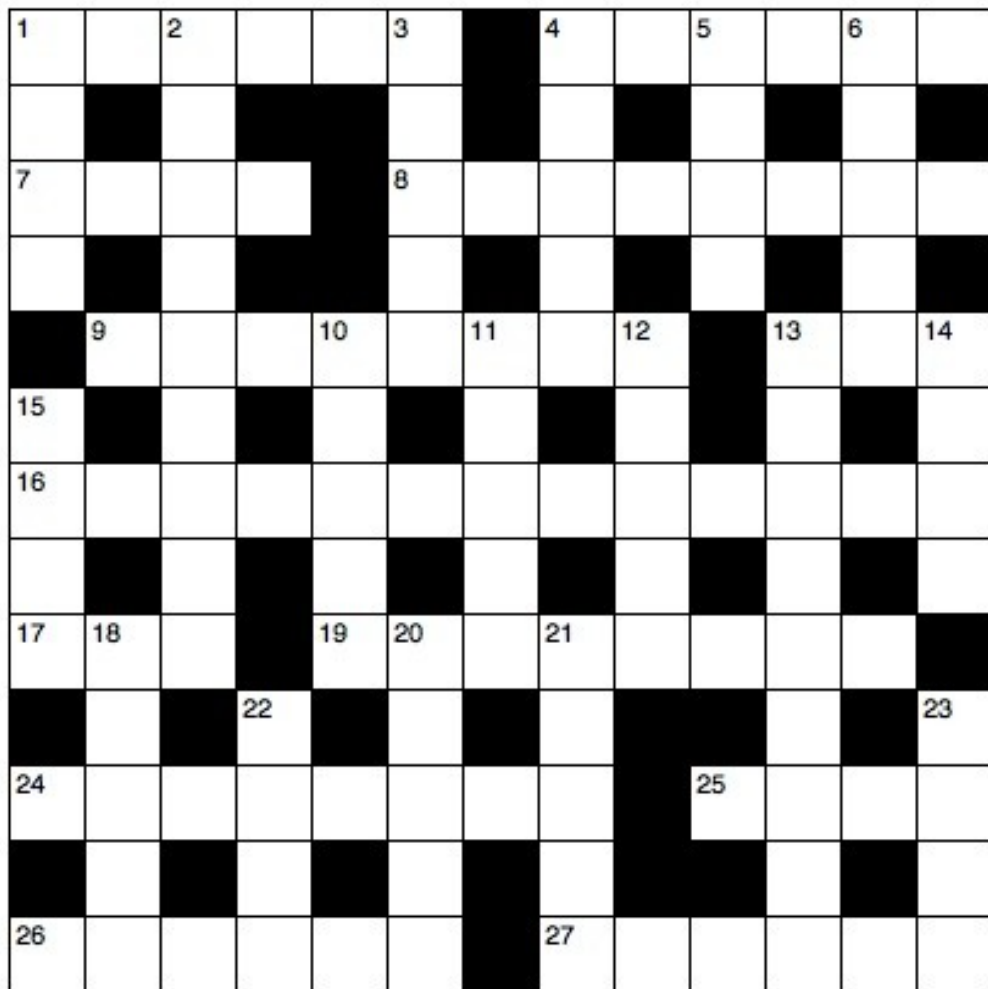
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October Crossword



Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.
 DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

Open Doors Update: Nepal after the devastation

In the wake of horrific destruction after two flash floods struck the Nepal-Tibet border in August, Open Doors has responded by distributing relief aid and coming alongside those affected. Raju is a local partner who responds to some questions concerning the current situation.



1. What is the situation in the flooded areas now? How are the families doing, and where are they staying?

RAJU: The situation in the flood-affected areas is extremely difficult. Many families, including children and elderly people, are staying in temporary holding centres and tents. They are living there while grieving the loss of their loved ones. Children have lost their parents, and elderly women have lost family members. Many people seem quiet, lost and overwhelmed by grief. The pain they carry is visible in their faces and eyes.

People staying in different holding centres and tents receive meals from various relief centres. Many charities and government agencies have provided food, shelter and temporary accommodation for the affected families. However, many people have lost family members, homes, property and livelihoods, and they continue to reside in these temporary shelters.

For some, the future appears uncertain and hopeless. I have seen people who are still in shock and struggling to process their losses. Some remain strong in their faith, while others continue to wrestle with the pain and grief they are carrying.

2. How is God speaking to them in this situation?

RAJU: According to the people I met and interviewed, the flood came unexpectedly and felt like something falling from the sky. They were heartbroken and devastated. Many searched desperately for their loved ones, only to learn that they were no longer alive. Others lost their homes, property, spouses or children.

Many people were in shock and unable to process what was happening. Their days and nights were spent crying and remembering those they had lost. It was painful to witness such suffering. During those first days, many were simply overwhelmed by grief and could not even begin to ask questions or understand why this had happened.

Preeti, who lost family, shared with me: “After some days, although it was difficult to see everything around me, prayer became my only source of strength. I lost my husband and my home. It was extremely painful because I have two children. Many nights I could not sleep. It has been the most painful journey of my life.

“However, through prayer and reading God’s Word, I found the strength to keep going. I have to stay strong for my son and daughter. I need to care for their education and guide them spiritually despite all the losses we have suffered. “Job’s story gave me hope and encouraged me to keep trusting the Lord.”

3. How was the relief received?

RAJU: The relief support was very well received and greatly appreciated. Our support focused on items that were urgently needed – including blankets, electric rice cookers, clothes, towels, underwear and some food supplies. We are very thankful for the support.”

You can find the full article and other news from Open Doors at www.opendoorsuk.

Volunteers needed

For the Kirk Centre

Facilities Holiday Cover

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



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Getting to know our neighbour

Here is a list of the activities at Liberton Northfield Church which, together with Liberton Kirk, Tron Moredun and Gracemount, is part of SEECoS.

Sunday:

Morning Service starts 11am with Trailblazers commencing after a short period in the main service. Tea and coffee in the Hall after the service.

Church of Pentecost: in the sanctuary, 1.30 – 4.30pm

Light and Life Church: in the hall, 1.30 – 3pm Breaking of Bread;

6.00 – 8.00pm Gospel Meeting

Monday:

Zumba Fitness: Lana's class is held in the Falconer Hall, 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Tuesday:

Toastie Tuesday: On during school term time. Toastie-making starts late morning with pupils from Liberton High School mainly starting to arrive from 12.45 onwards. Tidy-up is between 1.30 – 2.00pm.

Drop in: for the High School Kids: from 3:30 – 5pm to give the opportunity to give the kids a safe space to relax with friends and to get to know local church volunteers and youth workers.

Light and Life Church: Bible Study in the hall, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Wednesday:

Warm Space: in the hall 10.00 – 12.00. Held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month during school term time.

Fellowship Group: Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

The 38th Rainbows & 38th Brownies meet in the Falconer Hall in the evening.

Thursday:

Parkinson's UK – Sporting Memories in the hall 10 – 12.00.

During school term time. Liberton High School staff have access to the vestry for pupil 1-to-1's in the morning.

Conversation Corner: 7.30 – 9.00pm.

Friday:

Toddlers Group: in the hall, 10.00 – 11.30

Space for Growth Garden Group: 10.00 – 12.00

Life and Light Church: Prayer Meeting in the hall, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Saturday: Prayers in the Church are held between 10.00 – 11.00am.

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Churches face urgent calls to invest in climate mitigation and adaptation, while navigating complex environmental and moral questions around AI, mining, fossil fuels and emerging green technologies.

This event brings together experts and organisations sharing practical climate solutions and investment opportunities for institutions, churches and individuals. It is for church leaders, finance decision-makers and Christians interested in faithful, responsible investment. Arrive from 9.30am; the event ends with lunch and networking at 1.30pm.



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

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Neighbourhood Scheme

If you need help with shopping or small jobs, please contact Linda Wright
on 07850 411596, who will try to find someone to help.

Sunday Services : 9.30am, 11am & 6.30pm

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

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

Useful Websites

SEECOS	www.seecos.org.uk
Liberton Kirk	www.libertonkirk.net
Church of Scotland	www.churchofscotland.org.uk
SEECAT	www.seecat.org
Bethany	www.bethanychristiantrust.com
Fresh Start	www.freshstartweb.org.uk
Healing Rooms	www.healingrooms-scotland.com
City Council	www.edinburgh.gov.uk
What's on in Edinburgh	eventsedinburgh.org.uk
Edinburgh Leisure	www.edinburghleisure.co.uk
Scottish Executive	www.scotland.gov.uk
Liberton & District Community Council	libertondcc.wordpress.com
Liberton Association	libertonassociation.co.uk
Train times	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Bus times	lothianbuses.com
Airport arrivals	www.edinburghairport.com
Weather information	www.metcheck.com/V40/UK/HOME
Road traffic information	www.trafficscotland.org

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My thanks to all the contributors for this month's magazine. Material for the next issue is welcome and can be sent at any time, but **no later than Sunday October 13.**

Information should be sent to **magazine@libertonkirk.net**

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John Cowie

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Link Groups

Weekly Groups

Friday Fellowship—Friday morning in the Kirk Centre
Ruth Davies, 664 3608
The Young Adults—is taking a break.

Fortnightly Groups

Pathfinders—Tuesday evening in various homes
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Thrive—Thrive - Wednesday evening in various homes
Andrea Wilson, andrea.doeschl@gmail.com,
07910 471174
New Habits—Wednesday evening in various homes
Barbara Cameron, 07594195084
Cornerstone—Wednesday evening in 162 Alnwickhill Road
Elizabeth (lizsnedden@gmail.com) & Robert Snedden
(robertsnedden1950@gmail.com), 664 1720
Vista Group—Thursday evening, Kirk Park
Rink van Dijke, rink@talktalk.net, 664 2178

If you would like to join a group (where we meet to grow upwardly,
inwardly and outwardly), or want more information, contact:
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or Caroline Barlee (barlee@blueyonder.co.uk)
or the Group you are interested in.



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