

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 3rd of February. 10.30am 'Prayer time in vestry. (All welcome) 11.00am 'Morning Worship including Blessing of Sophie Jessie Reaney.' 3.00pm 'Communion Service at Tressilian Gardens.' 6.30pm 'Evening Worship.'	Wednesday 6th of February. 10.30am to 11.30am 'Prayer in Church.' 7.30pm – Alpha Follow-up and Bible Study Groups.
Monday 4th of February. 2.00pm to 3.30pm Mum's and Tot's Group. 7.30 to 9.00 FMBC Monday Night School of the Bible; 'Revitalise Your Devotional Life.' (Leaflets on Information Table at front of Sanctuary)	Friday 8th of February. 9.30am to 11.30am 'New Life Tots.' Saturday 9th of February. 10.00am – 11.00am 'Prayer Meeting.' Sunday 10th of February. 10.30am 'Prayer time in vestry.' (All welcome) 11.00am 'Morning Worship.' 6.30pm 'Evening Worship.'

Information

A copy of our weekly service is available on CD for anyone interested including all past services. these can be requested from our sound man on the computer.

In the interests of all, we would encourage all mobile phone users to please switch off their phones during the time of worship.

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Weekly Newsletter LIBERTON NORTHFIELD CHURCH

Welcome to Liberton Northfield

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who have joined us today, and our prayer for all who gather is that each one of us may meet with the Living God in our time of worship together.

We shall open our service today by singing together

Hymn CMP 99 'Come On and Celebrate.'

Bible Reading; Luke 15; 11 – 32.

TITLE; 'Everyone is a Prodigal.'

3rd February 2013

Minister John M McPake LTh

Notices

After our service, tea/ coffee will be served in the Large Hall along with cake. During the service mobile phones should be switched off or muted and no photography is allowed. After the service you are welcome to take photographs inside the church and also in the church grounds.

Prayer Ministry

If you have a specific need and would like someone to pray with you, please wait behind after the service in the area to the right of the pulpit.

Prayer requests

Please place your requests in the boxes at all entrances.

IDEAS REQUIRED

The Property Committee are looking for any thoughts/ideas from the congregation in respect of areas which could be developed within the property at Liberton Northfield. Please feel free to be bold with your thoughts as although funding may not be immediately available they are hoping to have a long term plan in respect of how we move forward in developing our facilities. Please simply speak to Billy Gordon our Property Convenor, or put your ideas down in writing and pass to minister. Thanking you in anticipation.

PRAYER REQUEST THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the people who prayed for our daughter Wendy and baby Sophie. As a lot of people in the church family know, Wendy has a serious liver condition and having a baby was a risk to her health and a great concern to us. At church you hear a lot about the power of prayer, well today's blessing of Sophie is testimony to God answering prayer, for which we give thanks.

Sophie's middle name is Jessie, nothing to do with the popular singer. Jessie is in honour of Jessie Campbell, her great grandmother on Marion's side. She was an active, long serving member in our church as a Guilds Woman, Good as New helper and hall cleaner, plus some people may remember with pleasure and false teeth, her legendary tablet which was always on sale at church fairs.

Please continue to pray for Wendy and Sophie and all the church family children.

Marion and Ian Messer

HELP REQUIRED

The Matron at Braeside House on Liberton Brae has written to ask for volunteer help within the home.

They are looking for people to help with activities like; Newspaper reading with the residents, helping out at their fortnightly shop, chatting to residents, help out at lunchtime to either serve, or help to feed a resident, if individuals feel able to do so.

Any volunteers would have a short interview, and would need to complete a PVG disclosure which would be paid for, and would require to provide 1 reference.

This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand within the community and if you are interested then please speak to the minister who is Chaplain to Braeside.

TRAILBLAZERS MEETING

On Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm at the home of Billy and Jan Grubb. It is hoped that all leaders will be able to attend this meeting.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 16th March at 4.30pm at Tower Farm.
Charity Fundraiser in aid of the Marie Curie Centre.
Show Jumping and a number of fund raising activities.

BLESSING OF SOPHIE JESSIE REANEY

Today we give thanks to God for the blessing of Sophie to her parents Kevin and Wendy. As well as the parents making vows before God in respect of their care for their daughter, the congregation are also challenged to consider the part that they have to play in the nurture of Sophie, and are invited to respond to the follow question; 'Do you as a congregation welcome Sophie into your midst, and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all God's children in a loving Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ? If you are willing then response is 'We Do!'

The Blessing (Sung)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face
to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you
peace.'

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

The Partnership for Theological Education in Edinburgh are running a new course that will be of interest to Christians across Edinburgh. "Faith Seeking Understanding" is an introductory theology course being run by New College students, which aims to put the theological expertise of New College students at the service of the Edinburgh Church community. The course is for those with little or no formal theological knowledge, and covers issues like the problem of evil, the purpose of the Church, and answering secular challenges to the faith. It's a 6-week course examining:

Theology: What is it?

Scripture: What is it and what is it for?

The Father: Creation, Providence and the Problem of Evil

The Son: The Person and Work of Christ

The Spirit: The Holy Spirit and the Church

Contemporary Challenges to the Christian Faith

Time, Place and Cost:

Tuesdays from 12th February - 19th March, 7.30 - 9.15pm,
at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, 1A Mayfield Road,
Edinburgh EH9 2 NG

Cost: £15

OUR FLOWER MINISTRY

Week in week out flowers brighten our church because we have a flower ministry. Some people new to our church and also not so new may not know how it operates. Well briefly here is how it works, there's a Flower List in the Hall of Friendship (that's the old name for the area between the sanctuary and the main hall), simply write your name beside the date on which you want to donate the church flowers. Most people donate church flowers to commemorate dates special to them, such as a birthday, anniversary or the passing of a loved one. Typical donations are around £20 and the money should be given to Evelyn Eadie, usually on the Sunday before the date in question or on the particular Sunday. Evelyn purchases and expertly arranges the flowers in the church. After the service, you'll see several ladies; Pat Meikle, Zana Hall and Margaret Baldwin arrange the flowers into bundles. These flowers are then distributed to people, mainly within our parish but this is not a prerequisite, who are ill, house-bound or just in need of encouragement. There's also a 'flower box' for donations, located in the middle of the rear pew.



Thanks for continuing to support this important ministry.