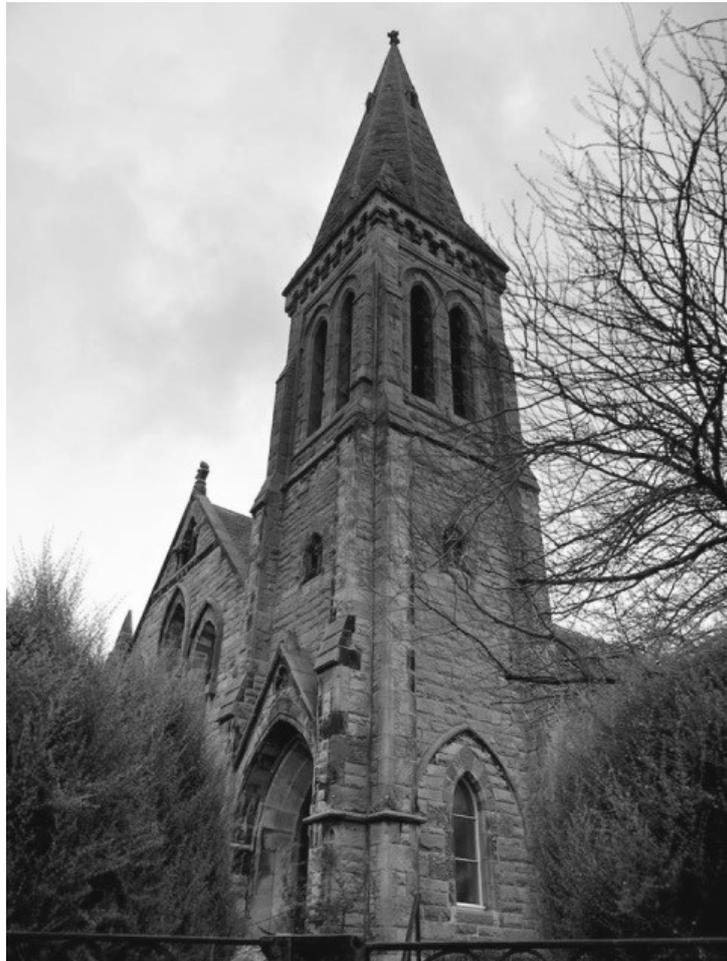


Liberton Northfield Church

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Jesus Christ is risen: He is risen indeed, Halleluiah, Halleluiah!

‘Why do you seek the living among the dead?’ That is the question the angel asked the women at the tomb on Easter morning, recorded in the gospel of St Luke chapter 24:5.

I think this is the right question to ask at Easter time because if the truth were told, there are many Christian people who are more inclined to Good Friday with its images of death, dead thoughts, dead feelings and the fear of death itself, than to the joy and hope of resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so, between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, ‘there is a dramatic convergence of opposing forces that hit us like a tidal wave’.

In that context, Mark chapter 15:33-47 speak of the death and burial of Jesus Christ. Joseph of Arimathea, Pontius Pilate, the Roman Centurion, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus all testify or affirm to this reality of Christ's death. So in those verses, the apostle Mark leaves us with a corpse! A dead body, tortured by crucifixion, wrapped in linen clothes, laid on a slab in the tomb and protected against robbers. That is what Mark was emphasizing at the end of Chapter 15, he was dead, he was buried, he was finished and it seems he was defeated. Only a miracle could rescue him from that. That miracle comes in Mark chapter 16 where we encounter not the Christ of death but the Christ of resurrection, of hope and of new and eternal

life. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Halleluiah, Halleluiah!

Dear friend, 'to which of those two contrasting paradigms of death and new life or resurrection do you belong? Do you live in the tomb, in the burial or in the resurrection? Is our Christ dead and buried or is he resurrected and alive'? Easter Sunday gives us a real choice, a new hope, the word of God risen in the Flesh and offering us true and lasting Life. As Easter people therefore, we need to move away from those old, dying thoughts and words, those dying places, crosses and graves and deeds in our lives, and move into the life Jesus is offering us today! Of course the cross remains the symbol of our Christian faith but, 'He is not here, he has been raised and He is going before us to Galilee'. There in Galilee we would see Him! Let us now walk in the light of Christ and the new life he offers!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Halleluiah, Halleluiah.

God Bless you in every way!

Rev Amos B. Chewachong.

01/04/2015.

Church Hall Polling Station

As you probably know, there is a General Election on Thursday 7th May. Our church hall is being used as a polling station and we are looking for volunteers on Election Day to be on duty. The duties are in two-hour timeslots between 6.30am and 10.30pm and there is a sheet pinned on the church noticeboard in the Hall of Friendship just waiting to be populated with names. Your help representing our church on Election Day is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Ian Messer.

Liberton Northfield Church - Sunday Duties

Month		Finance Member	Counting Room
April	5	Evelyn Eadie	Billy Grubb
	12	Evelyn Eadie	Kate Jackson
	19	Evelyn Eadie	Jean McIntyre
	26	Evelyn Eadie	Linda Brown
May	3	Marion Messer	Billy Grubb
	10	Marion Messer	Irene Hoy
	17	Marion Messer	Kate Jackson
	24	Marion Messer	Rachael Whyte
	31	Marion Messer	Linda Brown

Church Bus Rota

Month	Date	Ceremony / Anniversary	Driver
April	12 April 2015		John
	19 April 2015		Ian
	26 April 2015		John
May	03 May 2015	May bank hoilday weekend	John
	10 May 2015		Ian
	17 May 2015		Ian
	24 May 2015	Pentecost	John
	31 May 2015	Trinity Sunday	John

	Ramp Access	Edinburgh Door	Gilmerton Door	
	Irene Hoy	Shelia Corrigan	Rachael Whyte	
	Rachael Whyte	Margo Ferguson	Rebecca Akhigbe	
	Kate Jackson	Lenny	Sandra Lynch	
	Jean McIntyre	Rebecca Akhigbe	Irene Hoy	
	Irene Hoy	Lenny	Sandra Lynch	
	Jean McIntyre	Margo Ferguson	Nancai Whyte	
	Irene Hoy	Rachael Whyte	Rebecca Akhigbe	
	Rachael	Margo Ferguson	Shelia Corrigan	
	Jean McIntyre	Lenny	Irene Hoy	

Sermon on the Mount

Jesus spoke, and gave, The Sermon on the Mount
These words today, are still of great account
Be happy, with spiritual need, so He said
Mourners and mild tempered, have no fear to dread.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness, to be pure in heart
God will hear your pleas, these things he will impart.

To live in peace, and show mercy to others
Jesus said remember, always love your brothers.

To shine forth, like a light on the highest hill
When you are on high, God's way you can fulfil.
You are the salt of the earth, Jesus did say
But faith, like salt, can lose its strength, if you stray.

Jesus taught be faithful, to the Lord above
Happy are all who receive God's love.
Do not break His statutes, or you will live in peril
Carry out His laws and thwart the devil.

Author: Alex Drysdale

Trailblazers

During March, the Trailblazers have been learning about some of the parables Jesus told. For the Sparklers, this included "the two house builders", "hidden treasure", "a beautiful pearl" and "yeast". The All Stars and Explorers groups learnt about the parables of "the two house builders", "the bridesmaids", "talents" and "sheep and goats".

During April, the Trailblazers will be focussing on the Easter story, and then moving on to learn about King Solomon.

Following the service on Easter Sunday (5th April), the children will be rolling Easter eggs down the hill in the church garden. Please decorate and bring a hard boiled egg if you would like to take part (although the trailblazer leaders will have a few spare eggs available).

Advance notice of dates for the diary: The Trailblazers summer outing is being planned for Saturday 13th June. There will be an "end of school year" family service on Sunday 21st June.

Training for leaders and helpers involved in children's work

We are planning a training morning for all the leaders and helpers involved in the children's work at Liberton Northfield. It will be held in the church hall on *Saturday 9th May, from 9:30am to 1:45pm and will include lunch.* We are aiming to make the event fairly practical, and tailored to our needs, including topics such as "storytelling for children" and "food handling awareness".

If you are able to attend then please sign your name on the registration sheet on the notice board in the Friendship Hall, or email Margaret Padfield (Margaret.macleod@gmail.com) so that we can get an idea of the numbers for catering.

Guild

1st April: Social Day - an opportunity for fellowship with each other.

15th April: AGM and Bring & Buy

29th April: Half-day Trip

The Guild half-day trip will be leaving the church at 1pm, going to Rosslyn Chapel, having a cup of tea if desired, before beginning the tour of the chapel at 3pm. At the finish of the tour, we will be going on to the Leadburn Inn for high tea at 4.30pm. There are still a few seats left if anyone would like to come. If so, you should speak to Evelyn Eadie.

The cost of the trip is £26 per person

Privacy Policy for Liberton Northfield Congregation

Liberton Northfield congregation comes under the Privacy Policy drawn up by Church of Scotland Law Department. This policy recognises the importance of privacy and personal information. It covers the way in which the congregation collects, uses, discloses, and protects personal information that members, employees, volunteers, donors and other associates may provide. . We are registered with the Information Commissioner through the umbrella registration of Edinburgh Presbytery and we are all required in our various roles within the church to comply with this Privacy Policy and with Data Protection law.

A copy of the Privacy Policy can be found on the church website, and on the notice board in the Halls, along with contact details if you require further information.

Fancy learning how to operate the sound and projection systems?

As you know, Peter Austin and David Inglis do a great job every week operating the church sound and projection systems but what would happen if they were both away at the same time – the service quality would suffer. We are therefore looking for volunteers to learn how to operate these systems in order to act as emergency cover. Having an email address is essential and if you are interested, please talk to either Peter or David.

- * **Sunday Service** starts 11am every Sunday with Children's groups commencing after a short period in the main service. Tea and coffee is served in the Friendship hall after the service.
- * **Bible study** on Monday mornings take place at Rebecca Akhigbe house from 10.30-12.30.
- * **Mums and Tots** runs during term time in the Falconer Hall from 2pm till 3:30pm every Monday
- * Wednesday sees **bible study** at 7:30pm.
- * **New Life Tots** is held every Friday in the Falconer Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am and is organised by Jan.
- * **'Prayers in the Church'** is held:
 - Wednesdays: 10.30 - 11.30am
 - Saturdays: 10.00 - 11.00am
 - Sundays: start at 10.30am

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