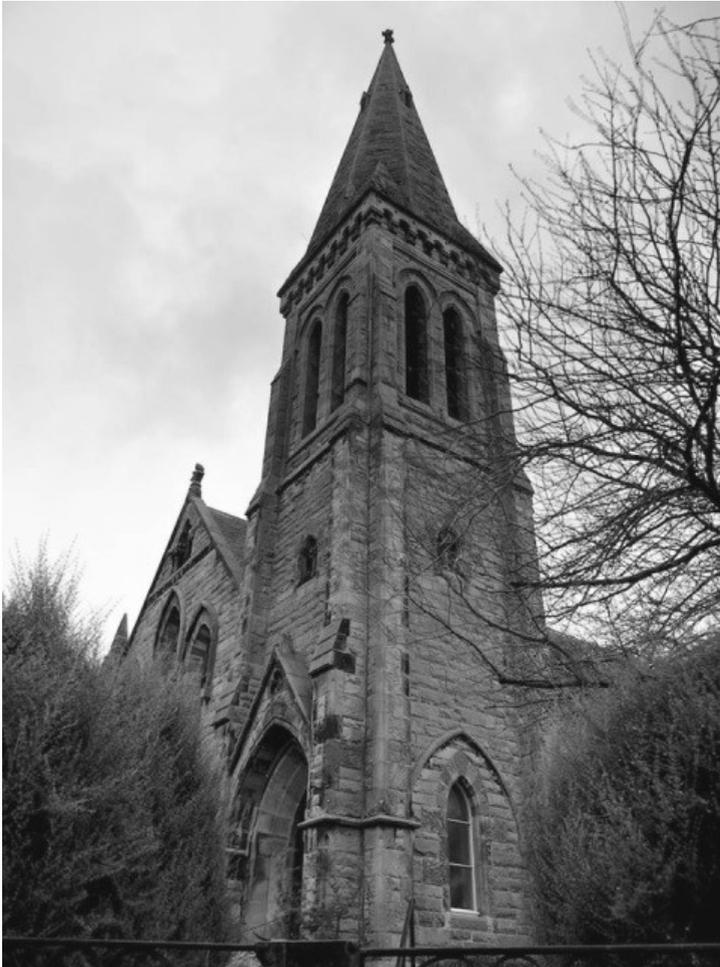


Liberton Northfield Church

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Goodbye and Farewell

With the appointment of Rev Jim Dewar as the new Interim Moderator, my time with you at Liberton Northfield has come to a close. Sadly, I wasn't able to convey these wishes to you in person, so I'm grateful for the opportunity to pass them on through the new Church magazine. Some of you are aware of the personal circumstances behind my decision to pass the reins to someone else, and so we would be grateful for your continued prayers as we face what 2015 has to bring.

The last fifteen months or so have seen a considerable amount of work behind the scenes with the Kirk Session and Nominating Committee, and I would like to thank these groups in particular for help given in order to fulfil the duties of Interim Moderator. Alistair, as Session Clerk, has kept me abreast of activities and helped guide me through the different situations that we have faced together. The NC has been worthy of the trust that you placed in it to seek a new Minister and its members have served diligently, with Jeff as an efficient Clerk. It has also been a pleasure to work with Amos as Locum. The disappointment of not being able to appoint someone has been mitigated by the knowledge that you were being served by someone with gifts and experience.

Now it is time to say Goodbye and Farewell – using both of these parting greetings in their original sense! May God be with you in these coming days and may you know his blessing as a congregation. I hope in the ongoing search for someone to lead your congregational life that you will fare well, and that I will be able to come and share in your celebration at the induction of a new Minister before too long.

Blessings

Jared

Your New Interim Moderator

Hello. My name is Jim Dewar; I am the minister of the Church in Juniper Green and at the beginning of January, I took over from Jared Hay as your Interim Moderator.

I am responsible for making sure that the life of the congregation continues during the remainder of the vacancy. The day-to-day running of things will belong to Amos and the elders for now. Jared lives 2 minutes down the hill, so was able to pop in on a Sunday after his own service had finished; I live further away round the bypass and that's not so easy for me to do. A lot of the work of the Interim Moderator is done behind the scenes, but if you need to contact me you can find me on 453 3494 or jim.dewar@blueyonder.co.uk

You will have heard from others that the process of the vacancy goes on; the job advert is "live" at the moment and I hope that will produce someone who will become your new minister.



Liberton Northfield Church - Sunday

Month		Finance Member	Counting Room
February	1	Marion Messer	Billy Grubb
	8	Marion Messer	Irene Hoy
	15	Marion Messer	Kate Jackson
	22	Marion Messer	Linda Brown
March	1	Norma Packham	Billy Grubb
	8	Norma Packham	Kate Jackson
	15	Norma Packham	Jean McIntyre
	22	Norma Packham	Rachael Whyte
	29	Norma Packham	Linda Brown

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.

	Ramp Access	Edinburgh Door	Gilmerton Door
	Jean McIntyre	Margo Ferguson	Kate Jackson
	Rachael Whyte	Lenny	Sandra Lynch
	Jean McIntyre	Darrel McNeice/ Helen Harley	Nansai Whyte
	Irene Hoy	Sandra Lynch	Rebecca Akhigbe
	Jean McIntyre	Rebecca Akhigbe	Sandra Lynch
	Irene Hoy	Nansai Whyte	Margo Ferguson
	Rachael Whyte	Darrel McNeice/ Helen Harley	Rebecca Akhigbe
	Irene Hoy	Lenny	Shelia Corrigan
	Kate Jackson	Margo Ferguson	Sandra Lynch

Trailblazers

During January, the Trailblazers have been learning about people who met Jesus from Luke chapters 5 to 10. This included the healing of the man who couldn't walk, the woman who washed Jesus' feet, and Mary and Martha.

During February, the Trailblazers will be learning about King David from 2 Samuel chapters 5 to 12.

There will be a Trailblazers leaders meeting on Tuesday 10th February at 7:30pm at the home of Jan and Billy Grubb. All Trailblazer leaders and helpers are wellcome.

Retiral Offerings January-June 2014

It is long overdue for me to let you know how much we collected in various retiral offerings and where they were sent. I am hoping to do this twice a year so this, the first note deals with offerings in the period Jan - June. As you may know these offerings are made separately to our weekly collections at the end of the services (for example at communion services and other special times) They can be planned for a particular date or just in response to a particular need. The money is never kept by the church but passed on to the various charities or individuals as quickly as practically possible.

There is often information about the charities and their work on the information desk in the hall if you would like to find out more. If there are any other Christian charities that you would like to be considered for our retiral offering please talk to a member of kirk session.

Occasion	Charity or Individual	Amount
January Communion service	Cameron Toll Chaplaincy service	63.06
March Communion service	Scottish Bible Society	32.90
April (various services)	Locum - to help with flight costs to bring the family to join us here	625.50
May 18 th evening testimony service	Steph McLeod (Christian Musician)	72.00
June Communion service	Nazareth Trust Fund	75.03

Church Bus Rota

Month	Date	Ceremony / Anniversary	Driver
February	01 February 2015		John
	08 February 2015		Ian
	15 February 2015	1st Sunday of Lent	John
	22 February 2015		Ian
March	01 March 2015		Ian
	08 March 2015		John
	15 March 2015	Mothering Sunday	Ian
	22 March 2015		Ian
	29 March 2015	BST starts Palm Sunday Communion	John

Guild February

Guild meetings:

4th Feb. Rachel Sloan – Charlotte Chapel

18th Feb. “Wevolution” (formerly Passage from India)

Dear Father

May we weave into the tapestry of life
A thread of golden hue
To ease the suffering of those in strife
Whose way has gone askew.

With every rising of the sun
In every bright new day
In the power of your beloved Son
Help us to live in Your way.

Give us hard hearts of grace
To love our brothers and comfort give
And may it be when we see Your face
You'll welcome us to eternally live
With You, in Your heavenly home.

Author: Shelia Corrigan

The Beginning of Christmas

God made Christmas by the birth of his Son,
From that holy morn Christianity begun.
We celebrate that eventful day for evermore,
Belief in Jesus Christ whom we love and adore.

The whole universe celebrates Jesus' birth,
Candles and lighted trees glow over the Earth.
Hymns of praise are sung all o'er the world,
Stars from heaven are all unfurled.

What a pity it's the one day we unite,
To thank God for this bright glowing light.
Praying Jesus's ways will always prevail,
Thanking the Bible for this real life tale.

Author: Alex Drysdale

Recurring Diary

- * **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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