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FAMILY CHATTER

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First Kirkton Baptism since lockdown



On Wednesday 30th September Sophie Maisie Forrest, daughter of Susan and Craig and baby sister of David, was Baptised in Kirkton Church by Rev Iain Cunningham. A joyous occasion for the few family and friends present. Welcome to the Kirkton family Sophie, thank you for bringing a ray of sunshine into our lives.

A Big Thank You

Many people locally and nationally are missing attending their normal Church Services. However here in Kirkton we are truly blessed as we have wonderful Services every week. People so appreciate seeing and hearing their own Church leaders.

Iain's Services are always uplifting, giving us thoughts for the week ahead and hearing the hymns and songs sung by Iain and Lesley bring us closer to our Kirkton family.

Like so many members of the Congregation, I just want to say a very big 'Thank You' to Iain, Lesley, Brian and drummer Iain for all the work they put in to prepare and record each Service.

It is great to hear familiar voices doing Readings and leading Prayers and also seeing our young people joining in with Lesley's part of the Service.

Many, many thanks to you all.

Margaret Aikman

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal



This year was a great success for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal especially as we were so uncertain as to whether we were going to be able to help and collect boxes until just over a month ago.

Kirkton Church was the only church in the parish that was going to facilitate a collect of shoeboxes and we were very happy to open this up to the rest of the parish so we became a central hub for the town. We gratefully received donations from the other churches and hope that this could be something that we work on together in the future.

Blythswood are collecting the boxes this week and we are very pleased to say that we have 121 completed boxes along with numerous bags of hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries for them.

From the sales of covered shoeboxes and hand knitted hats etc along with monetary donations we have £565.05 to send along with £257 in gift aid envelopes which means in total they will receive £877.30.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the collection and donated their time or money to benefit Blythswood Care.

There is still time to donate online at

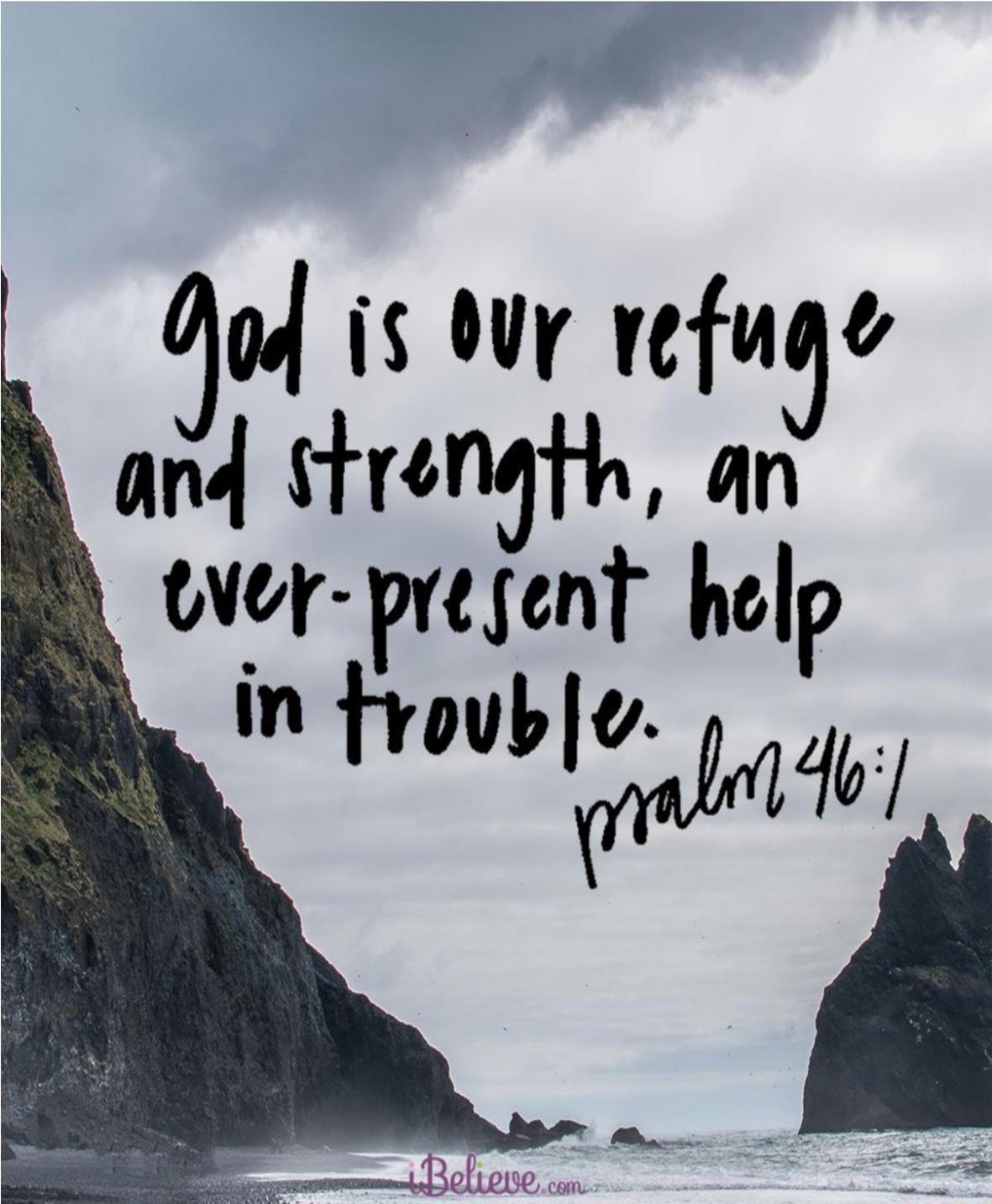
<https://blythswood.org/donate/>

HELP NEEDED

We require to recruit and appoint a new Church Treasurer before Christmas. A knowledge of bookkeeping is necessary. Please contact myself or the office if you, or someone you know, would be able to take up this position.

Val Macsween

07738 567084



God is our refuge
and strength, an
ever-present help
in trouble.

psalm 46:1

Welcome Back



Lesley moved to Carlisle with her family in 1979 when she was 3 years old, along with mum, Sheena, and little sister Lorna she very quickly became part of the Kirkton family. She attended Sunday school and youth fellowship and was an active member of the GB, gaining her Queens award and Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. In 1993, with a dream of becoming a graduate midwife she left Carlisle to study in Leicester, she achieved her dream and qualified in 1997.

Since that time, she has worked in hospitals and in the community as a valued member of the midwifery teams in Leicester city and the county. She married John, a Lanark boy, in 2003 and now has two beautiful children Blair and Maili who recently joined Braidwood primary school. They decided to move back to their roots to be near family and for the children to grow up alongside their cousins. We are delighted to welcome them back to their Kirkton Family, great to have you here.



Congratulations to Rachel and Chris Fachie, and welcome to their daughter, Freya Lily, born on Monday 26th October. Mum and Baby (and Dad) all doing well.

Thank you, Lesley

I want to thank Lesley for all she has done for our children throughout the pandemic. She has worked many many more hours than she is contracted to do, often working a seven-day week, and her enthusiasm, love and care for our children is obvious. This hasn't just been the kids who would be in church on a Sunday morning, but all those with any connection to the church including toddlers.

She checked in with each and every one of them twice a week since the beginning of lockdown in March until the schools went back in August, and at least once a week since then. As well as their ongoing Sunday zoom chats, Lesley has dropped gifts on their doorsteps when she's known they've been struggling. They have all had Easter eggs, back to school cards, birthday gifts and other wee surprises including garden visits. She has really supported the children who were anxious about going back to school. She has been an enormous support for all of our children, young people, and their parents and families.

I don't think many people in the church are aware of half of what Lesley has done, and I just wanted to highlight how lucky we are to have her.

Jenny Norman

What's On

The **Sunday Service** can be found at

www.kirktonchurch.com

[or via Facebook at Kirkton Church, Carluke](#)

Or to be heard via your telephone just dial 01555 363637
We also provide the Sunday service on DVD or Audio CD. If you require a copy, please contact your elder or phone **07786 124526** and leave your name and number. We have DVD players for loan if that is required.

Children's Ministry

Our children and young people are continuing to meet during this time via Zoom groups. They are also involved in preparing material for use in our online services. Please contact Lesley for any further information or support at this time on 07780330543 or lesleymewing1@gmail.com

Private Prayer and reflection

The sanctuary is open on Mondays from 3.30pm - 5pm. Social distancing, hygiene measures and recording of attenders is mandatory.

Zoom meetings online

Coffee and Chat takes place on Tuesdays at 11.15. **Bible Study and Discussion** Iain leads an online Bible Study Group on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Please contact the

Church office for details of how to access both “Coffee & Chat” and “Bible Study” groups. Email office@kirktonchurch.plus.com or leave a message on 01555 750778, we will return your call.

Sunday Evening Worship 7pm

Evening services continue on Sunday evenings at 7pm in the Sanctuary. If you wish to attend the Evening service, please telephone **07786 124526** to inform us of your intention. If it is an answering service, we **will** return your call.

Midweek Service 1.30pm

Beginning on the 4th November there will be a weekly “Midweek Service” in the Church at 1.30pm each Wednesday. It will last no more than half an hour. Arrangements for booking a seat are the same as for the Evening Services.

Pastoral Care

If you require assistance or support please contact your elder, the Pastoral Care co-ordinator 01555 771248, Session Clerk 07738 567084 or the Minister 01555 771262.

Coronavirus is still present in the community, please think carefully about whether you should attend a gathering of more than 8 people indoors particularly if you are in the vulnerable group. Church of Scotland have produced a risk assessment tool to aid this decision making, it is available on the Church of Scotland website or contact the Session Clerk for a copy on 07738 567084. Social distancing, hygiene measures, face coverings and recording details of attenders is mandatory. Numbers will be strictly limited, there will be no singing, you may have to wait outside the church on arrival, please observe the 2 metre distancing, a steward will direct you to a seat on the way into church and manage the order in which people leave the Sanctuary. The windows will be open to ensure good ventilation. There will not be a collection during the service but there will be an opportunity to make a donation on leaving the church. If you have, or have been in contact with anyone, who has or has shown signs of Coronavirus we ask that you **do not** attend.