



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER No. 6

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'

Joshua 1:9

A LETTER FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Member,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Rev James Wilson and I am Minister at Whitfield Parish Church in Dundee. I am also Presbytery Clerk. As clerk I do not, as a rule, take on the role of Interim Moderator but on the occasion I felt it right to do so. I did not expect this task to take long but the Covid-19 Lock Down has made some administrative tasks harder to complete as face to face meetings are not permitted and group meetings also forbidden. Never-the-less it has provided us with much needed space.

I have very little news for you and I am afraid that is how it will need to remain meantime. Under such circumstances assumptions begin to be made as we all seek to be informed as to what is happening. Your Minister has taken some time off on annual leave (some might describe it as a Sabbatical). This is a time in which he will be able to step back and reflect on his ministry practice and direction. It is important that you give him this time and space. This has been a voluntary action on his behalf as he is entitled to do.

David retains his status as Minister at Logie & St John's (Cross) Parish Church, retains his rights as minister, continues to live in the Manse and is in receipt of his Stipend as normal. David continues to be under the care of Dundee Presbytery. Any Pastoral needs will be attended to by myself or by Rev Anita Kerr or by the Kirk Session Pastoral team. (sessionclerk@logies.org)

There is no more to be said for now but you will be informed and updated as soon as we can get back to some degree of normality.

Yours sincerely,

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WORSHIP

Dr. Alistair Montgomery will be leading our worship and reflection this Sunday 3rd May. As in previous weeks it will be uploaded on our website, www.logies.org, and will also be available from our Facebook page.

We know many of you are being encouraged by the weekly worship and are also exploring other worship options throughout the week. The Church of Scotland website, www.churchofscotland.org, offers further ideas and support on staying connected.

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED:

We had to stop 'Discipleship Explored' after only one session when the virus hit. We are now planning to restart the course by using online videos and a Zoom Meeting. Participants will watch a 15 minute video and then join a Zoom meeting for 45minutes to discuss questions and points raised.

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Discipleship Explored helps followers of Jesus turn up the gospel soundtrack to their lives.

It goes beyond simply teaching the right moves - go to church, pray, read the Bible, share the gospel - and focuses on the music which drives discipleship: the love of Christ. The greatest love anyone can ever know. It's an eight-session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians and is ideal for believers at any stage of the Christian life.

Interested? Then please contact administrator@logies.org

This first session will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th May 2020. Help is available to set up Zoom and there'll be a practice session a few days before the first meeting.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART):



These fabulous elephants were made by Sunday Club members Emma and Joseph Frullani.

If you have made an elephant send a picture to administrator@logies.org and we can share it in a future newsletter.

Norma is regularly in touch with our Sunday Club members and their families. This week she was encouraging them to look at the story of Martha and Mary. Continuing with that theme she has passed on

something for everyone.

Q: Do you have a favourite place that you are unable to visit at the moment?

One place Norma loves to visit is the Wild Olive Café in Glasgow, a Social Enterprise that operates within the premises of St George's Tron Church of Scotland (very close to Queen Street Station). And she recommends their soup and scones. The Tron's resident artist I.D. Campbell produced 24 paintings (one for each chapter in Luke's gospel) which are now displayed in the Church. This painting depicts the story about Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38-42). Want to know more about the painting? Watch the short video at the following link:

<https://paintinglukesgospel.org.uk/mary-and-martha/>

The girls, Bex and Sarah, who both work in the Wild Olive Café, read the Bible story. Then Iain, the artist, talks a bit about his painting and the girls share their stories. Iain says at one point that he felt it was important to capture the "everydayness of life in an extraordinary circumstance". Of course the Biblical backdrop to the story was that Jesus had raised their brother Lazarus from the dead (see John Chapter 11) however, as Norma asks, how relevant is that comment for all of us during this COVID-19 crisis?



SAD NEWS

We received news this week that sadly, after a long battle with cancer, Dominic Smart died on April 29th. Dominic was minister at Logie & St John's Cross for 10 years from 1988 before moving on to continue his ministry in Aberdeen. We remember Marjory, Meredith, Stephanie, Melissa and Matthew in our prayers.

