



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

**NEWSLETTER No. 7**



'Love....bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,  
endures all things. Love never ends.' 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

**Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.**

Sunday 10th May 2020 is the start of Christian Aid Week. As coronavirus spreads across the world, love rises up in response. You've already shown incredible kindness to your neighbours. Now is the time to reach out to your neighbours both near and far. Your love protects. From storms, from drought, and now from coronavirus. Your love protects our global neighbours battling the spread of this illness. Your love protects. With soap, clean water and medical supplies. By supporting Christian Aid, you can reach out and protect more of your neighbours today.

In previous years the congregation at Logies & St. John's (Cross) would have had the opportunity to donate and consider the work of Christian Aid at our monthly Fellowship Lunch and more recently at our Christian Aid Brunch. None of this can happen this year because of the on-going pandemic but we can still take time to pray for the global work of the charity and give by donating on-line at:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give-money/make-donation>

A Christian Aid prayer for a global pandemic

Loving God,  
strengthen our innermost being  
with your love that bears all things  
even the weight of this global pandemic  
even the endurance of watching the symptoms  
of patiently waiting for this to pass  
watching while we pray  
keeping our gaze fixed on you,  
and looking out for our neighbours  
near and far

May your love that never ends  
be our comfort, strength and guide  
for the wellbeing of all and  
the glory of God  
Amen

Throughout the week there will be virtual Christian Aid Week activities offered via their Facebook page. Why not join them for virtual prayer and reflection.

**Sunday 10 May, 1.00pm:** Live-streamed Christian Aid Week service with Dr Rowan Williams.

**Monday 11 - Saturday 16 May, 11am:** Live daily reflections from our staff and partners overseas.

**WORSHIP**

Our online worship on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May will be delivered by Rev. Anita Kerr. As in previous weeks you will be able to follow this on our website, [www.logies.org](http://www.logies.org), from 11am onwards.

## DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

We intimated last week that Discipleship Explored would be starting on Tuesday 12th May 7.30 pm. It's not too late to join the group. Please contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) and leave your contact details.

This series will be delivered via Zoom. If you are unsure of using Zoom then a test session is set up for Sunday morning at 11.30am. If you'd like to join this test then please email and someone will send you joining instructions.

## FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

A Christian Aid Week Activity:

This is Onesmus. He is 15 years old and lives in Kitui, Kenya. He loves studying and hopes to become a teacher one day. Every day, after school, Onesmus walks for half an hour to collect water from a nearby dam for his family. The dam was built by Christian Aid. The shorter journey to fetch water helps him to do well at school. 'Before the earth dam, we had to walk to a river far away,' he says. 'It took us three hours to walk there. I didn't have enough time to do my homework. Now we have the earth dam, I am happier.' Onesmus uses the water from the dam to grow tasty fruit at home, like avocados and pineapples. Sadly, as a result of climate change, a lot of plants in Kenya don't get enough rain water and can't grow. 'It hasn't rained properly for a long time,' he explains. 'When it rains, I will feel happy.'



**What grows in your garden? Can you draw a garden filled with fruit like the ones Onesmus grows?**

## GIRLGUIDING @ LSJC

Despite the lockdown, our Guides are still very active. Ramanee Bengough, one of the leaders, says:

*"We have weekly sessions on Zoom - allowing us all to see each other and chat (see picture). We love hearing how the girls are carrying out the true Guiding spirit, by looking out for other people - baking for neighbours or sending video messages to young cousins. We pause our Thursday Guide "meetings" at 8pm, and all go outside to clap & cheer. Despite being a final year university student, our Brownie leader, Grace, has started up similar sessions for Brownies, too."*



One of the Sunday club members, Emma, is also a Guide, and she says:

*"We're all trying hard to keep in touch, we have a weekly meet up on Thursday nights. Our leaders are amazing and continue to keep Guides fun! They have organised bingo, camp from our house and regular craft ideas for us to do at home. We are still managing to do Guide badges at home and through the Internet. This is one of the highlights of my week!"*

## VE DAY

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May saw the nation stop and remember the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. We give thanks for the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought in the WWII. The Rt. Rev. Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly reminds us that the world we live in today was shaped by the outcome of the Second World War. The hopes and prayers then was that nations would work together to build a better world in days of peace and for that we still work and pray.

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are, or know of anyone else, in need of immediate pastoral care please contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy by emailing [sessionclerk@logies.org](mailto:sessionclerk@logies.org)