



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

NEWSLETTER No. 8

The Lord's love never ends: his mercies never stop.
They are new every morning: Lord, your loyalty is great.

Lamentations 3: 23-24



Christian Aid Week may have come to an end but their work never stops. If you wish to make a donation to support them please click on the link below.

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

Hopefully, in post-pandemic times when we are able to gather together we will have a 'Christian Aid Sunday' in church.

WORSHIP

Our online worship on Sunday 17th May will be delivered by Nicola Montgomery. As in previous weeks you will be able to follow this on our website, www.logies.org, from 11am onwards.

A feature of our 'normal' Sunday morning church is the fellowship cuppa in the hall after the service. As an extension to our online worship we thought we would organise a virtual coffee and chat. So, if you are missing the chat after church, starting this week (17th May), we are going to try using Zoom to "meet" on Sunday mornings from 11.45am.

If you'd like to join in, please email administrator@logies.org and Ramanee will send you the details. It is fairly simple - you follow a link in an email message at that time.

The chat session will be open for 30 minutes or so, and if there are more than enough people, we'll put you into smaller groups for a short time, where it's easier to have a conversation.

It is possible to join a Zoom chat using your own house phone, and you call a normal phone number. We will add this option the second week, please telephone the church office 01382 668514, and leave your details if that's what you prefer. Someone will call you back with the information you will need.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, the Church of Scotland's annual General Assembly, which was due to take place at the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh from 16-22 May 2020, has been cancelled.

Although the full General Assembly cannot go forward, a special service will be held to formally install Rev Dr Martin Fair as the new Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The full service will be streamed live on the Church of Scotland website:

https://stream1.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/general_assembly and on their Facebook page from 11am on Saturday 16 May. A video of the event will also be available on this page after the Installation.

In addition, a special online version of **Heart and Soul** will be streamed live on the same link from 2pm to around 4:20pm on Sunday 17 May. Heart and Soul 2020 will include highlights from the service to install the new Moderator, along with worship, conversation, music and all-age entertainment.

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

We had a successful first meeting on Tuesday with fourteen participants. After a few minutes chatting, we watched a video on Philippians and then discussed some questions. If you would like to join us next week, send a message to administrator@logies.org. If the group becomes too big we will split it, thanks to the wonders of Zoom. If you join the group there is no obligation to say anything - you could even chose to be silent and invisible!

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

How many of us have felt fed up or sad or lonely in the last week? Every day seems the same, we can't meet up with our friends and maybe we just don't like doing school work at home.

Norma admits to feeling a bit like that last week but was cheered by the sight of finches that arrived in her garden. These cheeky little visitors certainly lifted her spirit and reminded her of a great story of God providing for his people Israel in the wilderness by sending manna and quails. You can read the story – Manna and Quail – in Exodus CH16.

It is good to remember that God is always there for us too and will provide what we need – maybe not quails to eat (although they are quite tasty!) but what we need at any given moment. However remember too that He encourages us to ask him for what we need (even although he already knows) in the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us our daily bread".

God provided the food for the Israelites, what did he give them? Join the dots.

Have you ever tasted this meat - it's delicate and full of flavour, God didn't just give his people meat, he gave them great meat. What food would be your 'great food' God could give you?

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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