



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

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From Friday 29th May, after almost 10 weeks of lockdown, some restrictions in Scotland are due to be eased. Families and friends will be able to reunite as long as they are outside and maintain a distance of 2m from each other, some outdoor sports are allowed and garden centres will reopen. We give thanks that 'Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives' has been adhered to, but we must not forget the many that have suffered at the hands of this pandemic, have lost loved ones or are currently suffering.

'Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.'
1 Peter 5:7

WORSHIP

This week our online worship on Pentecost Sunday will be delivered by Rev Anita Kerr. Please visit our website, www.logies.org, from 11am onwards. And don't forget to share with others who may enjoy.

We've now met for coffee at 11.45am in our Zoom hall on two occasions. This photograph shows some of us who joined in.



We split up into smaller groups of 4 or 5 to make the chat easier and then all came back together after about 30 minutes to say our 'goodbyes'.

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.

It is possible to join a Zoom chat using your own house phone, and you call a normal phone number. 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.

Please continue to share this Newsletter and our Worship offering to others. Similarly if you are aware of other content that you think our members would enjoy please forward suggestions to administrator@logies.org

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM - please read and consider carefully

In the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians we read about the grace that God gave to the early church in the midst of a severe trial. That grace led to overflowing joy and generosity. Later in the book we are reminded ch 9 v7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our annual accounts have been submitted to Dundee Presbytery as normal, and we will update once feedback has been received. Things have changed greatly since our original financial forecast was prepared in March due to Covid-19: Income from the weekly collection plate and Hall lets has lapsed but we still have most of our expenditure commitments. We still pay Mission & Ministry contribution, essential maintenance, and utilities (energy plus telecom). Gas and electric bills are smaller as electrical appliances are off and heating is on 'frost protection'. Waste collections and regular cleaning contract are suspended, and our claims for gift aid are up to date to maximise cash-flow.

We know members may be struggling financially however, if you are able to respond, please consider:

1. Taking out a standing order, or regular BACS payment from your bank;
2. White envelopes: a) delivering your envelopes with **cheques** to the church or b) save on a weekly basis for when we return;
3. Make a one-off donation by BACS or cheque.

Please email Glyn at logietreasurer@gmail.com for bank account details or for envelopes/gift aid information, or pass a message via another member of the Finance Team (Fiona Low, Tom Taylor, Frances Dent, or Bill Valentine). Remember that if you are a tax payer, Gift Aid is a simple way to help the church without costing you anything, many of the congregation are already registered for this.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

This Sunday is Pentecost. It is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the first Christians, and it is celebrated as the birthday of the church. Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to give them power to teach people all over the world about Him. The Holy Spirit is sort of a special go-between...it is the spirit that makes all things possible. Sometimes we don't know what to say or how to pray...the Holy Spirit comes in to help. Well, the Holy Spirit came to these disciples and they started eagerly sharing the story of Jesus. They were full of God's love! They talked to others about the story of Jesus and shared the amazing things He had done. A lot of people came to believe, and after that, the disciples began meeting together regularly. They shared everything with other believers, and continued meeting and sharing and caring for one another. So at Pentecost we get to celebrate the birthday of the church! It was the start of an amazing way that God allows us to serve and love each other.

This week why not make a cake (with adult help) to celebrate Pentecost and as you share it with family or friends give thanks to God for being part of His family and for His love.

PLANNING AHEAD : A SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE

Later in the summer, our Sunday online time of worship will take the form of a Songs of Praise event, and we need your help. If you have a favourite hymn, please let us know what it is, and why. We will then try to find an online version which we can include in our worship, or we will ask Ed to record it for us.

If we have too many suggestions we may have to spread them over two services.

Send your requests & reasons to administrator@logies.org or call the church office, and leave a message on 01382 668514.