



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

### **NEWSLETTER No.17**



### **God gives the Harvest**

Every day I study this plant outside our window. Every day I look to see if it has grown any taller or if its flower buds are any bigger. Everyday there doesn't seem to be any change!

*"This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear". Mark 4:26-28*

To paraphrase a commentary on these verses by a Scottish preacher\*:

As believers we can quietly plod along in life, trusting that all the good we seek to do in co-operation with the Lord, and under his guidance, will eventually ripen into a product, something which is lasting, beautiful and true. If we faithfully and prayerfully plant a seed of faith we may safely leave it with God to do the rest. The Holy Spirit is God's only creative and productive worker.

As the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, "I planted the seed, Apollos (his colleague) watered it, but God made it grow" 1Cor 3:6

*\*Through the year with William Still. Banner of Truth Trust, 2006*

### **WORSHIP: SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE**

This Sunday enjoy a selection of hymns chosen by members of our congregation. Please visit our website, [www.logies.org](http://www.logies.org) from 11am onwards.

Zoom Connect coffee and chat continues each Sunday at 11.45am. Details on how to join are on the website. (Remember to bring your own cuppa ☺)



### **WHEN WILL OUR CHURCH REOPEN?**

You may have seen in the news that churches are now allowed to reopen in Scotland for Sunday Services.

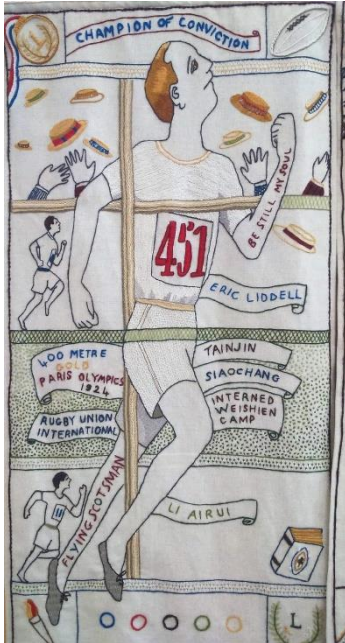
Unfortunately, it won't be straightforward for us to reopen. It will be at least another few weeks before there will be services in Logie and St John's (Cross). We realise that this is disappointing, but we have to make sure all the safety measures are in place. Even when we do start to meet again in the church, things will not be the same as before - no singing, no pew Bibles and no lingering to chat. Coffee will still have to be by Zoom!



### **MARK'S GOSPEL on Tuesday Evenings, 7.30 pm**

If you are interested in 'coming along' by Zoom to think about Mark's message, please contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) or leave a message on the church answerphone 01382 668514 to ask for joining instructions and some topics to consider.

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



On March 24<sup>th</sup> it was decided to postpone the Summer Olympics (Tokyo 2020) until next year, a disappointment to many athletes who had been training hard to compete. This brought to mind Eric Liddell honoured here in a panel from Scotland's Tapestry. Do you see the title "Champion of Conviction"?

Eric is perhaps best known for his refusal to compete in the heats for the 100m race at the 1924 Paris Olympics (the distance at which he excelled). Why? Because they were held on a Sunday, a day Eric viewed as set apart for the Lord, and he was true to his convictions rather than chasing fame. In fact as the guns were sounding to start that race Eric was preaching in a Paris church.

Instead he competed in the 400m during a weekday and won gold (finishing 5 metres ahead of the silver medallist!)

However Eric's convictions went beyond 'ought not's': he had a deep sense of God's purpose for his life. My favourite quote, from a scene in the film

*Chariots of Fire*, is "God made me fast. When I run, I feel His pleasure".

Young, or older, why not prayerfully consider the special gifts God has uniquely given to you and then fill in the blanks below. Younger ones might like to make an Olympic victory crown- all you need is a paper plate some green paper and some glue (see picture below).

<p>God made me</p> <p>_____</p> <p>When I _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>I feel His pleasure.</p>
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Finally, if you are in St Andrews over the Summer holidays why not go for a run on West Sands (one of the filming locations for *Chariots of Fire*)

### **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) leave a message on the church answerphone 01382 668514.

**AND FINALLY-** a big thank you to **Fiona Low and Ramanee Bengough** for putting together and distributing the newsletters every week. They are both on holiday this week for well-deserved rests.