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'TW3' or 'That Was The Week That Was' was a TV programme of the 60s (not that I remember it) but you could argue that it's a phrase that describes the last 7 days. It's been a week of highs and lows.

Children (and parents) were delighted that schools were returning and senior pupils rejoiced in the knowledge that downgraded exam results would be overturned. An increase in the numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases and lockdown returning to Aberdeen reminds us all that the pandemic has not gone and things are not yet 'normal'. We experienced storms the likes of which some are saying are a once in 600 years likelihood and sadly we learned of the lives lost in the derailment of the train near Stonehaven.

A week of highs and lows, and ups and downs. Whatever you are feeling take comfort in knowing that:

*'God is our refuge and strength' Psalm 46:1 and
'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that
you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'* Romans 15:13

WORSHIP

John Dent will lead us in worship on Sunday 16th of August and again next week. You will be able to hear his offering and join in the worship from 11am at www.logies.org. The service can also be viewed on Facebook.



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 ☺)

In this our 21st edition of the weekly newsletter, you are reminded that the Church of Scotland website, www.churchofscotland.org, offers further worship and prayer support. This week, Rt. Rev. Dr. Martin Fair, Moderator, invites us to join him not only in praying with the country at 7pm on Sunday evening but in a week of prayer beginning on Monday 17th. There is also an article on the website focussing on Christian Aid's appeal for Lebanon as a result of the massive explosion that rocked Beirut last week.

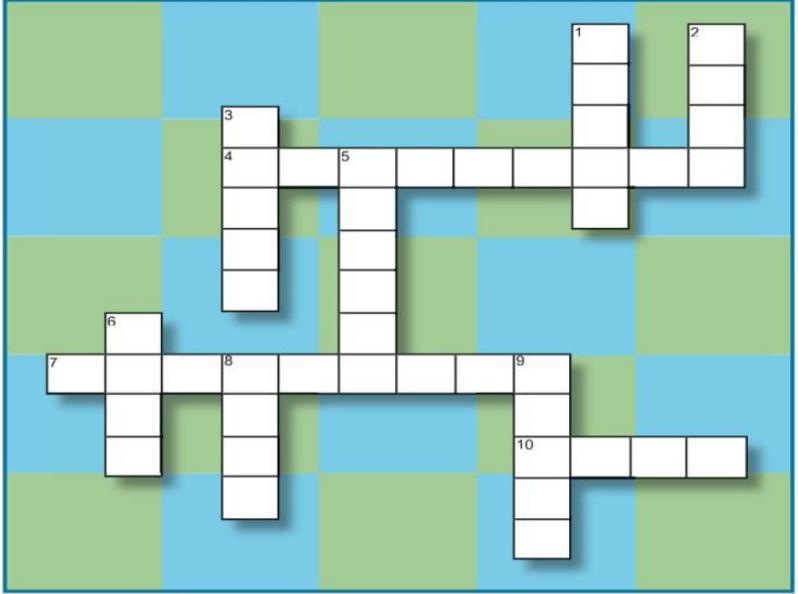
FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Did you hear the thunder and see the lightning on Tuesday night? It's not very often that we have weather as extreme as that. Sitting in our comfortable houses it can be quite exciting to watch but for others it can be terrifying.

The Bible tells a story in Matthew 8:23-27 about Jesus and his disciples getting caught in a raging storm. One night Jesus and the disciples decided to cross the sea in a boat. Jesus was very tired, so he lay down to take a nap while the boat sailed across to the other side. Suddenly, a great storm blew up. The wind blew, and the waves grew and splashed over the side of the boat. The disciples were afraid the boat would sink, so they woke Jesus and cried, "Don't you care that the boat is sinking?! Save us!" Jesus answered, "Why are you so afraid? What happened to your faith?" Jesus raised his arms and commanded the storm to be still. The winds stopped and the waves grew calm. The disciples were amazed by this. They looked at one another and asked, "Who is this man who could command the wind and waves, and they would obey him?"

This is an amazing story that shows us that, just like the disciples, when we are scared we need to take the time to ask God to help.

Using the story to help you solve the clues, can you complete the crossword?



ACROSS

4. Feeling of wonder or awe
7. These people went with Jesus.
10. Follow commands

DOWN

1. A lake is full of this.
2. They rode across the lake on this.
3. Jesus asked "Where is your _____?"
5. Jesus was _____ when the windstorm hit.
6. Blowing air
8. Not stormy
9. Bad weather

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 in the first instance.