



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

NEWSLETTER No.22

In July, week 17 of this newsletter, John and Frances Dent very kindly compiled our weekly update.



John shared this picture of a plant growing outside their window. It didn't seem to be growing at all and he'd given up thinking that it would ever produce any flowers!

Five weeks later there's an update and John is happy to share a picture of the plant now and reflects upon the difference.

Imagine his surprise when one morning there was first one and later seven, huge, bright, glossy flowers. What had he done that made the plant grow so well? He'd just watered it

then watched and waited. What a beauty.

In our church, we can prayerfully continue the tasks we have taken up, trusting that in God's good time these will ripen into something which is lasting, beautiful and true. We patiently do our bit and "God will make it grow" (1Cor 3:6).



WORSHIP

As last week, John Dent will lead us in worship on Sunday 23rd. 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.

Last week John reminded us of the parable of The Lost Sheep. During our Zoom Coffee chat Bill MacLean posed the question, 'What about the other ninety-nine remaining sheep?' Is this a question that many of us have perhaps silently asked ourselves? Thanks, now, to Alistair Montgomery for responding to Bill's query. Alistair explains:

'Parables usually have one main focus and are not allegories with many ramifications. This parable was in response to some Pharisee's complaining that Publicans (tax collectors/Roman collaborators) and sinners were being drawn to Jesus and that he was having fellowship with them. Jesus was making the point that their "Holier than Thou" attitude was not justified. The ninety-nine righteous are valuable to God, but so are sinners who God has not written off. Jesus used standard Jewish exaggeration or hyperbole in his teaching to demonstrate that even one "worthless" sinner is as valuable to a multitude of righteous - because everyone is of infinite value to God and Jesus. We too must not write anyone off just because they do not conform to our spiritual standards. Even a condemned criminal dying on the cross beside Jesus found salvation and "the good shepherd" would be bringing him home rejoicing on his shoulder that same day to paradise.'

Please join us for Zoom Connect coffee and chat this week at 11.45am. Details on how to join are on the website. (Remember to bring your own cuppa ☺)

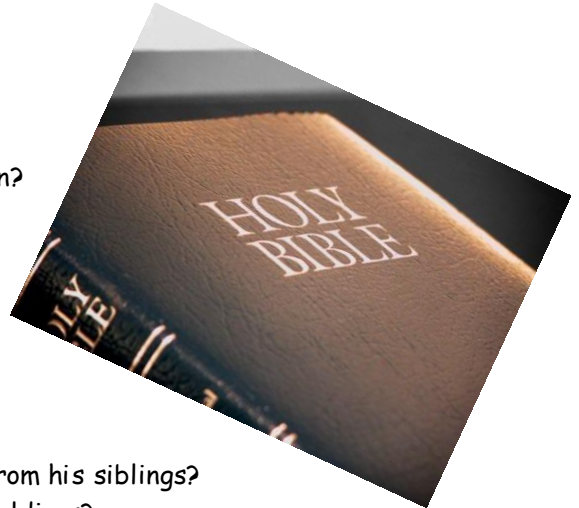
FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

How well do you know the Bible?
Test your knowledge by answering these 20 questions.

Good Luck! I'll give you the answers next week.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

- 1: What is the first book in the Bible?
- 2: What is the last book in the Bible?
- 3: What four books tell about Jesus life on Earth?
- 4: Which book did Jesus directly write?
- 5: What is the longest book in the Bible?
- 6: In what language was most of the Old Testament given?
- 7: In what language was most of the New Testament given?
- 8: Which human author wrote the most books?
- 9: Which human author wrote the most words in the Bible?
- 10: What was most likely the first Gospel written?
- 11: How many brothers did Joseph have?
- 12: What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?
- 13: How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?
- 14: Through what did God speak to Moses in the desert?
- 15: Name the city where Jesus was born?
- 16: Where did Jesus' family go when Herod wanted to harm him as baby?
- 17: Before Jesus starting preaching, what was his normal job?
- 18: Name the place where Jesus walked on water?
- 19: How much bread and fish did Jesus use to feed over 5000 people?
- 20: Where in the Bible can you find the Lord's Prayer?



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.

RETURN TO CHURCH

We expect to be able to have our first service back in the Church building on Sunday September 6th. There will be more information in the newsletter, on our Facebook page and at www.logies.org next week.