



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

NEWSLETTER No.18

July is traditionally holiday time. A time to unwind, relax and recharge our batteries. But maybe this July we have spent a bit more time reflecting on the past few months and reviewing what has materialised during lockdown.

We have heard so many heart-warming stories over the last few months of individuals and communities reaching out to support one and other.

What changes have you had to make? Did you make more time for family? Will you continue with the new hobby you started to help pass the time? Have you got in to a real routine of prayer or found new ways of Bible study? Will you still keep to that routine?

Or are you keen just to get back in to the 'old' way again? It would be a pity if we didn't reflect on the positives of the last few months and pledge to keep some of the changes we have made for the better.

Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 3:5 *'May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.'* Let's place our faith in Jesus and continue to look to him in helping us maintain any change we have made and want to keep.

WORSHIP

Once again, we are grateful to Rev. Anita Kerr for preparing a reflection for us this week. You can hear Anita's words and join this Sunday's worship from 11am. You will find this week's offering www.logies.org. and if you missed our very own 'Songs of Praise' last week you can catch it on the website, too

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 ☺)



MARK'S GOSPEL on Tuesday Evenings, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 28th July will be week 3 but don't worry it's not too late to join. If you are interested in 'coming along' by Zoom to think about Mark's message, please contact administrator@logies.org or leave a message on the church answerphone 01382 668514 to ask for joining instructions and some topics to consider.

PASTORAL CARE

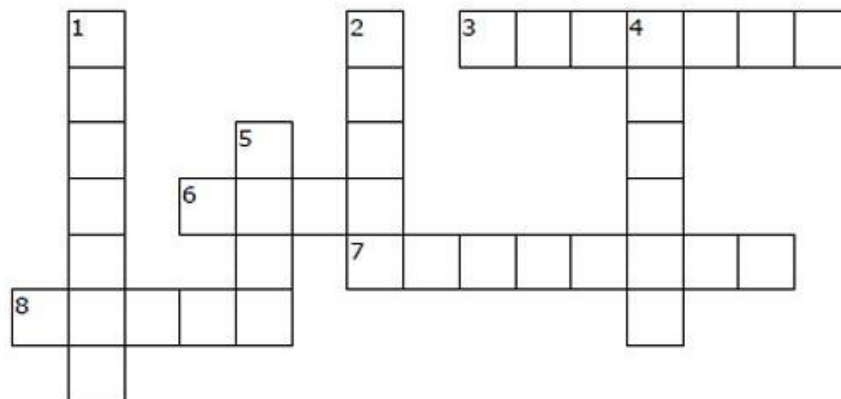
If you are, or know of anyone else, in need of immediate pastoral care please contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy by emailing sessionclerk@logies.org

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

One of the Bible readings in our recorded worship this week was the story of the Mustard Seed. Have you ever seen a mustard seed? The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. It is so small that if you were holding one in your hand and you dropped it you would have a very hard time finding it because it is so hard to see. Even though the mustard seed is so small when it is planted in the ground, it grows into a tree large enough for birds to stand on its branches and to make their nests in it.

When Jesus told this parable He compared it to loving God. When we begin to love Jesus, our love is like a tiny mustard seed before it is planted in the ground. It starts out very small at first. Then if we keep on listening to what Jesus says and obeying Him, the love grows bigger and bigger. Soon it will grow like the big mustard tree.

Can you complete this crossword using the clues and words below to help? They all relate to the Bible reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44 -52



ACROSS

3. Bigger than any of the others
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. Not as big as any of the others
8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
4. An area where plants are grown
5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

SEED SMALLEST	PARABLE NEST	BIRDS GARDEN	LARGEST PLANT
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