



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

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The plant that I've been watching for so long outside our window has finally begun to wilt. After a warm and sunny summer, it really must be Autumn now, writes John Dent. Changes come along repeatedly, some frequent and can be expected in the natural cycle of years and life, some may be unexpected and alarming.

Isaiah the prophet reflected on this when he wrote around 740 BC, "All flesh is grass and its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but", he concludes, "the word of our God will stand forever".

Today, we have to face a period of national and global change. We each have to adapt to the threat of ill-health, of economic crisis, and of restrictions to personal and family life.

In the life of our church too, change also happens periodically, and soon there will be another change. When the "post-quarantine" time arrives, we cannot expect church life to be the same as it was. There will be a "new normal" and new changes to respond to. As we seek to nurture our church fellowship there will be alternative activities that we might be able to implement; there may also be new ways in which we can reach out to our community and to the "hidden" digital community who meet us online. Nothing will be quite the same again.

But as Isaiah reminds us some things do not change. In the post-quarantine church, an American pastor¹ pointed out:

- * The Bible will still be the Word of GOD
- * Christ will still be the only way of salvation
- * Prayer will still be vital
- * Evangelism will still be our mandate.

¹Thom S Rainer (2020)

WORSHIP

This Sunday, Rev. David McLeod will lead us online in a Harvest Thanksgiving.

Next Sunday Rev Anita Kerr will lead us in the church.

If you have been cultivating your own crops - fruit or veg, or flowers this year we'd love to see the results. Please send a picture of your harvest to administrator@logies.org and we will share these.

'ZOOM COFFEE & CHAT' If you haven't done so yet and would like to join us for a coffee and chat at 11.45am this Sunday, please email administrator@logies.org.



Here is Alex Duncan's very colourful harvest

INTIMATIONS

Interim Moderator

Rev James Wilson, Presbytery Clerk, has now asked Rev Graham Taylor to help us by being our Interim Moderator. Graham has recently retired from being minister at St Luke's and Queen St, Broughty Ferry.

Susan Arkless

Sadly, Susan died on Tuesday in Roxburgh House. Although she was a relatively new member of our congregation, she was a faithful attender on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY OF THESE WAYS?

1. Help to edit subtitles?

For our online time of worship we provide subtitles for our video, which is important for accessibility, and are used by 15% of the people who watch them. YouTube generates these automatically, but they always need some editing to tidy them up, correct mis-heard words & add punctuation. Hazel Bengough has been doing a fantastic job with this during her university vacation, but is back to studying now, so we need a new volunteer.

It's relatively easy from a technical point of view. You need a computer, and a good eye/ear for attention to detail. Most of this needs to be done towards the end of the week - Fridays or Saturdays. Please contact administrator@logies.org if you are able to help, or want more details.

2. Help clean the church?

To keep our church Covid free, it needs to be cleaned on the Friday or Saturday before Sunday services. Would you be able to spend an hour wiping pews, mopping floors or vacuuming?

Please contact francesdent@gmail.com or leave a message on church answerphone 01382 668514.

3. Welcome the congregation into the services in the church?

If you would like to join the new Welcome Team, whether or not you were on the Welcome Team before, please contact francesdent@gmail.com or leave a message on church answerphone 01382 668514.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

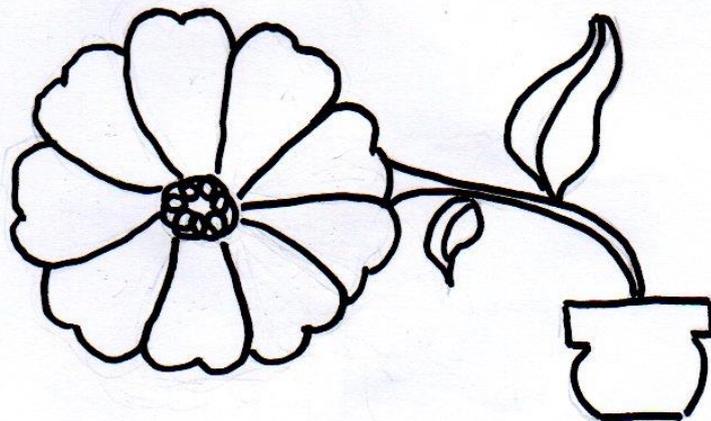
I wonder if you've ever grown a plant, maybe from a packet of seeds or maybe you had a pot-plant that was already grown but hadn't got a flower yet. Did you wonder what the flower would be like when it arrived? What colour would it be? How big would it grow? How many petals would it have?

The Bible tells us that our lives are a bit like a plant. We can grow in different ways, either in good ways or in bad ways. If we go Jesus' way then we can expect to grow in good ways, and like a plant have good fruit. These will grow bigger and bigger in our lives as we trust him more year by year.

To find out the names of these good fruits look in the Bible for the book of Galatians. In Chapter 5 verses 22 and 23 there are nine important fruits which Jesus can grow in our lives.

Let's add each of these names to a petal and add them to our drawing of a flower plant.

L ____
J ____
P ____
P _____
K _____
G _____
F _____
G _____
S _____



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 leave a message on the church answerphone 01382 668514.