



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

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Perhaps a good starting point for a thought for this week would be to ask, "Why does the church need to continue to provide worship events during this difficult time?" Fundamental characteristics of the church community have always been to worship God, to read scripture, to pray, to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and to minister to the needs of others. Heb 10:24 tells us to "consider how we may spur one another towards love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but (to) encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

It is now possible for us to hold two types of Sunday worship event each month. Since March, on-line webcast services were available for anyone with IT access to the website and, more recently, socially distanced, face-to-face services in the church building have been re-introduced for anyone able to attend. For those more restricted by illness or immobility or who may be shielding we hope that the weekly Church Newsletter and frequent telephone contacts are a source of encouragement and support. When government restrictions permit, we will also be ready to restart the Guild, Sunday Club and *Connect with a Cuppa*.

However, there is probably a need to develop an alternative type of church event. To create a less formal, more interactive meeting we have started a Tuesday evening event as a way of keeping in touch with each other and of nurturing our faith and our understanding of the Bible. The format includes a Bible reading, an explanation, and questions relating its meaning to everyday life. We split into small groups of 5-6 to share thoughts and ideas. Attendance is free and open to anyone with IT access.

Seven years ago, we considered the life of our church as being like a seedling with five leaves. It features in many places around the church (see Pat's banner photograph) and on church notices. If you remember, each leaf stands for a special activity we feel the church should be doing or providing. Two of these are *Nurture* and *Nourish*. As we think again about "church", wherever and however that can be experienced during this present difficult time, let's remember the importance of nurturing each other and of being nourished ourselves to strengthen our faith, maintain our hope and increase our capacity for love and good deeds.



WORSHIP

This Sunday, Rev Anita Kerr will lead us in the church. (No Zoom coffee after this service)
Next Sunday, 11th Oct, we will have on-line worship with John Dent leading the reflection.

'ZOOM COFFEE & CHAT'

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

TUESDAY EVENINGS

If you would like to join the Tuesday evening Zoom meetings please email administrator@logies.org to ask for the access information.

CAN YOU HELP IN EITHER OF THESE WAYS?

1. 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.

2. 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)

Which busy bee visits all the leaves?



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.