



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

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“Time on your hands”, “Time flies when you are having fun”, “Time waits for no man” - so many sayings relating to time. And not forgetting Ecclesiastes 3:1 ‘There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven’.

As many of us continue to work from home and save time on our daily commute what are we doing with those extra minutes? As the number of households we can meet indoors continues to be restricted what are we doing with the time we'd spend preparing hospitality for them if they could visit? As many of our clubs and hobby groups are still suspended what are we doing with the hour

or so each week that would be taken up with that activity? Has our TV viewing time increased? Are we spending too long surfing the web? Too much time on social media?

As Christians, we should partner with God and be led in using our time wisely. As a starter, did you know that if you read the Bible for 12 minutes a day you'd complete it in a year? But imagine what it would be like if we added 12 minutes to our Bible reading every day. What can we do to benefit our families, our friends and our neighbours with some additional time? Make that phone call to someone you have not spoken to for a while; volunteer to clean the church in advance of one of our services; send a 'thinking of you' email or letter to a friend; invite a neighbour or friend to join you on a walk; volunteer to do some shopping for someone. There **is** time.

WORSHIP

We continue to alternate our worship. This Sunday we, once again, meet in the church and will be led by Rev. David McLeod.

Sunday 25th October will be an online service followed by a Zoom 'Connect with a Coffee'.

GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY

This weekend, **Sat 17th & Sun 18th October, 2pm – 8 pm** John and Frances Dent invite you to the garden of **12 Glamis Drive, DD2 1QL**.

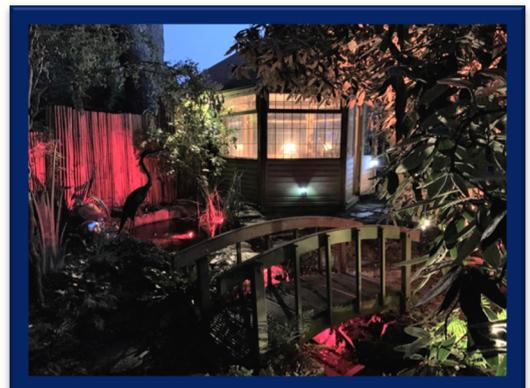
Open under Scotland's Gardens Scheme, Enjoy the autumn colours by daylight and/or by coloured floodlighting.

Donations to UK Committee Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, India and SGS beneficiaries.

BYOM (bring your own mug) for tea/coffee

Opening complies with Covid guidelines. All Covid regulations must be followed.

For more information and last minute changes see scotlandsgardens.org or phone 01382 668700.



FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

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A year has 12 months. A day is made up of two periods of 12 hours – 12 o'clock midnight to 12 noon and 12 noon to 12 o'clock midnight.

According to one source the number 12 (or twelfth) is mentioned 212 times in the Bible. Some of these are:

- Jacob had 12 sons and they were forming the 12 tribes of Israel.
- Jesus first spoke in the temple at the age of 12
- Jesus had 12 disciples
- In the Book of Revelation it is said that there are 12 gates in the God's kingdom and there are 12 angels who guarded the gates.

I mentioned earlier that if you read the Bible for 12 minutes each day then you'd read it all in 12 months.

Challenge: Take 12 minutes every day this week to read your Bible and say how many more places you can find a reference to the number 12.

Here are 3 (1/4 of 12) places to start: Leviticus 24:5 Numbers 7 Matthew 15

Last week's challenge was to make a paper boat that would float in water. John and Alistair have sent in pictures of their boats but they don't seem to be floating. Did anyone manage to make one that floated?



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Unfortunately, we are not able to organise a collection this year but that doesn't mean you can't donate to this worthwhile cause. You might like to make up a box and deliver it to St James Church, Broughty Ferry (opposite the Lifeboat) Mon 9th - Thurs 12th November 10am - 5 pm. Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe, that their faces light up with huge smiles.

More information is available from www.shoeboxappeal.org or from local representative Louise T: 01382 775671.

PASTORAL CARE

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of pastoral care then please contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy, by emailing sessionclerk@logies.org or by leaving a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514