



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **NEWSLETTER No.36**

With thanks to Norma MacKenzie for the following:

'Tier 3 restrictions and with the night's drawing in, I am so grateful to have Dundee Botanic Gardens on my doorstep. And I'm especially excited to report several sightings of red squirrels on recent visits 😊. A recent Facebook post looked back in time to when the site the Botanic Gardens now occupy looked very different –



in 1970 there was a single lone sycamore tree. Now it is joined by many diverse trees from all round the world. As well as being very therapeutic in this time of lockdown the trees are also eco-warriors helping slow the rate of global warming (absorbing carbon dioxide) and helping prevent flooding and soil erosion (absorbing stormwater). A recent survey (Sept 2020) indicated that the combined impact of the Botanic Garden trees may be contributing to the removal of 80kg of ozone pollution each year!

This got me thinking about our calling as a Church - God's people placed here to serve our community together. There is much in society that pollutes – injustice and inequality as well

as environmental damage. Rooted in God's love what difference might we make? One lone tree will have limited impact on its own but when joined by others who knows what the impact might be.'

WORSHIP

It's next week, 6th December before we are back in church again so this week 29th November will once again be an online reflection. Listen in via Facebook or online at www.logies.org and then join us via Zoom to 'Connect with a Coffee' at 11.45am.

VACANCY SUPPORT: Locum and Interim Moderator

You may be aware that Invergowrie Church welcomed two new ministers, Rev Catriona Morrison & Rev Marc Prowe, about a month ago, on a job share basis. Dundee Presbytery have now agreed that they are in a position to support Logie & St. John's (Cross) and they have been appointed as locum giving us two days a week of time, plus preaching on Sundays (in church & online). In addition, Catriona will also act as our Interim Moderator, to provide us with continuity as we plan for the future.

NATIVITY SCENES

If you are unpacking your Christmas decorations, and have your own nativity scene, please take a photo and send it in - with a few words about it too, if you like. Send to administrator@logies.org and we will share some on our website and Facebook (with your name, unless you don't want this).



REMINDER: TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE)

Our next Bible Study series will look at "The First Days of Jesus", comparing accounts from Matthew, Luke & John. We start on **Tuesday 1st December** for three weeks. Contact us on administrator@logies.org with any questions or for joining details.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Read Psalm 104 which rejoices in God's creation.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+104&version=MSG>

Take a large piece of paper and draw a map with God at the centre and include all the different elements of creation in the psalm. Add lines and arrows between them to build a web of how beautifully interconnected everything is. Think now of environmental challenges that are altering the natural balance described in the psalm. What could you do (whether a small or a big thing) to help restore God's balance the world Humans have a unique place in God's creation in that we can affect it so much. Think Why not go for a short nature walk and collect some leaves to make some pictures like these ones:



CONNECT WITH A CUPPA

The Guild Committee are delighted to announce that 'Connect with a Cuppa' will return on **Wednesday 2nd December** 2 pm - 3.30 pm. The afternoon will not be quite the same as before but we hope it will be just as enjoyable. The arrangements have been changed to comply with all government and Church of Scotland guidelines regarding social distancing, cleaning etc. Please read the attached information sheet before you come, so you know what to expect.

It will be BYOM - bring your own mug and mask!

We're looking forward to seeing anyone who feels like venturing out for a cuppa and a chat, but we realise that some of our regulars will be wary about returning.



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

AND FINALLY



Grateful thanks, again, to Norma for her contributions to this week's newsletter.



Logie and St John's (Cross) Guild

Connect with a Cuppa

We will soon be able to start meeting again, but some things will be different. Please take note of the following points.

1. If you have any health issues, please consider whether it is wise for you to attend. If you need to travel by bus, is that wise?
2. Do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have been in contact with anyone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
3. It's BYOM - bring your own mask or face covering
- bring your own mug (disposable cups will be available)
4. Come to the hall door on Blackness Avenue as usual.

Please phone 0771 945 9836 in advance if you need disabled access.

5. Arrive between 2 pm and 3.15 pm (drinking up time to 3.30 pm!)
6. Please wait outside (in a socially distanced manner!) until you are invited to come in. This will be one (or one household) at a time. Bring an umbrella if the weather is doubtful!
7. As you come in you will be asked to read some notices, put on your mask / face covering and use the hand sanitiser provided.
8. You will need to give your name and phone number. This is to comply with NHS Scotland's Test and Protect programme.
9. You will be directed to a table. Each table can only have two individuals (or two households) sitting at it. It's important that you don't move your chair or change seat. Our seating capacity will be reduced but we hope to be able to accommodate everyone.
10. You may remove your mask/face covering when you are seated.
11. A duty Guild member will serve you tea or coffee and a wrapped biscuit. (Sorry, no home baking!)
12. Avoid touching anything unnecessarily and maintain social distance at all times.
13. The disabled toilet will be the only toilet available. Please keep use to a minimum.
14. When you are ready to leave, one of the helpers will direct you out.
15. Everyone usually 'mucks in' with the clearing up, but only the designated helpers can do this now.
16. Monetary donations will still be welcome. For safety, they will not be counted for a few days.
17. The hall will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each event.

It would be lovely to see everyone back at Connect with a Cuppa, but please don't come if you don't feel it is right for you.