



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

### NEWSLETTER No.39

'MERRY XMAS', 'XMAS GREETINGS', 'IT'S XMAS-TIME', 'XMAS SHOPPING'. I've never liked seeing these abbreviations and avoid writing 'Xmas' at all times. It has to be 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' in my book. It was suggested to me once that the 'X' was a symbol of the cross that Christ was crucified on and so omitting his name was acceptable. Sorry, that doesn't wash with me. As the poster reminds us:



Christmas is a symbol of hope, a symbol of light during the dark winter days and in year like 2020 perhaps the joy that Christmas brings is needed more than ever. As we are reminded (in possibly the most quoted verse of the Bible)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.....John 3:16*

### WORSHIP

We hope you enjoyed taking time to listen to last week's 9 Lessons and Carols. The calendar of services over the next few weeks is as follows:

- 20th December** - in church led by **Rev. David McLeod**
- 24th December** - online **Evening Service** in conjunction with the Carse churches
- 25th December** - online **Christmas Day Reflection**
- 27th December** – online led by the **Moderator of the General Assembly**
- 3rd January** - in church led by **Rev. Catriona Morrison**

As our church sanctuary is currently operating on a limit of 50 people, we are running a booking system for **this week's service**. If you would like to come along this Sunday please call the church office T: 01382 668514, and leave a message on the answering machine, clearly stating your name and the number of people in your group. You can come along without booking, but we may not have a space for you.

## SHARING OUR NATIVITY SCENES



This is the nativity scene set up in our church. If you have your own nativity scene at home we'd love to see it to share. Please take a photo and send it in - with a few words about it too, if you like. Send to [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) and we will share some on our website and Facebook (with your name, unless you don't want this) Or maybe you could share a picture of the angel you made following last week's craft activity?

## FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Here's a final wordsearch of the year for you to try:

**Nativity**

H	Y	T	I	V	I	T	A	N	G	E	L	JESUS
A	Y	R	N	E	L	Y	E	K	N	O	D	ANGEL
M	H	G	M	N	R	S	T	R	A	W	E	MARY
A	P	R	S	A	I	S	A	T	N	L	E	JOSEPH
N	E	Y	T	M	S	D	S	H	E	E	P	GOLD
G	S	S	R	E	O	L	M	W	S	E	E	SHEPHERD
E	O	U	G	A	N	O	E	I	H	E	R	SHEEP
R	J	S	F	H	M	G	H	S	E	E	A	STABLE
E	H	E	L	D	M	K	E	E	P	T	N	MANGER
T	K	J	S	Y	N	Y	L	M	H	R	I	INN
E	A	L	R	E	G	T	H	E	E	G	M	DONKEY
K	O	R	G	G	I	F	T	N	R	O	A	STAR
H	H	Y	T	E	B	E	E	Y	D	D	L	BETHLEHEM
T	A	A	T	S	T	A	B	L	E	E	S	MYRRH

## 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](mailto:sessionclerk@logies.org) or by leaving a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

## AND FINALLY

There won't be a Newsletter over the next two weeks but we will be back with news and activities in January. May His love surround you and your family at Christmas.