



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 10th January 2021

Happy New Year!

Thankfully Christmas wasn't cancelled despite what the media tried to tell us, and we had time to reflect on the birth of Jesus, the gift of God's love for us. Now as we come to terms with another period of lockdown we have to remind ourselves that God's love will see us through.

It may be harder sometimes to appreciate this. Just when our expectations of a brighter future were heightened by the prospect of a vaccination a new variation of the virus emerges and once again many are suffering. This is a time when we need to be patient. Patient when we are queueing at the supermarket, patient with children learning at home, patient while we wait for an appointment for the vaccination, patient knowing that God has a plan and that he will bring an answer to our prayers.

'.....clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'
Colossians 3:1

WORSHIP

Unfortunately, as we are in another period of lockdown we can no longer meet on a Sunday in the sanctuary of the church building. In consultation with Rev Catriona Morrison, our Interim Moderator, the Kirk Session have agreed that for all of January, at least, our worship will be online. All services will appear on www.logies.org at 10am each Sunday morning.

There will still be a Zoom Coffee meet each week at 11.45am. If you have not joined a Zoom Connect Coffee time before why not join us this year? We chat as a large group to start with and then break off in "rooms" of 5 or so people to have a 'catch-up'. Most weeks there are usually about 20 people taking part.

Please contact administrator@logies.org if you would like details on how to join.

REFLECTIONS FROM DUNDEE

During the latter part of last year the Camperdown and Lochee Ministry team began a series of recordings 'Reflections from Dundee: Faith in Conversation'. These videos are based on 'Reflections from The Quay' which BBC Scotland recorded at the start of lockdown in March 2020. The Dundee version focuses on local people, local places and reflects on where God is at work right now. They come highly recommended and all four episodes (Sept – Dec) can be found on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFOIskEDpTs&list=PL2h6MqyM9IkPEG5vCPvJh89z_EB_PC_U9&ab_channel=CamperdownAndLocheeMinistryDundee

It's worth noting that our 'own' Dr. Alistair Montgomery has been recorded for a forthcoming episode.

TUESDAY CONNECT BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE)

On the next three Tuesdays we'll be thinking about the **Fruits of the Spirit**, looking at one 'fruit' each evening (the other six will be considered at a later date).

The first topic on **12th January at 7.30pm** will be **Joy**. These evenings will have a slightly different format to previous meetings and there will not be any 'homework'!

It would be lovely to have some new faces on our Zoom screens - if you would like to take part, please email administrator@logies.org for the Zoom invitation

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)



This photograph shows a building which has been built entirely from Lego bricks. Can you imagine how long it must have taken?

Would you have the patience to build it? Maybe you have tackled something similar. It would be great to see a picture of it.

During the last lockdown I rediscovered a love for jigsaws. This has tested my patience as I try to place the pieces correctly to complete the picture.

Being impatient can make us turn nasty to others. We become frustrated, angry, start to shout and argue with others. We behave in a way that annoys God.

Patience is mentioned a lot in the Bible. Noah had to be very patient to wait for the floods to end and the story of Joseph (he of the multi-coloured coat) is another long story that shows how God works while we wait patiently. Joseph was his dad's favourite and because of this,

his brothers did not like him. They wanted to hurt him and get rid of him. They chose to sell their brother and so he ended up in Egypt. While there, Joseph had many ups and downs but eventually he became very successful and helped the Pharaoh. Later, during years of famine, Joseph was put in charge of the grain available in Egypt. Joseph's family were in great need so Joseph's brothers travelled to Egypt to find some. Little did they know, their brother was in charge of the food and it would be him who provided for them.

This story reminds us that as we trust God and while we wait patiently, we allow him to work things out for us. Joseph could have been scared and angry at what his brothers did to him. But he patiently worked with a good attitude while he journeyed through life in Egypt. He became friends with the king and God used his new relationships to provide for his family.

This week practice being patient. Here are some suggestions:

- Play a board game with your family
- Do a jigsaw (or better still – make one; Draw a picture, colour it, cut it in to pieces and try to put it back together again)
- Build a large scale model with Lego (or similar)

Good Luck!

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