



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 31st January 2021

Throughout the pandemic we have got used to seeing many politicians, medics, television presenters being interviewed on our television via some virtual platform from their kitchens, lounges, home office. And regularly sitting in front of a bookcase. During the first lockdown it seemed that there was a competition going on to see who had the biggest and best. Often I was distracted by the books, trying to read the titles and wondering how many of them had actually been read. I love books and there will always be two or three on my bedside table and there are very few books in the house that have not been read. But in the last year there is one book that I have reached for more than ever before and that is my Bible. A book of inspiration, comfort and hope. On the eve of National Storytelling week (31st January – 6th February) I encourage us all to reach for the book that tells the greatest of stories.

WORSHIP

Our online worship continues and now includes a section for those who would usually attend Sunday Club and ROC. 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.

WHO AM I WORSHIPPING WITH?

Thanks to Ramanee for this interesting article.

When we meet in church we can see our fellow worshippers. In these days of online worship, I thought you would like to know who else is viewing our online services with you.

I've used some of the data from our website for the service on Sunday 24th January. This data is taken from various sources, and is subject to people allowing Google and similar services to track their browsing, so is a good estimate, at best.

On Sunday itself, 50 different people accessed our online time of worship, and they spent an average 30 minutes on our website. Most of that was looking at the page for this week's service. Over half the people were from Dundee, but we also had people worshipping from other parts of Scotland, as well as Kent, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. One third of people were on a desktop or laptop computer, one fifth on a tablet, with the rest using a mobile phone.

That's not too different to the numbers in church on a Sunday morning, especially if you consider that sometimes there will be more than one person watching the service on the computer at the same time. And people continue to watch the service during the week too. They also watch back previous services too - this week alone, people have re-watched our services from Christmas Day and Palm Sunday.

In gathering this information, Ramanee noticed that there are people who access our newsletter directly from the website – if that's you, and you aren't receiving a copy by email, then please contact administrator@logies.org and we'll add you to our mailing list.

TUESDAY CONNECT BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE)

A new 8-week series will begin on Tuesday 2nd February - The Bible Course.



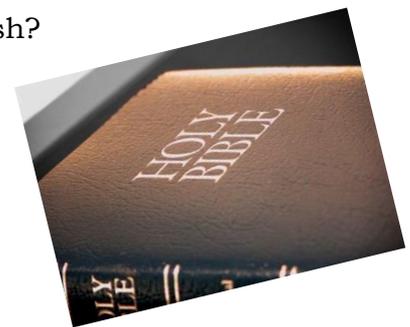
If you'd like to join this new course then contact administrator@logies.org or call the Church Office, T: 01382 668514 to get the Zoom access information.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Congratulations to eagle-eyed Jennifer Smith who noticed that there was an extra word in the wordsearch posted on 17th January. Did anyone else find 'JOY'?"

It's National Story -Telling Week and we know that the Bible has many great stories. To help you explore your Bible try this quiz:

1. Who wrote the Bible?
2. When was the Bible written?
3. When was the first translation of the Bible made into English?
4. When was the Bible first printed?
5. What is the longest book in the Bible?
6. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
7. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
8. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
9. What is the longest verse in the Bible?
10. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
11. Which book in the Bible does not mention the word "God?"
12. Is the Bible still the best-selling book in the world?



REFLECTIONS FROM DUNDEE

The most recent version of this series featuring an interview with Alastair Montgomery is now available. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7I9oznls_CU

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

We heard earlier this week that Davina Marr died peacefully at her grandson's house on 26th January. She would have been 100 this year. Vina had attended Logie and St (John's) Cross for at least 25 years and was also a Guild member. She moved from her Abbotsford Place home a couple of years ago to live with her grandson. We remember Vina and her family in our prayers.

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