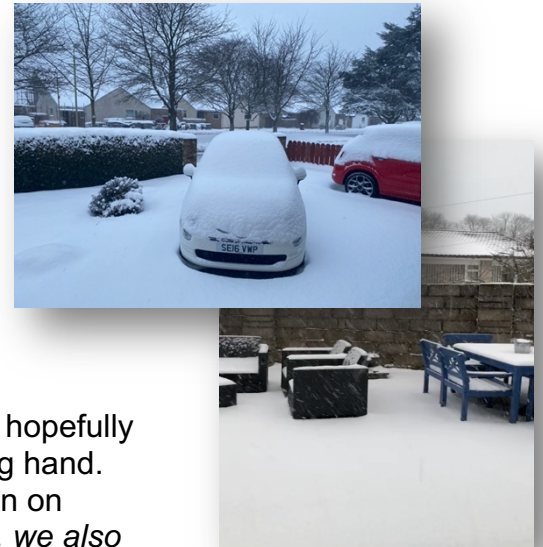




LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH

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Well, I didn't see that coming. Slight snow flurries maybe. Not 6 – 8 inches in a day. And yet at a time when we can't escape the news, the debates about when restrictions will be lifted, will we be able visit loved ones in care homes, should we book a summer holiday, it seemed strange that the heavy snow brought a sense of calm. Granted it has made it more difficult to get to the shops or to take our 'daily mile or 2' exercise but when I opened my front door on Tuesday afternoon I was struck by the silence. And it was so nice to stand and take it all in and to forget about everything else for a short while. Love it or loath it, the snow has given us a distraction this week. But hopefully not too distracted to remember those that may need a helping hand. Clearing paths for elderly neighbours, a phone call to check-in on others, whatever we do *'Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.'* 1 John 4:11



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

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Here is something for all budding photographers. To mark the start of Lent, on Wednesday 17 February, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is launching a photo competition – 'Hidden in Plain Sight' – with both children and adults alike invited to send in their photographs showing the Cross in our everyday surroundings. When we open our eyes to the possibility, we can begin to see images of the Cross all around us - in both nature and the built environment. Find a Cross that is 'hidden in plain sight' and using your camera, or your phone, take a photograph of it. To submit your entry for the photography competition, please email MediaRelations@churchofscotland.org.uk, attaching your photograph(s) as well as your name and which category you are in:

1. Primary school age
2. Secondary school age
3. 18+

The winner in each category will be awarded a gift to the charity of their choice.

More information can be found here: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/moderator-launches-new-photography-competition-hidden-in-plain-sight>

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Throughout the Bible we read many times of Jesus showing his love for others. One such story can be found in Luke 5: 17-26. Jesus heals a paralysed man without asking for anything in return. Real, self-less love.

People were excited whenever they heard that Jesus was in their area because they either wanted to see a miracle or be the one who was healed. So, as Jesus entered one of the homes in Capernaum, people quickly gathered around Him. So many people came that there was no room left, not even outside the door. There were four men who heard that Jesus was in town who decided to carry their paralysed friend on a mat to Him, to see if their friend could be healed. As soon as they got to the house where Jesus was, they realized that they wouldn't be able to get through to see Him. Someone decided to take him to the roof of the building that Jesus was at! The Bible says that, after digging through the roof, the men lowered the mat that the paralysed man was lying on down to where Jesus was. The first thing Jesus said when He saw that he was a believer was, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Probably not what the man expected since he came to Jesus because he wanted to walk. However, Jesus knew what this man needed most because he knew what was in his heart. Jesus knew that being paralysed would be difficult but it was even worse not to be forgiven for your sins. Then, Jesus said to the paralysed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." The Bible says that the man got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them everyone that was there.

Activity: Draw around your hands and then cut them out but keep the two hands joined together. Can you see the heart in the middle of the two hands?

Write the names of people you love on each hand. This could be family or friends. Use this as a reminder of people that you love.

Maybe you could hold this when you are saying your prayers?

I wonder if you could write names on your cut out hands of people that are harder to love, could you ask God to help you share your love further?



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

The answer to last week's puzzle:

Draw the house outline and then turn over the corner of the paper to transfer the pen without ever removing it from the paper.

