



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 21st February 2021

When did sleep become a measure of time? And yet 'how many sleeps?' is a question commonly answered, especially with the young, when we are looking forward to something. If only we knew how many sleeps until we can safely go about our day-to-day living knowing that the pandemic is in the past.



What we do know, however, is that this week saw the start of Lent. That time in the Christian calendar when we reflect on our lives in the lead up to considering the importance of the Easter story. It's a time when some choose to give something up – chocolate, wine, biscuits – but this year Rt. Rev Dr Martin Fair, the Moderator of Church of Scotland, is suggesting that rather than giving something up we use Lent as a time to reflect on the last twelve months and think about the positives we can actively and regularly continue. What are the good things that have materialised in the last 12 months? Maybe it's a regular telephone call or email communication with someone that normally would only receive a Christmas card or holiday postcard from you. Maybe you think more about the environment, walking more and using your car less or have you been donating to the foodbank every time you shop? Whatever it is, let's all take the opportunity to think positively and try to make a difference and maybe the number of sleeps until we are clear of the pandemic will seem less important.

WORSHIP

Our online worship continues with services appearing on www.logies.org at 10am each Sunday morning. Each week there is a section especially directed to our children and young people.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID



As a congregation we have never shied away from donating to Christian Aid and hopefully this year will be no different. Christian Aid Week will be 10 -16 May and it's unlikely that we will be able to gather and have our bacon rolls before a service or share a fellowship lunch after a service all in aid of Christian Aid but there are other ways we can contribute. Watch this space! More information in coming weeks.

Meanwhile, why not take a few minutes to watch the video produced to celebrate the fact that Christian Aid is 75 in 2021. <https://youtu.be/AhSh7D4r3Z4>

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

22nd FEBRUARY, THINKING DAY.

A few months back Ramanee and Hazel shared with us some of the activities that the Guides were participating in, despite having to meet virtually each week. As they celebrate Thinking Day on Monday here is an update from them.

"February 22nd is World Thinking Day and usually our Guides would be in church with the Rainbows & Brownies, and the Scouting groups who would be celebrating their Founder's Day.

This year, our Guide unit is taking part in activities with Girlguiding members around Scotland, with all sorts of online challenges throughout the day on Sunday 21st.

We currently have over 30 members in our Guide unit, and are back to online meetings, after a brief spell of outdoor meetings in the autumn. Lockdown has given us a chance to do all sorts of different things, including a visit from a Brownie leader from Hampshire and her Guide dog - who explained about their life, and answered our questions. We ran that evening jointly with Hazel's unit in Glasgow. We've also been visited by Space Dave, from a science museum in New Zealand, who really engaged the girls on the topic of life on the International Space Station - and at least two of them now want to study astronomy.



One of the things Guides always love is cooking - and they now cook at home instead. We have live "cook along" evenings - where they are in their own kitchens, and sharing their progress on their cameras. Last week they made pancakes, and were set the challenge of also making a healthy meal for the family. They are working on a range of badges, including the A to Z Challenge - listing something for each letter of the alphabet that they've done since the first lockdown started last March.

Each week we are still getting over 25 Guides attending our online sessions, but can't wait until we are all back together again"

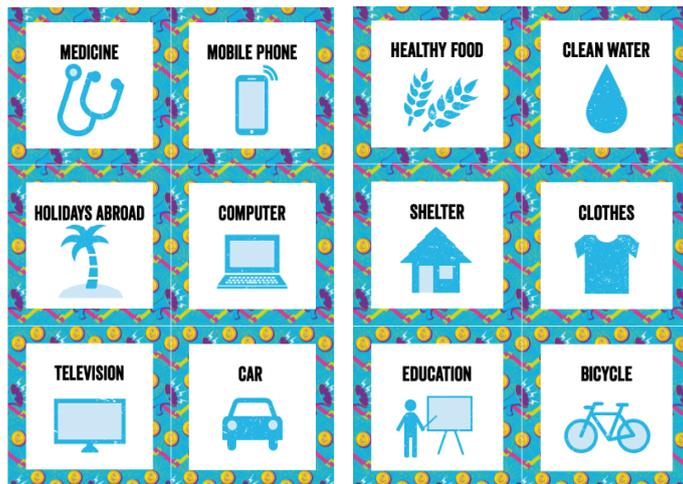
We give thanks that this valuable activity for so many young girls in our neighbourhood is able to continue.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

"I need sweets." How many times have you said that? Do you ever really need sweets?

It's more likely that you want sweets. Look at these 12 boxes and decide which of these you need. The rest will be things you want.

Sadly, some people in the world don't always have access to the things that we need to live safe and healthy lives.... clean water, clothes, healthy food, shelter (a house), medicine. But thankfully there are charities like Christian Aid and the Fairtrade Foundation that work hard to make things better for them. This is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. If you are shopping this week look out for this label on wrappers.



And if you do, maybe you could buy something knowing that you are helping others.....(maybe this is the time when you do need sweets!)

