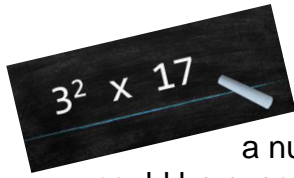




**LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**



It's confession time and apologies to Rev Marc Prowe but my mind wandered slightly during last Sunday's sermon. What's a maths teacher to do when the Minister says he's not sure of the mathematical significance of a number? The number, of course, is 153. Straight away I recognised that it could be expressed as a multiple of Prime Numbers.

$$3 \times 3 \times 17 = 153$$

At that point I had to stop my mind from wandering further and tune back into the sermon. But I did come home and do a wee bit more tinkering with the number. I love a number conundrum. (Apologies to those who are now having horrendous thoughts about secondary school maths classes – I know it's not everyone's cup of tea!). Here are two more interesting facts:

$$(1 \times 1 \times 1) + (5 \times 5 \times 5) + (3 \times 3 \times 3) = 1 + 125 + 9 = 153.$$

$$\text{And if we add all the numbers from 1 to 17, } 1+2+3+4+\dots+17 = 153$$

Marc explained that 153 may have been the number used as it was thought that there was 153 different species of fish. In the Gospels there are 153 accounts of people being personally blessed by Jesus. Whatever the reason we know that it signifies abundance and is a reminder of the abundance of God's love for us.

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

We are now meeting weekly at 11am in church but for those unable to join us the service is still available online at [www.logies.org](http://www.logies.org).

There is now no need to 'book ahead' if you wish to worship in church and access is now available via Shaftesbury Terrace for those unable to use the steps at the main entrance on Blackness Avenue.

In the coming weeks we look forward to seeing more of you. Please just come along for 11am remembering your face covering!

### **CONNECT WITH A CUPPA**



The weather held up and Connect with a Cuppa returned this week. As the photograph shows a good few folk attended in the garden and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with others.

The next meeting will be from 2pm – 3pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Bring your own mug if possible. Tea/coffee and wrapped biscuits provided. (But we won't meet if it's raining.)

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021

This year Christian Aid week will run from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May. Last year we were all encouraged to continue supporting Christian Aid by donating online. This year you will be able to give a donation via an envelope collection as in previous years. Envelopes will be available at the door each Sunday from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please take one, give what you can and leave for collection in the box provided.

Christian Aid is focussing on Climate Change this year. Whilst we are all affected by this crisis it is especially hard for those living in poverty in countries who suffer from extreme weather. A reliable source of water, sadly, is not something everyone can take for granted. If a community could be helped to build an earth dam it means when the rains come they will have the water they need to live.

The Christian Aid website describes the plight of some and tells how our donations can help.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## PASTORAL NOTICES

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

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

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A to Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase. The completed phrase is a verse from Matthew Chapter 4. But which verse? Can you find it and check you solved the puzzle?

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## CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE

The Tuesday night Bible study continues to look at the Fruits of the Spirit, considering 'goodness' this week. Joining instructions are available from [adminstrator@logies.org](mailto:adminstrator@logies.org) or by leaving a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514