



**LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

I received an email this week with the following subject: *'We're open. Let's get going again.'* It was from a local furniture store trying to entice me to visit their shop. The day before I'd enjoyed worshipping on Easter Sunday back in our church building and wondered if maybe we should have replaced the "TryPraying" banner on the steps with a similar message. But we don't need to get going again. Logie & St. John's (Cross) has never gone away. Our church building may have been closed since December but as a Church we've continued.

The Church is not the building, its  
the people, its not just the  
gathering, its also the scattering.

— John Wimber —

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**SUNDAY SERVICE:** 11am in church or online at [www.logies.org](http://www.logies.org).

From this week, there is no need to 'book ahead' if you wish to worship in church. Please just come along for 11am remembering your face covering!

**Help Needed:** In order to be Covid-safe, we need to follow a weekly cleaning regime. The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be. No heavy work is involved and it's usually done on Saturday morning or any time on Thursday or Friday.

Would you be able to spare an hour or so every three weeks?

Please contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) or 01382 668514 to volunteer or for more information.

**CUPPA by ZOOM**

For the last year many of us have enjoyed chatting on Zoom over Sunday morning coffee. With a return to worship in church, these sessions have now stopped, but 'Cuppa by Zoom' started last Wednesday and will be meeting again on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2.30 – 3.15 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Why not join in and enjoy your cuppa and a chat from the comfort of your own home?

If you don't have internet access you can use your ordinary telephone. Access information was sent out with our Easter Card, please contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) if you need it to be re-sent.

**PASTORAL NOTICES**

On 27<sup>th</sup> March, Cathie Cyz died peacefully at home, aged 97yrs. She had been housebound for a number of years and had been lovingly cared for by her son Karl. Cathie and her late husband, Stanislaw Karl, joined LSJC from St Peter's McCheyne. Many will remember her for involvement in the flower ministry and the Guild. Please remember Karl in your prayers.

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

## **VACANCY UPDATE: ELECTORAL REGISTER**

As you know, Logie & St John's (Cross) is currently in vacancy. In order to progress the process to fill the vacancy we need to create our Electoral Register.

This Register is a list of everyone entitled to vote when the congregation is choosing a Nominating Committee or electing a minister. This includes people who are on our Congregational Roll and also others who are regular attenders, but who have not made a full commitment to membership of the Church of Scotland (known as adherents).

We will be writing out to individuals too, but if you wish to check you are on the Congregational Roll, or Adherents list, please contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) or call the Church Office 01382 668514 and leave a message.

## **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Early last year, we invited people to get in touch if they wished to formally join our congregation, by Profession of Faith, or transferring "lines" from another congregation. All that was delayed by lockdown etc. So, we are again encouraging people to consider membership. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Catriona or Marc, or any of the elders. You can call them on 01382 561523, or email [CMorrison@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:CMorrison@churchofscotland.org.uk) or [MProwe@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:MProwe@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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

Read the following statements. How many do you doubt as not being true?

1. *Someone paid \$10,000 for an invisible piece of art.*
2. *When startled, the Asian elephant can jump up to 12 inches in the air.*
3. *Because of arctic vision, if a polar bear charges you and you stand absolutely still, he won't be able to see you.*
4. *Just one person lives in the town of Monowi, Nebraska.*
5. *An average car has 10,000 parts.*
6. *A type of concrete was invented by the Romans thousands of years ago.*

Why did you doubt some? To help you find the truth the answers are below.

Having doubt isn't all bad. Doubt can keep you from trusting the wrong people or information. But it can also keep you from trusting the *right* people and information.

As an early disciple of Jesus, Thomas had watched Jesus turn water into wine, heal people suffering with leprosy, and raise the dead. So why doubt that Jesus could rise from the dead himself?

Whatever the reason, Thomas doubted—and said so. And when Jesus appeared, one of the first things he did was turn to Thomas and invite Thomas to put his doubts to rest. You can read the story here: John 20:24-29

There was no yelling. No shaming. Just one friend helping the other to a deeper faith. Jesus wasn't angry that Thomas had honest doubts. Jesus helped Thomas trust wholeheartedly in him. Never in the Bible do we see Jesus turn someone away who brings honest doubts to him. Which means we can bring him our doubts too. If we doubt, we can talk to him. We can talk to friends of his, people who've been believers longer than we have. And we can look in the Bible for answers.