



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 1st August 2021**

This morning, I heard an interview on the radio between a sport's commentator and a football manager. The interviewer suggested that the result of the most recent game played by the manager's team was catastrophic. The manager took umbrage at this description and argued that it most certainly was not. When challenged he suggested that 'catastrophic' implied a disaster and that despite his team losing it was not a disaster as there was much to learn from the game. Two people with a different interpretation of the same event. It's a glass half full or glass half empty scenario. We all can see things differently. Imagine if we believed that Christ's crucifixion was catastrophic instead of a new beginning.

SUNDAY SERVICE

It was great to be back in church last week and to be singing (albeit behind our masks). The Rev. James Wilson, our Interim Moderator, will lead our morning service this week again and having seen the suggested hymns I can guarantee that there will be plenty to sing loudly to. The service will, as usual, begin at 11am.

For those who were not able to join us last week some small changes have been made to reflect the fact that Dundee, like the rest of the country, is now in Level 0.

- The roping off of our pews has been changed to reflect a move to 1m distancing
- We can sing hymns if we keep our masks on (unless you are medically exempt)
- The number of those who can safely worship with us has increased to 50-75.



We will NOT be replacing the pew cushions yet but if you wish you are welcome to bring your own with you each week.

There continues to be no need to 'book ahead'. Don't forget your face covering (unless you are medically exempt) and take the opportunity to stay behind to connect with a cuppa.

For those unable to join us on Sunday the service from Invergowrie Parish Church will be available online at www.logies.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

After an interview process over the past month, culminating in formal interview last week, Rev Grant Maclaughlan has been invited and accepted, after a unanimous vote of the nominating committee, to preach as sole nominee at LSJC..

Grant was born in Dundee, attended Menzieshill High School and most recently has been part time locum minister at Errol l/w Kilspindie and Rait Parish Churches. He is also a sessional workplace chaplain for Perth City. Prior to this, Grant has been a parish minister for Perth Riverside and Newhaven Edinburgh.

James indicated that Grant may preach as sole nominee on 29th August 2021 but confirmation of this will follow in due course.

Please keep Grant and his family in your prayers and give thanks for the work of the nominating committee.

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

CONNECT WITH A CUPPA



Connect with a Cuppa is back again on Wednesday 4th August. Come prepared to sit in the garden. Bring your own mug, parasols optional. If it is wet then everyone will meet indoors.

CHRISTIAN AID

Bill McLean received news this week that Christian Aid Week has already hit a milestone total of over £3 million and counting. In an email to Bill they sent heartfelt thanks for the support and generosity of churches and communities. As a congregation we donated almost £1000.

You may remember that during Christian Aid Week Marc shared with us Florence's story. The link below is a thank you from Florence who shares how thankful she is for her local earth dam and the support she received from Christian Aid partners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zio7LLsyX4>

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Have you been watching the Olympics? The GB swimming team has been doing well, winning 3 Gold medals already. Being a swimmer takes lots of time and dedication. For years they are in the swimming pool every day before 6am. Imagine swimming lengths of the pool, listening to your swim coach, improving your technique every day and then going to school to meet your friends who have probably had at least 2 hours longer in bed. But if they didn't do this they wouldn't win gold.

When we follow Jesus we have a coach. When we pray that's us listening to and talking to our coach. Swimmers can't listen to their coaches advice when they are racing but we can pray to Jesus at anytime. He's always by our side.

Here are some examples of how Jesus speaks to us. They are in code. Write the correct letters over each shape.

E= ☆ A= ❁ U= ❁ H= ▲ O= ❁ N= ✨
T= ✚ W= ☾ B= ⚙ S= ✧

J☆❁❁❁ c❁* ❁p☆❁k ✚❁ m☆...

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