



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 25th July 2021**

On your marks, get set, go!

It has been a summer of sport. We have had the football European Championships, Wimbledon, the Tour de France, the Open Golf, the British Lions rugby tour and now the Olympics are upon us. I am someone who has still to find 'my sport'! I'm definitely a spectator not a participant and enjoy watching on television. Growing up I tried many sports at school but never seemed to find one that I could master or had the desire to master to any worthwhile standard. My mantra became 'it's about taking part, not winning'. Today it's very much the same, even when playing board games I don't have that drive to really win. I just enjoy playing for fun.

Early Christians were fascinated by the ancient Olympics and we know that Paul compared his life to a race. He was so focussed on being a follower of Christ that he kept going despite all the obstacles in his path. Now that is one 'sport' I can relate to. No-one ever said being a Christian was easy but knowing that God is watching over us and doesn't chastise when we stray is such a joy.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Once again, Rev James Wilson, our Interim Moderator, will lead our morning service this week. The service will, as usual, begin at 11am. But with some welcome changes.

As Dundee is now in Level 0 we can:

- move to 1m distancing in church. The roping off of our pews has been changed to reflect this.
- sing hymns as long as we keep our masks on (unless you are medically exempt)
- increase the number of those who can safely worship with us 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. The weather has been kind and congregation members have managed to meet in the garden. This week, as well as bringing your own flask of coffee you may want to bring a sunshade, too, in expectation of similar weather to that experienced by those that gathered on Wednesday for Connect with a Cuppa. Phew! It was hot!!



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

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

'SEEDS OF HOPE' WILDFLOWER GARDEN



Earlier this year wildflower seeds were planted at the edge of the path to the Shaftesbury Terrace entrance. The seeds were from 'Seeds of Hope Scotland' as part of the Bonnie Dundee Pollinator project. Ramanee sent a photograph of the flowers to 'Bonnie Dundee' and got the following reply:



"Our aim is to gather all photos together and make a video clip for the city's entry into Beautiful Scotland. What we like about yours is that the picture shows all of our varieties that were in the packet while a few of our other pictures are missing the white or the red has dominated"

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

The Olympics begin this weekend. After years of training athletes have the chance to perform on the world stage and for some there will be lots of 'highs'. They may win a gold medal or run or throw their personal best. For others there will be 'lows'. Some may suffer injury before the final or suffer defeat in a qualifying round.

When Paul went on his travels to tell people the good news that Jesus is alive he came across lots of hurdles. You can read about it in the Bible here: Acts 14: 1 – 28. Paul's first journey was like the first lap of his race with Jesus.

All athletes experience ups and downs. Follow the lines to see what these athletes can choose to do. What choice would you make if you were them?

The cartoon shows a runner tripping and saying "OOF!!". In the next panel, the runner thinks, "IF I TAKE THIS SHORT-CUT, NO ONE WILL SEE AND I'LL WIN!!". In the final panel, the runner is booed by a crowd, with "Boo!" written above them.

The maze leads to the following options:

- I didn't win but I know I raced honestly. (Smiling face)
- I won but only because I cheated. (Sad face)
- It's not fair. I was tripped. (Sad face)
- That was so hard. But I'll try again next time. (Smiling face)
- I hate the crowd. The booing put me off. (Sad face)
- I still won even though the crowd booed me. (Smiling face)