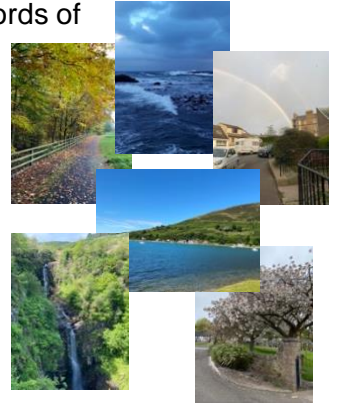




## **LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH** **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

On the eve of COP 26, the United Nations climate change conference, I have the words of “All Things Bright And Beautiful, All Creatures Great and Small”, ringing in my ears. A hymn that many of us learned as a child, praising the marvellous world that God made for us. And now more than ever we need to take action to preserve that wonderful world. Earlier in the year Christian Aid highlighted the plight of Rose who, because of severe drought, struggles to survive without a reliable source of water. Closer to home climate change doesn't just mean warmer and sunnier times but also wetter and windier times. Only today transport links in Glasgow are disrupted because of flooding due to torrential rain. The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers reminded us in last month's Life & Work that as Christians we have a responsibility for the stewardship of the earth. Now, more than ever, we need to do something, no matter how small, in order to make a lasting difference to our entire planet remembering that “the Lord God made them all” .



### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

This Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, will be first time that Rev Grant Maclaughlan will lead us in worship as our new Minister. We hope that you will join us on that occasion.

We continue to keep 1m distancing in the pews (but cushions are back!) and a track and trace register is taken each week.

### **INTRODUCING.....**

Over the next few weeks Grant and Gill want to share a little about who they are through the weekly newsletter. They hope that in time to be able to find out a little more about each of you as they build connections and establish good relationships across the congregation.

Grant writes:

*‘First of all a huge thanks to everyone who came to the Induction to mark this new chapter in the life of Logie St John (Cross) Church and for all who stayed behind to enjoy a fantastic picnic lunch on our first Sunday.*

*Gill and I have not yet moved into the manse as a result to a delay in finishing off some work. However, we will be moving in on the 23rd of November, so in the meantime I will be travelling from Perth. We are looking forward to moving into the Manse and to being part of the Church and wider Community in the West End of Dundee.*

*Gill and I are both Dundonians. We met through our involvement at Menzieshill Parish Church 32 years ago and we have now been married for 27 years. We have 3 children, Lauryn who is 21 and lives in Perth and is studying Criminology at Napier University; Abbie who is 19 and is at the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow studying Film and Daniel who is 18 and who has recently started his Sport and Exercise Degree at Abertay University.*

*Gill has been teaching for 11 years and is currently the Principal Teacher at Methven Primary School. I have been involved in a variety of forms of Christian Ministry since I was first ordained in February 1998, including serving as a parish minister at Newhaven Church, Edinburgh (1998-2006) and Riverside Church, Perth (2007-2013). My other roles, Director of the Market Place Partnership at St Nicholas Church of England, Durham (2006-2007); Work Place Chaplain, West Edinburgh and Perth (2013-2015; 2021) and Community Minister with Perth North Church (2015-2021) have had a primary focus on engaging with people beyond the walls of our church buildings.*

*Next week we will share a little more about who we are. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me please do so by emailing [GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk) or by phoning: 07507 710 871’*

## **CONNECT WITH A CUPPA ON SUNDAYS**



As winter approaches we will meet in the Hall on Sundays after the service – socially distant and still bring our own cuppa. The Kirk Session, however, would like us to get back to being able to offer a cuppa (although we ask that you bring your own (empty) cup) and a biscuit and propose that we begin this on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Before lockdown many congregational members served on the ‘tea rota’ and we hope that you will be willing to do so again. If you are able to help please let Mike Duffy or Fiona Low know. New volunteers welcome.

## **PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We hope that as many as possible will stay behind for a cuppa on the 21<sup>st</sup> November as at that time Grant and the Kirk Session will share some plans for Christmas. We hope that there will be something for everyone to join.



## **PASTORAL CARE**

If you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Rev Grant Maclaughlan by email or phone. Or contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy, by emailing [sessionclerk@logies.org](mailto:sessionclerk@logies.org) Finally, you can leave a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

## **CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE**

Our online Bible Study ‘Connect with the Bible’ continues on Tuesday. The meetings are on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) for the Zoom joining details.

## **THE GUILD**

The Guild meets at 2pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This week two speakers will talk about the Guild project ‘Chocolate Heaven’. All welcome.

## **FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

Psalm 104:24: ‘O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.’

Thinking of that verse from Psalm 104, on one side of this rectangle draw a picture of your favourite thing from nature. On the other half, draw or write one thing you’ll do this week to help take care of God’s wonderful world.

