



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 7th November 2021**



Last week we sang the hymn 'Bind Us Together'. A few years back, when the elders led a 'Songs of Praise' I chose that hymn as a favourite. It takes me back to my teenage years and the church I grew up in. We had recently moved to using 'Mission Praise' and it was exciting to learn a new hymn. At that stage I loved it because for me there was no argument about the lyrics and it had a good tune, too. I still love the hymn although we rarely sing it in church. Now, more than ever, in a time of change with a new minister we all need to get come together and strengthen our relationship with each other 'with chords that cannot be broken' and to reach out to others to show we 'are the family of God'

FROM GRANT

This week has been one where I have continued to settle into the two different aspects of my role. As minister of LSJC I have had the opportunity to visit Harris Academy and to talk with the headteacher. We knew each other, as he had been headteacher of the school our children attended in Perth. I have also had the opportunity to continue to visit some of the elders and a few members over the week, as I continue to listen to people's stories and experiences as well as their hopes and dreams for the future.

In my presbytery role, I have again been meeting with colleagues and also attended meetings with regards the new clusters that are developing across Dundee. So it continues to be a time of getting to know people a little. So what might you like to know about Gill and I? Here are a few more snippets about our lives.

Gill is someone who has always enjoyed being fit. She played Water Polo for Menzieshill Waterpolo Club and was also part of the Scottish University Water Polo team; she has completed the Edinburgh MoonWalk (26.2 miles) on a number of occasions and enjoys going to the gym. She is also an avid reader, a connoisseur of gin and enjoys baking for her family and friends. Gill is probably most relaxed when she is enjoying the company of her immediate family and close network of friends.

I am someone who enjoys good food, great cheese, excellent coffee and the occasional craft beer as ways of relaxing. I am also someone who enjoys cooking. Since January 2020, I have been a pescatarian (I have cut meat and poultry from my diet but still enjoy fish) and that has allowed me to discover a new range of recipes. I am a Dundee United fan and on occasion I enjoy making a trip to Tannadice. I am also a fan of rugby and as a family we have enjoyed a number of trips to Murrayfield to watch Scotland. I am someone who enjoys meeting new people and hearing about their experiences and views of life.

I hope that in the coming week you are all able to spend some time doing things that help you to relax and to enjoy life.

SUNDAY SERVICE

This Sunday the service will begin at 11am as usual. A track and trace register is still in place and we should maintain 1m distance from those not in our 'bubble'.

Next Sunday, 14th November, is Remembrance Sunday and our service will begin at 10.50am.

PASTORAL CARE

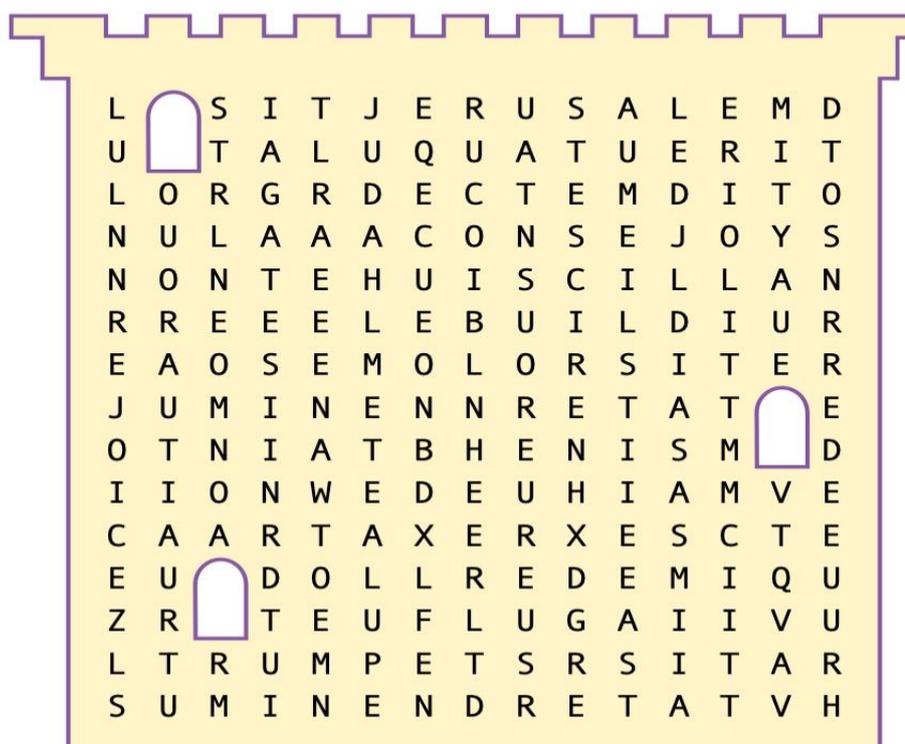
If you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Rev Grant Maclaughlan by email or phone. Or contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy, by emailing sessionclerk@logies.org Finally, you can leave a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Imagine if all the players in a football team were goalkeepers. Would they ever score goals and win games? A football team needs players with different strengths to play in different positions and together they will score goals and win games. God wants us a church to work together as a team. Look at this story in Nehemiah 4: 15 – 23. When Nehemiah was leading the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, enemies of the Israelites kept trying to attack them while they worked! But this passage shows how great teamwork helped get the job done. Half of the Israelites worked on the wall while the other half stood guard. Everyone worked together to rebuild the wall. Teamwork is all about using our own talents (what we are good at) to make a difference for the better and encourage others to use theirs too.

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



ARTAXERXES
BUILD

GATES
JERUSALEM

JOY
JUDAH

NEHEMIAH
REJOICE

TRUMPETS
WALL

CONNECT WITH A CUPPA ON SUNDAYS



We are now meeting in the Hall on Sundays after the service – socially distant and still bringing 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 21st 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 21st November as at that time Grant and the Kirk Session will share some plans for Christmas. (It can't be too early – the John Lewis ad has been released). We hope that there will be something for everyone to join.

