



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 19th December 2021



The fourth candle we light at Advent is often referred to as the “Angel Candle” and symbolises peace. It is so called because the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace. This week, as we face uncertainty again in this pandemic we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you' 2 Thessalonians 3:16

WORSHIP PLANS

As a result of the increase in new, positive coronavirus cases across the country the Scottish Government issued changes to guidance this week. The Kirk Session, considering this and Church of Scotland advice have, regrettably, made the decision to change our planned programme of worship over the next few weeks. Unless there are other changes we intend to meet as follows:

- Sunday 19th December: 11am Carol Service in church
- **Sunday 19th December: 6.30pm Blue Christmas will no longer take place**
- Friday 24th December: 7pm Christmas Eve Service in church
- Saturday 25th December: 10am Christmas Day Service in Church Hall. ***To help us prepare the church hall for this service, please book spaces for you and your group in advance. You can do this by calling the Church Office on 01382 668514 leaving us your name and how many people are planning to attend. If possible, please call before 5pm on 23rd December. If you don't manage to book, we will still let you in, unless we reach the capacity for the room.***
- **Sunday 26th December: 11am Service on Zoom**
- **Sunday 2nd January: 11am Service on Zoom**
Details on how to join both these services will be issued separately either in the email accompanying this newsletter or by post if you do not receive the newsletter electronically.

Please enter the church by the front door on Blackness Avenue unless you require step-free access, use the hand sanitiser available as you enter church and wear a face covering, unless exempt. Once again, we ask you to recognise the need for social distancing and we will ask you to wait in the church lobby, or just outside, until someone can show you to your seat. Please remain in your seat until you are asked to leave at the end of the service. We request that you maintain 2 metre distancing from other household groups. For Test and Protect purposes we will continue to record your contact details.

TESTING

The Scottish Government have stated that before we meet anyone outwith our own household we should undertake a Lateral Flow Test. We encourage anyone who comes to church for whatever reason to undertake such a test in line with Government advice and only come along if you have a negative test result. Home testing kits are available free of charge from most local pharmacies and from Dundee City Council Community Centres. We also need to underline the message that you should not attend services or groups if you are exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms. You should self-isolate and book a PCR test.

PASTORAL CARE

We know that returning to more restrictions and uncertainty will be difficult for some people. Please remember that your church family are here for you. Whether it is a listening ear, or you need practical help due to isolating, please contact Rev Grant Maclaughlan on 07507 710 871, or our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy on sessionclerk@logies.org. You can also leave a message on the Church Office answerphone 01382 668514.



FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

The final Advent challenge.

Carry on reading your Bible to complete the Christmas story.

 19	20	 21	22
Matthew 2:1	 Matthew 2:10	Matthew 2:11	 Matthew 2:11

 23	 24	 25
Isaiah 9:6 	John 3:16	2 Corinthians 9:15