



LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 26th December 2021



Hope, joy, peace, love: these are the themes behind the advent candles we've lit in church over the last four Sundays. And finally on Christmas Day we will light the fifth candle celebrating the end of Advent. Thought to represent light and purity it reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and if we follow Him we will have the true light of life.

WORSHIP PLANS

Last week the Scottish Government issued changes to coronavirus guidance and as a result our planned programme of worship over the next few weeks has changed. Unless there are other changes we intend to meet as follows:

- 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.

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. Before attending our services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day you are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test and please do not attend if you test negative or suffer Covid symptoms. For Test and Protect purposes we will continue to record your contact details.

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.









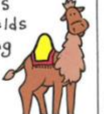










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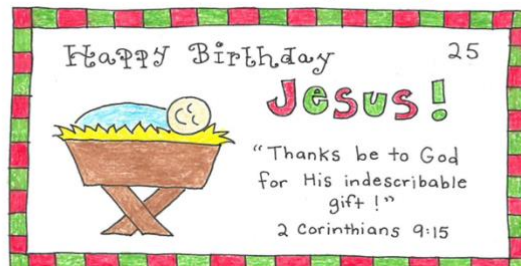
There will be an opportunity to donate to Bethany Christian Trust at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Bethany Christian Trust is a national charity whose mission is to relieve the suffering and meet the long term needs of homeless and vulnerable people in Scotland. Their vision is to work towards the ending homelessness in Scotland. They do this practically, one person at a time, one family at a time, and one community at a time. Bethany supports almost 7,000 people a year across Scotland including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Bathgate, Dundee, Aberdeen, Dumfries and Fife.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Over the last four weeks you had the task of reading nativity story and completing the advent calendar. Did you get it right?

<p>1 "God Sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary." Luke 1:26 </p>	<p>2 "The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, because God is very pleased with you." Luke 1:30 </p>	<p>3 "Listen! you will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus." Luke 1:31 ★ </p>	<p>4 "He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God." Luke 1:32 </p>
<p>5 "Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Luke 1:38 ★</p>	<p>6 "Caesar sent out an order... that everyone's name must be put on a list." Luke 2:1 </p>	<p>7 "Everyone traveled to their hometowns to have their name put on the list." Luke 2:3 </p>	<p>8 "So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary." Luke 2:4-5 </p>
<p>9 "While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son." Luke 2:6-7 </p>	<p>10 "There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed." Luke 2:7 ★</p>	<p>11 "That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep." Luke 2:8 </p>	<p>12 "An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them." Luke 2:9 </p>
<p>13 "The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some GOOD News!" Luke 2:10 </p>	<p>14 "Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11 </p>	<p>15 "This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding box." Luke 2:12 </p>	<p>16 "All the angels were praising God, saying, "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God." Luke 2:13-14 ★</p>
<p>17 "So the Shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby." Luke 2:16-17 </p>	<p>18 "Then the Shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen & heard." Luke 2:20 </p>	<p>19 "After Jesus was born, some wise men came from the east." Matthew 2:1 ★</p>	<p>20 "When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy." Matthew 2:10 </p>
<p>21 "They went to the house... and they bowed down and worshiped the child." Matthew 2:11 </p>	<p>22 "They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11 </p>	<p>23 "A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us. His name will be... Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 ★</p>	<p>24 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." John 3:16 </p>

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