

**LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



**WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am**

**MINISTER: REV. G. MACLAUGHLAN**

'Get Boosted by the Bells' was the slogan used by NHS Scotland to encourage us all to get fully vaccinated as the country faces the coronavirus Omicron variant. But were you 'boosted by the bells' in a different way? Did the words you heard or read over the Festive period about that special Christmas story give you a boost to look forward to 2022 knowing that because Jesus was born we can live with hope in the knowledge that God loves us?

**RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SERVICES**



This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, we will return to the sanctuary of the church for our morning service at 11am. We look forward to welcoming you. Covid-19 restrictions are still in place including 2m distancing. You will be directed to a seat by those on welcome duty and should remain seated at the end of the service until asked to leave. Face coverings should still be worn (unless exempt). Unfortunately, we cannot meet for refreshments afterwards.

As we continue to work through the challenge of being church during Covid we will continue to look at ways to sustain and develop our congregational life. Details of two, new, exciting ideas are given below. If you have ideas that you think might help us at this time, please do share these with Grant.

**CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER**

Regrettably, we are not going to be able to enjoy after worship refreshments for a while so to create an opportunity for people to enjoy fellowship we are launching a twice weekly gathering on Zoom. We will have a **Monday Morning Connection 10:30am-11:15am and another on Wednesday afternoon from 2pm-2:45pm**. These will be a drop in when you can, leave when you want gathering and will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. So, if you are working from home and fancy a coffee break, or if you are self-isolating or simply want to catch up with friends from church come and join us.

**CONNECT WITH A MIDWEEK REFLECTION**

We are also aware that there may be some who may need to isolate for a period of time or for health reasons may feel unable to come on a Sunday morning. We want to ensure that people can access a time of Christian Reflection. We will be providing a Zoom Gathering on **Wednesday morning 9:30-10:15am** when we will use a variety of different methods to enjoy a time of reflection and meditation. This will take place on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to join any of these new initiatives please email Grant for the Zoom joining details:

[GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk)

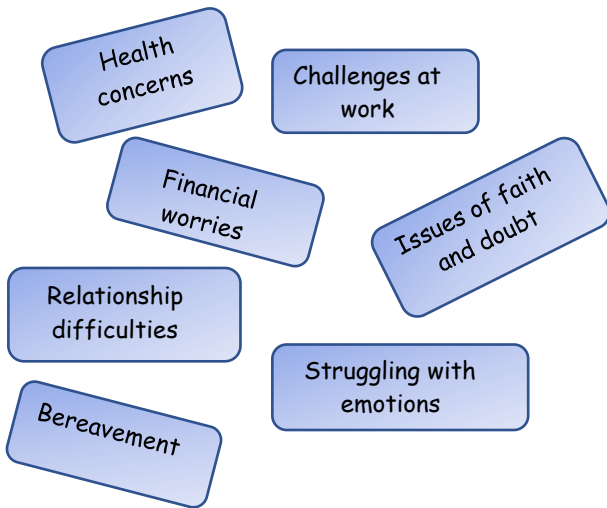
**CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE**

'Connect with the Bible' resumes by Zoom on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. This will be the first of a new series looking at some Psalms.

You may be wondering what happens at 'Connect with the Bible'. At the start of the meeting whoever is leading for the evening will read the psalm and give a bit of background, then there will be some questions/discussion topics, largely related to how the psalm relates to us and our church. Depending on numbers, we may divide into rooms. There is no need to say anything if you don't wish to; questions are not directed to individuals. Why not 'come along' and sample the evening (it only lasts 1hr)!

You can join in by phone if you don't use the internet. Contact [administrator@logies.org](mailto:administrator@logies.org) or 01382 668514 for joining details.

## PASTORAL CARE: LISTENING AND VISITING



### LISTENING:

It is always good to talk but sometimes it is difficult to find someone to talk to! We don't want to burden family members and we may not want to talk with friends about the issues or concerns we have. If at this time you would like to talk about something, anything then Grant is available to listen. Please contact him directly on 07507710871 or email him at [GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk)

VISITING: Grant is hoping to begin to visit people. However given the situation with Omicron it is understandable that people may prefer not to have a visit at this time. If Grant calls you to plan a visit and you would prefer him not to, please just say. Grant will use a lateral flow test before visiting and will only visit one household per day to try and mitigate any risks.

And don't forget, 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 A CUPPA & THE GUILD

As a precautionary measure The Guild meeting and 'Connect with a Cuppa' will not meet on 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> January. This is in line with Church of Scotland advice. Things will be kept under review but it may be that all gatherings will be cancelled this month.

You will see elsewhere in the Newsletter that Grant is arranging various Zoom events to help us stay in touch with each other and it's hoped that Guild members and *Cuppa* regulars will be able to join these. If you are unable to join online, you can join in using an ordinary telephone.

## SAD NEWS

Helen Holmes, a former congregational member and Elder sadly died last week after a short spell in hospital. Helen's funeral will be at Dundee Crematorium at 9.30am on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.


## FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Most people start the new year by making some New Year resolutions. Making a resolution is like making a promise to ourselves that we are going to do certain things. Usually, it is a promise to do better next year than we did last year and quite often the promise isn't kept.

The Bible tells about a very important promise God made to His people. Thankfully, God is always faithful in keeping His promises. Simeon was a very old man who had waited his whole life to see God's promise come to himself and to God's people. God had promised to send a saviour to the world, and God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the promised Messiah. A few days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple to dedicate Him to God. Simeon was in the temple as usual. As soon as Simeon saw baby Jesus, he knew God had kept His promise. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, "Lord, now let your servant die in peace. As you have promised, I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people.

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

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Bible Memory Verse  
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.  
Luke 2:26 (NIV)