

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 16th January 2022**



WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
MINISTER: REV. G. MACLAUGHLAN

If you were in church last Sunday, you will know that we began to look at Paul's letter to the Philippians and Grant encouraged us to adopt an attitude of gratitude and to take time each day to reflect and give thanks to God for 3 things that we are grateful for. That reflection may form the beginning of a longer prayer or it could simply be your prayer at that time. Either way, it's taking the time that's the healthy practice. Grant also set us a challenge to write a short prayer for our church, pass it to him in the next week or so and we will share via this newsletter. I thought I'd start the ball rolling by sharing my prayer for Logie & St. John's (Cross). Who's next?

Dear Lord, a new year brings new opportunities.

I pray that in the coming months we begin to see the re-emergence of the busy, friendly church that many of us have grown to love and cherish over the years.

I ask that you work amongst us, energise us, and help us grow in faith and fellowship.

Enable us to work with each other and those in our neighbouring congregations, strengthening the church in the West End community.

(PS: Future shared prayers can be anonymous, if you'd prefer)

SUNDAY SERVICES



16th January 2022: Rev Grant Maclaughlan

23rd January 2022: We are delighted that one of our members, Nicola Montgomery, is a reader. As a congregation we want to celebrate and use the gifts that God has given to us. Nicola will be leading the whole service on Sunday 23rd January.

30th January 2022: As we begin to explore what partnership with neighbouring congregations will mean for ministry and mission across the West End of Dundee a congregation swap has been arranged for Sunday the 30th. Grant will be leading the service at Balgay Church and Rev Bob Mallinson will lead the service here at LSJC.

We look forward to the ministry of both Nicola and Bob and anticipate being challenged as they lead us in worship and explore scripture.

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.

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

Last week we launched 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 continue until the end of the month. 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 know that there may be some who need to isolate for a period of time or for health reasons are unable to come on a Sunday morning and want to ensure that people can access a time of Christian Reflection. For the next few weeks 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.

CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE

'Connect with the Bible', considering some Psalms continues on Zoom, Tuesday 18th January at 7.30 pm.

'NEW' CONNECT FAMILY QUIZ



An important part of our church family has been hit badly by all that has happened in the last 2 years! Guidelines have stopped us from being able to deliver any Sunday activities for our children!

Although we are still facing some challenges around this we have decided that we want to try some new ways of involving children and families in our church life.

On Sunday 6th of February at 3pm we are going to host a Family Zoom Quiz. So why not bring your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or godchildren along. Email administrator@logies.org for the Zoom link.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WORK

We want to look at how we can best begin to deliver work with children and young people as part of our congregational worship. Sunday morning doesn't always fit with family life, sporting activities and other leisure pursuits so we'd like to hear what would work best for you and your children.

If you are a parent, grandparent or carer, or if you have been part of our children's work in the past and would like to get involved again, please contact Grant and he will ensure you have the link for a Zoom meeting proposed for Sunday 30th January at 3pm. Regrettably, we still cannot meet in person and realise that this time might not be perfect for everyone. If you are interested and know you cannot make 3pm on 30th please still let Grant know and we will try to update you and find ways to hear your thoughts.

In time, we aim to have some conversations with the children and young people about what they feel would be best for them.

PASTORAL CARE: LISTENING AND VISITING

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

Grant intends 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 Finally, you can leave a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Did you see the notice earlier in the Newsletter that we are planning a Family Quiz on Zoom at the start of next month. Time to get practising. How many of these Bible knowledge questions can you get correct?



1. Who wrote the 23rd Psalms?
2. In which book of the bible is the parting of the Red Sea?
3. What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
4. Whose weapons were 'trumpets, pitchers and lamps' when he fought the Midianites?
5. What are the first three words in the book of Genesis?
6. What was Simon of Cyrene compelled to do by the Romans?
7. Which is the last book in the Bible?
8. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in which river?
9. Where did Jesus perform his first public miracle?
10. What is also known as the Decalogue?

(Answers next week)