

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 23rd January 2022



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

I've said before that most days as I sit at my desk to start work, I check 'Twitter' and read the Church of Scotland's Daily Prayer. On Monday morning, reflecting on Grant's sermon from the day before and thinking about the interactions I was likely to have with workmates that day I found the daily motivation from CoS very apt: 'We thank You, our heavenly Father, because by Your divine power, You have given us everything we need for living a godly life.' If only putting it into practise wasn't always a challenge.

SUNDAY SERVICES



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.

Covid-19 restrictions are still in place and if possible please take a lateral flow test before coming to church. (If positive you should remain at home and isolate.) Face coverings should be worn (unless exempt).

YOUR PRAYERS AND VISION FOR OUR CHURCH

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing some of the prayers and reflections offered by people from the congregation. These emerged after our first reflection on Philippians when we considered Paul's prayerful approach to the church- he gave thanks for them, and he prayed that they would grow in love. The challenge was to consider what our prayer was for LSJC. Here is our first prayerful vision for the church. If you have a prayer for LSJC please do feel free to place it into the offering box on a Sunday and Grant will enjoy reading and sharing it.

A vision for Logie & St John's (Cross) Church:

The population of our parish in the West of Dundee is diverse, all ages, young families, older retired people, unemployed citizens and students. There are many nationalities from all over the world and many students from all areas of the British Isles and beyond.

We need to encourage these people, many of whom are lonely and in need of friendship to come to our church.

What is the best way to make this happen? Members of the congregation have talents which could be used to make us a church with open doors where people feel they can talk maybe discuss the problems in their lives or take part in prayer.

CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

An opportunity to connect with each other on Zoom continues **Monday, 10:30am-11:15am** and **Wednesday, 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

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' continues on Zoom, Tuesday 25th January at 7.30 pm. This week the focus is on Psalm 10.

CONNECT WITH A CUPPA AND THE GUILD

The Church of Scotland guidance is that these meetings should not resume until after 31st January. Disappointingly, Ed Muirhead's music-making afternoon has therefore been postponed, but we expect to be able to hold Connect with a Cuppa on Wed 2nd February.



'NEW' CONNECT FAMILY QUIZ



We are exploring new ways to involve 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

Can you help shape our future work with children and young people ? 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. 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

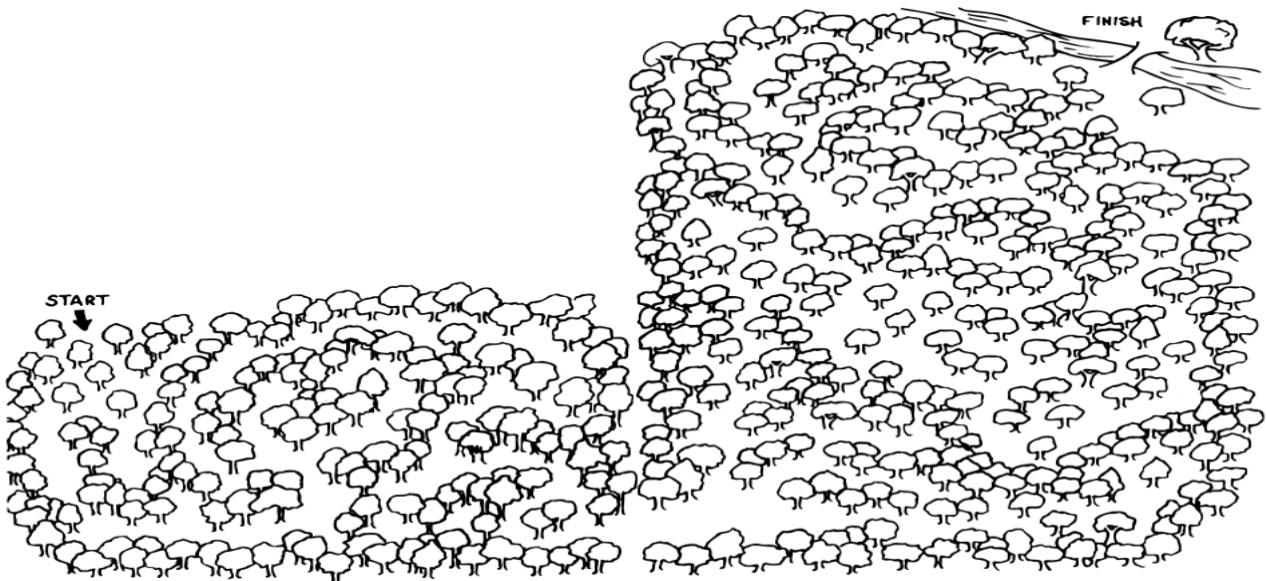
If at this time you would like to talk about something, anything then Grant is available to listen. Please contact him directly on 07507710871 or email him at GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk

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)

Connect with the Bible which some of the grown-ups go to on a Tuesday night is looking at the book of Psalms. Psalm 1 is about growing strong with God. Read Psalm 1 v1-3. This is what it means: When a tree is next to a stream, it can drink all the water it needs so that its leaves stay green and it can bear fruit. In the same way, when we feed ourselves from the Bible—which is the same as reading it, listening to it and doing what it says—then we will grow into strong Christians. Can you find your way to the big, strong tree next to the stream?



Last week's quiz answers: 1. David 2. Exodus 3. An understanding heart 4. Gideon 5. In the beginning 6. Carry the cross of Jesus 7. Revelation 8. River Jordan 9. At the wedding in Cana 10. The 10 Commandments