

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 6th February 2022



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

I don't know if you have noticed but since the start of the year our weekly Newsletter has been jam-packed with new and exciting opportunities for us as a church. As we cautiously emerge from the pandemic let's encourage each other to seek new ways to share the Good News.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

*Please dear Lord help us to find ways to share our buildings with the local community.
Help us to see that we all have different talents which can help others.
Help us, by starting to help at least one person each day even if it's just a smile or a hello, remember we may be the first person to acknowledge them that day. Amen.*

SUNDAY SERVICE



Grant is back leading us in worship this Sunday, 6th February and next week but is on holiday from Monday 14th February, returning on 21st February
We are delighted that Gavin Berry will be leading our service on Sunday 20th at 11am.

With the easing of Covid restrictions we are pleased to be able to resort back to 1m distancing in the pews. Face coverings are still required (unless exempt) and you are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before coming to church. (If positive you should remain at home and isolate.)

CONNECT WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

From Sunday 6th February we will be able to move back to the Hall after Sunday worship and enjoy fellowship with each other over a cup of tea or coffee. If possible, please bring your own mug.

When we re-instated tea/coffee prior to the last period of Covid restrictions some of you volunteered to join a new weekly rota but we'd love it if others who didn't feel able to offer to help now. It's easier if we have 3 people each week who set up before the service (not everyone needs to move furniture!). Then during the final hymn they leave to make final preparations and serve. Currently, there is minimal tidying up as people are bringing their own cups. The church supply coffee, tea and sugar with the weekly rota'd team providing the milk, and biscuits.

We'd also like someone to co-ordinate the rota. Please speak to Ramanee or Grant if you can help,

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 or leave a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

When Grant is on holiday (14 – 21 February) Rev Dr Roderick Grahame from Lochee Parish Church and his team will be providing pastoral care. His mobile number is 07903 673547.

CONNECT & REFLECT

For the month of February and starting this week, we will have a time of fellowship on **Thursday** from 10am-10:30am and a time for reflection from 10:30-11am on Zoom. Please contact Grant for Zoom details. You can join for both or either parts.

CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE

On Zoom, **Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 pm**, continuing to look at the Psalms.

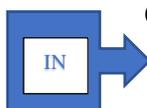
KIRK SESSION UPDATE

On Saturday 30th January, the elders met, via Zoom, in conference. They spent 3 hours looking at setting some key priorities for the next 12 months. To help do this Grant helped them to think about the 3 relationships that are required for a church to be healthy and effective. These are summed up as: UP- Our relationship with God, IN- Our relationship with one another, OUT- Our relationship with our parish, city and the world.

Through the conference areas were identified in each of these that will be developed in the coming months. To ensure this happens 3 work groups have been created, one for each relationship. Over the coming months people from the wider congregation will be invited to join these groups.



Might you be interested in helping the **UP** group to develop the spiritual life of our congregation through exploring opportunities for prayer, small groups exploring the Bible, creating moments for meditation or developing worship?



Or perhaps you have a concern for the pastoral care of the congregation and would like to help shape how we are going to create opportunities to deepen our relationship with one another and create support mechanisms for those who require a listening ear and practical support. If so the **IN** team might be the place for you!



Or maybe you have a desire for the church to be more effective at reaching out to those beyond the walls of our building, connecting with those who live immediately across the road and finding ways of sharing God's love in a relevant and helpful manner. Maybe you could contribute to the **OUT** Group.

If you would like to be involved in prayerfully thinking about how we develop our UP, IN and OUT relationships please do contact Grant directly. He is keen to hear your thoughts, dreams and hopes.

THE GUILD

The Guild is back on **Wednesday 9th February**. There will be a guest speaker sharing information about 'Home for Good Scotland' which is one of the Guild projects this year. All are welcome.

CONNECT FAMILY QUIZ



The Zoom Quiz has been postponed. Hopefully in the very near future there will be an opportunity to have a quiz in person.

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS



No story or puzzle this week just an announcement.....

Sunday Club is coming back! It has been a long, long time since we have been able to have Sunday Club but it will be back, in a new format starting on **Sunday 6th March** and meeting fortnightly after that and we hope to see you there. Maybe you'd like to bring a friend?

We will tell you more in the next few weeks.