

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 20th February 2022



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

I read something this week that encouraged me to be 'the milk'! The analogy was that a bowl of Rice Krispies (other cereals are available) was dull and nothing until the milk was added and then it became much more interesting with its snap, crackle and pop. And so to get the most out of an opportunity we should be like the milk, get involved and add our own snap, crackle and pop! I thought about this in relation to my church life but actually came to the conclusion that I wasn't the milk but Jesus was. Believe in Him and let Him add the snap, crackle and pop to life.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

This week, as we continue to share the prayers penned in response to Grant's challenge at the start of the year, we have two to consider:

A prayer of Thanks

*Thank you for the faith we have in the Lord Jesus on which we build our life and future
Thank you for sustaining us through difficult times and giving us the faith and courage to persevere.*

*Thank you for the fellowship we share and the joy that brings to us
Thank you for the gift of sharing and receiving your love.*

A prayer for our minister

We pray for our minister.

We recognise the future of the church and community does not depend on one person. Yet as minister of Word and Sacrament we recognise the pressures he must feel. Help each of us to share the load and responsibility of parish work according to our abilities. Let not our commitment be limited by excuses. Amen

SUNDAY SERVICE



As Grant and Jill enjoy some time away (and hopefully shelter from Storms Dudley and Eunice) we are delighted that Gavin Berry will be leading our service on Sunday 20th at 11am. And after the service there will be the opportunity to share in fellowship and a cuppa in the Hall.

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.)

PASTORAL CARE

Until Grant returns from 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 WITH THE BIBLE

Connect with the Bible is taking a mid-term break next week. It will be back on **Tuesday 1st March** with several evenings leading up to Easter .

THE GUILD

The Guild will meet on **Wednesday 23rd February** at 2pm, in the Memorial Hall. This week is 'Keep Fit Week'. The exercises will be adaptable for all abilities and there is no need for special clothing. The lycra leotard can stay in the wardrobe for another day! Everyone welcome.

CONNECT & REFLECT

A time of fellowship on **Thursday 24th February** from 10am-10:30am and a time for reflection from 10:30-11am on Zoom. Even although Grant will be on holiday next week Connect & Reflect will go ahead. Please contact Grant for Zoom details. You can join for both or either parts.

MISSION- THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

As part of Grant's wider work with the presbytery he has organised a number of seminars on Zoom looking at creative ways of mission and church life. The next Zoom gathering is on **Thursday 24th February** at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Paul Rose who works with the Diocese of Cumbria developing Outdoor Church in the hills and mountains in that part of the UK. Why not join us and hear about what God is doing? Contact Grant on 07507710871 or email him at GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk for Zoom joining details.

CHRISTIAN AID

As a congregation we give generously to Christian Aid each year and it is good every now and again to be reminded of the work they do and what our giving supports. This month they remind us of the on-going work to help the people of Afghanistan. Thanks to the support of their supporters, the Scottish Government and DEC they are beginning to provide food, hygiene supplies and Covid-awareness training to those most in need. More of this story can be read here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/afghanistan-appeal-update>

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

Jesus told a story about a wise man and a foolish man. Read the story in Matthew 7:24-27. Finish the dot-to-dot pictures and write below each picture whether the builder was wise or foolish.

