

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 1st May 2022



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

Last Saturday, while looking for the football scores for my dad on the BBC website I came across an article entitled 'Arsenal in talks with Jesus'. My immediate thought was "How keen are they to get a win?" It was really referring to the fact that Arsenal had been speaking to Gabriel Jesus, a player with rivals Manchester City, trying to entice him to switch teams.

I don't know if football players and managers do pray before playing but it got me wondering what reaction there would be to headlines like 'Prime Minister in talks with Jesus' or as we prepare to vote in local elections this week 'Local Councillors talking with Jesus'. What a lovely thought to believe that those in power and who make decisions that impact on our lives look to Him for guidance.

'Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' Philipians 4:6

SUNDAY SERVICE

In line with changes to coronavirus mitigations, face coverings are no longer compulsory in places of worship however we are suggesting that you still wear your mask coming in to church but you are able to remove it once seated if you so wish. We continue to use every second pew and have identified one side of church (the pulpit side) for those who would prefer to continue to wear a face covering throughout. We hope these measures will allow everyone to feel safe at LSJC.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be offered to all in the Hall following the service. Please go through and join with others.

SUNDAY CLUB: there will be a meeting this week. Children should go to the Session Room at 11am and will return to church before the end of the service to share with the congregation what they were doing

CONNECT GROUPS – CONNECTING WITH GOD, CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

This new group will meet on Tuesday evenings in Meeting Room 1 upstairs. The series begins by exploring the 'One another' instruction the Bible. Initially, we are going to be looking at the challenge to 'Love One Another'.

If you're interested in attending these meetings but accessing the upstairs room would be an issue, please let Grant know. (M: 07507710871)

CHRISTIAN AID



This year Christian Aid week is from 15th– 21st May 2022 and as in previous years the congregation and friends of Logie & St. John's (Cross) Church are encouraged to donate to the charity. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting Christian Aid with whatever you can afford, families will be taught skills to help them thrive and survive. There are two ways to give this year. Envelopes will be available throughout the month of May or you can donate online. Christian Aid have provided a ready to use fundraising page for us which can be accessed here: [DONATE NOW](#)

You are invited to a Christian Aid lunch in the Hall after the service on **Sunday 15th May**. This is the first time we will have been together for lunch for more than two years and conscious of how folks may feel about sharing food we are suggesting you bring along a simple cold lunch for yourself and the church will provide fruit, biscuits and coffee. We ask that on that day, if you can you give to Christian Aid the equivalent to what you might spend if you were to have a Sunday lunch in a local café or restaurant.

SPACES FOR LISTENING BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The first meeting of this group will take place in the Vestry on **Monday 2nd May at 2pm – 3.30pm**. The dates of other meetings are Monday 6th June and Monday 4th July. If you live with the reality of loss, no matter how long ago the bereavement happened, then you are welcome to join us for as many of the sessions you wish.

THE GUILD

There are two events in the coming months that may be of interest to Guild members.

Regional Event at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Dundee ,
Thursday, 12th May 12.00 – 4.00pm, and

National Annual Gathering in Assembly Hall, Edinburgh,
Saturday 10th September 10. 30 am - 3.30 pm

For more information, or to book a place, please contact Pat Milne, Florence Mitchell or Frances Dent



PASTORAL CARE

If you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Grant by mobile: 07507710871 or by email: GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk

Sometimes, just talking to someone else can be a comfort. Grant is more than happy to listen and chat if that would help.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Hidden Pictures: Joseph and His Family

As a young man, Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers, but he remained faithful to God despite being treated unfairly. Eventually, he became an important leader in Egypt, where people were coming to get food. When Joseph's brothers appeared years later to buy food, Joseph could have treated them cruelly, but he didn't.

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, magnet, fish, star, snail, football, sock, cake, needle and thread, moon, badge, spoon

