

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 22nd May 2022



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

I had a "Should have gone to Specsavers" (other opticians are available) moment earlier today. I looked out of the window and saw a delivery van parked at my neighbour's house and read the message on the side as "Ready and Willing Wednesday". My immediate thought was why wouldn't you try to be ready and willing every day of the week? Looking again I realised that it said "Ready & Willing Wednesday" – clearly the name and location of the delivery company!! But to go back to my original thought I wonder are we ready and willing most days? And what are we ready and willing for? There is a plan for us, and He knows what that is. Sometimes we may feel that we haven't a clue about what's going on but if each night we can reflect and say 'we tried our best today' then I think we are doing alright.

'And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' Colossians 3:17

SUNDAY SERVICE

Grant will lead us in worship, once again, this Sunday but next week, Sunday 29th May, he will be attending the General Assembly. That week our service will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise' and will be led by some of our Elders.

We continue to offer one side of church (the pulpit side) for those who prefer to wear a face covering throughout the service. In addition to this we are still only using every second pew. We hope these measures will allow everyone to feel safe at LSJC.

Coffee, tea and biscuits and most importantly the chance to chat with each other is offered in the Hall following the service. Please go through and enjoy this time of fellowship

SUNDAY CLUB

The next time Sunday Club will be on **Sunday 29th May**. Sunday Club is for our younger members (those still in school) and they meet in the Vestry at 11am before coming into the church towards the end of the service to share with the congregation what they have been learning that day.

CHRISTIAN AID

It was great to see the response to our Christian Aid lunch last week. This was the first time we had been together for lunch for more than two years and there was a great 'buzz' about the place.

The collection, so far, including Gift Aid recovered, is £1065.75. Bill set us the target of £1000 and I know he won't be disappointed with our efforts. If you have not been able to donate yet and wish to do so there are still envelopes available by the pews or you can give online. Christian Aid have provided a ready to use fundraising page for us which can be accessed here: [**DONATE NOW**](#)



As they say on their website:

'Together, we hope to restore justice to our world, and protect the future for our children and grandchildren. With every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.'

CONNECT GROUPS – CONNECTING WITH GOD, CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

This new group meets on Tuesday evenings in Meeting Room 1 upstairs. The series is exploring the 'One another' instruction in the Bible. It's never too late to join. All welcome.

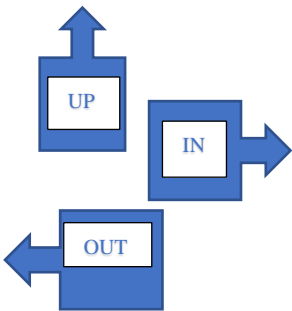
KIRK SESSION MEETING

The next Kirk Session meeting will be on Wednesday 1st June. This is going to be the first **in person** meeting since 2020 and will take place at 7.30pm in Room 1 upstairs in the church building. Kirk Sessions are public meetings and members of the congregation can attend however cannot contribute to the discussion and debate and where items are taken in private for reasons of confidentiality non-elders need to withdraw from the meeting. If you would like to observe this meeting then please let Grant or Mike Duffy, Session Clerk, know beforehand.

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.

UP, IN, OUT GROUPS



The 'Up', 'In' and 'Out' development groups have all met again. Reports from these groups will be presented at the Kirk Session Meeting on 1st June. Following that meeting discussions and action points will be shared with the congregation.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

This is Christian Aid Week. But what do you know about the charity? Here's 5 questions to research and find out more about Christian Aid, the work and who they support.

- 1. In what year was Christian Aid founded?**
- 2. In what year did the first ever Christian Aid Week take place?**
- 3. What was Christian Aid first known as before adopting its current name?**
- 4. In what London borough is Christian Aid's head office located?**

- a. Wandsworth**
- b. Lambeth**
- c. Westminster**

- 5. How many people in Zimbabwe has Christian Aid's work assisted (so far) in being more resilient to the climate crisis?**

- a. over 12,000 people**
- b. over 18,000 people**
- c. over 27,000 people**



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

Here is another short prayer from a member who responded to the request at the start of the year. It's been a wee while since any were shared.

Oh Lord, may we at Logie & St John's Cross bring joy, peace, hope and above all love to our congregation, parish and city. Amen