

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
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WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
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Thank you very much to Frances Dent for editing the last two newsletters whilst I enjoyed a holiday.

If like me last week, you are on holiday and can't attend a local church service you may be interested to know that each week the Church of Scotland feature an online service from the previous Sunday and a prayer from the Weekly Worship materials prepared for that date which can be accessed here : [WORSHIP OF THE WEEK](#) and watched at a time that suits you.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 11 am each week

Grant will lead us in worship this Sunday, 24th July before he and Jill head off on holiday.

On Sunday 31st July Grant's friend and former colleague, Rob Pettifer will be with us. Rob is a graduate of Highland Theological College, currently works with Eagle's Wings in Dundee and Tulloch NET in Perth.

And the following week, Sunday 7th August, with the theme "Growing in Faith", the Tuesday evenings group will be sharing thoughts on the recent "...one another" series of Bible discoveries.

Each week, tea and coffee will be available in the Hall after the service. Everyone is welcome to stay and catch up with others.



The OUT Group met this week to discuss how we, as a congregation, can be more involved with the local community and how this might lead to sharing our faith. The main topics were:

Sinderins Community Hub

The pilot sessions will run on six Thursdays, 1-4 pm, starting on 18th August.

The administrative and safeguarding procedures are now largely complete and a final planning meeting for all volunteers will take place on 11th August. Publicity is underway and the congregation will be asked to help by each inviting one or two people. Initially the sessions will be for chatting over tea, fruit and chocolate biscuits. We anticipate things will quickly develop to include a toddler play area, newspapers, knitting, dominoes or whatever appeals to the participants.

Connect Youth

This is a project based at Menzieshill Church. There are discussions underway about expanding this to involve other parishes in the Western Group. To help develop this idea, the youth workers at Menzieshill will be consulting young people from in and around LSJC.

Other connections

Grant reported on conversations he has had with representatives of **Scripture Union** and of **Thrive** (Christianity in the workplace).

Christmas

Yes, we were starting to make plans for Christmas!

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.

DUNDEE COMMUNITY YOUTH ORCHESTRA



In the coming weeks our halls will be ringing with the sound of music as we host the Dundee Community Youth Orchestra. If you play any instrument and are aged 16- 26 years why not join them on a Thursday evening?

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

This week in America the World Athletic Championships is taking place and later this month the Commonwealth Games start in Birmingham, England.

Have you ever run a race? Have you ever won a medal or a trophy for running a race? It is a thrill to run a race and hear the voices of the people who are watching as they shout words of encouragement. It is an even greater thrill when you finish the race and win a medal or a trophy.

In 1992 the Olympics were held in Barcelona. The following story tells of a remarkable moment.

Derek Redmond, a young man from Britain, had dreamed all his life of winning a gold medal in the 400 m race. He had worked hard to get to the Olympics and his dream was within his reach. He was in the semi-finals and was running the race of his life. He could see the finish line just ahead as he rounded the final turn. Suddenly, he felt a sharp pain in the back of his leg and he fell to the track with a torn muscle in his right leg. As the medical attendants ran toward him, Derek struggled to his feet. He started to hop toward the finish line on one foot in an attempt to finish the race. Suddenly, a large man came out of the stands, pushed aside a security guard and ran to Derek's side. It was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek. "Well, then," said his father, "we're going to finish this together." And they did. They stayed in Derek's lane all the way to the end. At first, the crowd watched in silence. Then they rose to their feet and cheered -- and wept. Derek Redmond didn't win the gold medal, but he walked away with the incredible memory of a loving father who, when he saw his son in pain, left his seat in the stands to help him finish the race.

You can see Derek's race on YouTube: [Derek Richmond 1992](#)

Sometimes we find things hard and difficult but like Derek, we shouldn't give up. The Bible teaches us that life is like a race that has been set before us. We may struggle and face many obstacles, but we have a great crowd cheering us on. We have a Heavenly Father who loves us and will help us when the pain is too great. And remember, Jesus came to earth to show us how to run the race. If we keep our eyes on him, we will finish the race.