

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 7th August 2022



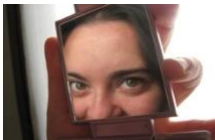
WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
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This week I read 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. It's a fictional book about Nora who is wanting to end her life. It's a great read. Poignant in places. Funny in places, and without spoiling the story, she chooses to live in the end. In the final pages of the book she has this thought:

'We don't have to do everything in order to be everything,let's be kind to the people in our own existence. Let's occasionally look up from the spot in which we are because, wherever we happen to be standing, the sky above goes on for ever.'



I don't know if the author has any faith but as I read those words I couldn't help but think about God's love for us. That sky above us was created by Him just as He created us. He is happy with who we are. When I was a Rainbow leader we used to do an activity with the girls which ended with them looking in a mirror at themselves and being told that God thinks they are special and loves them as they are. God doesn't want us to continually strive to be like others unless, of course, it is to be more like Him. We won't look like Him but we can behave in a way that He would want.



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" EPHESIANS 2:10

SUNDAY SERVICES: 11 am each week

Our worship this week, Sunday 7th August, will be lead by some of those who have been attending the Tuesday "Connect with the Bible' group. With the theme "Growing in Faith", the group will be sharing thoughts on the recent "...one another" series of Bible discoveries.

Please feel free to join others in the Hall after the service for a cuppa and chat.



PASTORAL CARE

As Grant is on holiday until 8th August any pastoral needs should be directed to Rev Roderick Grahame on 07903 673547.

FUTURE TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

The next Tuesday series will start on **September 6th**. This time there will be a choice of an evening or an afternoon session to try. We will start with a series on "God's Love". Using a short guide book, we will explore some psalms which fill out aspects of this vast topic. We had thought about calling the series "CONNECT with the Bible" but that misses the point, it's really all about Connecting with Jesus.

BOOK GROUP: THANK GOD IT'S MONDAY

The second Book Group meeting will be on Thursday 11th August, 7.30pm in the bar area of The Invercarse Hotel. Even if you didn't make the first meeting but have 'dipped in' to the book please feel free to come along this week.

SINDERINS COMMUNITY HUB

The administrative and safeguarding procedures are now largely complete and a final planning meeting for all volunteers will take place on 11th August.

The pilot sessions will run on six Thursdays, 1-4 pm, starting on 18th August. Initially the sessions will be an opportunity to chat with others over a cuppa. Hopefully, in time things will develop to include a toddler play area, newspapers, knitting, dominoes or whatever appeals to the participants.

As a congregation we can all play our part by praying for the success of the venture and by sharing the idea with others and encouraging those we know who might benefit to go along.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the school summer holidays are coming to an end. In the next week or so the new school year will begin. But it is good to have had time off and hopefully you will have spent time with family and friends. And going back to school will be a time to meet up with those friends you haven't seen and you will have lots of stories to share with them.

John, was one of the disciples and a very close friend of Jesus. He was known as 'the beloved disciple'. When he was on the cross Jesus asked John to look after his mother. John went on to write the Gospel of John knowing that Jesus loved him and he wanted others to know that great love.

John, a Friend of Jesus Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

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