

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 9th October 2022**



WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
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Change is inevitable. We grow up, maybe we have moved house, we change jobs. Even the weather is often described as changeable. No matter what changes we experience we can be reassured that God knows about them and if we seek Him, He'll help when at times change is difficult. We know that as members of a congregation in the West End of Dundee we will see change in the coming years but again we need to remember that God has a plan for us. As Grant intimated, Dundee Presbytery met this week when the Mission Plan was discussed further. Grant has reflected on what was discussed and shares the following:

A long meeting endured- I'm still trying to process. However, the result is that in the Western Grouping we are going to explore a Union across the group area- one parish with 3 ministry & mission hubs.

The next phase will be

- 1. Those who are part of the staff team will be having a day retreat to explore ways of becoming a more effective ministry team as we look to play to our strengths.*
- 2. There is likely to be a steering group formed to begin to look at moving towards a union.*
- 3. We will begin to look at the following- a joint Western Group Alpha Course, a joint pastoral care team; Connect Youth evolving across the group; developing pulpit swaps across the area.*
- 4. We will be moving forward with exploring what building resources are best for the West End of Dundee.*
- 5. Pray for those engaged in leading the process of change as we journey into a new future*

I have to say that although a challenging evening I believe that God has a plan and a purpose. The Western Ministers are positive about the journey forward. Bob, Roderick and I are keen on the 5-way union, one parish and getting over the restructure so we can begin to really focus on telling people that God loves them, that we love them and we love one another.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 11 am each week

Worship this Sunday will return to the sanctuary and Grant will lead the service. We continue with our study of Mark. The scripture reading is Mark 10:35-45 – James and John

Grant will then be away for two Sundays, taking a well-deserved rest with Gill. Please pray that they both find time to relax and enjoy 'downtime' and that they return feeling refreshed, with strength to face what you place before them.



Tea and coffee will be available after the service in the Hall. Please take time to go through and enjoy a chat with fellow worshippers.

AD HOC CHOIR REHEARSAL

Bill would like to have a short choir practice after the service on Sunday. If you are keen on singing then please think about joining.



CONNECT ON A TUESDAY

Tuesday Bible Study continues on **Tuesday** in the church building. There are two groups available. Either **2pm – 3.30pm** or **7.15pm – 8.45pm**.

CONNECT WITH A CUPPA

The next Connect with a Cuppa takes place on **Wednesday 12th October: 2 - 3.30pm**.

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

SPACES FOR LISTENING - LIVING WITH CHANGE

As part of our pastoral care strategy, we are using a 'Spaces for Listening' format, which encourages sharing and peer support. Earlier this year a small group gathered to listen to one another share stories around grief and loss. Over the autumn we will be facilitating a Space for Listening on the theme, '**Living with Change**'.

Change is something we all must navigate and work through- whether it is a change in personal circumstances, the ending of a relationship, retirement, loss of a job, a change in our own or someone else's health or dealing with a change in what we had planned for life.

Living with change can impact our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. In the face of change we can feel isolated, anxious, and wonder where God is. This group will be a place where you can share your story, in the knowledge that you will be heard. It will be in the Vestry at 7.30pm on the following Mondays:

October 31st

November 14th

November 28th

If you are experiencing a time of change why not consider coming along and being part of the group, you can attend 1 session or all sessions as they stand alone. To register please email Grant at gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk or sign up at church or call Grant on 07507 710871

OPEN GARDEN in aid of Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, India



Next weekend, **Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th October, 4 – 8pm**, John and Frances Dent are opening their garden at 12 Glamis Drive, Dundee DD2 1QL. Entrance £5, children free. Indian snacks £3, Floodlighting (torches recommended), Plant Stall, Children's activities. More info at scotlandsgardens.org

LSJC, through the Guild, has a long association with Dr Graham's Homes. Logie Woman's Guild and St John's (Cross) Woman's Guild both sent donations to the Homes when, in 1900, they were founded to care for and educate abandoned Anglo-Indian children. The Homes have changed greatly over the years but the need is still there, and Covid has brought major financial problems. Do consider going along to support, if you can.

CCLI REPORTING - Admin. help required

We're looking for someone to do the important, and simple, task of reporting our use of hymn words (or music copying) to CCLI. If done weekly it would only take a few minutes. But you could save them up and do it once a month (or annually - not recommended!). Please speak to Ramanee or Grant if you can help.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

The Apostle John was an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. John was known as "the beloved disciple" (John 21:20,24), indicating his closeness to Jesus. John's love for Jesus is an example to all of us. Christianity isn't about following a list of rules but is about loving Jesus as a dear friend. In these pictures of John and Jesus can you spot 10 differences?

