

**LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am**  
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**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

The first service of the year at Logie & St. John's (Cross) will be led by Rev Grant Maclaughlan and sees us return to the Hall at 11am. The Kirk Session approved that services will be held in the Hall for the months of January and February.

The reading is taken from James 1: 1- 18 and will be read by Catherine McLean

Refreshments will be available in the Hall afterwards and you are invited to stay behind and share fellowship with others.

Next week's worship will be the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



A New Year. Out with the old, in with the new, time for resolutions..... Do you bother with any of that? Many on 'X' (formerly Twitter) were posting their #onewordfor2024. No resolution as such just a word to live by during the year. My word would be "hope" – on 2 accounts. Firstly, on a personal note I hope for good health and secondly, for the Church in the western group I hope that any decisions made will be met favourably in the knowledge that what will go ahead is directed by God. What is your one word for 2024? (And if you are stuck Google gives 300 suggestions!!!)

**THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January: 2 – 4pm.** Connect with a Cuppa. Time to meet with others to enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January: 1 – 3pm.** Sinderins Community Hub. A place to meet and make friends, a place to find support, a place where there will always be someone to listen to you.

It's also a place for those who can volunteer to support our community. Could you help in the kitchen, meet and greet or simply sit and chat?

Please let Grant know if you are interested in serving.

**TUESDAY EVENING GROUP**

We will be holding a new **fortnightly** group starting on the evening of **Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm in Room 1 upstairs**. This will follow a 20/20/20 model with 20 minutes of fellowship, 20 minutes of learning and 20 minutes of prayer activity as we look to build community and grow in faith. The focus for the first few sessions will be 'Cultivating a Resilient Faith'.

**FLOWER DELIVERY**



If you can help deliver church flowers after the service on a Sunday, please speak to either Lesley Mays or Jan Ireland.

## NEW ELDERS

The Kirk Session wants to begin the process of discerning if God is calling people to be active elders for Logie & St. John's (Cross) Church. A new process has been agreed and it requires the help of the congregation.

The Kirk Session is asking members of the congregation to prayerfully recommend people that they feel have a mature Christian faith, a Christ-like character and gifts that would enhance the leadership of the church at this time.

If you have a recommendation please make them in writing, by email or letter, to **both** Mike Duffy, our Session Clerk ([mikeduffy33@gmail.com](mailto:mikeduffy33@gmail.com)) and Grant, our Minister, ([Gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk)). Recommendations should be received by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

All those recommended will be invited to meet with Grant, during the month of February, to discuss eldership. As this is a process of discernment not all who are recommended will necessarily be ordained or admitted in to the Kirk Session.

God willing, the Kirk Session hope to have new members by June 2024.

## FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART



### THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS

Did you know that God tells us what to think about? In the puzzle below, cross off any animals that live in the water. The first one is done for you.

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N	L	O	B	V	E	F	L	Y
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Starting in the top left box and moving across the rows, write the letters that are not crossed off in the spaces below to discover what kinds of things God wants us to think about:



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PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care, please contact Grant.  
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