

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH
NEWSLETTER: 21st January 2024

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
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SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024

Grant will lead worship at 11am. As we continue to consider the Book of James we will be thinking about what shapes the culture of a Christian community. Once again, we will meet in the Hall.

Reading: James 2: 1- 13

Please stay afterwards for further fellowship with refreshments.



This week two online newsletters that I subscribe to talked about 2024 being 'boring'. One author was pleading for a calm, ordinary time whilst another compared 'boring' to being consistent. Being consistent is having the ability to be steady, regular, committed and conscientious. And it got me thinking about being a consistent Christian. Is that manageable? Praying, reading scripture, living in a Christ-like way even when you can't be bothered. My challenge for 2024 – and something I don't imagine will be 'boring'.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23rd January: 2pm "Connect with the Bible" in the Session Room. This block of meetings will study 'Meeting the Spirit'. If you wish to come, please sign the sheet on the table on Sunday morning.

Wednesday 24th January: 2 – 4pm. "Connect with a Cuppa". Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 25th 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.

NEW ELDERS

The Kirk Session is asking the congregation to prayerfully recommend people for eldership. If you have a recommendation please let **both** Mike Duffy, our Session Clerk (mikeduffy33@gmail.com) and Grant (GmacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk) know by Sunday 21st January 2024.

All those recommended will be invited to meet with Grant 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.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know would benefit from pastoral care, please contact Grant. M:07507710871 or E: GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org

Thinking Christianly

responding with the mind to contemporary challenges

- Northeast Church of Scotland at Fintry
Fintry Drive, DD4 9HE
- Last Saturday of each month
- 10am–12.00pm
- Tea, coffee, and nibbles

See reverse for more details

How do we as Christians respond to:
Suffering and injustice? Artificial intelligence? The possibility of extra-terrestrial life? The occult?

Join us each month as we explore the big questions of life and relate our Christian faith to our rapidly changing world.

If such questions interest you, come along! If they do not, come along anyway! It is part of our Christian vocation to engage the world with our mind and to think well about contemporary issues.

Northeast Church at Fintry (Fintry Drive, DD4 9HE)

27 Jan: Injustice, Suffering, and the Problem of Evil
24 Feb: New Age Spirituality and the Occult
30 Mar: Artificial Intelligence and Transhumanism
27 Apr: Extra Terrestrial Life and the Cosmos
25 May: TBD

Contact Rev Dr Daniel Spencer for questions or details
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KIRK SESSION NEWS

There is no Kirk Session meeting this month but next Saturday they will meet for a half-day conference. The theme of the morning is 'Eldership and Trusteeship'. Please keep the Kirk Session in your prayers this week as they prepare answers to the 'homework' that Grant has asked them to complete to help the discussion.

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Puzzled Over Jealousy

Exodus 34:14 tells us that God is a jealous God. God's jealousy is motivated by His love for us. When people are jealous towards others, it is a sin. When God is jealous it is holy and just because we have chosen to make idols (anything that takes the place of our affection for God) more important than he is.

Key words related to jealousy are hidden below. Words can be found in any direction. Can you find them all?



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KINDNESS
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CONTENTMENT

PRAYER
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JOY
PEACE